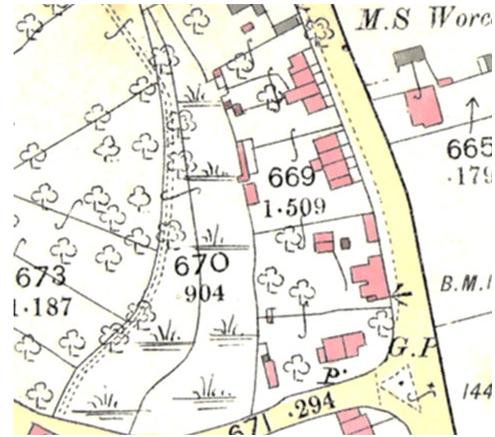


## Ludbach, Hallow Pool, Shoulton Lane SO 8263 5851

Hallow Pool, Ludbach, to the west of the main road, was referred to in Worcester Priory rental in 1240. The pool on Hallow Common provisioned Hallow with eel, pike, tench, roach and bream. There were two other fishponds enclosed with Hallow Park in 1312.



Extract from Doharty map of Hallow 1747



Extract from 1880 Ordnance Survey map

Maps showed

the pool in existence for hundreds of years until the late 19th century when it was shown as marshland or osier bed and, by the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century, as a stream.

The history of the area is reflected in nearby house names, 'Pool cottages' and 'Spring cottages'. Today little can be seen of the pool that had been of great importance for food fish for Hallow and, in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, for service powering a water mill. The mill was described as a 'Blade Mill' for sharpening newly fabricated scythes, sickles and knives. There was often insufficient water flow to power the mill.

The pool was advertised in Worcester Journal for auction in 1816 described as 'a valuable FISH-POOL, upon a large scale, supplied by a constant stream of water, and particularly noticed for meat and store fish, with a small tenement at the head of the pool, formerly used as a Blade Mill, and may be converted, at a small expense, either into a mill of that description or a Corn Mill.'



Extract from Hallow Tithe Map 1841

On the tithe map of 1841 Sarah Clifton held the lease to property 269 and the fishpond (254), for which no tithe was paid, the rent was 10 shillings. The property was sublet to a local farmer.

From the public footpath 536, running from Shoulton Lane triangle behind Archbell Cottages to the rear of the school, one can view the depression that was once the site of Hallow's pool in the uncultivated land, now overgrown with trees and brambles. It remains a natural wild life area and a link with Hallow's monastic and agricultural heritage.