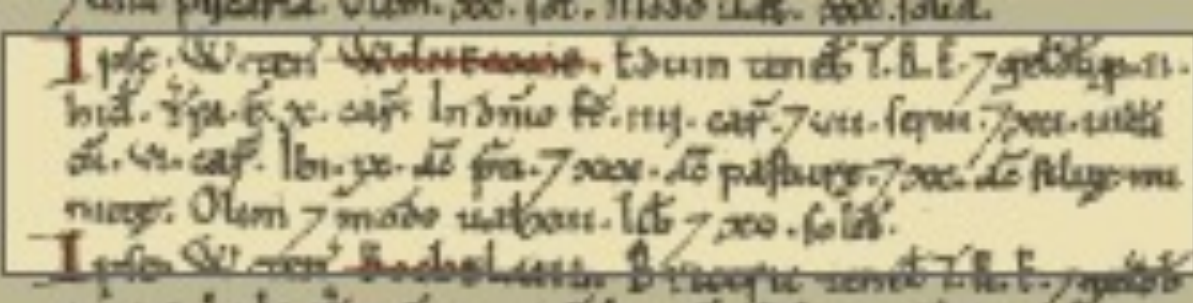




# WOOLACOMBE IN THE DOMESDAY BOOK

Woolacombe was recorded in the Domesday Book as Wolnecoma, literally meaning “Wolves Valley.” At the time, the valley was presumably covered in thick woods where wolves could be found. It had a recorded population of 20 households in 1086, listed under 2 owners: William the Goat – and – Theobald son of Berner. The page on the right is a scan of the actual Domesday book and the Wolnecoma entry is expanded below with the mediaeval text translated and transcribed into modern text:



## Land of William the goat

**Households** ⓘ  
Households: 12 villagers. 7 slaves.

**Land and resources** ⓘ  
Ploughland: 10 ploughlands. 4 lord's plough teams. 6 men's plough teams.  
Other resources: 1.0 lord's lands. Meadow 9 acres. Pasture 30 acres. Woodland 20 acres.

**Livestock** ⓘ  
Livestock in 1086: 16 cattle. 12 pigs. 300 sheep. 5 goats.

**Valuation** ⓘ  
Annual value to lord: 13 pounds 15 shillings in 1086; 13 pounds 15 shillings when acquired by the 1086 owner.

**Owners** ⓘ  
Tenant-in-chief in 1086: [William the goat](#).  
Lord in 1086: [William the goat](#).  
Lord in 1066: [Edwin](#).

## Land of Theobald son of Berner

**Households** ⓘ  
Households: 1 villager.

**Land and resources** ⓘ  
Ploughland: 2 ploughlands. 1 lord's plough teams. 0.5 men's plough teams.  
Other resources: 0.12 lord's lands. Meadow 1 acres. Pasture 20 acres.

**Livestock** ⓘ  
Livestock in 1086: 5 cattle. 5 pigs. 30 sheep.

**Valuation** ⓘ  
Annual value to lord: 10 shillings in 1086; 10 shillings when acquired by the 1086 owner.

**Owners** ⓘ  
Tenant-in-chief in 1086: [Theobald son of Berner](#).  
Lord in 1086: [Jocelyn](#).  
Lord in 1066: [Brictgyth](#).

