

Gopsall from 1086 to 2019

The meaning behind the name: Either 'The servant's hill' or 'Gop's hill' from the old English 'Gop', meaning 'servant or serf' or Gop used as the name of a man.



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Both Gopsal and Gopsall were used throughout the 19th century but the double 'L' spelling became the standard in the 20th century. However, the Great Western Railway was an exception to this as they named one of their Hall Class (4-6-0) steam locomotives, Gopsal Hall. It was built in March 1931 and withdrawn from service in September 1962 after covering 1.25 million miles. On 25th August 1963, she was sold for scrap to John Cashmore Ltd, Newport.

GWR Hall class No 4999 'Gopsal Hall' – August 1932

These are variations in spelling found in manuscripts, rent rolls, deeds etc since 1086.

Year*	Name
1086	Gopeshille
1243	Gopeshull(e) & Gopshull(e)
1285	Gopeshill & Gopshill(e)
1410	Gopusyll
1415	Goppeshill
1461	Goppeshull
1502	Gopsell
1541	Goppysell
1601	Goppshill & Gopsull
1795	Gopsal & Gopsall

* year first recorded