



Domesday Record

Hopetuna. 23 Freemen with 2 carucates of land. 4 borders. Then as now 6 ploughs. And 4 acres of meadow. Wood for 2 swine. And 1 mill. A church with 13 acres of freeland in alms. These men could give and sell land in alms. But sac and soke and commendation remaining in the Saint ' s possession, and the service at Cunegestuna. They were then worth 20s. , now 30. Of this land Fulcher holds half a carucate. Worth 20s. and included in the above valuation. It is 6 furlongs long, and 4 broad. And pays 16d. in gold. Others hold land there.

Domesday Glossary

Alms	Money or food given to the poor
Carucates	A measurement of land approximating to 15 acres
Freemen	A person who is not a slave or a serf
Furlong	One eighth or a mile
Ploughs	A way of assessing the value of an estate was to estimate the number of eight-ox plough teams needed to cultivate the land. So six ploughs means that there was enough land on the estate to require 6 plough teams to cultivate it. This measure could be used to assess the value of the estate for taxation.
Sac	The jurisdiction that the Lord had over his tenants
Soke	The right to administer a given place and it's people
Cunegestuna	Coney Weston