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INTRODUCTION.

PART I.

This volume is a first instalment, covering surnames A to D, of abstracts of the Cheshire Inquisitions *post mortem* during "the Stuart Period," i.e. from the commencement of the reign of James I (1603) to the abolition of military tenures in the 12th year of Charles II (1660), when inquisitions *post mortem* ceased to be held. In fact, owing to the intervention of the Commonwealth, very few inquisitions (if any) were taken anywhere later than 1645, the last one extant for Cheshire being apparently that of William Stanley taken in this year.

The Inquisitions for Lancashire have already largely been published, some of the early ones from 1243 to 1354 by Dr. Farrer in volumes 48, 54 and 70 of this Society, others from Edward II to Charles I, by Mr. Langton in volumes 95 and 99 of the Chetham Society; and those for "the Stuart Period" by the late J. P. Rylands in volumes 3, 16 and 17 of this Society. In addition, most of them have been noticed in the manorial descents given in the Victoria *History of the County of Lancaster*.

It is understood that no publication of a special calendar of the Cheshire inquisitions is at present contemplated by the Public Record Office and therefore it seems desirable that a start should now be made upon them by this Society, especially as a modern history of the county palatine remains to be written, and that Ormerod in his *History*, and Earwaker in his *East Cheshire* (The Hundred of Macclesfield) and other works, only made spasmodic and incomplete use of the inquisitions.¹

¹ A few have been printed from time to time in the *Cheshire Sheaf*.

It is therefore proposed to commence publication with a series of three, or perhaps four, volumes of abstracts of the later Cheshire inquisitions, these, like the Lancashire volumes edited by Mr. Rylands, being selected as likely to be of more general use and interest to members than those of earlier date, though it is hoped that in time the series may be continued back into the 14th century.

The inquisitions thus commenced in this volume have been taken from the special list of Cheshire inquisitions set out in *Appendix I* to the printed Public Record Office *List No. 33* (which was the fourth volume of the "Lists of Inquisitions *post mortem*" in the Record Office), an alphabetical catalogue, including in the general series both the Exchequer and the Court of Wards and Liveries inquisitions.

This Appendix listed, as a special and separate series, between eight and nine hundred Cheshire inquisitions covering the period Henry VIII to Charles I. As the printed list is in alphabetical order, for the purposes of this and later volumes the names have been taken, and will appear, in that order and the documents have been abstracted and will be printed from the commencement of the reign of James I (1603) onwards. There are about 300 inquisitions in the special Cheshire series for this period, all of which will be included in this and succeeding volumes; and the remainder back to Henry VIII, and even earlier, will, it is hoped, follow if the present instalment is found acceptable.

There are also transcripts of a number of the Cheshire inquisitions for this period among those returned to the Court of Wards and so included in the general series entered in volumes 3 and 4 of the "Lists of Inquisitions" (P.R.O. *Lists Nos. 26 and 31*) and these have also been abstracted and included if the original is missing, or used to supplement any of the special Cheshire series which, for reasons of illegibility, could not be fully abstracted. Where

a Court of Wards transcript has been used, the fact is noted. All the extant Cheshire inquisitions from 1603 in the Record Office will, on completion of these volumes, be available in abstract.

The abstracts, which have been made for the Society by Miss Lucy Drucker from the original documents in Latin, are very full and nothing of importance or interest has been omitted. The names, with places of residence if stated, of all jurors are given; and also all field-names mentioned, in this respect reversing the decision to omit them which was taken for the corresponding volumes for Lancashire.

For a general explanation of the nature and object of an inquisition *post mortem*, the functions of the escheator and the legal processes by fine and recovery so often mentioned, readers are referred to the Introduction to the first volume of the Lancashire Inquisitions "Stuart Period" published by this Society, and to the first volume of the Record Office *Calendar of Inquisitions Post Mortem*.

There is one matter referred to in the Introduction (p. viii) to the Lancashire Inquisitions which requires a little further explanation. It is there stated that at an inquisition "wills, deeds, marriage settlements and other documents were produced as evidence and lastly the finding of the Court was ingrossed in Latin upon parchment. Upon these records, as will be seen, documents of various kinds were frequently entered as evidence, and probably also for future reference in case of dispute." Those who are familiar with the elaborate findings sworn to by local jurors, must sometimes wonder how such detailed and legally technical verdicts could have been found by a jury which had no real knowledge of the documents and facts which they attested. It is therefore of interest to show how the matter was carried through in the 16th century, and doubtless earlier still. When the inquisition was held in 1572 after the death of Ralph

Worsley, who held estates in Cheshire, Lancashire and London, the 'office,' as the jurors' verdict was called, was first prepared by a deputy 'baron' of the exchequer of Chester. It was then revised by Sir Thomas Egerton (afterwards Lord Keeper) as counsel for the representatives of two heiresses concerned and also perused and revised by Simon Thelwall 'learned in the law' and by Richard Hurlston, another lawyer. The document thus settled, and of a lengthy and elaborate nature, was then given to the jury, with the necessary deeds etc. to support it, and they gave their verdict accordingly.¹ This was an agreed case but the procedure even where there were details in dispute would probably be very similar, as the jury would hardly be capable of dealing with any but the most simple facts or documents without legal assistance.²

Without an independent investigation of the medieval series of Cheshire inquisitions and the escheators' and feodaries' accounts, it is not practicable to attempt a study of the organisation and administration of the Palatine escheatorship, though these probably differed only in details from the general system elsewhere. For the same reason it would be premature to attempt to revise, or to continue, Ormerod's defective and incomplete list, based on Leycester, of the escheators of Cheshire.

The existence of a separate escheatorship for the county is well attested from an early date. There is reason to believe that the custody of 'escheats' before the annexation of Cheshire to the crown in 1237, was in the hands of the justiciars of the Norman earls. In 1249, and later the farm leases of the county granted to the justiciars did not include the escheats which were placed

¹ For the *inq.* see Earwaker, *Hist. of St. Mary-on-the-Hill, Chester*, 45, 59, 188 and for the dispute of 1601 which revealed the above process, see P.R.O., Chester 16/13, Chester Excheq. Depositions, bundle 13.

² The expression 'to give a person the office,' meaning, to give a hint or suggestion, may well have arisen from this practice of giving the jury the 'office,' to enable them to find their verdict.

in the hands of Fulk de Orreby as an independent official.¹ The county complained in vain that never before had escheats been diverted from the justiciars' office, and ten years later, when it was announced at the county court of 18 November 1259 that Thomas de Orreby had been appointed *custos* of the forests and escheats by the earl, the same objection was raised.² But from this time onwards, a separate escheatorship is quite clear, and continued under its own organisation until inquisitions *post mortem* ceased to be held.³

Cheshire thus differed, one might say as usual, from the rest of the kingdom, which about the middle of the reign of Henry III was divided into two 'escheatrics,' the one *Citra Trentam* and the other *Ultra Trentam*. This arrangement was subsequently altered from time to time, and certain cities, such as London (1327) and Newcastle on Tyne (1333) obtained the privilege of immunity from the royal escheator and of having their own mayors or bailiffs to act in his place.⁴

The city of Chester obtained a separate escheator by charter from the Black Prince dated 9 March, 1353-4, which provided that the mayor for the time being should hold such office within the city liberties.⁵ Instances of inquisitions held by the mayor as escheator will be found among those printed in this volume but the evidence is not yet sufficient to show exactly in what cases his jurisdiction ousted that of the county official.⁶

The escheators of Cheshire, like those of the other palatinates of Durham and Lancaster, did not account at

¹ *Cal. Patent Rolls* 1249, 1250, 1252, 1253. Orreby seems to have been the first Cheshire escheator after the annexation.

² *Cal. Chester County Court Rolls* (Cheth. Soc.), p. 2. Orreby is mentioned as escheator in the Macclesfield charter of 1261 (Ormerod, Helsby ed., iii, 740.

³ Some 14th cent. escheator's accounts are given in my *Cheshire Chamberlains' Accounts* (Rec. Soc.), and some feodaries' accounts were printed by Hall in *Journal Chester Arch. Soc.*, n.s., vol. xvii.

⁴ See Giuseppe, *Guide to the Public Records*, vol. 1 (1923), p. 92.

⁵ Morris, *Chester*, etc., 496-8.

⁶ For some earlier mayor's inquisitions see *post* p. xxiii.

the royal Exchequer for the issue and profits of the office; and they rendered their accounts to the palatine Exchequer headed by the Chamberlain. There was a separate escheator for Flintshire whose records form a different series.

PART II.

As this is a pioneer volume, it seems desirable to add some general information for the benefit of those interested in the Cheshire inquisitions, which, as mentioned in Part I, form an entirely distinct series from those affecting lands in other parts of England. This was owing to the self-contained jurisdiction and administration of the palatine earldom of Chester and the consequent creation of separate sets of local records.

As long ago as 1864, and shortly after the palatine records were removed from Chester to the Record Office, there was printed in the Appendix to the 25th *Report* of the Deputy Keeper of Public Records, at page 32, an alphabetical index to the extant Cheshire and Flintshire inquisitions, including those *post mortem* and *ad quod damnum*, and those relating to proofs of age and rights of way. The period covered by this index is from the early 14th century to 1640. This was a valuable and useful list and, for reference, to some extent, has not been superseded, though the documents have since been re-arranged and given new class references and numbers.

In P.R.O. "List No. 40" (*Records of the Palatinate of Chester*) these Cheshire inquisitions *post mortem* were re-listed by bundles under regnal years, with new reference numbers (Cheshire 3/1 to 3/104), but the names of the persons are not given there.

The alphabetical list of the special series of Cheshire inquisitions (referred to in Part I of this Introduction, p. x), given in the appendix to vol. 4 of 'Inquisitions'

(P.R.O. *List* 33), includes such of the inquisitions *post mortem* listed in the 25th *Report* of the Deputy Keeper as fall within the period Henry VIII–Charles I. These now form Series II, and commence with file 59. Files 1 to 58 comprise Series I which covers the earlier and remainder of the inquisitions *post mortem* originally listed in the 25th *Report*. Other copies of these Cheshire inquisitions are noted in the general series listed in volumes 1, 2, 3 and 4 of 'Inquisitions' (P.R.O. *Lists* 23, 26, 31 and 33), but appear to be the copies sent in to the Court of Wards and Liveries in cases where the heirs were minors.

Apart from the inquisitions mentioned above, there are other Cheshire ones of an earlier date in the Record Office which must not be overlooked, as they fall within an entirely separate general series, which came there from the Chancery records in the Tower of London. They have been included in the printed Record Office *Calendars of Inquisitions Post Mortem*, published from 1903 onwards. Of these *Calendars* ten volumes have so far been issued, covering the period 20 Henry III to 34 Edward III. In the first seven volumes are to be found 72 Cheshire inquisitions (the last being dated 1332), but there is none in the period covered by the last three volumes, and for the later ones after 1332 reference must be made to the special Cheshire series commencing in the early 14th century mentioned above.¹

¹ It is not easy to understand how it was that the 13th and early 14th century Cheshire inquisitions came to be among the general public records at the Tower of London and so passed to the Record Office long ago, while the later Cheshire inquisitions remained in Chester Castle until their removal to the Record Office in 1854-5. As the Tower series included inquisitions as late as 1332, after which date the local series seems to begin, one is reminded of the local chancery and exchequer organisation at Chester of the Black Prince, created earl in 1333, which, not long after that date, after a period of control by his mother and the King, developed into a vigorous and distinct administrative system (Tout, *Chapters in Med. Admin. Hist.*, ii, 169 etc., Mrs. Sharp. 'The Admin. Chancery of the Black Prince before 1362,' in *Essays in Med. Hist.*, Manchester, 1925). This system may well have led to complete centralisation at Chester of the local records. The presence in the Tower series of Chancery records of a Cheshire inq. may well have arisen because

Besides these official *Calendars* of Inquisitions to the end of Edward III, two volumes of a *Calendar* 1-20 Henry VII have been issued which may contain some Cheshire names but none has been noticed.

The indexes to these *Calendars* did not, through some unfortunate official ruling, provide any means of ascertaining what Cheshire inquisitions were included (though this could easily have been effected by indexing the word "Chester" which governs each such inquisition). It will therefore be of assistance to set out (for use by searchers in combination with the index of names in the 25th *Report* and in that in *List No. 33*, Appendix I, referred to above) the names (with approximate dates) of the persons whose inquisitions will be found (briefly abstracted only)¹ in the 10 volumes of official *Calendars* Henry III-Edward III.

In Vol. 1:—

Fitton, Hugh (1242)
 Stockport, Rob de (1248)
 Coroun, Sir Henry de
 (1248)
 Tuchet, Rob. (1251)
 Griffin, Bertram (1254)
 Erdinton, Thos. de (Hen.
 III)
 Fitton, Ric. (Hen. III)

Orreby, Ric. de (1276)
 Audley, Henry de (1276)
 Boydell, John (1277)
 Wilbraham, Ric. de (1278)
 Montalt, Rog. de (1278)
 Plesseys, John de (1279)
 Thornton, Peter de (1279)
 Plesseys, Thos. de (1283)
 Fraunceys, Gilbert le
 (1283)

In Vol. 2:—

Downes, Rob. de (1273)
 Audley, Jas. de (1273)
 Montalt, Rob. de (1275)
 Lestrangle, Rob. (1276)

Griffin, Geoff. (1283)
 Audley, Wm. de (1282)
 Bunbury, Hugh de (1282)
 Lancelyn, Wm. (1283)
 Bamville, Ph. de (1284)

the deceased tenant in chief also held lands elsewhere than in Cheshire, in which case a transcript would be required for the royal chancery. That some of the Tower series are to be found enrolled (as we shall find) on the Plea Rolls of Cheshire is quite consistent with that having been done to preserve a local record of the findings.

¹ This should be particularly noted as much further information is contained in some of the original documents.

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| Hatton, Hugh de (1284) | Sanford, Thos. de (1298) |
| Warren, Wm. de (1287) | Audley, Nic. de (1299) |
| Lestrangle, John (1289) | St. Pierre, Urian de (1299) |
| Mainwaring, Warin de (1289) | In Vol. 4:— |
| Griffin, Beatrice (1290) | Crewe, Thos. de (1304) |
| Praers, Thos. de (1290) | In Vol. 5:— |
| St. Pierre, John de (1289) | Thornton, Ranulf de (1308) |
| Orreby, Thos. de (1290) | Sandbach, Ric. de (1308) |
| Pulford, Hugh de (1290) | Poole, Jas. de (1307) |
| In Vol. 3:— | Heswall, Pat. de (1307) |
| Stockport, Ric. de (1292) | Grey, Reg. de (1308) |
| Roter, Ranulf le (1292) | Audley, Thos. de (1308) |
| Arderne, Peter de (1292) | Boydell, John de (1308 ?) |
| Burnell, Bp. Rob. de (1292) | Corona, John de (1309) |
| Cheadle, Geoff. de (1294) | Disley, Jordan de (1308) |
| Titherington, Jordan de (1294) | Corona, Thos. de (1309) |
| Crewe, Thos. de (1293, two) | Grosvenor, Warin le (1309) |
| Burnell, Philip (1294, two) | Chauncy, Wm. de (1310) |
| Dutton, Hugh de (1294, two) | St. Pierre, Urian (1311) |
| Meols, Bertram de (1295) | Weaver, Henry de (1311) |
| Winnington, Rob. de (1295) | Praers, Rob. de (1312) |
| St. Pierre, Urian (1295, three) | In Vol. 6:— |
| Crewe, Eleanor de (1295) | Cheadle, Maud de (1326) |
| Montalt, Roger de (1296, two) | In Vol. 7:— |
| | Sandford, Ada (1330) |
| | Praers, Randle de (1332) |
| | Montalt, Rob. de (1332) |
| | Brickhill, Wm. de (1332) |
| | In Vols. 8, 9 and 10:— |
| | None |

Ormerod mentions in his Preface (pp. xxxvii and xlv of Helsby's edition) an old official abstract, in two folio volumes, of inquisitions, and an abstract made by him

from the original documents; also (at p. xlii) an abstract of "the entire series of Cheshire inquisitions so far as relates to heirs" in the Grosvenor (Eaton Hall) MSS. I have not traced these MSS. Ormerod had some knowledge of the 13th and early 14th century Tower series of Cheshire inquisitions, but his references are usually to a "Villare Cest." (probably one compiled by Dr. Williamson) and he did not use many of those now included in the *Calendars* and listed above. Helsby added a few inquisitions in his edition of Ormerod, and according to a table given on p. 360 of this edition the inquisitions of various kinds at Chester and removed to the Record Office in 1854-5 numbered 1885, with 130 proofs of age and other documents; on p. 361 Helsby adds his opinion that only about 2500 inquisitions had survived out of from ten to twenty thousand (probably an exaggerated figure). W. H. Black, in his *Report* of 1840 on the records of Cheshire (1st *Report* Deputy Keeper, App. 3) mentions (at p. 110) the Escheator's inquisitions as very numerous, extending through every reign from Edward III to Charles I and numbering 1985, arranged and calendared by Mr. Faithful Thomas, twenty or thirty years earlier at the expense of the county, but his work was then in draft only and unbound. (It is believed that these MS. *Calendars* are in the Record Office).

There can be little doubt that many of the original Cheshire inquisition have been lost, as is the case with those relating to other counties. There are, however, some special sources peculiar to Cheshire from which it is possible to recover valuable portions at least, if not the whole, of many inquisitions. These are the enrolments upon (a) the Cheshire 'Plea' (or County Court) Rolls, and (b) the Cheshire 'Recognizance' Rolls.

(a) The extant 'Plea' Rolls¹ were *partly* calendared

¹ For these, see my *Calendar of Chester County Court Rolls* (Chetham Soc., vol. 84), which includes some of the early enrolments of inquisitions.

(for deeds, inquisitions and writs of dower *only*) from the time of Henry III to the end of Henry VIII in the appendixes to the 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th *Reports* of the Deputy Keeper. The inquisitions *post mortem* enrolled on the Plea Roll are the following¹ which must be sought for in these *Reports* under the regnal dates given here in brackets after the name:—

In the 26th *Report* (Appendix):—

Arderne, John de (17 Ed. 1).

St. Pierre, John de (18 Ed. 1).

Clerk, Rob. s. Philip the (18 Ed. 1).

St. Pierre, Urian de (18 Ed. 1).

Grosvenor, Warin le (35 Ed. 1).

Thorneton, Hugh de (35 Ed. 1).

In the 27th *Report* (Appendix):—

Doun, Ric. (6 Ed. 2).

In the 28th *Report* (Appendix):—

Frodsham, Ric. de (22 Ed. 3).

Dounfoul, Ph. (23 Ed. 3).

Olton, Randal s. John de (25 Ed. 3).

Calveley, Roger s. Thos. de (27 Ed. 3).

Calveley, David de (28 Ed. 3).

Danyers, Sir Thos. (29 Ed. 3).

Mercer, Hugh le (29 Ed. 3).

Wasteney, Cecilia de (30 Ed. 3).

Orreby, John de (30 Ed. 3).

Blorton, Roger de (30 Ed. 3).

Denys, Thos. (30 Ed. 3).

Becheton, Thos. de (30 Ed. 3).

Grey, Reg. de (31 Ed. 3).

Weaver, Thos. de (31 Ed. 3).

Acton, Ralph (34 Ed. 3).

Wetenhale, John de (36 Ed. 3).

Venables, Sir Hugh de (41 Ed. 3).

Done, Ric. (45 Ed. 3).

¹ Non-personal inquisitions of general application have not been noted here.

In the 29th *Report* (Appendix):—

Swynnerton, Sir Rog. de (48 Ed. 3 and 2-3 Ric. 2).

Trussell, Sir Wm. (17 Ric. 2).

Pole, Sir John de la (21 Ric. 2).

Fitton, Thos. (21 Ric. 2).

Wilme (*or* Legh), Wm. sen. (21 Ric. 2).

Mascy, Hamo de (11) (13 Ric. 2).

Pembridge, Margaret wife of Sir Fulk de (2 Hen. 4).

Rathbone, Wm. (4 Hen. 4).

Burghes, Laur. de (1 Hen. 4).

Pembridge, Margaret de (6 Hen. 4).

Leftwich, Rob. de (9 Hen. 4).

Arderne, Sir John de (9 Hen. 4).

Fouleshurst, Thos. de (10 Hen. 4).

Chance (? Chanu) Thos. (11 Hen. 4).

Leftwich, Rob. de (12 Hen. 4).

Kingsley, Ric. de (14 Hen. 4).

Tuchet, John, Lord Audley (1 Hen. V).

Carpenter, Thos. le, chaplain (1 Hen. V).

Cholmondeley, Wm. s. John de (3 Hen. V).

Legh, Rob. de, of Adlington (3 Hen. V).

Parker, Nic. le (11 Hen. 4).

Stokes, Rob. de (3 Hen. 5).

Davenport, Hugh de (5 Hen. 5).

Griffin, John s. Sir John (5 Hen. 5).

Bromley, Ric. de (7 Hen. 5).

Beeston, Margt. wife of Sir John de (7 Hen. 5).

Crewe, Thos. s. David de (7 Hen. 5).

Barton, Alice wife of Ralph de (8 Hen. 5).

Bromley, Sir John de (7 Hen. 5).

Malpas, David s. John de (two, 8 Hen. 5).

Davenport, Ellen wife of Nic. de (10 Hen. 5).

Wythenshaw, Thos. de (2 Hen. 6).

Mascy, Sir Hamo de (4 Hen. 6).

Crewe, Alice de (5 Hen. 6).

Bulkelegh, Thos. de (5 Hen. 6).

Warburton, Peter de (8 Hen. 6).
 Swettenham, Thos. de (13 Hen. 6).
 Littleover, Randal (20 Hen. 7).
 Cotton, Ric. (19 Hen. 7).

In the 30th *Report* (Appendix):—

Harpur, Rob. (24 Hen. 7 and 1 Hen. 8).
 Trussell, Sir Wm. (21 Hen. 4 and 2 Hen. 8).
 Downes, Rob. (11 Hen. 7 and 19 Hen. 8).
 Savage, Sir John (20 and 23 Hen. 8).

It should be noted that a few of these names appear also in the list of Cheshire Inquisitions given in the Record Office *Calendars* and the 25th *Report* (referred to earlier) and therefore in such cases part of the inquisition (though not full details) is available both in the printed *Calendars* and in the Plea Roll *Calendars*.

(b) As regards the inquisitions enrolled (with many other documents) upon the Cheshire "Recognizance" Rolls, which have been calendared from 1307 in the 36th, 37th and 39th *Reports* of the Deputy Keeper, it seems unnecessary to set out the names here as these *Calendars* are alphabetical, under surnames, and the inquisitions can thus easily be picked out and, if necessary, a fuller copy obtained from the rolls themselves, if the original inquisition is not to be found among the extant series of original inquisitions. The enrolments here include writs *diem clausit extremum* (which preceded an inquisition) and writs *mandamus, de non intromittendo* and *de melius inquirendo*, with writs of livery reciting inquisitions *post mortem*.

A few Cheshire inquisitions are mentioned in a *Calendar* of writs of livery, etc., Elizabeth to Charles I, printed in Appendix 3 to the 26th *Report* Deputy Keeper, p. 32. These documents have been re-arranged but can if required be found in the Record Office.¹ A volume of extracts

¹ See P.R.O. List No. 40.

from Cheshire inquisitions *temp.* Philip and Mary is in the Record Office (Volume 326, Miscell., Wards and Liveries) which may give information for this period where an original inquisition is not now extant. There is also in the Record Office a MS. Calendar, in one volume, of Cheshire Inquisitions Edward III–Henry VII, arranged chronologically, with index *locorum*, but this is probably superseded and is defective. Mr. Selby's volumes of *Lancashire and Cheshire Records* (Rec. Soc., vols. 7 and 8) pp. 117, 124, 177 and 184, give information which may in some cases be of assistance, though his references will be out of date.

Some Cheshire inquisitions of which no other record is now extant may be found among the voluminous MS. collections of the Randle Holme's in the British Museum¹ and others will doubtless turn up in the MSS. of the Cheshire collectors.

According to the printed *Catalogue*, published in 1895 by A. Sutton, Manchester, of the library of J. P. Earwaker, F.S.A., deceased, he possessed a folio volume (probably an index) of the Cheshire inquisitions, arranged chronologically, 1336–1614; also transcripts Edward III–Charles I with index, which included 217 inquisitions of Edward III, 256 of Richard II, 161 of Henry IV, 88 of Henry V, 288 of Henry VI, 96 of Edward IV, 8 of Edward V and Richard III, 146 of Henry VII, 204 of Henry VIII, 40 of Edward VI, 33 of Philip and Mary, 310 of Elizabeth, 232 of James I, 170 of Charles I and 18 miscellaneous. These may now be in the Grosvenor Museum, Chester, among the Earwaker MSS., given by the late Duke of Westminster to the Chester Archaeological Society, where in press 12(d) and press 20(a) are listed documents which seem to correspond to the *Catalogue* description.

¹ e.g. Harl. MS. 1991 contains some original office copies of inquisitions *p.m.* of Elizabethan and later date.

The report on the documents of the Corporation of Chester in the *Appendix* to the Eighth *Report* Historical MSS. Commission (1881), p. 400, gives a list of rolls and packets of inquisitions from 1432, doubtless including many taken by the mayor as escheator. I do not think these inquisitions have ever been fully examined.

R. STEWART-BROWN.

NOTE.

The Public Record Office reference for the Inquisitions in this volume is "Chester 3," with the file number and particular number. The last two only have been given in the headings, after the first inquisition. Where a Court of Wards transcript has been used the reference is given.

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Cheshire Inquisitions Post Mortem

STUART PERIOD

1603—1660.

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A.—D.

WILLIAM ALDERSEY sen., of Chester, gent.

(Chester 3, File 92, Nos. 1 & 2.)

INQUISITION taken at Chester Castle, 25 April, 15 James I [1617] before Richard Wilbraham & Henry Bunbury, knights, Richard Grosvenor senior & Edward Dod, esquires as well before the Escheator and Feodaries of co. Chester after the death of William Aldersey, late of city of Chester, senior, gentleman, deceased, by the oath of Edmund Tannatt, of Broxton, Hugh Massye, of Egerley, John Edwards of Cheaveley, John Cotton, of Huntington, William Davenport of Boughton, Thomas Ball, of same, Thomas Richardson, of same, James Doe of Soughall, Thomas Barlowe, of same, William Rosin-greave of Warton, John Ashbrooke of Tattenhall, John Marley of Poulton, Ralph Astle of Golborne Bellowe, Robert Walker of Aldersey, John Crewe of Elton, John Doe of Soughall & Oliver Hynde of Backford, gentlemen, who say that the said William Aldersey was seised in fee of 2 mess. in Eastgate Street, 5 mess. in Cow Lane, of 3 mess. in St. John's Lane, Chester, a croft or parcel of land with a certain structure thereon built next the

water of Dee in said City & of 2 mess., 1 croft in Love Lane, 2 mess. & a croft in Forgate Street, a barn & croft by the Barrs within the liberty of the said City, a mess. in Watergate Street, a mess. next the Watergate, a mess. in Bridge Street, now or late in the tenure of Thomas Wright, a barn & 3 a. of land in Handbridge within the liberties of Chester, late in occupation of Sarah Roberts, widow, 6 a. of land in the Town Feld in the parish of St. John the Baptist, Chester, 20s. yearly rent from a mess. in Northgate Street now or late in the tenure of John Peirston; 3s. yearly rent from a mess. in Castle Lane in the tenure of widow Evans, also in city of Chester; of certain mess. & lands in Denbigh, co. Denbigh; of 10*li.* yearly rent from mess. there; of a mess. in Eccleston, co. Chester, in tenure of Richard Rowlinson & 5 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow & 5 a. of pasture thereunto belonging in Eccleston & Eaton & a mess. & 6 a. of land, 3 a. of meadow, 6 a. of pasture in Eccleston in the tenure of Robert Evans; of 3 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow and 3 of pasture late bought of Thomas Gamull, Esq., now deceased, in Eccleston; of 10 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture in Moston, co. Cheshire; of 7 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 7 a. of pasture in Upton by Chester; of 9 a. of land in Hoole, 1 mess. & 5 a. of land in Gayton; of the reversion of a capital mess. called Oldfeld in Haselwall & 30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow & 20 a. of pasture thereunto belonging, after the death of Joan Stanley late the wife of Sir Rowland Stanley, knight, deceased & now the wife of Henry Stanley, Esq.

Being so seised, by deed dated 6 February, 8 James I [1610-11] in consideration of a marriage between Richard Aldersey his son & heir apparent & Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Barneston, of Churton, gent., then already had, & for 350*li.* paid to him by said Thomas Barneston, & for the jointure of the said Elizabeth, the said William Aldersey settled the premises abovesaid to the use of himself

& his wife Mary, with contingent remainders to the said Richard & Elizabeth in tail male, the heirs male of the body of Richard, the heirs of the body of Richard by the said Elizabeth, the right heirs of said William for ever, except those in Hoole, Haselwall & Gayton to the sole use of said Elizabeth for life, as her jointure & after her death to the said Richard & his male issue, &c. (as above), the said Richard not to demise or lease any part of the said Elizabeth's jointure during her life.

Mary died 8 January 13 James I [1615-16] at Chester & Richard died there 1 January, 13 James I [1615-16] having a daughter Mary & an unborn child, Elizabeth, who was born 2 August, 14 James I [1616].

After the making of the said Indenture, William Aldersey bought for himself & his heirs a mess. & 2 cottages in Northgate Street & Barne Lane & a mess. in Thingewall, Chester.

Being seised of the aforesaid premises in Thingwall & in Denbigh, the city & suburbs of Chester, Eccleston, Eaton, Moston & Upton, for life, with remainder to the said Mary & Elizabeth Aldersey, daughters of said Richard deceased & the heirs of their bodies & the said Elizabeth, late the wife of said Richard, being seised for life of the premises in Hoole, Haselwall & Gayton, with like remainder, the said William, by name of William Aldersey the elder of the city of Chester, alderman, made his will 22 October, 1616, & bequeathed the premises lately bought in Northgate, Chester, to his son-in-law, John Leech, gent. & Alice, his wife, daughter of said William, & also the premises in Thingwall, bought of Rowland Poole, gent., to them & the heirs of their bodies & also the lands & rents in Denbigh, lately bought of his cousin, Edward Dutton, of Chester, alderman, as also the lease of premises in Pickton, co. Chester, held of Sir William Brereton, Knt. He bequeathed to his granddaughters the said Mary & Elizabeth Aldersey 100 marks

each at the age of 14, meanwhile to be in the hands of his cousins, William Aldersey, of Chester, alderman & John Aldersey of Spurstow, gent., desiring one of the said girls may marry the eldest son of the said William Aldersey & the other a son of the said John Aldersey, & if they die before the said age the money to go to Alice Leech & her children. He bequeathed to Thomas Aldersey, of Chester, merchant, 40*li.* & to his [William's] brother-in-law, Richard Brereton, Esq. and his cousins Edward Dutton, alderman & John Morgell, gent., 30*s.* each, appointing them overseers & John Leech & Alice, his wife, residuary legatees & executors. He gave to the poor of St. Oswald's parish, 10*li.*

The jurors say that long before the said William's death, William Glasier was seised in fee of a mess., 2 cottages, a garden & an orchard in the city of Chester, parcel of the tenements last mentioned & being under age enfeoffed William Aldersey aforesaid thereof & afterwards attaining his full age, after which William Aldersey entered into the same & enfeoffed John Leech & Alice his wife thereof.

All the premises in the city of Chester and the liberties thereof were held at the death of said William of the mayor and citizens of that city in free socage by fealty & 4*s.* yearly rent & worth yearly (clear) 40*s.*; the premises in Eccleston held of Peter Venables of Kinderton, esqr. in socage, by fealty & 6*d.* yearly rent & worth per ann. (clear) 20*s.*; the land in Eaton held of Richard Grosvenor, esqr., in socage, by fealty & 2*s.* yearly rent & worth yearly (clear), 3*s.* 4*d.*; the premises in Hoole held of George Talbott, esqr. as of his manor of Stonie Dunham, co. Chester, in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 6*s.* 8*d.*; the premises in Gayton held of the King as of the Earldom of Chester in socage, & not in chief, by fealty only, & now held of Prince Charles as Earl of Chester, by fealty only, worth yearly (clear) 3*s.* 4*d.*; the premises in Thing-

wall held of heirs of Thomas Fullishurst, in socage, by fealty only & those in Moston & Upton of the Dean & Chapter of Chester, by fealty & rent of 45s. 5*d.* & worth (clear) yearly 50s.; the premises in Oldfeld in Haselwall held of the King as Earl of Chester, in chief by knight service, to wit, 100th part of one knight's fee & now held of Prince Charles & worth yearly (clear) 20s; the premises in Denbigh held of the King in free socage as of his manor of Denbigh, by fealty only.

The said William Aldersey died 26 October, 14 James I [1616] & Mary & Elizabeth Aldersey, daughters of Richard Aldersey, deceased, are his next of kin & heirs, being daughters of said Richard, son of William, Mary being aged 3 years & more & Elizabeth, 8 months.

RICHARD ALPORT, of Overton, gent.

(File 104, No. 13.¹)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, co. Cheshire, 17 December, 15 Charles I [1639], before Thomas Aldersey, esqr. by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Richard Alport, gentleman, by the oath of George Bostocke of Churton, esqr., John Stringer of Crew, Thomas Bulkeley of Bickerton, Lawrence Cotton of Bercher, John Knight, of Hankelow, Hugh Boulton, of same, Ranolph Grafton of Worleston, Oliver Pollett, of Fadiley, Thomas Moulton, of same, Thomas Scott, of Checkley, William Cudworth of Newhall, William Jackson, of Acton, Thomas Cowper of Coppenhall & John Hoppley of Broxton, gentlemen, who say that the said Richard Alport was seised in fee of a capital mess., 6 other mess., 5 cottages, a dovecote in Overton & of 3 mess., a cottage in Chorleton, 40 a. of land, 6 of meadow, 30 of pasture, 10 of wood & 60 of furze & heath in Overton & Chorleton, & mess. & 6 a. of land, 2 of meadow, 4 of pasture in Horton; a mess., a cottage, 6 a. of land, 3 of meadow, 6 of pasture in Shock-

¹ Parts torn supplied from Ct. of Wards *Inq. p.m.*, 93/79.

lach, a mess. in Edge; another mess. called Locrosse House in Tilston, a barn, 15 a. of land, 3 of meadow, 10 of pasture in Tilston Locrosse & Edge, 6 a. of land, 3 of meadow, 6 of pasture in Cuddington *alias* Kiddington, a cottage in Malpas, 6 mess., a watermill, 33 a. of land, 6 of meadow, 30 of pasture, 10 of wood & 60 of furze & heath in Oldcastle, all in co. Chester; 2 mess., 2 cottages in Chesserdyne, co. Salop; 10 a. of land, 2 of meadow, 6 of pasture in Chesserdyne, Sowdley & Chippenhall, co. Salop.

Being so seised, he took to wife Ellen, daughter of Ralph Povey, gent., deceased & after by Indenture bearing date 1 May, 18 James I [1620] made between the said Richard Alport, Richard Egerton, knt., Hugh Bromley, esqr., George Kilvart & Richard Smithman settled the said premises on himself for life, with contingent remainders to his son, Richard Alport, & the heirs of his body, the heirs of the body of him Richard Alport, senr. & the said Ellen, Thomas Alport, of London, haberdasher, brother of Richard, senr., Joseph Alport, son of said Thomas & the heirs of his body, the right heirs of Richard Alport, junr.

The premises in Overton & Chorleton were held of the heirs of John de St. Peter, knt., by service of one sparrowhawk or 12*d.* & worth yearly (clear) 33*s.* 4*d.* The premises in Horton & Shocklach held of the lord or lords of Malpas, as of the manor of Malpas, by fealty, in socage, worth yearly (clear) 6*s.* 8*d.* The premises in Tilston, Locrosse & Edge held of heirs of Phillip Egerton, esqr. by fealty in socage, as of his manor of Malpas, & worth yearly (clear) 2*s.*; the premises in Cuddington *alias* Kiddington & Malpas of the lord or lords of Malpas by fealty only, in socage, as of the manor of Malpas, worth yearly (clear) 5*s.*; the premises in Oldcastle held of the King, as of the Earldom of Chester by 100th part of a knight's fee, worth yearly (clear) 15*s.*; the tenure of the premises in Chesserdyne, Sowdley & Chippenhall, co. Salop, unknown to the jurors & worth yearly (clear) 3*s.*

Ellen, late the wife of said Richard Alport, survives & is now the wife of Robert Cawley, gent.

Richard Alport died at Overton, co. Chester, 12 August, 22 James I [1624] & Richard Taylor, son of John Taylor is his next of kin & heir, being son & heir of Mary Taylor, deceased, late the wife of said John Taylor & the daughter & sole heir of Thomas Alport, deceased, son & heir of Richard Alport named in the writ & the said Richard Taylor is now aged 16 years, 4 months, 20 days.

The said Ellen has taken & takes a third part of the said premises as her dower and took the profits of the other two parts in right of Richard Alport, son of the said Richard, from the time of said Richard's death until 1 January, 11 Charles I [1635-6] since which time Richard has taken them himself by right of the said agreement made.

RICHARD ALPORT, gent. of Overton.

(File 105, No. 1.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle in the Common Hall of Pleas there, on Friday, 9 October, 16 Charles I [1640], before Thomas Aldersey, esqr., Escheator, on a writ de *Melius Inquirendum* after the death of Richard Alport, gent., deceased, to enquire who was next heir of Richard Alport the day he died, by the oath of John Golborne, of Christleton, John Maddocke of Rowton, John Kelsall of Wimboldstrafford, John Hall of Norley, Thomas Barker of Salegreene, William Widdens of Manley, John Thomasson of Happesford, Thomas Moores of Oscrofte, Thomas Hynde, of Elton, John Crew, of same, Thomas Smith of Cotton, John Carrington of Ince, John Sparke of Kingesley, Thomas Browne of same, John Cotgreave of Christleton, John Crosse of Happesford & John Dutton, of Sutton, gentlemen, who say &c. [as in File 104 No. 13 above].

They say Mary Taylor, now deceased, late the wife of John Taylor, was next of kin & next heir of said Richard

at the time of his death, being daughter & sole heir of Thomas Alport, deceased, who was son & heir of said Richard & died in his father's life-time & at the time of the said Richard's death Mary Taylor was aged 22 years & more & she died at Bickley, co. Chester on 26 April, 4 Charles I [1628].

Re Ellen's dower [as in File 104, No. 13]. Richard, son of Richard has continued to take two parts of the profits to the time of this inquisition.

HENRY ARDERNE esq.

(File 98, No. 1.)¹

Inquisition taken at Stockport, 5 January, 21 James I [1623-4] before Sir Peter Leigh, knt., Hugh Maynwaringe, esqr., the Escheator . . . Peter Danyell, esqr., Feodary & Thomas Marbury, esqr., commissioner, by virtue of a commission to them issued after the death of Henry Arderne, esqr., deceased, by the oath of Alexander Hollinworth, of Hollinworth, Lawrence Wright, of . . . John Thornicrofte of Thornicrofte, Lea Henshawe, of Henshawe, Francis Acton of Over Alderley, Francis Hobson of same, Thomas Tidderington, of Tidderington . . . Parsons, of Warford, James Ridgeway, of Offerton, Robert Dodge, of Swyndells, George Elcock of Stockport, Randolph Eadlowe, of Fallibroome, Francis Barlowe, of . . ., Roger Leigh of Bredbury, William Highame of Werneth, Lawrence Fidler, of Dodley, Henry Brookshaw of Bredbury & John Brookesshawe, of same, gentlemen, who say that a certain Ralph Arderne, of Hawarden, esqr., father of a certain John Arderne, of Hawarden, esqr., father of a certain John Arderne, deceased, father of said Henry, before the death of the said Henry was seised of the manor of Hawarden & of 12 mess., . . . a. of land, 10 of meadow, 100 of pasture, 24 of wood, 100 of moor & one watermill in Bredburie & of . . . within the manor

¹ Illegible in parts. No Court of Wards *Inq.*

of Bredburie, late bought of Thomas Stanley, esqr. & now in the tenure of John Leigh; & of 3 mess., 30 a. of land, . . . meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 16 of wood, & 16*d.*, free rent in Romeley; & of 2 mess. there in the tenure of Thomas Benitson & Hugh Rowbotham; & of 2 mess., 40 a. of land, 20 . . . meadow & 12 of wood in Offerton; & of 8 burgages & 4 a. of land in Stockport; & of rent of £3. 7*s.* 7*d.*, issuing from certain burgages in Stockport; & also of the manor of Alvanley & of 6 mess., . . . a. of land, 4 of meadow, 100 of pasture, 4 of wood, 20 of moor & heath, one watermill & one wind-mill in Alvanley & of 40 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture & 2 a. of wood in Alvandley & of a certain pasture of about 40 a. called Ceallfields in Wernoth, held in fee to said Ralph Arderne for life, with remainder to John, then his son & heir, now deceased, in tail male, as by indenture made 23 May, 18 Elizabeth [1576] between said Ralph & Richard Holland of Denton, co. Lancs., esqr., now deceased, & by another indenture made 3 March 44 Elizabeth [1601-2], between said Ralph & John Arderne & Uriah Leigh, of . . . knt., and Maria Arderne, wife of said John, the capital mess. of Alvandley called Alvandley & all the lands, &c. there were settled on Henry Arderne, then son & heir apparent of said John, with contingent remainders to Margaret, wife of said Henry, & the male issue of said Henry, & his heirs, & the rest of the said premises to said Henry in tail male, in default to his heirs, & provisions made for any younger sons of said Henry. A fine was levied 12 April, 44 Eliz. [1602] in Chester between Ralph Egerton, Ranulph Davenport, Richard Holland & Henry Maynwaringe, esqrs., plaintiffs & Ralph Arderne, John Arderne & Mary his wife, deforciant, of the manors of Hawarden, Bradbury & Alvandley & 100 mess., 20 tofts, 3 mills, 2 dovecotes, 120 gardens, 1000 [a. of land], 300 of meadow, 1000 of pasture, 100 of heath & 300 of moor & 60*s.* rent in Hawerden, Bradbury, Alvandley, Romeley,

Stockport, Offerton & Werny[th]. conveying the same to said plaintiffs for £200 of silver.

The said John Arderne, father of Henry, died 20th March, 1612-13; Henry Arderne died 2 November, 21 James I [1623], at Bredburie & Margaret survives him & Ralph Arderne, son of said Henry & Margaret is next heir of Henry & on 6 December last past was aged 15 years. The day he died Henry had as well male issue by said Margaret; John, Henry, Richard & Robert Arderne, who still survive.

The manor of Hawarden & premises in Bredburie were held of Sir George Bouth, knt. & bart., as of his manor of Dunham Mascy in socage & worth yearly (clear) viz. the manor of Hawarden, the mess., land, tenements & water mill in Bredburie, 50 marks & the mess. in Woodley 15s. 4d. & lands in Wernyth 10s.

The premises in Romeley held of said Sir George, in like manner & worth yearly (clear) £4. 16s. 4d., except one mess. there, in the tenure of Lancelot Seddon, held of the Prince, as of the Lordship of Chester by 20th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 16s. 7d.

The premises in Offerton held of Edward Warren, esqr., in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 45s. 4d.

The burgages in Stockport held of said Edward, in socage & worth yearly (clear) 100s.

The premises in Alvandley held of George Talbot Earl of Shrewsbury, in socage, by fealty only, & worth yearly (clear) £7. 7s.

JOHN ARDERNE esq.

(File 90, No. 23.)

Inquisition taken at Northwych, co. Chester, 1 June 13 James I [1615], before Henry Mainwaringe, esqr., escheator, to enquire after the death of John Arderne, esqr., by the oath of Ralph Leftwych, esqr., Edward Mouldsworth, of Wymyncham, July Wynington of

Birches, James Roe of Acton, Hugh Crosby of Whitley, Humphrey Page of Yearshawe, Thomas Hall of Budworth, William Austen of Stanthorne, James Trevett of Sprowston, Arthur Joynson of Wareton, William Venables of Sprowston, John Ravenscroft of Occleston & Thomas Whitley of Whitley, gentlemen, who say that the said John Arderne was seised in fee of the manor of Hawarden & of 12 mess., 100 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 23 a. of wood, 100 a. of moor & a watermill in Bredburie; one mess. in Woodley, within the vill of Bredburie late bought of Thomas Stanley, esqr. & now in the tenure of John Leighe; 3 mess., 30 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 16 a. of wood & 16 *d.* free rent in Romeley, 2 mess., in Romeley, late bought of Thomas Stanley, esqr., & in tenure of Thoms Benitson, senr. & junr. & Hugh Rowbotham; 2 mess., 40 a. of land, 20 a. of pasture, 4 a. of meadow & 12 a. of wood in Offerton; 8 burgages & 4 a. of land in Stockport; a yearly free rent of £3. 7. 7. issuing from certain burgages in Stockport; the manor of Alvandley & 6 mess., 40 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 4 a. of wood, 20 a. of moor, heath and furze, a watermill & a windmill in Alvandley & 40 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture & 2 a. of wood in Alvandley in tenure of John Johnson, & Richard, his son; pasture of 40 acres called Ceall Fields in Wyrneth.

The said John Arderne died seised of the same.

The said manor of Hawarden & premises in Bredbury & Wyrneth were held of Sir George Bouth, knt., & bart., as of his manor of Dunham Masey in socage, worth yearly (clear), viz. the manor, mess., lands & watermill, 50 marks, & the mess. in Woodley 15s. 4*d.*, & the pasture in Wyrneth, 10s.

The tenements in Romeley, held of same Sir George, in like manner, worth yearly (clear) £4. 17. 4., except one mess. there in tenure of Lancelot Seddon, held of the King as Earl of Chester, by service of a twentieth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 17s. 7*d.*

The premises in Offerton held of John Warren esqr. in socage, & worth yearly (clear) 45s. 4*d*.

The burgages in Stockport held of said John, in socage, worth yearly (clear) 100s.

The premises in Alvandley held of George Talbot, esqr., in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) £7. 7. 0.

The said John Arderne died 20 March, 1612-[13], & Henry Arderne, esqr., is his son son & heir & aged 34 years & more & the said Henry has taken the profits, &c., since his father's death.

JOHN ASTBROOKE, yeoman.

(File 98, No. 2.)

Inquisition taken at Chester in the Common Hall of Pleas of co. Chester on 9 September, 21 James I [1623], before Hugh Mainwaring, esqr., the escheator, to enquire after the death of John Astbrooke, yeoman, deceased, by the oaths of Thomas Bulkley, of Bickerton, John Edwardes, of Cheaveley, Thomas Ball of Boughton, Ranulph Maddocke, of Edge, Thomas Heath, of Egerton, Robert Walker, of Aldersey, John Horton, of same, William Helis of Newton, James Hancocke of same, Henry Phillippes, of Christleton, William Ravenscroft, of Ouleston, Edie Yewrion, of same & Ranulph Phithion of Tetton, gentlemen, who say, that long before his death, the said John Astbrooke was seised in fee of one mess., one cottage, 20 a. of land, 4 of meadow, 20 of pasture, 4 of wood in Tattenhall, rendering yearly to the lord of Tattenhall 31s. 2*d*. So seised, by feoffment dated 11 February, 1 James I [1603-4] he enfeoffed Philip Wilson, senr., William Younge, Ranulph Wilson & Philip Wilson, junr., yeomen of the same, by the name of the Jackcroftes, New Fields, New Field Meadow, two crofts by Wright's & the Birchgreane sides, to the use of himself & his issue by his wife Amye, in default of issue, to said Amye as jointure, with remainder to his right heirs.

The said John Astbrooke made his will on 23d. May last past & left the lands not conveyed to his wife, to his son & heir John, as to one third part & the residue, with his house in Chester, to his three daughters for 30 years & after to his said son John, but if John pays each of his sisters £140, then he to have the said premises. His wife Amye to have the bringing up of his children.

The said premises were held of the King, as of his crown of England by 200th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The said John Astbrooke died 1 June last past & John Astbrooke is his son & next heir by Amye, late his wife & was aged on 23 June last past, 5 years. The said Amye survives at Tattenhall.

JOHN ASTON esq.

(Fine 91, No. 1.)¹

Inquisition taken at Northwich, co. Chester 16 September, 13 James I [1615] before Sir Henry Bunbury, knt., Gilbert Ireland, esqr., Henry Maywaringe, esqr., escheator of said county & Ralph Wilbraham, esqr. feodary there, to enquire after the death of John Aston, esqr., by the oath of George Rutter, of Kingsley, Humfrey Page of Yardenhawe, John Allen of Netherwhittly, July Winington of Birches, Hugh Crosbie of Overwhittly, Richard Wright of Ashley, Gilbert Middleton of Stockton, John Longeshawe of Lachford, Richard Gannell of Appleton, James Trevett of Sproston, William Venables of same, Richard Leather of Hale, & Richard Hill of Appleton, gentlemen, who say that before the said John Aston's death, Sir Thomas Aston, knt., deceased, late father of said John, was seised in fee of 20 a. of land in Leighton in tenure of Thomas Brooke, gent., a yearly rent of 20s. in Leighton; of the manors of Aston, Middle Aston & Kekewicke & of 50 mess., 2

¹ MS. torn, words supplied from Ct. of Wards *Inq.* p.m. 65/70. Another identical Ct. of Wards *Inq.* 53/286.

dovecotes, 4 mills, 100 gardens, 600 a. of land, 300 a. of meadow, 600 a. of pasture, 200 a. of wood, 100 a. of furze & heath, 50 a. of moor, 40 a. of moss, 40 a. of turbary & 20s. rent in Aston, Middle Aston, Aston Grange, Sutton, Kekewicke, Kingsley, Newton, Froddesham, Churchminshull & Minshull Vernon & the free fishery in the water of the Weever & every part of that water belonging to the manor of Aston & by Indenture made 29 September, 9 James I [1611], between said Sir Thomas & the said John, his son & heir apparent of the 1st and 2d. parts & Sir Henry Bunbury, Knt., John Chetewood, esqr., John Holford & Ranulph Baylye, gents., of the 3rd., on the marriage of the said Thomas with Mary then his wife & on the marriage of said John & Maud, his wife, & by a fine thereof levied on 30 Sept., 9 James I [1611], the capital mess. of Hoolgreave Hall in Minshull Vernon & all the lands, &c., thereunto belonging & the mess. called Inces Farm in Minshull Vernon & all thereunto belonging & the mess. called The Twenty Acres in Minshull Vernon & all thereunto belonging & all the premises in Minshull Vernon, Church Minshull & Leighton were conveyed to the use of said Thomas, for life, with remainder to his wife, Mary, for life, with contingent remainders to the said John, Thomas Aston, gent., eldest son of said John, in tail male, to Sir Thomas & his heirs for ever; & the premises in Kekewich, called Northwood Grounds, to use of Sir Thomas, for life, with contingent remainders to said John & his wife Maud, the manors of Aston, Middle Aston & Kekewiche, the capital messuage called the Hall of Aston & the demesne lands thereunto belonging, Aston Park & the premises in Aston, Middle Aston, Sutton, Kekewiche, Froddesham, Kingsley & Newton to Sir Thomas for life, with contingent remainders to said John, and Thomas, his eldest son, in tail male.

Sir Thomas died 5 August, 11 James I [1613] at Aston, the said John then being aged 26 years & more & Mary

Aston entered into the premises before specified, as her jointure & she still survives at Hoolgreave & John entered into the lands conveyed to him & on 11 May, 13 James I [1615] made his will bequeathing to his wife, Maud as jointure the premises held by said Mary, after the death of the said Mary.

John Aston died 13 May, 13 James I [1615] at Aston & Maud entered into the premises before specified as her dower & she survives at Aston & Thomas Aston is son & next heir of said John & is now aged 14 years, 11 months, 15 days.

The manors of Aston, Middle Aston & Kekewicke & premises there & in Sutton, Froodesham, Kingsley & Newton, except premises called Northwood, remained after his father's death to said Thomas, his son & the manor of Aston was held of the King as of his Honor & Barony of Halton, by service of $\frac{1}{8}$ th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £19. 6s. 8d. The manor of Middle Aston held of the King in chief by $\frac{1}{40}$ th part of a knight's fee & yearly rent of 21s. 9d. & worth yearly (clear) £5. The manor of Kekewicke held of the king as of his Honor & Barony of Halton by 30th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £10. The premises in Kingsley held of Gilbert Gerard, K.B. & Eleanor his wife, in free & common socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 10s. The premises in Froodesham held of John Slade & Thomas Brooke, gents., as of their manor of Frodesham in bur-gage & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8d. The premises in Leighton held of the King as Earl of Chester, in chief, by 40th part of a fee & worth yearly (clear) 26s. 8d. The premises in Minshull Vernon held of Sir John Savill, knt., in free & common socage, by fealty only, worth yearly (clear) £4. 5s. 4d. & those in Church Minshull held of Sir Robert Cholmondley, Bart., as of his manor of Church Minshull, co. Chester, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 3s. 4d.

JOHN BETTSON, gent.

(File 102, No. 1.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, Chester, 11 October, 1633, before William Trafford, esqr., Thomas Bavand, esqr., Thomas Aldersey, esqr., escheator & Edward Parkinson, esqr., feodary & Richard Littler, gent., to enquire after the death of John Bettson, gent., deceased by the oath of George Bostocke, of Churton, Hugh Kerrison of Doddleston, Henry Phillipps of Christleton, William Rosingreave of Hargreave, James Hallwood of Sutton, James Hancocke of Newton, Richard Chamberleyne of Salghall, John Kettell of Burwardesley, Thomas Doe of Little Salghall, Richard Barlowe, of same, Richard Doe of same, John Ashton of Churton, John Middlehurst of Groppenhall, William Ashton of Chorleton & Robert Hinton of Rushton, gentlemen, who say that the said John Bettson was seised in fee of a messuage, 6 a. of land, 3 a. of meadow, 5 a. of pasture, in Little Neston & died thereof seised 7 February 7 Charles I [1631-2] & John Betson is his son & next heir, aged now 10 years. John Hall of Newton, gent., has occupied the same & taken the profits to the use of the said heir since the said John's death.

The said premises were held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in chief, by 60th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 3s. 4d.

ROGER BICKERTON, gent.

(File 94, No. 1.¹)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich [Wicus Malbanus], co. Cheshire, 31 March, 17 James I [1619], before William Hassall, gent., Hugh Maynwarding, esq., escheator of said county and Henry Delves, gent., feodary, of the same by virtue of the Prince's commission to them directed to enquire after the death of Roger Bickerton, gent.,

¹ Torn, words supplied from Ct. of Wards *Inq. p.m.*, 59/83.

deceased, by the oath of Thomas Brook, of Leighton, gent., Edward Bressie, of Audlem, George Cudworth, of Newhall, Robert Auger, of Auger [Alsager], John Cheswys, of Mickley, Lawrence Cotton, of Birchall, R[ichard] Grafton, of Worleston, Thomas Shenton of Stoak, Nicholas Hussye, of Baddeley, Francis Betteley of Faddeley, Robert Poole of Auger, John Scott of Checkley, Thomas Smyth of same, Thomas Shawe of Betchton, Richard Shaw of same, William Gallamore of same, & John Wright of Willaston, gentlemen, who say that before the death of the said Roger Bickerton his father, George Bickerton, now deceased, & Hugh Bickerton, brother of said Roger, were seised in fee of a mess., an orchard called the further Orchard in Townley & of a croft called the Bank Croft, 2 gardens & 2 orchards, 20 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow & 20 a. of pasture in Townley & also of a mess., a garden, 6 a. of land, 3 a. of meadow, 6 a. of pasture, 2. a. of wood in Bickerton & of the third part of a mess. in Tilston, the third part of a mess. in Wordhull the third part of a mess. in Bridgmeyre, the third part of a mess. in Blackinhall & the third part of 30 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture, 3 a. of wood & 30 a. of furze & heath in Tilston, Wordhull, Bridgmeyre, Blakinhall & Horton, co. Chester, & so being seised by their deed dated 18 July, 34 Elizabeth [1592] enfeofed Richard Maisterson, of Nantwich, Richard Walthall of Wistaston, gents., George Morrey of Allum, co. York., Richard Wixsted of Nantwich, yeomen & Richard Taylour of Horshall [?], co. Chester, yeoman, of the said premises, by name of the capital mess. in Townley wherein the said George Bickerton then dwelt, the Further Orchard in Townley adjoining the Banck Croft & a parcel of land called the Hempbutt & all other houses, lands, &c., to the same mess. belonging & 12 pastures, a croft of land & 12 meadows in Townley, called the Wall Riddinge, the " ffeild adioyning to Horshall Greene, the longe Croft, the great Calverhey, the litle

Calverhey, the neerer Micklesfield, the Higher Meadow, the moor & the Lidgley," then in the tenure of the said George Bickerton, being parcel of the demesne belonging to the said capital mess. in Bickerton, by name of a mess. wherein Alice Bostock, widow, then dwelt, & all lands, &c., thereunto belonging & the said third part of the mess. in Tilston, wherein John Rowlinson dwelt, the third part of the mess. in Wordhull then in the tenure of Thomas Bickerton, brother of said George, the third part of the mess. in Bridgmeyre then in the tenure of Thomas Bickerton, servant of said George, the third part of the mess. in Blakinhall wherein Elizabeth Morrey, widow, then dwelt & the third part of the said lands in Tilston, Wordhull, Bridgmeyre, Blakinhall & Horton, to have & to hold to the said feoffees except three pastures called the Great Calverhey, the Little Calverhey & the Neerer Micklefield to the use of Margery, then the wife of the said George, for life, in the name of her jointure with remainder to the use of said George; & George died seised thereof & Margery survived him.

They say the said George was also seised in fee of 10 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow & 10 a. of pasture in Townley, the same being held of Gilbert, Earl of Shrewsbury by fealty & rent of 6s. yearly for all services.

So being seised the said George made his will at Townley 29 August, 34 Elizabeth [1592] bequeathing to his wife Margery, a mess. in Newhall called Dodds House & all thereunto belonging, in the tenure of said George Bickerton & Phillip Dodd, for her life & after her death to his younger sons, Richard & Arthur Bickerton, with remainder to the testator's right heirs.

George Bickerton died at Townley & Margery entered into the same & still survives.

They say the premises in Townley were held as before-said & are worth yearly (clear) 40s. & after the death of the said George, the reversion descended to a certain Hugh

Bickerton, now deceased, as son & heir of said George & Roger Bickerton, named in the commission, is brother & heir of said Hugh, the latter dying without issue.

The said Roger was seised in fee of 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow & 20 a. of pasture in Townley & a mess., 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture & 2 a. of wood in Newhall, & of 2 parts in three divided of 4 mess., 30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture, 3 a. of wood & 26 a. of furze & heath in Tylston, Wordhull, Bridgmeyre & Horton & so seised by his deed bearing date 24 August, 42 Elizabeth [1600], demised to a certain Thomas Bickerton a mess. in Wordhull & all the lands thereunto belonging, for the term of his life & those of John & Richard Bickerton, brothers of Thomas & by deed bearing date 9 December, 30 Eliz. [1596] demised to John Noden a mess. in Blakenhall & the lands thereunto appertaining, from the death of a certain Elizabeth Morrey, still surviving, for 21 years, & by deed bearing date 22 June, 9 James I [1611] demised to a certain Thomas Bickerton, still surviving, a mess. in Bridgmeyre & all lands thereunto appertaining; & by his deed bearing date 10 June, 14 James I [1616] demised to his natural son, Thomas Bickerton a mess. in Bridgmeyre, in the tenure of a certain Thomas Bickerton of Bridgmeyre aforesaid & all lands thereunto belonging, from the death of the said Thomas Bickerton of Bridgmeyre for 60 years then following & said Thomas, natural son of Roger, survives; by his deed bearing date 4 June 16 James I [1618], he gave to Mathew Bickerton, son of said Roger & Mary, his wife, £5 a year to be paid out of his premises in Townley, Egerton, Bickerton, Tylston & Horton, after the deaths of said Roger & Margery, mother of said Roger & now the wife of Humfrey Newton, gent.; by his deed, bearing date 4 June, 16 James I [1618] he gave to his son, Samuel Bickerton £5 out of the lands aforesaid in like manner & to his son, William, the like.

The said Roger died at Townley 8 January last past

& George Bickerton is his son & heir & aged 15 years, 7 months & more.

They say that the said George, before Roger's death & with his consent, on 4th January last past took to wife Elizabeth, daughter of John Cartwright, gent., & the said Elizabeth now survives at Townley.

The said premises in Townley held of John, earl of Bridgewater by fealty & rent of 6s. yearly & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The premises in Newhall held of the king in chief by rooth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 22s.

The premises in Wordhull held of Richard Wilbraham, knt., by fealty & rent of 4s. & worth yearly (clear) 17s.

The premises in Blakenhull held of Thomas Delves, knt., by homage & service of 1*d.* & worth yearly (clear) 17s.

The premises in Bickerton held of Rowland Egerton, knt. & bart., by rent of a red rose at the feast of St. John the Baptist & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

The premises in Bridgmere held of Peter Venables of Kynderton, esqr., by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 2s. 6*d.*

The premises in Tylston held of William Brereton, knt., as of his manor or barony of Malpas, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 2s. 6*d.*

HENRY BIRKENHEAD, sen., esq. of Backford.

(File 90, No. 8.)¹

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle in the Common Hall of Pleas there, 12 January, 11 James I [1613-14] before Sir Henry Bunbury, knt., Henry Maynwaring, Esqr., escheator, Ralph Wilbraham, esqr., feodary, & Richard Browne, esqr. to enquire after the death of Henry Birkenhead, senr., esqr., by the oath of John Hockenhull, of Hockenhull, William Meoles of Wallizey, esqrs., John Litherland of Poulton, Hugh Massey of

¹ MS. torn and of Ct. of Wards *Inq. p.m.*, 48/45, only a fragment extant.

Egerley, John Edwards of Chev[el]ey, William Davenport of Boughton, Thomas Ball, Thomas Richardson, of same, John Cotton of Huntington, Richard Coventree of Mollington, William Rosengreave of Waverton, James Doe of Saughall, Thomas Barlowe & Richard Chamberleyne of same, gentlemen, who say that before his death the same Henry & Elizabeth, his wife, by a certain assurance in law, were seised of the manor of Backford & of 13 mess., 6 cottages, 70 a. of land, 16 a. of meadow . . . of pasture, 10 a. of wood, 100 a. of moor & 60 a. of furze & heath in Backford, & of 2 mess., 8 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 6 a. of pasture in Brombrough, the said Henry in fee & the same Elizabeth, as free tenant for life.

He was also seised, long before his death, of a mess. in Backford, late in the tenure of George Smarte & of 1 . . a. of land, thereunto belonging; of 4 parcels of land in Chorlton *alias* Charlton, whereof one called the Horsty Haye, two called . . . & the other Carters Mosse, the said parcels containing about 11 a.; of the moiety of a mess., 15 a. of land in Backford, late in the tenure of Miles Hynde & of a yearly rent of 3s. 6d. (issuing from 17 selions) in a field in Backford called Medowe Hey, containing about 10 selions of land, next the field of Ranulph Poole, clerk; of 3 selions of land in said field of the yearly value of 18d. Also of a yearly rent of 6s. 8d together with homages & services thereunto belonging issuing from a pasture or close called Jones Fields in Huxley; of a mess., 10 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 6 a. of pasture, 6 a. of heath in Newton by Tattenhall; of a mess., 6 a. of land, 1 a. of meadow, 2 a. of pasture in Siddenhall in the vill or manor of Tattenhall.

The said Henry & Elizabeth being seised as aforesaid, a fine was levied in the Queen's court at Chester, 4 April, 39 Elizabeth [1597] before Sir Richard Shuttleworth, knt., justice & Henry Towndshend, esqr., justice, between Thomas Holcroft, Thomas Wilbraham, Ralph Egerton,

Thomas Bunbury, Thomas Marbury & Lawrence Wright, gents., plaintiffs & said Henry & Elizabeth, deforciant, of the said manor of Backford & the premises thereunto belonging & of 26 mess., one dovecot, 30 gardens, 500 a. of land, 200 a. of meadow, 500 a. of pasture, 100 a. of wood, 1000 a. of furze & heath & 50s rent in Backford, Bromborowe, Chorlton, & Newton by Tattenhall, which fine was levied to the uses of an Indenture bearing date 3 September, 38 Eliz. [1596] made between Thomas Dutton, son & heir apparent of John Dutton, esqr. & Thomasine, his wife, of the 1st part, the said Henry Birkenhead, of the 2nd. part & the said plaintiffs of the 3rd., which said fine was of the premises the said Henry bought of Miles Hynde in Backford & of an oxgang of land in the Bridge Meadow, a meadow called the Crosse Pitt Hey & one called Uppermost Meadow, & mess. & lands in Backford in the several tenures of Robert Moores, Hugh Morrey, clerk, Thomas Whitfield, James Higson, Anne Busshell, widow, Richard Hamnett, Robert Daggett, William Yorkin, Thomas Wilkinson, Richard Tottye & Margery Bennett, widow; 2 mess. in Newton by Tattenhall & Siddenhall, lands in the several tenures of William Joneson & Joan Marshe, widow, pastures called the Moores & Hickfield Dunne in Newton in Newton, settling the same on said Henry & Elizabeth, his wife, & the survivor of them & after their deaths on Henry, son & heir of said Henry the elder & his male issue by¹ . . . Singleton, now his wife, in default to the heirs male of said Henry, the son, with contingent remainders to Thomas, son of said Henry the elder, in tail male, to his other son, George, in tail male, to said Henry's heirs male; as to the Old Hall of Backford & all thereunto belonging & lands called The Sounds, the Higher Gorst Hills, the Lower Gorst Hills, the Sounds Croft, the Great Collyage, the Little Collyage, the Long Collinge, The Furthest Acres, The Furthest Acres but

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One, The Middle Acres, The Lowest Acres or Vicars Acres, The Foxe Acres, The Mossy Butt Crofte, The Mossy Butt Meadow, The Newe Haye, The Greets, The Bridge Meadows, The two oxen of Meadow, The Vicars Meadow, The Meadow next above the Vicars Meadow, the intack in the tenure of James Higson, the meadow next the highest Meadow, land in the tenure of Mrs. Owen, widow & all other premises in Backford & lands in the tenure of Mrs. Davye, widow, John Kirke, . . . Fisher, . . . Patricke & George Smarley, all other premises in Brombrough & a windmill in Backford, to the use of Henry Birkenhed, senr. until Christmas next following the date of the indenture & then to the use of Alice Singleton, now the wife of Henry Birkenhed, junr., for life, with contingent remainders to her said husband, & their male issue, the heirs male of said Henry, junr., to the said Thomas & George, in tail male; As to Backford Heath, containing about 40 a. & messuages, &c. in Backford, in the tenure of William Deane, to the use of said Alice, with remainders as above.

Henry Birkenhead, senr., died 7 March, 10 James I [1612-13] at Chester & Elizabeth, his wife, Henry, his son & Alice wife of Henry, the son, survive at Chester, & Henry Birkenhed, the son, is next heir, now aged 30 years.

The manor of Backford & premises there, late the heritage of Robert Parre, gent., deceased, were held of the King, as of his earldom of Chester, by tenth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £5. 6s. 8d.

The mess., &c. in Bromburgh held of the Dean & Chapter of Chester, in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The premises in Chorlton held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, in socage & by rent of 2s. 6d. a year, worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The premises in Newton by Tattenhall, held of Ralph Egerton, esqr., as of his manor of Tattenhall by rooth

part of a fee, & suit at his said manor, & 10*d.* rent a year & services called Castlework & Millwork & worth yearly (clear) 10*s.*

Premises in Siddenhall held of Ralph Egerton, esqr., as of his said manor, in socage, by suit of court & 6*d.* rent & said services yearly, worth yearly (clear) 7*s.*

GEORGE BLACKAMORE, of Over.

(File 91, No. 8.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, co. Chester, 28 January, 14 James I [1616-17], before Henry Maynwaring esqr., the King's esheator there, to enquire after the death of George Blackamore, deceased, by the oath of Humfrey Page of Yardshawe, John Roade of Walhill, John Piggott of Somerforde, James Trevett of Sproston, William Venables of same, Ranulph Phitheon of Tetton, Hugh Venables of Wimbaldesley, John Kinsey of the same, Arthur Joynson of Wareton, James Bradshawe of Allostocke, Reginald Finlowe of Holme Walfield, Hugh Wardle of Eaton, Edward Lownes of the same, Urian Oakes of the same, John Oakes of the same, Hugh Snelson of Astle & William Austen of Stanthorne, gentlemen, who say that the said George was seised in fee of a mess., with the appurtenances, an orchard, 30 a. of land, or thereabouts, 2 a. of meadow, & 40 a. of pasture in Over & Whitegate; & of another mess. or burgage in Over, in the tenure of Arthur Bower.

They say the premises in Over & Whitegate are held of the King in chief by the thousandth part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 13*s.* 4*d.*; they do not know of whom or how the said burgage in Over is held nor what it is worth.

The said George died 11 July, 13 James I [1615] & Arthur Blackamor is his son & next heir & now aged 18 years, 6 months.

Arthur Barker, junior, of Over, yeoman, has taken the

issues & profits of the said premises since George's death & still takes the same.

HENRY BARLOWE, of Mottram Andrewe, gent.

(File 99, No. 13.)

Inquisition taken at Northwich, 14 April, 4 Charles I [1628], before Hugh Mainwaring, esqr., escheator, Thomas Brown, esq., feodary and Edward Calveley, gent., to enquire after the death of Henry Barlowe, late of Mottram Andrewe, gent., by the oath of Thomas Broocke, of Leighton, Robert Alger [Alsager] of Alger, John Anderton of Croxton, Paul Winington of Birches, Robert Poole of Alger, Hugh Whitney, of Coole, Alexander Duncalfe of Mobberley, Edward Bressie, of Audlem, John Cheswys of Mickley, George Steele of Churchcoppen Hall, Thomas Scot of Checkley, Andrew Burton of Over, Richard Whittingham of same, Ralph Maddock of same, Robert Holforde of Lostockgralem, Thomas Barker of Over, Hugh Venables of Wimboldsley, John Wynington of Leftwiche, John Bosier of Over & George Bradford of Shipbrooke, gentlemen, who say the said Henry Barlowe the day he died was seised in fee of the moiety of a mess. in Mottram Andrewe & the lands, &c. thereunto belonging & of the moiety of 40 a. of land, 12 a. of meadow, 50 a. of pasture, 4 a. of wood, 20 a. of common pasture, turbary & moss in Mottram Andrewe & the reversion of the other moiety of the mess. & lands after the death of Margaret Barlowe, widow.

All the said premises were held of Hugh Calveley, of Lea, co. Chester, esqr., being within age & in the King's custody, as of his manor of Mottram Andrewe, by payment of two gauntlets for all services & are worth yearly (clear) £5.

The said Henry Barlowe died 31 July, 22 James I [1624] & Henry Barlowe is his son & next heir & is now aged 21 years, 7 weeks & 4 days.

Margery Barlowe, widow, had a moiety of the said premises from said Henry's death until the feast of the Purification of the Virgin then next following & Henry Malbon, gent., from said feast had 2 parts of said Margery's moiety & Margery a third part until the holding of this inquisition & Margaret Barlowe widow held the other moiety. Henry Malbon, Margery Barlowe, widow & Margaret Barlowe widow, survive at Northwich aforesaid.

DANIEL BAVAND, esq.

(File 99. No. 11.)

Inquisition taken at Northwich, 8 January, 3 Charles I [1627-8] before John Mynshull, esqr., Thomas Powell, esqr., Hugh Wainwaring, esqr., escheator & Thomas Browne, esqr., feodary, to enquire after the death of Daniel Bavand, esqr., deceased, by the oath of Thomas Brownfeild, George Bradford, Hugh Venables, Ralph Wrench, Thomas Burrowes, William Ravenscroft, Andrew Burton, Robert Holford, Roger Paver, Robert Whittingham, Thomas Barker, Ralph Maddock, John Wynnyngton, Arthur Johnson, Thomas Neild, Ralph Bostock, Ralph Blease, & William Tomlynson, gentleman, who say the said Daniel Bavand was seised in fee of the manor of Brombrough, with appurtenances in Brombrough, Hargrave & Bebington, of a mess. & 5 a. of land adjoining, in Brombrough, in the tenure of Richard Bircles; of another mess. & 7 a. of land there in the tenure of Robert Stockley, late bought by said Daniel of Henry Birkenhead, esqr., of a parcel of land called Pinfold Hey in Handbridge in the county of the city of Chester, late bought of John Poole, gent. & in the tenure of Edward Whitby Esqr., of divers lands, about 26 a. in Handbridge in the tenures of William Sparke, Lawrence Fletcher, Thomas Fletcher, Ranulph Holmes, John Pickeviant & Alice Bolland; of a close of land of 2 a. in the parish of St. John Baptist, Chester, near the Barres there, late Michael Bavand's & late in the

tenure of John Milner, now of Edward Bathoe; of a mess. in Eastgate Street, city of Chester, parish of St. Peter there, late Michael Bavand's, in the tenure of William Poole; of a parcel of pasture called Sprags Croft *alias* Hey, about 2 a. in Handbridge, city of Chester, bought of John Poole, gent., in tenure of John Pickeviant; of a parcel of land in Northgate Street, Chester, in the tenure of Thomas Knolles.

So being seised, Daniel Bavand died 9 January, 22 James I [1624-5] & Richard Bavand is his son & heir & at his father's death was aged 16 years, 4 months, 12 days.

The said manor of Brombrough was held of James, King of England, as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, in free socage by fealty & yearly rent of £21. 11s. 7d. payable to the Dean & Chapter of Chester, & is now held of King Charles in like manner & worth yearly (clear) 21s. 8d.

The premises in Brombrough in tenure of Richard Birches held of the King by 100th part of a knight's fee, in chief, & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8d. The mess. there in the tenure of Robert Stockley, tenure unknown, & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8d.

Pynfold Hey held of the King in chief by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 2s.

The premises in Handbridge held of George, Earl of Shrewsbury as of his manor of Claverton, in free socage by fealty, worth yearly (clear) 3s. 4d.

The close by the Barres, Chester & the mess. in Eastgate Street held of the mayor & citizens of Chester in free burgage, by fealty only, & worth yearly (clear) 3s. 4d.

Sprags Croft, tenure unknown, worth yearly (clear) 12d.

The premises in Northgate Street held of the said mayor, worth yearly (clear) 6d.

Elizabeth Bavand, widow of the said Daniel, survives & has the third part of the said manor & premises in dower & has taken the profits of the premises since said Daniel's death.

RICHARD BAVAND, of Chester, gent.

(File 98, No. 15.)

Inquisition taken at the city of Chester, in the Common Hall of Pleas, there, 8 April, 22 James I [1624], before John Brerton, mayor & escheator & Peter Daniel, esqr., feodary, & Hugh Manwaring, esqr., by virtue of a commission, after the death of Richard Bavand, late of said city, gentleman, deceased, by oath of Richard Fletcher, glover, Thomas Weston, glover, William Whitle, tanner, Ranulph Finchet, clothworker, Rice Leicester, mercer, John Aldersey, ironmonger, William Higgenson, innholder, John Levesley, innholder, Thomas Aldersey, merchant, Thomas Cowper, ironmonger, John Blanchard, beer brewer, William Hignet, butcher, Griffin Edwards, goldsmith, William Jones, linendraper & Thomas Walsh, junr., "cowper," who say a certain Ranulph Blamville, late of Chester, alderman, long before his death, was seised in fee of half a close called Pinfold Hey in Hanbridge, county of city of Chester & on 26 February, 1571, made his will, bequeathing the same to his daughter Jane Bavand, wife of Richard Bavand abovesaid and the heirs of their bodies whereby the said Richard & Jane Bavand were seised of the same. They had issue amongst others, John Bavand, their eldest son. Jane Bavand died 10 April, 1602, at Chester & her said husband survived & was seised thereof & died 27 August, 1603, at Chester & the same descended to his son, John Bavand, who died 14 November, 1621, at Chester & the same descended to his son & heir, Thomas Bavand.

The said Richard was seised of the manor of Brombrough, & of 40 mess., 40 cottages, 20 tofts, 20 gardens, 200 a. of land, 200 a. of meadow, 20 of pasture, 100 of wood, 20 of furze & heath, 10 of moor, 10 of turf, in Brombrough, Hargrave & Bebington.

He was also seised of divers parcels of land, structures, &c. . belonging to a certain capital mess. in the Northgate

Street, Chester & of a mess. in Goslane there, late in the tenure of Thomas Mylne, haberdasher, & of 2 other mess. in said lane, late in the tenure of Katherine Cowper, widow, & of a mess., garden & brewhouse in Watergate Street, Chester, late in the tenure of William Ratcliffe, & of a mess. in Blackfriar Lane, Chester in ten. of Ellen Moyle, widow, a mess. in the Roodeye beyond the Watergate in tenure of Ellis Johnes & Edw. Wright, a capital mess. in Watergate Street, next the High Crosse, in tenure of Henry Manwarynge, James Annyon, John Leonard, Thos. Vyer & Wm. Newhall, seven shops in Watergate Street, a mess. in Northgate Street, in tenure of Richard Bavand, Lewis Roberts & Alice Edwards, widow, a mess. in Eastgate Street, in tenure of Lewis Johnes, a yearly rent of 20*d.* in said city, a mess. in Northgate Street in tenure of Henry Bunbury, knt., a mess. in Eastgate Street, in tenure of William Hunt, a mess. in Goslane, in ten. of John Sconce, a garden in Watergate Street, in ten. of Rich. Knee, a close next the Barrs, in Chester, in tenure of John Mylner, deceased, a mess. in Eastgate Street, in ten. of Kath. Mercer, widow, a cottage in the Isle of Mone a cellar next the High Crosse, Chester, & divers lands & tenements in Handbridge & Claverton, a meadow next Flowkersbrook & a parcel of land in Spittlefield, 2 orchards in the county of the city of Chester.

He made his will 19 August, 1603, bequeathing to his son, Daniel, his manor of Brombrough & all his lands there & in Bebington & Hargrave, and his dwelling house in Northgate Street, Chester. To his son, John, he bequeathed a tenement in Chester in the tenure of Thomas Mylner, haberdasher, with remainder to Elizabeth, wife of said John & after to Thomas, eldest son of said John, & to said Thomas & his brother Robert, mess. in Goslane, Blackfriars Lane, the Roodeye & Watergate Street, the capital mess. near the High Cross & all the shops, & thereunto belonging, mess. in Northgate Street & Eastgate

Street & without the North Gate they paying the wife of Thomas Lynyall £5. a year for life, at their ages of 21. To his servant, William Hunt, a mess. in Eastgate Street, where said Hunt now dwells for 10 years, with reversion to testator's son, Randle Bavand in tail male & a house & garden in Watergate Street to said Randle. To testator's son, Michael Bavand, the close near the Bars of Chester & a mess. in Eastgate Street. To his servants, Thomas Allerton & Alice Lurkie the tavern near the High Cross for 10 years. To his son, Daniel Bavand, all lands in the manors of Handbridge & Claverton, to son John Bavand, £6. 13s. 4d. a year for life & after his death to his wife Elizabeth & to said John, the meadow near Flookerbrook, Chester & land in Spittlefield & barns in Cow Lane & at the Horsesacks [?].

The said John entered into the said premises bequeathed to him & held same from time of Richard's death until he, the said John, died 14 November, 1621, when the same descended to Thomas, son of said John.

The said Thomas Bavand is next of kin & heir to said Richard, being son of John, son of Richard & is aged 26 years, 10 months.

After Richard's death, Daniel Bavand entered into the manor of Brombrough & premises there & in Bebington & Hargrave, Handbridge & Claverton & Thomas & Robert entered into the premises bequeathed to them & a certain William Bavand entered into the premises bequeathed to Ranulph Bavand from the time of the death of said Ranulph. And Michael Bavand entered into the premises bequeathed to him and held the same until his death, when Daniel Bavand entered upon the same. Thomas Gannell [? Gamul] the executor, entered upon premises & took the profits until 20 August, 1613, when he died since which time Thomas Jones has taken the same & Thomas Gannell took the profits of the Pinfoldhey until he died, when Alice, wife of Edward Whitby, esqr. took them until 8 April, 1617, & then the said Edward.

The said Pinfoldhey was held of the King in chief by rooth part of a knight's fee & is worth (clear) 2s. a year.

The manor of Brombrough & the premises there & in Bebington & Hargrave held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, in free socage, by fealty only & not in chief & worth yearly (clear) £6.

The premises in the city of Chester held of the mayor & citizens of that city in free burgage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 3s. 4d.

The premises in Handbridge & Claverton, except the Pinfoldhey, tenure unknown to jurors, worth yearly (clear) 3s. 4d.

HUGH BEESTON, esq., of Beeston.

(File 98. No. 3.)¹

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, co. Chester, 2 April, 15 James I [1617], before Henry Manwayringe, esqr., the escheator & Ralph Wilbraham, esqr., feodary of the said county by the oath of Edward Cotton of Cotton, esqr., Thomas Baskerville of Withington, gent., Thomas Brooke, of Leighton, Humfrey Page of Yardshawe, John Chewes of Mickley, John Aston of Aston, Ralph Bostock, of Moulton, Thomas Deane, of Churchulme, Thomas Woodcocke, of same, James Bradshawe of Allestocke, William Venables of Sproston, Philip Downes of Toft, Edmund Hone of Ollerton, John Ravenscroft of Ocleston, Hugh Venables of Wimbaldsley, William Austen of Stantherne & Oliver Vernon of Middlewich, gentlemen, who say that the said Hugh Beeston was seised the day he died in fee tail, that is, to him & the heirs male of the body of Sir George Beeston, knt., deceased, late father of said Hugh, of the manor of Beeston & of a watermill in Beeston, one mess., 16 a. of land & of the site of one watermill in Teverton; of a mess., 10 a. of land in Pickton, of 4 a. of land in Newton by Frodesham, of the moiety of the

¹ MS. torn, words supplied from Ct. of Wards *Inq. p.m.*, 51/39.

manor of Hellesbie, of 2 mess., 30 a. of land, 8 of meadow & 30 of pasture in Alpram, of a mess., 20 a. of land, 6 of meadow & 20 of pasture in Onston; of 3 mess., 11 a. of land, 4 of meadow & 11 of pasture in Kingsley & a yearly rent of 12*d.* issuing from tenements in Kingsley formerly in the tenure of Ranulph Key & of a certain yearly rent of 2*s.* issuing from tenements in Kingsley, formerly in the tenure of Roger Waerton; of a mess., 3 a. of land, 3 a. of pasture in Norley. So being seised the said Hugh died thereof seised.

The manor of Beeston & water mill there were held of Sir William Brereton, of Brereton, knight, & now of Sir Edward Sutton, knt., late lord Dudley & Baron of Malpas, as of his barony of Malpas, by service unknown to the jurors, & worth yearly (clear) £11. 13*s.*

The premises in Teverton held of William Davenport, of Bromehall, esqr., service unknown & worth yearly (clear) 16*s.*; those in Newton held of the King, as of the Earldom of Chester, in chief by 10th part of one knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 6*s.*; the moiety of the manor of Hellesbie, held of the King in like manner & worth yearly (clear) £8. 13*s.* 4*d.*, the premises in Alpram held partly of John Done, esqr., in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 19*s.* & partly of the King, as of the Priory of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, late dissolved, in socage, by free rent of 6*d.* a year & worth yearly (clear) 24*s.* 8*d.*, those in Onston held of the King, as of the Earldom of Chester by service of 40th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 43*s.*; those in Kingsley & Norley held in like manner & worth yearly (clear) 25*s.*

The said Hugh Beeston died 3 May, 6 James I [1608] & Sir Hugh Beeston [*sic*]. is his brother & next heir & at the time of the taking of this Inquisition aged 60 years & more.

EDWARD BELLOTT, esq. of Moreton.

(File 97. No. 1.)¹

Inquisition taken at . . . 28 March, 21 James I [1623] before Hugh Mainwaringe, esqr., escheator to enquire after the death of Edward Bellott, esqr., by the oath of Humphrey Page, of Herdshawe, John Eaton of Blackden, John Anderton of Croxton, Hugh Wardle of Eaton, John Reade of Walhill, John Pigott of Somerford, James Treuitt of Sprouston, William Venables of same, Hugh Venables of Wimboldsley, John Kinsey of same, Ralph Wrenche, of Moulton, George Bradford of Shipbroock, [Shipbrooke], Thomas Neilden of Shurlache, Ralph Blease, of Shebworke, Oliver Lockett of Sandbache, Thomas Burrowes of Clyve & Arthur Johnson of . . . gentlemen, who say that the said Edward Bellott was seised in fee of the manor of Moreton, with members in Moreton & of 9 mess., 20 a. of land, 20 a. of pasture, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of wood & 30 a. of furze & heath in Moreton; of a cottage & 4 parcels of land in Newbolde, containing about 10 a., a selion of land in Congleton; 2 mess., 20 a. of land, 1 a. of meadow & 15 a. of pasture & 4 a. of wood in Hunckley within the manor of Bromfield in co. Denbigh, a cap. mess. called Burton and lands in Burton & Llay within the manor of Bromfield aforesaid and about 15a. wood, furze & heath, another capital messuage called Croshowell in Burton & 20 a. of land, 20 a. of pasture, 5 a. of meadow, 6 a. of wood, 10 a. of furze & heath, in said manor, 13 mess., 20 a. of land, 20 a. of pasture, 5 a. of meadow, 6 of wood, 10 a. of furze in Bromefield manor, 3 parcels of land & wood in Burton, in the tenure of John ap Edwards, containing about 6 a. & certain parcels of land in Acton, within the manor of Bromefield, co. Denbigh, in the tenure of Edmond Price, containing about 15 acres of land, 10 a. of pasture, 5 a. of meadow & 6 a. of furze & heath.

¹ Very illegible in parts as is the Ct. of Wards *inq.* 51/39.

So being seised the said Edward died 7 August last past & John Bellott, esqr. is his son & next heir aged 28 years & more.

The said manor of Moreton & premises there were held of Peter Venables, esqr. by 2*d.* rent yearly, services unknown & worth yearly (clear) £6.

The premises in Newbolde held of same by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 8s.

The selion in Congleton held of the king in free burgage, as of his Honor of Halton, parcel of the Duchy of Lancaster, worth yearly (clear) 1*d.*

The messuages in Hunckley held of the king in chief by 5th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The cap. mess. called Burton worth yearly (clear) 40s., tenure unknown; the cap. mess. called Croshawell & lands, &c., worth yearly (clear) 30s., tenure unknown; 13 mess. & land in Bromefield manor worth yearly (clear) 40s., tenure unknown; 3 parcels of land in Burton worth yearly (clear), 3s. & premises in Acton, 8s., tenures unknown.

THOMAS BENNET, of Newton in Wirral, gent.

(File 87. No. 7.)

Inquisition taken at Northwiche, 29 October, 3 James I [1605], before Henry Mainwaring, esqr., escheator, to enquire after the death of Thomas Bennet, late of Newton in Wirral, deceased, by the oath of John Wrenche, of Shurlache, Humfrey Page of Yearedshawe, John Eaton of Sandywaie, Robert Pickmeyre of Hulse, George Rutter of Kingsley, John Ravinscroft of Occleston, Thomas Hatton of Kingsley, John Bennet of Saugham, Roger Neild of Shurlache, William Ball of Irby, John Blease of Shipbrooke, & William Litler, of Barnton, who say that the said Thomas was seised in fee of a mess. in Newton & of 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture & 6 a. of common of turbary & heath in Newton.

The said premises worth yearly (clear) 20s. & held of the King in chief by service of 100th part of a knight's fee.

The said Thomas died 26 November, last past at Newton & Thomas Bennet is his son & next heir & was aged 2 years on 31 January last past.

THOMAS BLACKBURNE, gent. of Latchford.

(File 102. No. 2.)¹

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, co. Chester, 10 September, 9 Charles I [1633] before Thomas Aldersey, esqr., escheator, to enquire after the death of Thomas Blackburne, gent., deceased, by the oath of Edmund Mouldsworth of Nuneham, William Morris of Gropenhall, Richard Rycroft, of same, Richard Grimsditch of Appleton, William Sotherne, of same, William Middleton of Stockton, John Hatton of Lachford, Thomas Langshaw, John Middlehurst, junr., of same, Thomas Massie of Walton, John Forde of same, Thomas Noate of Appleton, John Hatton of same, Thomas Carker of Walton, William Rossingreave of Hargreave, Richard Steele of Reddish & William Drinkwater of Statham, gentlemen, who say that the said Thomas Blackburne, the day he died, was seised in fee of the moiety of the manor of Latchford, with the appurtenances & of a mess. called the Bridge-end House in Latchford & of 15 a. of land thereunto belonging & of a yearly rent of 1*d.* issuing from lands there, now in the tenure of John Middlehurst, junr., also of 2 weirs in the water of the Mersey & 6 free fisheries in that water & the attachment making the said weirs & the liberties thereof on both sides the water in cos. Chester & Lancaster & of the liberty of anchorage & arrival of navigable boats loading & unloading in all places in co. Chester in & upon the river of Mersey from the bridge called Warrington Bridge to the sea; of a barn & half an acre of land called the Paddocks adjoining the river Mersey in Latchford;

¹ Torn, words supplied from Ct. of Wards *Inq. p.m.*, 86/243.

of the moiety of 120 a. of common & 120 a. of furze & heath in Latchford & 12 a. of turbary & the herbage of a lane [*venella*] leading from Warrington Bridge towards Wilderspoole as far as Hattons Pingott in Latchford & the liberty of digging in the said lane.

He was also seised of the moiety of a mess. & 12 a. of land thereunto belonging, in the tenure of John Hatton, in Latchford, & the moiety of another mess. & 20 a. of land there in the tenure of Robert Pierson, the moiety of a mess., 14 a. of land thereunto belonging in the tenure of said Thomas Blackburne & Robert Pierson in Latchford & the moiety of a mess. & 14 a. of land there in the tenure of William Heyward, & a mess. & 8 a. of land there in the tenure of Thomas Middlehurst; & of the moiety of a mess. or cottage & 3 perches of land there in the tenure of William Highfield & the moiety of another mess. & 12 a. of land in Gropenhall in the tenure of Thomas Devyes 1½ a. of land, called the Armitage Yard, & the Warth in Stockton, in the tenure of William Middleton, of a mess. or cottage & 3 a. of land in Over Whitly, in the tenure of John Newhall; of 5 a. of land in Hull in Appleton called Denhall or Woodhey, late in the tenure of said Thomas Blackburne.

The said moiety of the manor of Latchford & premises there were held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by service of 40th part of one knight's fee, & worth yearly (clear) 29s.

The premises in Over Whitly held of the King, as of his manor of Halton, in free & common socage, by rent of 8*d.* yearly [no value given] & the premises in Gropenhall, Stockton & Hull in Appleton are of the clear yearly value of 20*d.*, tenure unknown.

Thomas Blackburne died 31 March last past, 9 Charles I [1633] & Thomas Blackburne is his son & next heir, now aged 4 years, 2 months, 7 days & not more.

HENRY BOLDE, esq. of Upton.

(File 94. No. 2.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, in the Common Hall of Pleas there on 18 September, 17 James I [1619] before Henry Bunbury, knt., Hugh Maynwaringe, esq., escheator & Henry Delves, gent., feodary of co. Chester, by virtue of a commission to them directed, to enquire after the death of Henry Bold, late of Upton, esqr., deceased by the oath of John Edwardes of Cheaveley, John Cotton of Huntington, John Astbrooke of Tattenhall, William Rosingreave, of Wareton, William Burgenye of Pulford, John Manley of Poulton, William Helye of Newton, James Hancocke of same, Henry Phillips of Christleton, Thomas Barlowe of Saughall, Richard Chamberleyne of the same, Robert Barlowe of the same & John Bennet of Willaston, gentlemen, who say that before his death the said Henry was seised in fee of the manor of Upton & of a capital mess. called the Hall of Upton & of 9 mess., a windmill, 40 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture & 40 a. of moor & heath in Upton aforesaid & of a view of frankpledge & all thereunto belonging, held twice a year in Upton, with chattels of felons & fugitives if such chattels seised by his servants before they were seised by the servants of the Earl of Chester, & of waifs, strays, wreck & deodands & that the men & all tenants of the said manor & all residing there are & ought to be quit of the suit of the county, hundred "wyche mote" & of the sheriffs' aids & of & upon assize & summons & of all pleas & suits, except pleas belonging to the Sword of the Earl of Chester & that he & all tenants within the manor aforesaid & all resident there are quit of murage of the city of Chester & of & in sac, soc, toll & theame & infangtheiffe & the liberty of "duell" to have in his Court within the said manor; & judgment of fire & water there & to have there three sergeants of peace & drink for the same sergeants within the said manor,

and also to have tolls of all men & all tenants of the said manor & of all resident there for the whole county of Chester as well within the fairs as without & close of hey, scyriffe tothe, streetward, revegold & ffrithmote within the said manor. And of & in the moiety of one acre of meadow in Saughall Massie. And of & in 30 a. of land in Arrowe.

The said manor with all the appurtenances held of the Lord Prince, as of his County of Chester by the 8th part of a knight's fee & is worth yearly (clear) £10.

The moiety of the a. in Saughall Massie held of the same Lord, as of his county of Chester, by 100th part of a fee & worth yearly (clear), 3s.

The 30 a. in Arrow held in like manner of said Lord by 40th part of a fee & worth yearly (clear), 10s.

The said Henry died 5 April, 15 James I [1617] & Peter Boulde esqr. is his son & next heir & is now aged 28 years & more; the said Peter has taken the issues & profits of the said premises since the time of his father's death.

PETER BOLD, of Upton, esq.

(File 90. No. 9.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle in the Common Hall of Pleas, 11 January, 11 James I [1613-14], before Henry Bunbury, knt., Henry Mainwaringe, esqr., the King's escheator there, John Griffin, esqr., Edward Glegge, esqr., & Ralph Wilbraham, gent., the King's feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Peter Bold, esqr., deceased, by the oath of John Hockenhull of Hockenhull & William Meoles of Wallizey, esqrs., John Litherland of Pulton, Hugh Massey of Egerley, John Edwardes of Cheveley, William Davenport of Boughton, Thomas Ball of same, Thomas Richardson of same, John Cotton of Huntington, Richard Coventree of Mollington, William Rosengreve of Waverton, James Doe of Saughall, Thomas Barlowe of same & Richard Chomber-

leyne of same, gentlemen, who say that Larence Bold, of Upton gent., uncle of the said Peter, was seised in fee of the manor of Upton, with the appurtenances, & of a capital mess. called the Hall of Upton & of 9 other mess., a windmill, 400 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 400 a. of pasture & 40 a. of heath & furze in Upton & of the view of frankpledge & all thereunto appertaining held twice a year in Upton & to have there chattels of felons & fugitives if the goods were seised by his servants before being seised by the servants of the Earl of Chester & of waifs, strays, wrecks & deodands & goods & chattels beyond the possession of such found within the said manor & also that he & the men & all holding of the said manor & all residing there be & ought to be quit of suit of the county, hundred & wiche mote & of sheriffs' aids & of assize & upon assize & of summons; & also of all pleas & suits except pleas belonging to the sword of the Earl of Chester, & that he & all tenants within the same manor & all dwelling there be quit of murage of the city of Chester; & of & in sack, sock, toll & themme & infengthieffe & the liberties of duell to have in his court within his said manor, & judgment of fire & water there & to have there three sergeants of peace & the drink of the same sergeants within the manor & also to have tolls of all men & all holding of the said manor & of all residing there for the whole county of Chester as well within the fairs as without & close of hey, sheriff toth, ward, revegeld & frithmote within the said manor.

The said Lawrence was also seised in fee of the vill of Frankby & of 7 mess., one cottage, 300 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture & 100 a. of heath in Franckby & of the moiety of 1 a. of meadow in Saughall Massey & of 30 a. of land in Arrowe & of 2 mess. in the city of Chester.

So being seised by indenture, bearing date 12 April, 2 Elizabeth [1560] he granted to John Warburton, knt.,

Thomas Venables, son & heir apparent of Sir Thomas Venables, knt., William Massey, esqr. & his son George Massey, George Huxley, gent., Richard Lytler, Peter Warburton & William Glegge all the said premises to the use that his said feoffees be seised of 4 mess. in Franckby, then in the tenures of Laurence Litler, Richard Rathbone, Laurence Yonge & Henry Yonge to the use of Anne Bold, widow, late wife of Richard Bold, second brother of the said Laurence, for life with remainder to the said Laurence, for life, with remainder to the said Laurence, in tail male, with contingent remainders to Laurence Bold, son & heir of said Richard, in tail male to the heirs male of the body of Charles Bold, third brother of said Laurence the feoffor, then lately deceased & the residue of the said premises to the use of the said feoffor for life, in tail male, with contingent remainders to the said Laurence son of Richard in tail male, the heirs male of the body of Charles Bold aforesaid, the said feoffees to be seised of the yearly rent of 15s. out of a mess. in Upton, in the tenure of Thomas Yonge, to the use of finding of Tocher Bold, son of said Charles, during the said Tocher's life.

The said feoffor, the said Anne & Tocher, were separately seised as abovesaid; Lawrence Bold, son of Richard, died without issue & the feoffor died without heirs male of his body & Peter Bold, named in the commission, son & heir of Charles, brother of said feoffor, entered as heir of the said feoffor, Laurence Bold & was seised of the said manor & premises in fee tail.

So being seised, the said Peter married Margery Glegge, daughter of Arthur Glegge, of Gayton, esq. & they had issue Henry, Charles, William, Thomas, Edward & Henry Bold; afterwards Peter died at Upton & the said premises descended to his eldest son, Henry, who entered into the same & was seised thereof in tail male; & Henry, so being seised, assigned to the said Margery, in name of her dower 6 mess. in Upton & all thereunto belonging in the tenures

of Thomas Bold, Henry Lowe, Peter Yonge, Thomas Yonge, Peter Gill & Peter Smythe & also 7 closes of land there called the Quarters, & a close of land there called the Crosse Tree Flatt & 2 other closes called the Great Drag Hey & the Little Dragghey & 2 others called the Two Kyles Flatts & a meadow there called the Paddock Place & another called the Rathbones Meadow & another called the Bridge Meadow, to hold to her for term of her life.

The said Henry Bold & Peter, his son & heir apparent, levied a fine in the Chester court 12 April, 11 James I [1613] & alienated all the premises in Franckby to Robert Davyes to his use for ever & two mess. in Chester to William Aldersey.

They say the said Anne, late the wife of Richard Bold, Margery, late the wife of Peter Bold & Tocher Bold survive.

The said manor of Upton & the premises there & the vill of Franckby & premises there held of the King, as of his Earldom of Chester, by the 8th part of a fee & the manor & premises in Upton are worth yearly (clear) £10; the vill of Franckby & premises there £7.

The moiety of an a. in Saughall Massie held in like manner of the King by the hundredth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), 3s.

The 30 a. in Arrowe held in like manner of the King by the fortieth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), 10s.

The two mess. in the city of Chester held of the mayor & citizens of Chester in free burgage & worth yearly (clear), 31s.

The said Peter died 25 October, 3 James I [1605] & Henry Bold, the elder, is his son & next heir & at the time of his father's death was aged 40 years & more.

The said Henry Bold senior, Anne, late the wife of Richard Bold, Margery Bold & Tocher Bold & Robert Davyes have taken the issues & profits of the premises since Peter's death.

WILLIAM BOOTH, esq. of Dunham Massie.

(File 103. No. 7).

Inquisition taken at Knottesford, co. Chester, 1 September 12 Charles I [1636], before Richard Wilbraham, knt., & bart., Richard Brereton, esqr. & Thomas Aldersey, escheator, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of William Booth, esqr., by the oath of Peter Leigh of Highleigh, Edward Dumvile of Lymme, John Grimditch of Grimsditch, Laurence Leigh of Swinhead, esquires, John Nuttall of Cattenhall, Laurence Wright of Offerton, Richard Vaudrey of the Banke, Humfrey Page of Yeardashawe, Paul Wynnington of Birches, John Ward of Monksheath, Richard Wych of Nether Alderley, Francis Holson of Over Alderley, John Birtles of the Hill, Edward Mouldsworth of Wyncham, Robert Holford of Lostocke Gram, Philip Downes of Toft, Thomas Gleave of Highleigh, Richard Gremtham, of Hale & Thomas Shawe of Millington, gentlemen, who say that before the said William Booth's death, George Booth, now of Dunham Massie, knt. & bart., father of said William, was seised in fee of the manors of Dunham Massie *alias* Dunham, Bollin, Wilmeslowe, Carington, Hattersley, Bothoms Hall, Altrincham *alias* Altrincham, with the appurtenances & of 207 mess., 129 cottages, 3 dove-cotes, 11 mills, 1211 a. of land, 207 gardens, 207 orchards, 486 a. of meadow, 1662 a. of pasture, 59 a. of wood, 1650 a. of furze & heath & moss & £7. rent in Dunham *alias* Dunham Massie, Bollin, Wilmeslow, Caryngton, Hattersley, Bothoms Hall, Altrincham, Synderland, Partington, Tymperley, Hale, Bowdon, Bollington, Myllngton, Mottram, Hollinworth, Wolley, Bramall, Toft & Ashley, co. Chester & of the moiety of a mill in Hale, so being seised by his indenture made 29 September, 4 James 1 [1606] & by fine Sir George conveyed the said manors of Wilmeslow & Bolin & all the lands &c. thereunto belonging to the use of himself for a certain time limited, with contingent

remainders to the use of the said William Booth & Vere Egerton, afterwards the wife of the said William, during the lifetime of Elizabeth Booth, widow, mother of Sir Sir George, to Katherine, wife of Sir George, to said William in tail male, to the heirs male of Sir George, of Sir William Booth, knt., deceased, grandfather of said William, of William Booth, esqr., deceased, grandfather of said Sir William, to the right heirs of Sir George. And as concerning 23 mess., 12 cottages, 110 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow & 130 a. of pasture in Carrington to the use of the said Vere during the life of the said Elizabeth with contingent remainders to Sir George for life, to William in tail male (&c. as before).

And as concerning Dunham Hall, with houses, dove-cotes, &c. & 200 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 258 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood & 200 a. of moss, heath & furze in Dunham *alias* Dunham Massie, commonly called the demesne lands of Dunham, to the use of Sir George, for life, with contingent remainders to said William for life, to Vere during the life of the said Elizabeth, to the heirs male of the body of the said William by the said Vere, the heirs male of said William (&c. as before).

And as concerning the capital mess. in Hattersley called Bothoms Hall & all the mess. & lands thereunto belonging in Hattersley to the use of the said Sir George for life, with contingent remainders to his wife Katherine, to said William, in tail male (&c. as before).

And as concerning the residue of the said manors, mess. & lands, to the said Sir George for life, with contingent remainders to said William and his heirs male by said Vere, the heirs male of the body of said William (&c. as before).

They say that before the said William's death, the said Sir George was seised in fee of the manor of Ashton under Line & of 143 mess., 191 cottages, a dovecote, 3 mills, 200 gardens, 100 orchards, 1040 a. of land, 559 a. of meadow,

1080 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood, 1000 a. of moss & heath & furze & £3. 11s. rent in Ashton under Lyne & Aldwinshaw, co. Lancs. & of the advowson of the church of Ashton under Lyne. By indenture & fine of 5 August, 4 James I [1606] Sir George conveyed the manor & premises; [various conveyances of parts as before].

They say the said Sir George was also seised in fee of the manors of Thorneton *alias* Thornton on the Moors & Norcliffe *alias* Nortcliffe *alias* Norcley, co. Chester & of 33 mess., 3 cottages, a mill & half Castle Mill, 30 gardens, 30 orchards, 252 a. of land, 148 a. of meadow, 294 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood, 90 a. of moss, heath & furze & 1s. free rent in Thorneton, Norcliffe, Kingsley, Elton, Ounston, Hale & Ringey & the advowson of Thornton church & by fine conveyed the same to himself for life, with contingent remainders to said William, in tail male [&c. as before].

Afterwards the said William married Vere Egerton & she died at Dunham Massie 28 April, 5 Charles I [1629]; Elizabeth Booth, widow, mother of Sir George, died at Bath, co. Somerset 26 December, 4 Charles I [1628].

The said William Booth, before his death, was seised in fee of the manor of Stayley *alias* Staveley, co. Chester & of 45 mess., 13 cottages, a mill, 45 gardens, 30 orchards, 280 a. of land, 120 a. of meadow, 428 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood, 1100 a. of moss, furze & heath in Stayley, Mattley & Tintwisell *alias* Tingtewisell & of a mess., a garden, 15 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 10 of pasture & 4 a. of furze & heath in Dunham Massie, Lemme & Warburton, late bought by said William of William Vaudrey & Mary, his wife, & of a mess., a garden, 8 a. of land, 1½ a. of meadow, 9 a. of pasture in Hale, late bought by him of Ralph Barlow of Hale; & of the manors of Werrington, Orford *alias* Overford, Arpley with Hooley, co. Lancaster, & of 66 mess., 152 cottages, a horse-mill, 66 gardens, 200 a. of land, 205 a. of meadow, 300 a. of pasture & 50 a. of moss,

furze & heath & £4. 5s. 1d. free rent in Werrington, Orford & Arpley with Hooley & free fishery in the Mersey & free warren in Warrington *alias* Werrington & a market every Friday at Warrington & another market there every Wednesday & a fair there every year lasting 8 days, the vigil, day & morrow of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr & 5 days following & another fair in vigil, day & morrow of St. Andrew Apostle & 5 days following.

By Indenture of 2 February, 10 Charles I [1634-5] the said William for £1100 sold to Mary Harrison, widow, & George Harrison, gent., the capital mess. called Stayley Hall & all thereunto belonging, 60 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 80 a. of pasture, 51 of wood called Bradley Field, the Ponge, Turners Field, Heapfield, Copley & Bongreave, the Marled Earth, the Crooked Bottom, Loaton Meadow, Cheaton Meadow, the Foleyes, the Park, the Ditch Croft, the Nether & the Further Hartley, the Green, the Wood, the Cock Ground, Walker Ground, the Cocked Leas, the Great Wood, the Cockes Ground, Loade Castle, the Horse Park, the New Marld Field, in Stayley for 99 years if George Harrison, Mary Harrison, daughter of James Harrison, esqr., son of said Mary & John, son of Tolbot Fitch, of London, merchant, or any of them, so long live, with reversion to said William Booth. The said George & Mary Harrison & John Fitch survive.

So being seised of the said manors of Stayley, Warrington, Orford, & Arpley & the premises there, he, on 24 June, 9 Charles I [1633] conveyed the same to Richard Brereton, of Ashley & other feoffees [named] for the payment of his debts & of a yearly payment of 100 marks to William, Nathaniel & Charles Booth, the three younger sons of the said William.

He and his father, Sir George, are bound by bond of 27 January, 1631-[2] to pay Dame Elizabeth Egerton, widow, £3000 & by bond of 5 November, 1630 to pay Richard Crawshawe, esqr., £312 & £200 to Thomas

Booker, of London, gent. & other bonds, among them one to William, son of Richard Booth.

By Indenture of 6 February, 11 Charles I [1635-6] he confirmed the sale of his Barony & Manor of Warington & the manor of Stayley, lands, &c., to the said Sir George Booth, George Birch of Altrincham & William Typpinge of Dunham, yeoman, to pay the said William Booth, £200 a year for life & 100 marks a year to Nathaniel Booth, younger son of William aforesaid & £1000 for the portion of Katherine Booth, daughter of the said William & to pay the debts of said William amounting to £11000 & to convey £100 worth of the said lands for the wife of George Booth, son & heir apparent of said William, if he marry with the consent of William & Sir George, & the rest to said George in tail male, with contingent remainders to Nathaniel, second son of said William, in tail male, heirs male of the body of said William, to John Booth, second son of Sir George, in tail male, the heirs of the body of Sir George, the right heirs of William.

They say that Sir George Booth, knt. & bart., Dame Katherine Booth, Nathaniel Booth & Katherine Booth, daughter of William, survive at Dunham Massie.

The manor of Dunham Massie & the premises there & in Altringham, &c. held of the king as Earl of Chester by tenth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £62. 10s. 10d.

The tenements in Bollington, of same, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) nothing during Sir George's life & after 40s. a year.

Those in Millington held of the King, service unknown & worth yearly (clear), after Sir George's death, 6s. 8d.

The premises in Willmeslow, Bolyn & Norcliffe held of the King, as of his Lordship & Hundred of Macclesfield, co. Chester by 20th part of a knight's fee & by service that the said Sir George together with Sir Cecil Trafford, knts. & bart., find 33 men to make a buckstall in the

Combes within the forest of Macclesfield at the time of the King's hunting & to make 62 "rodes heyres" of the Combes there within the bounds of the forest at their own costs when necessary & worth yearly (clear) £32. 9s. 6d.

The manor of Stayley & premises there held of Richard Wilbraham, of Woodhey, knt. & bart. as of his manor or lordship of Longendale, in socage, & by rent of 1d. a year & the premises there, worth yearly (clear) £30.

The manor of Thornton & premises there held of Edward Fitton, bart., as of his manor of Aldford, in socage, the tenement in Elton tenure unknown, the tenements in Kingsley & O[n]ston held of the King in chief by knight service & the manor of Thornewton, worth £31. 11s. 2d. a year.

The manor of Hattersley & Bothams Hall held of Richard Wilbraham as of his manor of Longendale by rooth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £6.

The premises in Mottram, Hollenworth & Wolley held in like manner & worth yearly (clear), 20s.

Those in Matley held of same in socage & 50s. rent & 2s. for mowing &c. the corn, & ward & other services & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Those in Tintwisell held of same in free burgage & yearly rent of 2s. 4d. & worth yearly (clear) 6s.

The manor of Carrington & premises there, &c., tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear) £20. 13s. 4d.

The manor of Ashton under Lyne & premises there, &c., held of Edward Mosley, esqr., as of his manor of Manchester, co. Lancs., in socage & 1d. yearly rent & worth yearly (clear) £20.

The manors of Warrington, Orford & premises there, &c. held of the King by two knight's fees & rent of 26s. 8d. as of his Duchy of Lancaster & worth yearly (clear) £22.

The premises in Dunham Massie held of the King in chief by rooth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 15s. 6d.

The premises in Hale held of the lord of Hale in socage, & worth yearly (clear) 15s.

The said William Booth died at Dunham Massie 26 April last past & George Booth is his son & heir & resides at Dunham Massie & is aged at the time of taking this inquisition 13 years, 8 months, 15 days & not more.

GEORGE BOSTOCK esq.

(File 104. No. 1.)¹

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 18 January, 14 Charles I [1638-9] before George Parker, esqr., Thomas Aldersey, esqr., escheator & John Yonge, esqr., feodary, by virtue of a commission to enquire after the death of George Bostock, esqr., deceased, by the oath of Richard Greene, of Congleton, esqr., George Calveley of Peckforton, Ranulph Grafton of Worleston, Laurence Cotton of Burchall, Thomas Hickcocke of Woodbanke, Thomas Moulton of Fading [? Fadilley] Ralph Steele of Kellsall, Thomas Orton of Broxon, Henry Phillips, of Christleton, Ralph Sellar, of same, Gabriel Hodgson of Minshull Vernon, Henry Venables of Wymbaldesley, Richard Hamnet of Newback & Oliver Pollett of Fadiley, gentlemen.

They say that the said George the day he died was seised in fee of a mess. in Churton now in the occupation of Thomas Johnson, with a croft called Stoney Croft & a close called the New Marsh next Plowley, belonging to the said mess., also of land called the Shornetufts next the New Marsh, & of closes called the Middle New Marsh, the Plowley, the Old Marsh adjoining Churton vill, the Deane Field, the Grange Field & Grangeyard, all being about 32 a. in Aldford & Churton & worth yearly (clear) 14s. 3d.

He was also seised of a parcel of land called the Shornetufts adjoining the Ford in Aldford & of the New Marsh adjoining the Halefield & two parts of the Old

¹ Torn, words supplied from Ct. of Wards *Inq. p.m.*, 91/165.

Marsh adjoining Aldford, & of the Further Deane Field & 8 a. of land called Twenty Three Loonds of ground in a field called the Grangefield in Aldford & Churton & of the Middle Crosse Field & the Crosse Field adjoining Churton all amounting to 28 a. & worth yearly (clear) 12s. 5*d*.

The said premises in Churton & Aldford held of the King as Earl of Chester, in chief by knight service.

He was seised long before his death of a mess. & a close called The Cockley Butts with a small part adjoining 20 Loonds in the common field of Aldford & $\frac{1}{2}$ a. in the Town Meadow there in the tenure of John Bowker & on 22 December, 16 James I [1618] the said George Bostock & George, his son & heir apparent, by Indenture conveyed to Robert Bostock, younger son of said George, the mess. in Aldford then in the tenure of Lancelot Bostock & now of John Bowker, with all thereunto appertaining, to hold from the death of said Lancelot for 40 years at a yearly rental of 5s. The said Lancelot Bostock survives at Aldford.

He was also seised of a cottage in Aldford late in the tenure of Eleanor Yardley widow & of another there late in the tenure of Robert Harrison & now of William Colley & 21 Loonds arable land lying in the Common Field of Aldford & $\frac{1}{2}$ a. of meadow in the Town Meadow of Aldford, being in all 6 a., & held of Edward Fitton, bart., as of his manor of Aldford, in socage, by fealty & rent of 14*d*. & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8*d*.

He was also seised of an old mess. in Churton, called the Old Hall, with a parcel of 2 a. of land in the manor of Farndon & held of the Bishop of Coventry & Lichfield in free & common socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 3s. 4*d*.

He died 30 November, 1620 & George Bostocke, esqr., is his son & heir & at the time of his father's death was aged 27 years & more & from the time of his father's death until 20 February, 4 Charles I [1628-9] occupied some of the lands & others occupied these & the other lands.

RALPH BOSTOCK, of Bostock, gent.

(File 97. No. 2.)¹

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, co. Chester 28 March, 21 James I [1623] before Hugh Mainwaringe, esqr., the Prince's escheator in co. Chester, Peter Daniell, esqr., the Prince's feodary there & Philip Oldfeld, esqr., commissioners to enquire after the death of Ralph Bostock, late of Bostock, gent., by the oath of Humfrey Page of Yerdshawe, John Eaton of Blackden, John Anderton of Croxton, Hugh Ward of Eaton, John Roade of Wallhill, John P . . . of Somerfeld, James Trevett of Sproston, William Venables of the same, Hugh Venables of Wymboldsley, John Kinsey, of the same, Ranulph Wrench of Moulton, George Broad [? Bradford] . . . of Shibbrok, Thomas Neilde of Shurlach, Ralph Bleas of Shibbroke, Oliver Locket of Sandbach, Thomas Burrowes of Clyve, Arthur Jeynson of Warenton & William Ravenscrofte of Eccleston, gentlemen, who say that the said Ralph Bostock was seised in fee of an old mess. in Bostocke & of 30 a. of land, meadow & pasture in Bostocke & Moulton belonging to the said mess. & died seised thereof.

Long before his death he was seised of a cottage with curtilage adjoining in Bostocke in the occupation of Laurence Bostocke & now of Lancelot Oakes & late included in the waste of the manor of Bostocke & so seised Thomas Savage, knt. & bart., lord of the manor of Bostocke, disseised him & John Dennys, bailiff of the said manor entered into the same to the use of Mary, Lady Savage, widow, mother of the said Thomas, which said Mary holds the said manor for life as parcel of her jointure as appears by the Court held at Bostocke 16 April, 19 James I [1621] when the same was surrendered to her use.

The said old messuage & lands in Bostocke & Moulton held of said Mary Lady Savage as of her manor of Bostocke by 20th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

¹ Illegible in parts, no Ct. of Wards *Inq.*

The cottage & premises appropriated held before the said surrender of the Lord Prince as Earl of Chester by 200th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 4*d*.

The said Ralph died at Bostock 22 December last past & Philip Bostocke is his son & next heir & was aged 18 years on 30 September last past.

RICHARD BOSTOCK, esq.

(File 101. No. 6.)¹

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 18 May, 7 Charles I [1631], before Hugh Mainwaringe, esqr., the King's escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Richard Bostock, esqr., by the oath of George Bradford of Shipbrooke, Andrew Buxton of Over, Ralph Bostock of Moulton, Ranulph Wrench, of the same, Hugh Venables of Wymboldsley, William Ravenscroft of Occleston, Thomas Barker, of the same, John Bosier & Ralph Maddock of the same, Thomas Maddock of the same, Philip Bostock of Bostock, John Wynnyngton of Leftwich, William Tomlynson of Warton, Arthur Jeynson of the same, Arthur Symcock of Leftwich, Ranulph Furnivall of Bradwall, John Darlington of Over & Richard Maddock of the same, gentlemen, who say that the said Richard Bostock was seised in fee of 5 mess., 2 tofts, a watermill, a dovecote, 200 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood & 40 a. of furze & heath in Tettenhall & so being seised levied a fine in the Common Hall of Pleas, Chester, on 9 April, 19 James I [1621] between Sir Richard Egerton, knt., Peter Mynshull, esqr., Henry Lee, esqr., & Thomas Barneston, gent., plaintiffs & the said Richard Bostock, gent. & Elizabeth his wife, deforciant, of the said premises conveying the same to said plaintiffs & the heirs of Richard Egerton, for which the plaintiffs gave £300 of silver,

¹ Illegible in parts, words supplied from Ct. of Wards *Inq. p.m.*, 80/5.

excepting two rooms in the middle storey over the hall, the brewhouse, dayhouse, bolting house, 3 chambers built with timber over the same, the new barn, half a stable, one range in the cowhouse, half the slaughter house, hayhouses, "swynecotes & borefrankes," half the use of the Kiln, half of the little Whickache, orchards, hemp-yards, gardens, &c., Randull Wilson's rough hay & an old ditch place, the rough hay, both parts of the Old Marled Field, the Barrowes Fall, the Longfield, the Oldfield, the Little Oldfield, the Long Crofts, the New Poole, The Poole Crofts, the Hyron, the Houle Milne Poolested & half the watercorne [*sic.*] mill pool & fishing thereof, part of the premises settled on said Richard for life & after his death to the use of the said Elizabeth, with contingent remainders, after her death, to John Bostock, gent., reputed son of said Richard, in tail male, the heirs male of the body of said Richard, to the use of Robert Bostock, gent., brother of said Richard, in tail male. And as to the Furthermost Croft, the Great Flakerfield, the Middle Flakerfield, the Little Green Field, the Great Green Field, the Marled Croft, the meadow at the bottom of the Great Flakenfield, the Ryefield, the Fludgates Flakerfield, the Town Pool end, the two Rough Hayes called Hugh Bostocks & Cheyneys rough hays, & a parcel of meadow severed from Wastes rough hay to the use of the said John Bostock, for life & after his death to his intended wife, Mary Dutton, whom he afterwards married & then to the use of the heirs male of said John.

The said premises held of the King as of his Crown of England by service of 50th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £5. 2s.

Elizabeth survives at Tattenhall, as does John Bostock aforesaid.

Richard Bostock died 30 May last past & Robert Bostock is his brother & next heir & aged 50 years & more.

SIR ANTHONY BRABAZON, *knt.*(File 103. No. 13.)¹

Inquisition taken at Nauntwich, 31 August, 13 Charles I [1637], before George Parker, *gent.*, the King's feodary, Thomas Aldersey, *esqr.*, *escheator*, Roger Hassell, *gent.* & Arthur Bickerton, *gent.*, commissioners named to enquire after the death of Sir Anthony Brabazon, late of Calliaghtowne, *co. Lowth, Ireland, knt.*, deceased, by the oath of Hugh Bolton, Oliver Pollett, Thomas Moulton, Thomas Broomehall, William Jackson, John Knight, Reginald Swettenham, Thomas Shawe, Thomas Latham, Ralph Hynkes, Gabriel Hodgson, Richard Wilkinson, Joseph Symkys & Thomas Adams, gentlemen.

They say that the said Sir Anthony before his death was seised in fee of the moiety of the manor of Elton near Ince, with appurtenances, in *co. Chester* & of all the lands, &c. belonging to the said manor or before belonging, the heritage of his father, Edward Brabazon, *knt.*, deceased; & of the manor of Little Pakington *alias* Pakington Pigott in *co. Warwick* & mess., lands & rent there.

So being seised, on 10 December, 1635, he made his will, bequeathing to his wife, Margaret, all his lands in England, for life & after her death, to his eldest son, Edward, & portions for testator's daughters to be raised out of same & he constituted his said wife executrix.

The said Sir Anthony died 20 July, 12 Charles I [1636] & Edward Brabazon, *esqr.*, is his son & heir & at his father's death was aged 10 years & not more; the said Sir Anthony left 4 daughters . . . Katherine & Magdalene, all unmarried. Margaret, Lady Brabazon died after her husband on 23 August, 12 Charles I [1636].

The moiety of the manor of Elton by Ince & the premises there held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in chief, by 20th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

¹ Illegible in parts, no Ct. of Wards *Inq.*

The manor of Pakington Pigot & premises there held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, by fealty only in free & common socage & worth yearly (clear), £3.

Charles Walley, of Chester, gent., has taken the issues & profits since Sir Anthony's death, but by what title is unknown to the jurors.

JOHN BRASSIE of Tiverton, gent.

(File 95. No. 18.)

Inquisition taken in the Hall of Common Pleas at Chester, 17 April, 19 James I [1621], before Sir Henry Bunbury, knt., Peter Domyel, esq., feodary, Hugh Manwaring, esq., escheator, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of John Brassie, late of Teverton, co. Chester gent., by the oath of William Dampont of Boughton, Thomas Balle of same, John Edwards of Cheveley, Thomas Buckley of Bickerton, John Ashbrook of Tattenhall, Thomas Richardson of Ince, William Rosingreave of Hargreave, William Burgeny of Pulford, Ralph Astle of Goulborne Belloe, John Madocke of Torpley, William Ashton of Chorleton, William Hely of Newton, James Hancock of same, Henry Phillips of Christleton, Thomas Gregory of same and Edward Urian of same, gentlemen.

They say the said John Brassie, at the time of his death, was seised in fee of 8 mess., 2 cottages, 40 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, with appurtenances in Teverton & of a mess., 10 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture in Wystaston & of a mess., 4 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 2 a. of pasture in Huxley, all in co. Chester, & of 2 mess., 2 cottages, 20 a. of land, 3 a. of meadow & 6 a. of pasture in Cheswardin, co. Salop.

The premises in Teverton held of the lord of Teverton in free socage, that is, by the service of one pair of spurs

or 3*d.* of silver, yearly on the feast of St. John the Baptist & worth yearly (clear) £5.

The premises in Wystaton held of the heirs of Roger de Brassie in free socage, by spurs on the Assumption of the Virgin & worth yearly (clear) £4.

The premises in Huxley held of John Tilston, gent. as of his manor of Huxley in free socage, by rent of 6*s.* 8*d.* & worth yearly (clear) 20*s.*

The premises in Cheswardin held of the Earl of Shrewsbury in socage, by yearly rent of 8*s.* & worth yearly (clear), 40*s.*

They say he died 2 November, 13 James I [1615] & Robert Brassie is his son & next heir, & is now aged 16½ years.

Alice Brassie, late the wife of the said John Brassie, as guardian of said Robert, has taken the issue & profits of the premises since the said John's death.

HENRY BRERETON, gent.

(File 104. No. 2.)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 10 January, 14 Charles I [1638-9], before George Parker, esq., Thomas Aldersey, esq., escheator & John Yonge, esq., feodary, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Henry Brereton, gent., deceased, by the oath of Richard Greene of Congleton, esq., George Calveley of Peckforton, Ranulph Grafton of Worleston, John Trevis of Horton, Lawrence Cotton of Barchall, Thomas Moulton of Fadiley, Ralph Steele of Kellsall, Thomas Orton of Broxon, Henry Phillipp of Christleton, Ralph Seller of the same, Hugh Venables of Wymbaldestley, Richard Hamnet of Newbach, and Oliver Pollet of Fadiley, gentlemen.

They say that the said Henry Brereton long before his death was seised in fee of a mess. & a croft thereunto belonging & 15 a. of land, 3 a. of meadow & 20 a. of pasture in Aldford called The Great Hale Field, The

Little Hall Field, $1\frac{1}{2}$ a. of meadowing in the Town Meadow, the Old Marsh next the Ford, Crowfield next Aldford divided into two parts & 10 arable lands in the Townfield of Aldford.

So being seised the said Henry made his will on 15 March, 1622-3 bequeathing to his wife his farm in Eccleston & all the land he bought of his cousin George Bostock in Aldford.

His said wife, Margaret, survives, & dwells at Eccleston & at the time of her husband's death was *enceinte* with a male child.

Henry Brereton died 27 March, 1623 & his posthumous child, Henry Brereton, was born 12 October, 1623, at Coddington, co. Chester & is now aged 15 years, two months, 3 weeks, 5 days.

The said premises held of the King as Earl of Chester, in chief, by rooth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4d.

JANE BRERETON of Ashley.

(File 102. No. 16.¹)

Inquisition take at Northwich, . . . 10 Charles I [? 1634], before Thomas Aldersey, esq., escheator . . . by the oath of John Grymsditch, of Grymsditch, Humfrey Page of . . . Moundsworth of . . . George Bradford of . . . Ralph Bloyse of the same, Ralph Bostock of Moulton, . . . Arthur Joynson of the same, Andrew Burton of Over, Richard Whittingham of the same, Robert Whittingham of the same, . . . of the same, Ralph . . . Thomas . . . of the same, Phillip Downes of Tofte, Thomas Gleau, of High Leigh, Edward Harper of the same, Edward Gregg . . . Thomas Bromfield of Witton & Richard Grymsditch of Appleton, gentlemen.

They say that a certain Peter Warburton, late of Arley, co. Chester, esq., deceased, long before his death, was

¹ Illegible in parts, no Ct. of Ward's *Inq.*

seised in fee of the manors of . . . Sutton by Halton, Winington, Budworth by Aston, Marthall, Pulford, Appleton, Stockton, Hale, Narcotes, Edge, St. . . . & Wordhall & of 500 mess., 7 salt pits [salina], 7 mills, 2 dovescotes, 500 gardens, . . . pasture, 500 a. of wood, 1000 a. of furze & heath & £15. . . . Budworth, Sutton by Halton, Wynington, Budworth by Aston, . . . hall . . . Stockton, Hall, Comberbach . . . Sale, Str . . . Netherwalton, Newton by Daresbury Lithe beyond Dee, Lymme, Wordhull, Strethall . . . Nether Tabley, Allstock . . . Nether Weever, Northwich, Castle Northwich Twenbrooch, Happsford, Bollington, High Leigh, Elton, Broxton, Newton by Chester & the city of Chester and two free fisheries in the water of Budworth Meyre in Budworth & common of pasture in Wymincham, & the advowson of Pullford Church & of the free chapel of Warburton & the moiety of Lymme Church & of the manors of Lymme & Strethall & the 3rd part of the manor of Over Tabley & the 4th part of the manor of Castle Northwich & the moiety of a salt pit in Northwich.

So being seised Peter Warburton of Arley settled the same on himself in tail male, with contingent remainders to the heirs male of the body of John Warburton, knt., deceased, father of said Peter, of Arley, to the heirs male of Peter Warburton, grandfather of said Peter, heirs male of said Sir John, right heirs of said Peter of Arley.

The said Peter Warburton of Arley was also seised of divers premises in Stockton, Hull & Nether Walton, bought of Geoffrey Stockton of Stockton, yeoman, & of a mess., a garden, 30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture & 5 a. of furze & heath in Aston by Budworth, bought of Hugh Dod, gent., and of a mess., a garden, and orchard, 10 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture & common of pasture for all beasts in Elton bought of Edward Gregge, gent., & of 6 a. of land & 20 a. of pasture in Reddish within the lordship of Lymme bought of Peter

Leigh of Highleigh, esq.; & of a mess. called Caldwells tenement, 3 a. of land, 1 a. of meadow, $1\frac{1}{2}$ a. of pasture in Over Whitley; & of $1\frac{3}{4}$ a. 5 roods of wasteground in Over Whitley, & of 2 parcels of land called Huetts Fields & Starkie's Grounds, containing 20 a. of lands, all which he bought of Thomas Marbury, esq., John Grymsditch, Thomas Gregge & Hugh Crosby, gents.; & of 3 a. of land in Appleton & Stoughton bought of Geoffrey Stoughton; of $\frac{1}{3}$ part of a mess. & 10 virgates of land in Stockton Townfield, late in the tenure of Alice Hill, bought of Richard Marbury of Walton, gent.; & of 5 roods & three quarters of land in Lyme-eye bought of Thomas Brooke, esq. & Richard Brooke, knt.

They say that the said Peter Warburton of Arley died seised of the said premises, without heir male of his body, 22 July, 3 Charles I [1626] & Peter Warburton, now of the Lodge in Crowley, co. Chester, esq., is heir male of the body of Sir John Warburton, knt., deceased, father of Peter of Arley, that is son & heir male of Peter Warburton of the Lodge, deceased, son & heir male of George Warburton, deceased, 2nd son of Sir John Warburton, knt., deceased, father of Peter Warburton of Arley & that Mary Wilbraham, late of Tilston Fearnhall, co. Chester, widow, deceased, Elizabeth Egerton of Pinnington, co. Lancs., widow, Jane Brereton named in the writ, William Marbury of Reddishe, son & heir of Eleanor, one of the daughters of Peter Warburton of Arley, Dame Frances Trentham, wife of Sir Christopher Trentham of Arley, knt., & Dame Isabel wife of Sir Edward Stanley of Bickerstaffe, bart., were co-heirs of said Peter Warburton of Arley, to wit Mary, Elizabeth, Jane, Frances & Isabel being daughters of said Peter Warburton of Arley.

Peter Warburton of the Lodge now survives & is seised as heir male of said Peter of the said manors entailed with reversion to the said daughters of said Peter & to William Marbury, as next heirs of said Peter.

The said Peter Warburton of the Lodge is now aged 11 years & the premises named in the conveyance afore-said are in the King's hands, by reason of his minority, & are held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by the service of a tenth part of a knight's fee.

The other premises descended to the said daughters & William Marbury as next heirs of said Peter.

They say that Jane Brereton of Ashley, named in the commission, thus being seised, on 5 March, 3 Charles I [1627-8] died at Ashley & Richard Brereton of Ashley, esq., is her next heir & survives at Ashley & on the day of Jane's death was aged 30 years & more.

They say the 6th part of the moiety of the manor of Warburton together with the other 5 parts & a *salina* in Northwich are held of the Priory of St. John of Jerusalem in England by fealty & rent of 7s. and the 6th part of the other moiety, together with the other 5 parts, held of John Constable of Chester by 10th part of a knight's fee & worth, after the death of Peter Warburton of the Lodge & heirs male of John Warburton, father of Peter of Arley, yearly (clear) £4. 18s. 2½d.

The reversion of the 6th part of the manors of Aston, Budworth, Cumberbach & Leeth beyond Dee, the third part of the vill of Over Tabley & the bovaté of land in Nether Tabley held with the other 5 parts of the King, as of his Barony of Halton by one knight's fee & will be worth (as above) yearly (clear) £6. 12s. 10d.

The reversion of the 6th part of the manor of Sutton held in like manner by 5th part of a knight's fee, as also that of Stretton by a tenth part, of Sale by a tenth part, of Halton by a 10th part, of Nether Walton by a 10th part & are worth (as above) yearly (clear) £2. 15s.

The reversion of the 6th part of the manor of Norcoats held by knight service & worth (as above) yearly (clear) 8d.

The reversion of the 6th part of the manors of Appleton

& Hull held of the heirs of Richard de Aston & Alice his daughters, together with &c., by fealty & worth (as above) yearly (clear) £2. 1s.

The reversion of the 6th part of the manor of Stockton held of said heirs, together with &c. by fealty & rent of 12*d.* & worth (as above) yearly (clear) £1. 7s.

The reversion of 6th part of the manor of Lymme with the advowson held of the heirs of Hugh FitzHerbert of Edispoy, together with &c. by fealty & yearly rent of 3*d.* & worth [as above] yearly (clear) 3s. 6*d.*

The like of the premises in Happesford held of the heirs of John de Dutton, esq., together with &c. by fealty & rent of 20*d.* & worth [as above] yearly (clear) 1s. 6*d.*

The like of the premises in Bollington held of Sir George Booth, knt. & bart., together with &c., by fealty only & worth (as above) yearly (clear) 1s. 8*d.*

The like of the premises in Highleigh held of the heirs of Richard Leigh, esq., together with &c., by fealty only & worth [as above] yearly (clear) 10*d.*

The like of the premises in Elton & parcel of the manor of Pulford held of the King, as earl of Chester, together with &c. in chief, by knight service & worth [as above] yearly (clear) 1*d.*

The like of the moiety of the manor of Winington & premises there held of Elizabeth Trussell, as of her manor of Wermyngham, together with &c. by service of 20th part of a knight's fee & worth [as above] yearly (clear) £1. 19s. 4*d.* & the like of the other moiety held of Henry Manwaringe, of Caringham, esq., as parcel of the possessions of the monastery of St. Warburge, Chester, late dissolved, by knight service & rent of 10s. a year & worth [as above] yearly (clear) £1. 19s. 4*d.*

The like of the manor of Marthall & premises there, together with &c., held of the heirs of the said Eliz. Trussell by fealty & 1*d.* yearly rent & worth [as above] yearly (clear) £3. 6s. 8*d.*

The like of the manor of Pulford, with the advowson, together with &c., held of the King as Earl of Chester, in chief, by service of a tenth part of a knight's fee & worth [as above] yearly (clear) £1. 16s. 1*d*.

The like of the salt pit in Northwich, together with &c., held of William, earl of Derby, by fealty & rent of 4s. 1*d*. & worth [as above] yearly (clear) £2. 12s.

The like of the premises in Castle Northwich, together with, &c., held of Sir Richard Wilbraham, knt. & bart., by fealty & rent of 2s. yearly, & worth [as above] yearly (clear) 6s. 8*d*.

The like of the premises in Newton, together with &c., held of the King, as of his dissolved monastery of St. Warburgh, Chester, by fealty and peppercorn rent, & worth [as above] yearly (clear) £1. 6s. 8*d*.

The like of the premises in Twenbroots [Twambrooks] together with, &c., held of the heirs of Thomas Venables, knt., by fealty only & worth [as above] yearly (clear) 4s. 8*d*.

The like of the premises in Allostocke, together with &c., held of the King, as of the late dissolved monastery of St. Mary, Vale Royal, Cheshire, by fealty only & worth [as above] yearly (clear), 2s. 8*d*.

The like of the premises in Over Peever, together with, &c., held of the King, as of the late dissolved monastery of St. Warburgh, Chester, by fealty & peppercorn rent, & worth [as above] yearly, 3s. 4*d*.

The like of the premises in Nether Peever, together with, &c., held of the king, as of his manor of Halton, by the 40th part of a knight's fee & worth [as above] yearly 2s. 8*d*.

The like of the premises in Broxton, together with, &c., held of the heirs of Sir William Brereton, knt., as of his barony of Malpas, by fealty only & worth [as above] yearly (clear) $\frac{1}{2}$ *d*.

The like of the premises in Wordhull, together with, &c.,

held of the same by fealty only & worth [as above] yearly (clear) 2*d*.

The like of the premises in Stockton, Hull & Nether Walton, together with, &c., tenure & service unknown & worth (clear) yearly 5*d*.

The like of Whettall Farm in Aston by Budworth, tenure and service unknown & worth yearly (clear) 6*d*.

The like of the premises in Elton, together with, &c., tenure & service unknown & worth yearly (clear) 2*d*.

The like of the premises in Reddishe, tenure & service unknown, those in Over Whitley held of the King in socage & worth yearly (clear) 3*d*.

The like of the premises in Appleton & Stockton, together with, &c., held of the King, as of his barony of Halton & worth yearly (clear) 1*d*.

The like of the premises in Lymme Eye, tenure & service unknown & worth yearly (clear) 1*d*.

Richard Brereton has taken the rents, issues & profits since the day of Jane's death until the taking of this inquisition.

RICHARD BRERETON of Wettenhall, esq.

(File 100. No. 1.)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 6 April, 5 Charles I [1629] before Hugh Mainwaring, esq., escheator in co. Chester to enquire after the death of Richard Brereton, esq., deceased, by oath of Alexander Elcock of Poole, John Cheswys of Mickley, Ranulph Grafton of Worleston, Robert Alsager of Alsager, Robert Poole of the same, Robert Meakyn of Hatherton, William Wase of Hunterston, Oliver Pollet of Faddiley, John Moulton of the same, Thomas Shenton of Stoke, Thomas Smith of Checkley, Richard Sare of Little Hassall, Francis Betteley of Burland, William Gallimore, senior of Bechton & William Gallimore, junior of Bechton.

They say that long before his death, the said Richard

Brereton was seised in fee of the moiety of the manor of Wettenhall *alias* Wetttnall & of 14 mess., 5 cottages, 12 watermills, a dovecote, 12 gardens, 12 orchards, 600 a. of land, 200 a. of meadow, 600 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood, 100 a. of turbary & 100 a. of moor in Wettenhall & so being seised, with his son & heir apparent, John Brereton, levied a fine in the Common Hall of Pleas, Chester, 21 September, 16 James I [1618], between John Mynshull, esq., Edward Dod, Hugh Davenport, esqs., Thomas Baskervyle, gent. & George Davenport, gent., plaintiffs & themselves deforciantes & afterwards by Indenture bearing date 17 October, 16 James I [1618] between the said parties conveyed the Hall of Wettenhall & premises in Wettenhall called the Four Crabb Tree Fields, the Meadow before the Door, the Walleetts, the Marshe, the Long Lane, the Waye Croft, the Bankes, the Clay, Grandams Field, the Hall Field, in the tenures of William Smith, Thomas Slade & John Olton & the water grain mill called Wettenhall Mylne or Mylnes & the Mylne Close to the use of John Brereton aforesaid & Athalanta his wife & the heirs male of their bodies, with contingent remainders to the heirs male of the body of said John, to the use of said Richard for life, to Edward Brereton, son of said Richard, in tail male, to the right heirs of said Richard, by virtue whereof the said John entered into the same; & as to the mess. in tenure of Agnes Sharman, widow deceased & after of John Olton in Wettenhall & the premises there called the Backhouse Crofts, the Marled Field, the Cowe Hey, the Payre Tree Field, the James Field in tenure of John Olton, the Sharmans Meadow, in the tenure of Thomas Slade, the Hall Medow adjoining Sharman's Meadow, the Jacke Croft in the tenure of the said John Brereton, the Little Crabb Tree Croft in the tenure of Edward Wilkinson, 3 parcels of land in the Town Fields of Wettenhall in the tenures of the said John & Richard Brereton & Eleanor Hollenshed & all other the premises there to the use of the

said Richard Brereton & Eleanor Hollenshed for their lives & the longer liver of them in name of the said Eleanor's dower, & after their deaths to said John & his male issue by Athalanta, his wife, with contingent remainders, in default of such issue, to the said Edward Brereton, in tail male, to the right heirs of said Richard. Richard entered into the said premises & died seised thereof & the said Eleanor, late his wife, survives him & is seised thereof & now dwells at Wettenhall.

A mess. & lands in tenure of Walter Webb, in Wettenhall were conveyed by said Indenture to the issue of Richard by said Eleanor, with contingent remainders to said John in tail male, to right heirs of Richard.

They say he was also seised of the advowson of the parish church of St. Mary on the Hill, Chester & premises in the city of Chester & died seised thereof.

The said Richard died at Chester 11 January, 1 Charles I [1625-6]. John Brereton is his son & next heir of the said Richard & is now aged 40 years & more.

They say the premises in Wettenhall are held of the King, as earl of Chester by the services of 4th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) £5.

The said advowson is held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, in free & common socage & not in chief & worth yearly (clear) 2s.

The premises in Chester, tenure & service unknown, worth yearly (clear) 20s.

WILLIAM BRERETON of Handford, esq.

(File 89. No. 10.¹)

Inquisition taken at Wynslow, 4 April 8 James I [1610] before Henry Maynwaring, esq., escheator & Ralph Wilbraham, gent., feodary, to enquire after the death of William Brereton, late of Handford, co. Chester, esq., by

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oath of William Newton of Pownall, esq., Edmund Moulsworth of Wyncham, Alexander Hulme of Strethill, Thomas Pigott of Buttley, John Ward of Monkesheath, Henry Hesketh of Rye Croft, William Birtles of Birtles, William Parsons of Warford, Francis Hobson of Over Alderley, John Hollinshed of Buglawton, Thomas Grastie of Warford, Thomas Mottershed of Mottram, Thomas Fitton of Over Alderley, Edward Hoole of Ollerton, Hugh Wardle of Yeaton, Edward Lowndes of Yeaton & John Burges of the same, gentlemen.

They say that Sir Urian Brereton, knt., grandfather of said William, was seised in fee of 40 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 100 a. of moor in Chester, Marleston, Lache & Handbridge & in the city of Chester, called the Swarthenfield & Little Wetreanes and so being seised on 8 April 9 Elizabeth [conveyed the same] to Sir John Savage, knt., Sir Hugh Cholmondeley, knt., & others [named] to the use of Urian Brereton, one of the younger sons of the said Sir Urian for life & after to the use of said Sir Urian & his heirs for ever, & the same ought to descend to said William, as next of kin & heir of Sir Urian; the said Urian the son still survives & dwells at Handford.

The said William was also seised of a capital mess. called the Nunnes in the city of Chester, with orchard & barn in tenure of Thomas Knee & of another capital mess. called the Lache House in Lache & Marleston & a mess. in tenure of Peter Smyth in Lache & Marleston & of 3 gardens, 100 a. of land, 30 a. of meadow, 80 a. of pasture in Chester, Lache & Marleston & so being seised the said William Brereton conveyed the same to the use of Ranulph Mainwaring, sen., knt. & Katherine, his wife, mother of said William, during the life of said Katherine & William Brereton, the father, deceased, was seised in fee of all manors, lands, &c., mentioned in this inquisition, during the marriage between the said William & the said Katherine & after Katherine's death to said William

mentioned in the Commission as by Indenture made 3 October, 4 James I, between said William & Ralph Mainwaring & Katherine. The said Ralph & Katherine were seised thereof with reversion to said William & the said Katherine still survives & dwells at Handford.

Another Indenture bearing date 20 January, 4 James I [1606-7], between said William Brereton of one part & Sir William Brereton, knt., Richard Holland of Denton, co. Lancs., esq. & William Brereton of Ashley, esq., for the advancement of Margaret, daughter of William Brereton, named in the commission, & his other daughters & younger sons by Margaret, then his wife, of the reversion of the said premises after the deaths of the said Randall Mainwaring & Katherine, his wife, to the said Margaret Brereton, daughter of said William, to raise £1000 for her & after to the right heirs of William. Margaret survives & dwells at Handford.

They say the said William was seised in fee of 2 mess., 40 a. 10 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture & 100 a. of moor in Chester, Handbridge, Lache, Marleston & of the moiety of the manor of Badeley & 30 mess., 200 a. of land, 50 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture & 40s. rent in Badeley, Fadeley, Burland, Brindley & Stoke & of the manor of Handford & 20 mess., 200 a. of land, 50 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood, 20 a. of moor, 6 a. of furze & heath of the manor of Ayshton upon Mersey banke & 29 mess., 100 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood, 60 a. of moor & 100 a. of furze & heath in Ashton upon Mersey Bank & of the advowson of the church of Ashton upon Mersey Bank & of the 8th part of one mess. & 8th part of 40 a. of land, meadow & pasture in Sale & of 5 mess., 40 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood & 12 a. of moor in Bosdon & of 2 mess., 40 a. of land in Stopport & of a mess. & 10 a. of land in Stoke & of the moiety of the manor of Yeaton of 7 mess., 50 a. of land 30 a. of meadow, 50 a. of pasture, 12 a. of wood, 100 a. of

furze & heath in Yaiton *alias* Yeaton & of 1 a. meadow in Buglawton & of 2 mess., 20 a. of land, & 20 a. of moor in Hulm Walfield & of a mess., 50 a. of land in Hawkesley & of 2 mess., 18 a. of land in Northerden & of a mess., 3 cottages, 3 a. of land in Altringham & on 26 September, 6 James I [1608], in the Court of Common Pleas, Chester, he levied a fine between Ranulph Holland, esq., Ranulph Barton & others [named] & himself & his wife Margaret of the manors of Handford, Ashton upon Mersey Bank, Yaiton & the premises there & in Northerden, Buglawton, Sale, Altringham, Bosdon, Stopport, Kuangreve & Hawkesleigh & of a mess. & lands in Badeley *alias* Badeleigh & conveyed the manors of Handford & Ashton to the use of himself & Margaret, then his wife & the longer liver of them with contingent remainders to William, his son & heir apparent, in tail male, to his 2nd son, Urian, his 3rd son, Richard, in tail male, to the male heirs of the body of said William, to his right heirs, & as concerning the manor of Yaiton to himself, for life, & after to Robert Dokenfeild of Dokenfield, esq. & others to the use to maintain & educate the younger sons of said William & after to the use of the said younger sons, as appears by Indenture of 1 October 6 James I [1608] made between the said William Brereton & Richard Holland, Ranulph Barton & others.

On 1 August, 1609, the said William Brereton made his will bequeathing to his 2nd son, Urian, the mess. called Yeaton Hall in Yaiton & the fishery in Yeaton Meare, & taking conies in Yeaton & lands, &c., there & to his son Richard a mess. & lands called Blackhurst in Baddeley in the tenure of Ralph Davenport & Richard Davenport & his executors to raise £1000 for his daughter Margaret Brereton & he bequeathed to his servant, John Eaton, a mess. in Eaton now in the tenure of John Eaton his uncle & to his servant John Smith another tenement in Badeley & also other mess. to other servants & he appointed

executors Richard Holland, William Brereton of Ashley, Robert Handford & Edward Alcock.

He died 18 February last past & William Brereton, esq., the younger, is his son & next heir & is now aged 5 years, 6 months, 21 days.

They say the capital mess. called the Nunnes & the premises in Lache, Marleston & Chester are held of the King as of his Crown of England by the twentieth part of a knight's fee & rent of 31s. 0½d. & worth yearly (clear) £14; & other premises in Chester, Lache, Marleston & Handbridge, held of the King by knight service in chief, but what part of a fee is unknown, & worth yearly (clear) 30s.

The premises in Bosden held of the heirs of Henry Offerton, held in socage by rent of a pair of white gloves yearly & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The premises in Baddeley, Faddeley, Burland & Brindley & rent in Badeley held of the heirs of Sir William Bagot, knt., service unknown, worth yearly (clear) £3.

The premises in Badeley mentioned in the fine held of the same & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The premises in Stoke held of Ranulph Crewe of Crewe, as of his manor of Crewe, by fealty & rent of a pair of white gloves or 1d. yearly & worth (clear) 20s.; those in Hawkesley held of the King as Earl of Chester, as of his manor of Macclesfield, by fealty & rent of 7s. 10d. yearly & worth yearly (clear) 3s. 4d.

The manor of Ashton upon Mersey & lands there & in Sale, held of Thomas Marbury, esq., as of his manor of Doddleston, service unknown, & worth yearly (clear) £6. 3s. 4d.

The premises in Altringham held of Sir George Bouth, knt., in socage & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The premises in Stopport held of John Warren, esq., by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) £5.

Those in Northerden held of Edward Vawdrey, gent. as of his manor of Northerden, service unknown & worth yearly (clear) 4s.

Those in Yaiton & the parcel of the demesne lands of Handford held of Edward Fitton, esq. by 100th part of a knight's fee, of John Savage, knt. & worth yearly (clear) £6.

Those in Buglawton & Hulme Walfield held of Edward Fitton by knight service & worth (clear) yearly, 40s.

The manor of Handford held of Sir John Savage, knt., by knight service & rent of 10s. yearly & worth yearly (clear) £8, & the close there called The Three Horse Closes, held of same & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

They say that Richard Holland, William Brereton of Ashley, Edward Prestwich, Robert Dokenfield, Urian Brereton, Richard Brereton & Margaret Brereton, daughter of said William, survive at Handford.

WILLIAM, LORD BRERETON.

(File 101. No. 14).

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 29 March, 8 Charles I [1632] before Thomas Aldersey, escheator, Thomas Browne, esq., feodary & John Booth, gent., by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of William Brereton, knt., Lord Brereton, deceased, by the oath of John Meare of Meare, Edward Tanatt of Broxton, esqs., Alexander Elcocke of Poole, Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Humfrey Page of Yearshawe, Paul Wynnyngton of Birches, Andrew Burton of Over, George Bradford of Shipbrooke, Ralph Blease of same, William Ravenscroft of Occleston, William Rowley of Laton, John Lamton of Snape & John Lockett of Taxmeare, gentlemen, who say that the said Lord Brereton was seised in fee to him & the heirs male of his body, with remainders to divers persons & the heirs of their bodies & to the right heirs of Sir William Brereton, knt., father of the said Lord, of the manors of Brereton, Malpas, Fowlke Stapleford, Stanthorne, Eyton & Alseger, with the appurtenances, & of 300 mess., a salt pit [*salina*], 6 mills, 3000 a. of land, 400 a.

of wood, 1000 a. of heath, 1000 a. of moor, 1000 a. of marsh & £20 rent, in Brereton, Malpas, Duckington, Horton, Tylston, Church Shocklach, Calcot, Kiddington, *alias* Cudington, Barton, Churton, Agdon, Bradley, Newton by Oldcastle, Stockton, Chorleton, Tussingham, Macefen, Chidlow, Oldcastle, Great & Little Edge, Shocklach Oviatt, Yoyle [Yowley], Carden, Buckley, Wygland, Overfulwich, Netherfulwich, Harthill, Fulke Stapleford, Bryan Stapleford, Hargreive, Stanthorne, Clive, Eyton, Alseger, Crowton, Wordhill, Pyckton, Chorleton in Wirrall, Somerford, Congleton, Buglowton, Tetton, Newton by Middlewich, Haughton & Northwich & of the advowsons of the churches of Brereton, Tylston, Harthill & Malpas & the moiety of the manors of Crowton & Wordhill, also of the homage & service of the lands & tenements of Hugh Calveley, esq. in Harthill & of 3*d.* rent service issuing from the lands in Harthill & of the homage & service of the lands & tenements of John Aston, gent. in Harthill, & of 3*d.* rent service issuing from the said lands & of the homage & service of the moiety of the vill of Sprowston & of a pair of iron spurs or 3*d.* rent service issuing from the said moiety of Sprowston & of 16*s.* 1½*d.* rent charge of the said moiety of the manor of Sprowston.

Thus being seised on 8 July, 17 Elizabeth [1575] the said Lord Brereton agreed with William Booth, Thomas Holcroft, Peter Warburton, Toward Fitton, Ranulph Manwayring & William Leicester, esqs., to levy a recovery before Christmas then next following & the said recovery was levied 1 August 17 Eliz. [1575], settling the premises aforesaid (except those in Stapleford & Hargreive & the capital mess. in Duckington & Eyton) on the male issue of said Lord Brereton, in tail male.

On 15 January, 41 Elizabeth [1598-9] he revoked the same & settled two parts of the premises on John Brereton, esq., then his son & heir apparent, in tail male, with contingent remainders to John, son of Andrew Brereton,

in tail male, William Brereton, younger son of Andrew, in tail male, Edward Brereton, uncle of the said Lord Brereton, in tail male, William Brereton of Ashley, in tail male, Roger Brereton of Halghton, esq., in tail male, the right heirs of Lord Brereton for ever; & as to the remaining third part, to John Savage, Thomas Venables, Thomas Smith, Edward Savage, Josiah Clive, William Carrington & William Leigh & their assigns, to levy & pay after Lord Brereton's death, £1000 to every daughter of the said Lord Brereton & the residue of the premises to the use of John Brereton, late deceased, then the heir apparent of the said Lord Brereton in tail male, with contingent remainders to the other sons of the said Lord Brereton, to John son of Andrew Brereton [&c. as before].

They say he was seised in fee of the manor of Crossley, with appurtenances in Buglawton *alias* Buglaughton & of 6 mess., a toft, a watermill, 200 a. of land, 50 a. of meadow, 150 a. of pasture, 40 a. of wood, 200 a. of heath, 200 a. of moor, 20 a. of turbary in Buglawton, Crossley, & North Rode, late bought of William Llanden, gent.

He was also seised, long before his death, of the manor of Smalwood, with all rights, &c., & of 33 mess., 6 tofts, a watermill, 500 a. of land, 300 a. of meadow, 500 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood, 100 a. of furze & heath, 40 a. of moor, 20 a. of marsh, 30 a. of moss & turbary in Smalwood, bought by him of Sir Percivall Willoughby, knt.

He was also seised of the rectory of Middlewiche & of 2 mess. in Farnedon & Spurstowe, co. Chester, of a pasture called Braddocks Hey in Bydulphe, co. Stafford, a salt pit in Nether Fullwich, co. Flint.

He was also seised in fee of all kinds of tithes of grain & sheaves in Hulme *alias* Churchhulme, Cotton, Cranage, Eardshawe *alias* Yardshawe, & Leighes in the parish of Sandbach.

He was also seised of 22s. rent in Malpas, Church Shocklach, Edge & Cuddington.

On 30 August, 6 Charles I [1630] by Indenture he settled out of the manor of Brereton, £300 a year on Anne Brereton, widow, late the wife of Sir John Brereton, knt., late son & heir apparent of said Lord Brereton, during her life, & the said Anne Lady Brereton survives & dwells at Blackfriars, London.

The manor of Eyton was held of the King as Earl of Chester, in socage & worth yearly (clear) £8.

The manor of Brereton & premises there held of the King as Earl of Chester, in chief, by knight service & worth yearly (clear) £40.

The manor of Malpas & premises there & in Church Shocklach, Barton, Cuddington, Edge, &c. held of same by rooth part of a Barony, & worth yearly (clear) £19. 12s. 8d.

The premises in Tetton & Newton by Middlewich held of Sir Ranulph Crewe, knt., as of his manor of Warmincham, by fealty & yearly rent of 6d. & worth yearly (clear), 16s. 8d.

The premises in Congleton held of the King as of his lordship of Halton, in burgage & worth yearly (clear) 3d.

The manor of Crosley & premises in Buglaughton Crosley & North Rode held of Sir Ranulph Mainwaring, knt., as of his manor of Buglawton by fealty only in free & common socage & worth yearly (clear) 3s. 4d.

The manors of Stanthorne & Fowlkestable, Alseger & premises there & in Tussington, &c. & the moiety of the manors of Crowton & Wordhull held of the King as Earl of Chester, by knight service & worth yearly (clear) £38. 9s. 1d.

The homage &c. in Sprowston worth yearly (clear) 16s. 4d.

The premises in Cuddington, Shocklach Oviatt, &c., held of the King as Earl of Chester by 20th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £25. 5s. 4d.

The premises in Somerford held of Somerford Oldfield, esq., in socage & worth yearly (clear) 8s.

The premises in Duckington held of the king as Earl of Chester, by 20th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £3. 6s. 8d.

The premises in Northwich held of William, Earl of Derby in free burgage & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Those in Picton, Chorlton, &c. held of the King as Earl of Chester, in socage & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Those in Tylston, Cuddington, &c. held of the same, in chief, by knight service & worth yearly (clear) £13. 2s.

Those in Crowton held of same in socage & worth yearly (clear) £11. 13s. 4d.

Those in Bradwell held of same by fealty & yearly rent of 12d., & worth yearly (clear) 11s.

Those in Clive & Haughton held of same, service unknown & worth yearly (clear) 8s.

Those in Yoyle held of same in socage & worth yearly (clear) 28s.

The watermill in Smalwood, now ruined & in decay & the manor of Smalwood & premises there held of Sir Ranulph Crewe, knt., by service of one knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 40 marks.

The rectory of Middlewich & tithes there held of the King in socage in chief [*sic*] & worth yearly (clear) 26s. 8d.

The tithes in Hulme &c. held of the King as of his manor of East Greenwich in free socage & not in chief & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8d.

The say that before Lord Brereton's death, viz. on 13 July, 1608, Henry then Lord Brian, now Earl Thomand in the Kingdom of Ireland, in the parish church of Brereton married Mary Brereton, only daughter of the said Lord Brereton.

That the said Lord Brereton died at Brereton, co. Chester on 1st October last past & William Brereton, esq., now Lord Brereton is his next of kin & heir, that is son & heir of John Brereton, knt., deceased, son & heir apparent of said Lord Brereton & on 1st October was aged 19 years, 7 months.

WILLIAM BRERETON of Ashley, esq.

(File 102. No. 7).

Inquisition taken at Northwich, 16 September, 10 Charles I [1634], before Sir Richard Wilbraham, knt. & Bart., Thomas Aldersey, esq., escheator in co. Chester, & Edward Parkinson, esq., feodary, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of William Brereton, late of Ashley, co. Chester, esq., deceased, by the oath of John Grimsditch of Grimsditch, Laurence Leigh^e of Swinhead, Edward Gregge of Bradeley, Humfrey Page of Eardshawe, Edmund Mouldesworth of Wyncham, Paul Winnington of Burches, Hugh Ampson of Crannage, Philip Downes of Tofte, Peter Hatton of Quistburches, Thomas Gleave, of Highleigh, Edward Harper of the same, Philip Bostocke of Bostocke, George Bradford of Shipbrooke, Thomas Bromfield of Witton, Richard Grimsditch of Appleton, Ranulph Wrench of Moulton, Ralph Blease of Shipbrooke, Philip Antrobus of Peever, John Bradburne of Meyre & Richard Steele of Reddish, gentlemen.

The say that the said William Brereton the day he died was seised in fee of the manor of Ashley, with the appurtenances & of 30 mess., 12 cottages, a mill, a dovecote, 35 gardens, 200 a. of land, 90 a. of meadow, 240 a. of pasture, 36 a. of wood, 80 a. of moor, marsh, furze & 22s. 10*d.* rent in Ashley; & of the manors of Ley & Wim-bosley; of a capital mess. in Timperley & of 8 mess., 8 gardens, 80 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 50 a. of pasture, 80 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 50 a. of pasture, 8 a. of wood, 200 a. of furze & heath & 100 a. of turbary in Timperley; & of 14 mess., a cottage, the moiety of a mill, 15 gardens, 100 a. of land, 50 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 200 a. of moor & marsh, 200 a. of furze & heath & 2s. rent in Hale, Dunham, Sinderland, Meanwood, Apthropp & Outwood, & common of pasture for all beasts in the same premises & in Styall & Echells; & of a close called Richard's Field in Hale, & of 11 mess., 11 gardens,

100 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 6 a. of wood & 10s. rent in Bowdon, Rostorne, Meyre & Yerwood; & of 10 mess., 10 gardens, 4 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 4 a. of pasture in Altringham.

The said William Brereton died so seised on 29 August, 6 Charles I [1630] at Ashley & Richard Brereton, esq., is his son & next heir & at his father's death was aged 40 years & more & now dwells at Ashley.

They say the manor of Ashley & the premises there are held of George Boothe, knt. & Bart., as of his Barony of Dunham Massie, by service of 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £13. 6s. 8d.

The manors of Ley & Wimbosley held of Peter Egerton, esq., as of his manor of Tattenhall by service of 10th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £6. 13s. 8d.

The premises in Timperley held of John, Earl of Bridgewater by fealty & rent of one pig & a half yearly & worth yearly (clear) £6. 13s. 4d.

The premises in Hale, Dunham, Sinderland, Meanewood, Apthropp, Outwood, Styall & Echells, except Richard's Field in Hale, held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by 8th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £6. 13s. 4d. & the said Richard's Field held of Sir Ranulph Crewe, knt., by fealty & rent of 16d. yearly & worth yearly (clear) 5s. 6d.

The premises in Bodon, Rostorne, Meyre & Yerwood, tenure & service unknown, & worth yearly (clear) 34s. 9d.

The premises in Altringham held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent. by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Richard Brereton has taken the issues & profits of the same since the death of the said William.

ROBERT BREREWOOD of Chester.

(File 87. No. 1.)

Inquisition taken at Chester, in the Hall of Common

Pleas there, 29 July, 1 James I [1603] before Hugh Glaseor, esq., mayor of Chester & escheator in said city, Ralph Wilbraham, esq., Richard Bavand & Thomas Gamull, alderman, to enquire after the death of Robert Brerewood, late mayor of the said city by the oath of David Dymocke, alderman, Richard Brostere, Thomas Wright, John Moyle, John Halwodd, Henry Annyon, Thomas Revyngton, John Blease, David Evans, William Lynyall, Richard Partington, William Launde, Thomas Edmundes, Edward Blacon, William Allen, John Batriche.

They say the said Robert Brerewood, long before his death, was seised in fee of 9 parcels of land, to wit 9 "Loondes" in Hanbridge in the common fields there, containing by estimation 3 a. & of 7 closes of land in Claverton in Hanbridge & a parcel of close in the Croftes & of 4 parcels called Foure Loondes in Hanbridge & Claverton in the common fields there; & of 4 mess. in Handbridge & 3 mess. in a lane leading to Shipgate & 7 mess. & a waste plot, where 2 mess. late stood in Bridgstreete in said city, & of a mess. in Fleshmongers Lane there; & 2 mess. in Handbridge in Claverton Lane; & a mess. called the Kilne in the city of Chester; & 14 mess., next the water of Dee, called the Workhouses in Chester; & a mess., orchard & waste plot in the Crofts in that city; & a garden in Clayton [Claverton] Lane in that city; & 6 barns in Handbridge & 20s. rentcharge of 2 mess. in Watergate Street in Chester now in the tenure of Christopher Challoner & George Boys; & of 5 mess. in Castle Lane, Chester & a barn & horse mill outside the Eastgate of that city & of 3 mess. there called Workehouses next the water of Dee, bought of John Talbott, & of 14 "stalles" in the water of Dee.

So being seised, the said Robert made his will on 29 May, 43 Elizabeth [1601] at Chester, bequeathing to Robert, son of John Brerewood, son of said Robert, 3 mess. by the water of Dee bought of John Talbot & to Joan Brerewood

another mess. by the water of Dee called the Lymehouse, & to his son, Edward, in tail male all the lands, &c. he held in fee farm.

They say that all the premises held by the said Robert were bought by him.

They say the Nine Loondes in Claverton are held of the mayor & citizens of Chester in free burgage by fealty only & are worth yearly (clear) 4s. 6*d*.

The 7 closes in Hanbridge & Claverton & a close in the Crofts held in like manner & worth yearly (clear) 7s.

The 4 parcels in Claverton & Hanbridge held of John Dutton, as of his manor of Claverton by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 18*d*.

The 4 mess. in Hanbridge held of the mayor &c. (as before) & worth yearly (clear) 4s.

The 3 mess. in Shipgate Lane held in like manner & worth yearly (clear) 18*d*.

The 7 mess. &c. in Bridge Street, Chester, held in like manner & worth yearly (clear), 9s.

The mess. in Fleshmongers Lane held in like manner & worth yearly (clear), 12*d*.

The 2 mess. in Hanbridge & Clayton [Claverton] Lane held in like manner & worth yearly (clear), 2s.

The Kilne & 14 mess. called the Workehouses held in like manner & worth yearly (clear) 15s.

The mess. &c. in the Crofts held in like manner & worth yearly (clear), 3s.

The garden in Clayton Lane & 6 barns in Hanbridge held in like manner & worth yearly 7s.

The 5 mess. in Castle lane held in like manner & worth yearly (clear), 5s.

The premises outside Eastgate held in like manner & worth yearly (clear), 6s.

The mess. near the water of Dee held in like manner & worth yearly (clear) 16*d*.

The 14 "stalles" in the water of Dee held in like manner & worth yearly (clear), *2d.*

The said Robert died 29 May, 43 Elizabeth [1601] & Robert Brerewood, son of John Brerewood son of said Robert, is his next of kin & heir & is now aged 14 years & more.

REGINALD BRETLAND of Thorncliff, gent.

(File 92. No. 16.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 9 April, 17 James I [1619] before Hugh Maynwarling esq., escheator, Ralph Wilbraham, esq. & Henry Delves, feodaries, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Reginald Bretland, late of Thornecliff, gent., deceased, by the oath of John Birtles of Birtles, William Leghe of Oughtrington, Thomas Brook of Leighton, Edward Bressie of Audlem, Edward Mouldesworth of Wymincham, Julius Wynington of Birches, Thomas Chester of Coole, Edward Harper of Highleighe, Reginald Fynlow of Hulme Walford, Anthony Furnyvall of Mylnehouse, James Bradshaw of Allostock, Thomas Halwood of Sutton, Hugh Venables of Wymbolsley, Thomas Shenton of Stoake, Arthur Joynson of Wareton, Ralph Barlow of Hale, Oliver Lockett of Sandbach & Ralph Cotgrave of Christleton, gentlemen.

The say that the said Reginald Bretland, long before his death, was seised in fee of a capital mess. in Thornecliff & of 40 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 4 a. of wood & 30 a. of moor & moss in Thornecliff & Hollingworth & the same held of Sir Richard Wilbraham, knt., by 200th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The said Reginald died 20 December, 15 James I [1617] & John Bretland is his son & next heir & at his father's death was aged 11 years; Roger Webb, gent., has taken the profits &c. of the said lands since the said Reginald's death.

ROBERT BROCKE of Upton, gent.

(File 88. No. 1.)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 29 July, 4 James I [1606], before Henry Maynwaring, esq., the King's escheator in co. Cheshire, Ralph Wilbraham, gent., feodary, Robert Whitbie & Edward Gregge, gentlemen, by virtue of the King's commission, after the death of Robert Brocke, late of Upton by Chester, gent., by the oath of Ralph Leftwich of Leftwich, esq., Randall Farrer of Acton, James Roe of Acton, John Bressie of Teverton, James Trevis of Horton, John Batterishe of Barrowe, William Davenport of Leighton, George Ball of Boughton, Richard Coventrie of Mollington, Richard Ashton of Chorlton, Thomas Sparke of Kyngsley, William Hatton of Norley, & Peter Hall of Norley, gentlemen.

They say the said Robert Brocke was seised in fee the manor of Upton by Chester & of 16 mess., a dovecote, 16 gardens, 200 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood, 100 a. of furze & heath, 40 a. of moor & 2s. rent in Upton, Cotton, Edmunds Cotton, Hanper Cotton, Christleton, Little Christleton, Roe Christleton, Newton by Chester, Moreton & Mosseton; & of 3 mess., 3 gardens, 6 a. of land, 1 a. of meadow, 6 a. of pasture in Chester.

So being seised by Indenture bearing date 26 July, 36 Elizabeth [1594] he conveyed the premises in Christleton, Cotton, Edmunds Cotton & Harper [?] Cotton & a certain parcel of land in Chester, in the occupation of Thomas Case, gent., to his younger brother, William Brocke, for life, with remainder to said Robert, in tail male, in default of male issue, to the right heirs of said Robert. The said William still survives & dwells at Upton.

They say that Anne Brocke, now the wife of Edward Holland, gent. & late the wife of John Brocke, deceased, (which John, long before the said Robert had anything in

the said premises, was seised of all the said premises, in fee & so being seised married the said Anne at Upton & died thereof seised without heir of his body & thereupon the premises descended to said Robert as brother & heir of said John) now survives & dwells at Upton.

The said Robert Brocke died 30 November, 1 James I [1603].

They say the manor of Upton is held & the premises in Upton, Moreton, Newton & Moston are held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, in free & common socage, by fealty only & not in chief & is worth yearly (clear) £6. 13s. 4d.

The premises in Cotton, Edmonds Cotton & Harper [?] Cotton held of Peter Venables, esq., as of his manor of Cotton, in free socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Christleton, Little Christleton & Roe Christleton, held of Sir John Harpur, knt., as of his manor of Christleton, by fealty & rent of 3d. a year & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Chester held of the mayor & commonalty of Chester, in free burgage, by fealty only, & worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4d.

They say that William Brocke, gent., is son & next heir of said Robert & is now aged 12 years, 8 months, 1 day.

Since Robert's death, his brother William has taken the issues of the lands conveyed to him & Edward Holland; Anne his wife & Edward Brocke, gent. have taken the issues & profits of the residue of the lands, &c.

WILLIAM BROMLEY, esq. of Nantwich.

(File 97. No. 3).

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 1 April, 21 James I [1623] before Hugh Maynwaringe, esq., escheator of Prince Charles in co. Chester, & Peter Danyell, esq., feodary of the said county, to enquire, by virtue of the King's

commission, after the death of William Bromeley, esq., by the oath of Edward Bressey of Audlem, John Cartwright of Shepnaill, John Cheswis of Mickley, Nicholas Hussey of Baddeley, Oliver Pollet of Faddiley, John Moulton of Worleston, William Boulton of Hankelow, Robert Meakyn of Hatherton, Lawrence Cotton of Birchall, Thomas Adams of Hatherton, William Dod of Bewreton, Richard Kettle of Betchton, John Edgeley of Newall, Francis Bettiley of Burland, Oliver Lockett of Sandbach & Laurence Weld of Wisterston, gentlemen.

They say that the said William Bromley long before his death was seised in fee of 6 mess. in Nantwich (four whereof now are or late were in the tenures of Thomas Venables, Margaret Cloves, Reginald Whitticres & Roger Croftes & the other two of the said William Bromley & Edmund Crew), & he was also seised of 7 closes in Willaston, in the parish of Nantwich, called Baddiley Grange *alias* the King's Grounds, containing, by estimation, 40 a. of pasture & of a croft in Wigstretton *alias* Wightaston & Salterssiche, or one of them, at the upper end of the Hospel Street of Nantwich, late in the tenure of Randall Alcock; & of a saltpit & 6 leads in Nantwich; & of a mess. in Newton in the tenure of William Hely & of certain lands in Newton & Upton belonging to the said mess.; & of 6 a. of land & 6 a. of pasture in Newton & Upton in the tenure of Thomas Falkener.

So being seised, he made his will on 1 May, 18 James I [1620] & bequeathed to his wife Katherine the premises in Newton & Upton in the tenure of William Hely & Thomas Falkener, to sell the same to raise portions for his daughters, Ellen & Margaret Bromley & to his son, William, the premises in Nantwich, Willaston, Wigstretton & Salterssich, at his age of 21, until when the said Katherine to take the profits, &c.

The said William Bromley died 27 December, 20 James I [1622] at Bagginton, co. Warwick & William Bromley is

his son & next heir & at his father's death was aged 7 years, 3 months, 15 days & Katherine, the relict, survives & dwells at Nantwich.

They say the premises in Newton & Upton & those there in tenure of William Hely, held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, by fealty only, in free & common socage & are worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8d.

Those in Newton & Upton in the tenure of Thomas Falkener held in like manner & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

The mess. in Nantwich held of the Prince as Earl of Chester in chief, by rooth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 10d. & the saltpit & leads there held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 10d.

The premises in Willaston called Baddeley Grange *alias* the King's Ground & those in Wightstreet & Saltersich held of the King as of his manor of Derby, co. Lancaster by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 15s.

SIR RICHARD BROOKE, knt. of Norton.

(File 102. No. 8).

Inquisition taken at Northwich, 2 January, 10 Charles I [1634-5] before Thomas Aldersey, esq., escheator of co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Sir Richard Brooke, knt., deceased, by the oath of Humfrey Page of Yearshawe, Paul Winnington of Burches, George Bradford of Shipbrooke, Ralph Blease of same, Ralph Bostocke, jun. of Moulton, Ranulph Wrench of same, Thomas Gleave of Highleigh, Richard Whittingham of Over, Robert Whittingham of same, Thomas Barker of same, Thomas Maddockes of same, Ralph Maddockes of same, Richard Baker of same, William Tomlinson of Wa . . ., Arthur Joynson of same, Thomas Burrowes of Clyve, Thomas Barker of Gale, Phillip Bostocke of Bostocke, John Winnington of Leftwich, Th[omas] Neild of Shurlach, gentlemen.

They say that long before his death the said Sir Richard was seised in fee of a capital mess. in Norton called the Hall of Norton & of 3 other mess., a water-mill, a windmill, a dovecote, 150 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 150 a. of pasture, 100 a. of wood, 50 a. of moor, 60 a. of marsh in Norton & of the whole manor of Norton with Stockham *alias* Stockcombe & of 20 mess., 20 gardens, 500 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 500 a. of pasture, 40 a. of wood, 40 a. of moor, 40 a. of furze & heath in Norton with Stockham *alias* Stockcombe & of 3 fisheries in the water of Mercie belonging to the said capital mess.; of the whole manor of Aston (*sic*) Grange & of 9 mess., 200 a. of land, 500 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood, 40 a. of moor & marsh in Aston Grange, & of the moiety of a mess. & 6 a. of land in Aston; & of a mess. in Moore, late in the tenure of William Horton & of 2 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow & 2 a. of pasture in Moore; & of the whole manor of Acton Grange & of 14 mess., 200 a. of land, 50 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 40 a. of wood & 50 a. of moor & marsh in Acton Grange.

He was also seised long before his death of all the manor of Kaverdley *alias* Curedley, co. Lancs., & of 20 mess., 20 gardens, 200 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture & 140 a. of moor & marsh in Kaverdley *alias* Curedley.

So being seised, on a marriage to be had & afterwards had between his son & heir apparent, Henry Brooke, esq. & Mary Pusey, daughter of Timothy Pusey, esq. & in consideration of Mary's dowry of £1240, Sir Richard conveyed parcel of the said premises to Timothy Pusey aforesaid & William Willoughby, Thomas Marbury & Robert Hyde, esqs. & the heirs of Timothy as follows:—All that pasture called the Higher & Lower Marshes, the Warth Meadow, the Heywards & Cookeson's Heyes, 3 closes called The Three new Intacks upon the Mosse, 7 a. of new "slutshed" grounds adjoining Cookeson's Heyes, the Ten Acres Meadow, the Seven Acres Meadow,

the Higher Fat Pasture, the Lower Fatt Pasture, the Calyards, the Lower Marshe, the Bothome Meadow, the tenements in the several tenures of William Crosse & Thomas Barlowe, in the south end of the Whole Roe, the several yearly rents of 33s. 4*d.* & 43s. 4*d.* issuing from mess. in the tenure of Ralph Jefferson, the yearly rents of 30s. from the premises in tenure of John Draper, of 20s. from those in tenure of Thomas Hurst, of 26s. from those in tenure of William Peterson, of 33s. 4s. all in Norton & Norton cum Stockham, to the use of the said Henry Brooke & Mary Pusey, & the longer liver of them & the residue of the premises to the use of the said Sir Richard for life & after his death certain rooms, &c. [specified] in the capital mess. in Norton, the residue of the demesne lands of Norton manor, the dovecote, water grain mill at Norton & the windmill there to Katherine Brooke, late the wife of Sir Richard & all other the tenements in Norton, in the tenures of Robert Earle, Ranulph Burroughe, Robert Hampton, John Burras, Thomas Barrowe, Richard Trevis, Richard Heyward, Richard Freere, George Orme, Richard Brooke, gent., Margaret Granger, widow, Robert Malbone, Margaret Saunders, Thomas Sheppard & Ralph North & all the lands thereunto belonging to said Katherine for life, in lieu of dower & all other the rooms in the said capital mess. in Norton to the use of the said Henry & Mary & all the said premises after Katherine's death in tail male, in default to the right heirs of Sir Richard.

He was also seised of a parcel of land of 2 a. in Acton & Oneson, in the tenure of widow Wilme.

By three several deeds he assured annuities [sums not given] to three of his younger sons, Thomas, Richard & George Brooke, gentlemen.

On 26 March, 1632, at Norton, Sir Richard made his will & bequeathed to John Brooke, one of his younger sons, £20 a year for life & to his daughters, Mary, Christian,

Dorothy, Elizabeth & Martha, £20 each a year for life & the said daughters still survive, unmarried, at Norton, as also Thomas, Richard, John & George Brooke survive & Katherine & Mary aforesaid.

The premises in Norton, the manor of Norton with Stockham & all other fisheries &c. there, held of the King in chief by 30th part of a Knight's fee & rent of £7. 18s. & the premises limited there as Katherine's jointure are worth yearly (clear) 40s. & the residue £4. 5s. 6d.

The manors of Aston Grange & Keverdley *alias* Curedley & the premises there held of the King by 20th part of a Knight's fee & the manor of Aston Grange & the premises there, worth yearly (clear) 26s. 8d., the manor of Kaverdley & premises there £5.

The manor of Acton Grange & the premises there held of the King in chief by knight service & worth yearly (clear) 6d.

Sir Richard died at Norton, 10 April 8 Charles I [1632] & Henry Brooke is his son & heir & at his father's death was aged 21 years 2 months & more.

THOMAS BROOKE, esq. of Norton.

(File 98. No. 3).¹

Inquisition taken at Knottesford, 30 April, 21 James I [1623] before Hugh Maynwaringe, esq., escheator & Peter Danyell, feodary of Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall & York & Earl of Chester & Thomas Marbury, esq., by virtue of the King's commission, to enquire after the death of Thomas Brooke, esq., by the oath of James Massie of . . . Esq., Hugh Crosby of Over Whitle, William Leigh of Oughtrington, Philip Downes of Tofte, Thomas Shaw of Millington, George Bowden of Bowden, Edward Harper of Highleigh, Alexander Duncalf of Mobberley, Edward How of Ollerton, Thomas Leighe of Northwood, Edmund Mouldsworth of Wyncham, John Middlehurst of

¹ Illegible in places, and words supplied from Ct. of Wards 65/28.

Groppenhall, Richard Steele of Reddish, John Acton of Ollerton, Robert Webster of Knuttessford, & Ralph . . . , gentlemen.

They say the said Thomas Brooke, esq. was seised in fee of a capital mess. in Norton & of three other mess., a dovecote, a windmill, a watermill, 100 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, & 50 a. of wood, 40 a. of moor, 40 a. of marsh in Norton; & of the whole manor of Norton with Stockham *alias* Stockcombe, & of 20 mess., 20 gardens, 100 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 40 a. of wood, 40 a. of moor & 20 a. of furze & heath in Norton cum Stockham & of 3 fisheries in the water of Mersey belonging to the said capital mess.; & of all the manor of Aston Grange & of 9 mess., 20 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood & 20 a. of marsh in Aston Grange; & of 2 a. of land in Acton by Ounson; & of the moiety of a mess. & 6 a. of land in Aston; & of a mess. in Over Walton, co. Chester & of all the manor of Keverdley, co. Lancaster & of 20 mess., 20 gardens, 100 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow 100 a. of pasture & 140 a. of moor & marsh in Keverdley.

So being seised, by Indenture bearing date 12 April, 5 James I [1607] made between the said Thomas Brooke of one part & Sir Richard Brooke, knt., his son & heir apparent of the 2nd part & Richard Egerton of Ridley, esq., Thomas Marbury, esq., Richard Grosvenor, jun., son & heir apparent of Richard Grosvenor, of Eaton, esq., now Sir Richard Grosvenor, knt. & Bart. & Philip Oldfield of Somerford, gent., of the third part, & after by fine levied on 13 April, same year in the Common Hall of Pleas, Chester, he conveyed the said capital mess. called the Hall of Norton, the premises there called Norton Demeasnes & 3 mess. there to the use of the said Sir Richard Brooke, knt., for life, with contingent remainders to said Thomas Brooke, for life, to heirs male of Sir Richard, to George Brooke, 2nd son of said Thomas, in tail male, to William Brooke, his 3rd son, in tail male, to Thomas Brooke, his

4th son, in tail male, to right heirs of said Thomas for ever, & as concerning the manor of Norton & premises there, the manor of Aston Grange & premises there & 2 a. of land in Acton by Ounson & the moiety of a mess. & 6 a. in Aston to the use of the said Thomas, for life, with contingent remainders to said Sir Richard, in tail male, to George Brooke [&c. as above]; & as to the premises in Over Walton to the use of Thomas Brooke aforesaid for life, with contingent remainders to the said Sir Richard in tail male, the heirs male of Richard Brooke, esq., grandfather of said Sir Richard, the said Richard Brooke & his heirs for ever; & as to the manor of Keverdley & premises there, by another fine, to said Thomas, for life, with contingent remainders to Sir Richard in tail male, to George Brooke [&c. as above].

The premises in Norton & the manor of Norton are held of the King in chief, by service of 30th part of a knight's fee & yearly rent of £7. 18s. & the capital mess. & 3 mess. there worth yearly (clear) £3 & the manor & premises there £3. 5s. 6d.

The manor of Aston Grange & 2 a. in Acton by Ouston & the premises in Aston & the manor of Keverdley held of the King in chief by service of 20th part of a knight's fee & the manor of Aston Grange & the premises there worth yearly (clear) 33s. 4d. & the 2 a. in Acton 6d. & the manor of Keverdley & premises there £5.

The mess. in Over Walton held of Richard Marbury of Walton, in socage & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

They say the said Thomas Brooke died 4 November, 20 James I [1622] & Sir Richard Brooke, knt., is his son & next heir & at his father's death was aged 50 years & more.

FRANCIS BROUGHTON, gent.

(File 95. No. 1).

Inquisition taken in the Hall of Pleas, Chester, 17

August, 1620, before Richard Wilbraham & John Done, knts., Hugh Maynwaringe, esq., escheator & Henry Delves, gent., feodary, by virtue of the King's commission, to enquire after the death of Francis Broughton, gent., by the oath of Richard Brereton of Eccleston, esq., Hugh Massie of Egerley, Thomas Barneston of Churton, Thomas Partington of Cotton, Thomas Calcotte of Calcott, John Edwardes of Cheavley, Thomas Ball of Boughton, Francis Hawarden of the same, John Dodd of Broxon, Richard Bird of the same, John Dawson of Tushingham, James Doe of Saughall, William Rosingreave of Waverton, John Ashbrooke of Tattenhall, William Burgenye of Pulford & John Manley of Poulton, gentlemen.

They say that the said Francis Broughton the day he died was seised of a mess. with lands in Church Shocklache, late in the tenure of Ralph Davenport, & by his will bequeathed the same to Julian Broughton, now deceased, then his wife, for life, with remainder to Wilbraham Broughton his eldest son, in tail male, with contingent remainders to Francis, Richard & Thomas Broughton, sons of said Francis, in tail male, to the right heirs of Francis.

The said premises held of the King as Earl of Chester, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 16s.

The said Francis died at Shocklache 8 April 1610 & Wilbraham Broughton is his son & next heir & now aged 20 years, 11 months, 10 days.

Julian took the issues & profits from the day of the death of Francis until 25 July, 1614, when she died, since when the said Wilbraham has taken the same.

RICHARD BROWNE of Heswall, gent.

(File 99. No. 1).

Inquisition taken in the Common Hall of Pleas in Chester Castle, 11 August, 1 Charles I [1625] before Hugh Maynwaringe, the King's escheator in co. Chester, by

virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Richard Browne, gentleman, by the oath of John Edwards of Cheaveley, William Rosengreave of Hargreave, Henry Phillippes of Christleton, John Ashton of Boughton, William Helye of Newton, James Hancock of the same, Robert Kirkes of Mollington, James Doe of Saughull, John Doe of the same, Richard Chamberlayne of the same, Thomas Halwood of Sutton, William Wright of Elton, John Crewe of the same, gentlemen.

They say that the said Richard Browne long before his death was seised in fee of the moiety of the manor of Hasselwall *alias* Hesewall & of 15 mess., 180 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 250 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood, 200 a. of moor & 200 a. of heath & turbary & a fishery in Haselwall *alias* Hesewall & of the moiety of the rectory & advowson of that church, when it falls due; of a mess., 100 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood, 50 a. of moor, 50 a. of marsh, 50 a. of heath & certain tithes in Upton.

So being seised, by Indenture bearing date 3 October, 11 James I [1613] made between him of the one part & John Aston of Aston, esq. & Thomas Aston, esq., of the other, on his marriage with Mary, sister of the said John & Thomas Aston, he conveyed the said premises, except a close called the Whitefield & the tithes thereof, parcel of the demesne lands, to the said John & Thomas to the use of himself for life & after his death the said capital mess., mansion house or tenement & all thereunto belonging, the two Brode Heyes, the Server, the Knowles and meadows, the Upper Gorstie Hey, the Nether Gorstie Hey, the Rake Hey, the Kilnecrofte and Sandy Crofte to the use of the said Mary, his wife, for life.

By Indenture bearing date 7 February, 20 James I [1622-3] made between the said Richard Browne, of one part & Richard Browne, jun., his son, of the other, he conveyed to his said son a mess. in Heswall in the tenure

of John Prenton of Heswall, with all thereunto belonging for 99 years, at a yearly rental of 10s. & 2 hens at Christmas; & by another Indenture of the same date conveyed to him another mess. in Heswall & fishery, &c. in the tenure of Joan Penkett by a lease made to the said Joan & Thomas & Margaret Penkett, for 90 years at a yearly rental of 10s. 4d., 2 hens at Christmas & rendering every week on Friday the fish caught in the said fishery at "the first tyde" that day. By another Indenture bearing date 10 January, 1623[-4] he granted his said son a yearly rent of £10 issuing from his premises in Upton, & by Indenture of 12 March 1623[-4] he demised to his son, Richard, a mess. in Heswall, with all thereunto belonging, in the tenure of William Robinson of Heswall for 60 years at a yearly rental of £3. & 3 hens at Christmas. By Indenture of same date, he demised to the said Richard another mess. in Heswall in the tenure of Robert Prenton of Heswall, husbandman, for 60 years at a yearly rental of 20s. & 3 hens at Christmas.

The said Richard Browne, the son, survives & dwells at Chester.

So being seised, Richard Browne, named in the writ, died 5 January last past & Mary, his wife, survives & enjoys the said lands in Upton in dower & is still a widow & Thomas Browne is son & next heir of the said Richard & is now aged 10 years, 4 months, 6 days.

They say the manor of Hasselwall *alias* Hesevall & the advowson, mess., lands, &c. there are held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by knight service & are worth yearly (clear) £6.

The premises in Upton held of the King as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, by fealty only, in free & common socage, rendering yearly to the Dean & Chapter of Chester Cathedral £12. 9s. 10d. & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

WILLIAM BROWNE of Nantwich, gent.

(File 100. No. 2).

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 26 September, 4 Charles I [1628] before Hugh Maynwaring, esq., escheator in co. Chester, Thomas Browne, gent. & Hugh Hassall, esq.; by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of William Browne, gent., deceased, by the oath of Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Henry Malbone of Coppenhall, Robert Meakin of Hatherton, William Waste of Husterson, Thomas Shenton of Stoke, Ranulph Grafton of Worleston, Francis Betteley of Burland, Oliver Pollett of Faddeley, John Moulton of the same, William Gallimore of Beachton, John Furnyffalle of the same, William Gallimore the younger of the same, Richard Sare of Hassall, John Cartwright of Aston, Thomas Scott of Checkley & Thomas Smith of the same, gentlemen.

They say that the said William Browne, long before his death, was seised in fee of 3 mess., 3 gardens, a saltpit of 12 leads a Wiche House place, 6 leads, moiety of one wiche house place, 6 leads, moiety of another wiche house place, 6 leads & three parts in 4 divided of a mess. in Nantwich; & of 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture in Wigstaston; & of 16 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 16 a. of pasture in Wigstaston & Willaston.

So being seised by his deed bearing date 17 February, 2 Charles I [1626-7] he enfeoffed Hugh Hassall, esq. & Edward Wright, esq. to the use of himself for life, with contingent remainders to his wife, Mary, for life, by way of jointure, to the male issue of himself by said Mary, the heirs of his body, his right heirs for ever, of 16 a. of land 2 a. of meadow & 16 a. of pasture in Wigstaston & Wills-ton & as to the mess. wherein he dwelt & a saltpit & 12 leads in Pepper Street, Nantwich, in the tenure of the said William Browne & all thereunto belonging to the use of himself for life, with contingent remainders to said Mary for life, to the issue of himself by said Mary to his right heirs & the residue in like manner.

They say the said Mary survived her said husband & now dwells at Nantwich, unmarried.

William Browne died at Nantwich 4 July last past & John Browne is his son & next heir & at his father's death was aged 15 years, 9 months, 21 days.

JOHN BRUEN of Bruenstapleford, esq.

(File 99. No. 6).

Inquisition taken at Middlewich 18 October, 2 Charles I [1626] before Hugh Maynwaring esq., the King's escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of John Bruen, esq., by oath of Humfrey Page of Yardshaw, John Kinsey of Blagden, Andrew Burton of Over, William Tomlinson of Warton, Richard Whittingham of Over, Philipp Downes of Tofte, Robert Whittingham of Over, Thomas Barker of same, William Ravenscroft of Occleston, William Venables of Sproston, George Bradford of Shipbrook, Reginald Fynlow of Hulmeswalfield, Arthur Joynson of Warton, Phillip Antrobus of Peever, Thomas Burrowes of Clyve, James Bradshaw of Allostock, John Wynyngton of Leftwich & Thomas Neild of Shurlach, gentlemen.

They say that long before his death, the said John was seised in fee tail, with remainder to the right heirs of John Bruen, his father, of the manors of Bruenstapleford, & Burton, & of 2s. 8d. rent & services in the manor of Wymblestrafford & of 6s. 1d., rent & services in Gelden Sutton & of a burgage in Chester; & of $\frac{1}{4}$ part of the manor of Clotton & the moiety of the manor of Duddon & of the site of the manor of Fowkestapleford; & of a mess., a watermill, 40 a. of land, 7 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture, a field called Whateley of 20 a. & 10 a. of wood in Fowkestapleford; of a close called Hargravefeild in Fowkestapleford & of a mess. & 60 a. of land, 10 a. of wood in Hargrave; of a mess., 12 a. of land in Tarvyn; of 5 mess. in Overscroft *alias* Auscroft; of a mess. & 40 a. of land in Church Crisselton; of a mess., 40 a. of land in Huxley.

So being seised, by Indenture bearing date 5 March, 1 James I [1603-4] made between said John Bruen, Henry Hardware of Peele, esq., William Brettarghe of Holte, co. Lancs. gent. & John Fox of Rodes, co. Lancs. gent., of the first part, Edward Fleetwood, of Wiggan, co. Lancs., clerk, Nicholas Wentworth of Lillingston Lovell, co. Oxon., esq. of the 2nd & John Bruen, the younger, son & heir apparent of said John, & Judith his wife, of the 3rd part the said premises were conveyed to the said Fleetwood & Wentworth, to the use as to closes in Houfeild *alias* Hoofeild in Clotton called the Great Lady Hey, the Midle Lady Heye, the Little Lady Hey, a mess. & closes in Clotton, called the Great Carters & Lesser Carters Fields; the Crofts about the Old House, the Two Goslen Fields, the Calver Croft, the Chambercroft, the Calvercroft Meadow, the Round Meadow, the Preshall Wood, Downes Meadow, the two Mylne pooles, a water mill called Preshall Milne in Duddon, a mess. & lands in Bruenstapleford & Duddon to the use of John Bruen the son & his wife Judith, with contingent remainders to the male issue of John the son, to the use of said John mentioned in the writ, in tail male, to his right heirs, & the residue to said John named in the writ, with contingent remainders, after his death, to John, the son, in tail male, heirs male of said John, right heirs of John Bruen, the father of said John named in the writ, for ever.

On 8 April, 8 James I [1610], a fine was levied at Chester between Nicholas Wentworth, esq., plaintiff & the said John Bruen named in the writ & Anne, his wife, deforciant, to the uses of an Indenture conveying an ancient rent from a mess. in the tenure of William Lowe in Chrisselton, a mess. in the tenure of John Litler, Alderman of Chester, mess. in the tenure of John Cock, Ralph Darlington, Peter Bordman, James Hilton, William Gobett, Henry Taylor, John Hough, all in Bruenstapleford, a mess. in the tenure of Ralph Bryne in Tarvyn, & lands, &c., thereunto belonging, mess. in the tenure of George Neild, William

Barker, Peter Blease, William Neild, Thomas Weyne, William Lowe in Overcroft, mess. in the tenures of John Houghland, Lewis Davye, William Lowe in Presheyes in Bruenstapleford; mess. in the tenures of Lawrence Mowsdale, Thomas Large, John Bennet, John Hickson, Richard Huxley, Thomas Starkie & all lands, &c. thereunto belonging, in Duddon; mess. in the tenures of Roger Bate, the assigns of Oliver Hickson, John Barker, Robert Finchett, John Hickson, John Boothe, & lands, &c. thereunto belonging in Clotton; mess. in the tenure of of John Downes, George Ince, John Holland, John Wettenhall, Matthew Smithe, John Ellams, Richard Symcock & all lands, &c. thereunto belonging in Burton; mess. in the tenure of William Vernon, William Hickson & all lands, &c. thereunto belonging in Howfeild in Clotton & a mess. in the tenure of Thomas Bruen in Huxley & a yearly rent issuing from the house & lands of Robert Hampston in Fowkestapleford *alias* Hargreave & parcel of the demesne lands of the said John Bruen & two closes called Burton Crofts & Peakesmore Meadow in Fowkestapleford & a close there called Whatleyes in the tenure of John Holland, land called the Intacke in the tenure of John Welshman & a yearly rent of 33s. 4d. issuing from a field called Nedlow in Bruenstapleford, to John Bruen, son of said John, he to pay £52. 4s. yearly to Henry Hardware, William Brettargh & John Fox, at the parish church of Tarvin to the use of the younger sons & the daughters of the said John & confirmed the same by his will of 22 June, 1621, his younger sons being Calvin, Samuel, Obadiah & Joseph Bruen, & he bequeathed to each £40 and to his daughter Katherine Bruen £100. The said younger sons & daughter survive & dwell at Bruenstapleford.

The said John Bruen died 18 January last past & John Bruen, the younger, is his son & heir & is now aged 42 years & more.

They say the manor of Bruenstapleford & premises

there are held of the Bishop of Coventry & Lichfield by 30th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £15. 17s. 3d.

The manor of Burton & premises there held of the same, tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear) £3. 16s.

The rent and services in the manor of Wymblestrafford held of the heirs of John Talbott, esq., tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear) 2s. 8d; the rent & services in Geldensutton held of the said Bishop, tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 1d.

The burgage in Chester held of the King in socage & worth yearly (clear) 2s.

The fourth part of the manor of Clotton held of the King, in chief, by 6th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £7. 5s.

The moiety of the manor of Duddon held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by 5th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £6. 11s.

The site of the manor of Fowkestableford & premises there held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in chief, by 6th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £10. 4s.

Hargravefield in Fowkestableford held of William Lord Brereton in socage & worth yearly (clear) 2s. 4d.

The mess. & premises in Hargrave held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by service of 20th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 32s.

Those in Tarvyn & Auscroft *alias* Overscroft held of the Bishop of Coventry & Lichfield, tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear) 18s. 6d.

Those in Church Crisselton held of the heirs of John Harpur by rent of 1d. a year & worth yearly (clear) 32s.

Those in Huxley held of the heirs of George Cleive, esq., as parcel of the moiety of his seignory of Huxley by yearly rent of 2s. & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

HUMFREY BULKELEY, gent. son of Richard Bulkeley.
(File 104. No. 3).¹

Inquisition taken at Northwich, co. Chester, 9 October, 14 Charles I [1638] before Sir George Booth, knt. & bart., William Nicholls, S.T.D., Thomas Aldersey, esq., escheator & John Yonge, esq., feodary, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Humfrey Bulkley, gent., deceased, by the oath of . . . Mouldesworth of Wyncham, Ralph Bostocke of Moulton, Humfrey Newton of Moberley, George Bradford of Shipbrooke, William Tomlinson of Wareton, Ranulph . . . of Moulton, Gabriel Hodgson of Minshull Vernon, Edward Sheldermidine of Kenworthy lane, William Ravenscroft of Occleston, Ralph Royle of Kenworthy, Edward Holt of Sa . . . , William Milles of Timperley, Phillip Bostocke of Bostocke, Thomas Lowndes of Moulton, Thomas Neild of Shurlach, John Hall of Budworth, John Middlehurst of Groppenhall, Richard Ricroft of the same & William Middleton of Stockton, gentlemen.

They say that long before Humfrey's death, a certain Richard Bulkley, late of Bewmorris, co. Anglesea, knt., deceased, was seised in fee of the manor of Whatcroft, co. Chester, of the moiety of the manor of Chedle & the advowson of Chedle Church, the moiety of the manor of Timperley & of 10 a. of land in Ashley, 60 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture & 16 a. of wood in Whatcroft called Pearetree Lees & of a yearly rent of 2s. issuing from an a. of land & wood called Bulkley Bankes, in Stanthorne by the water of Dane, being the land of William Lord Brereton, of Brereton, co. Chester, Baron of Laughlin, Ireland, payable at St. John the Baptist & St. Martin in Hieme. On his marriage with Lady Mary Burgh, Sir Richard conveyed the said premises to said Mary for life, with remainder to himself & his heirs. The marriage took place at Chedle & they were seised of the premises as aforesaid.

¹ Torn in places.

They say the said Sir Richard was also seised of 2 mess., 14 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture in Edgley, late in the tenure of James Byrch & John Gibbon & of 10 a. of land, 10 a. of pasture in Rudheath *alias* Redheath, called Stanney *alias* Stanney Fields & of 2 a. of meadow & 1½ a. of pasture in Shipbrooke & Bostocke & of a cottage, a garden & 1 a. of land in Stanthorne & Wareton.

So being seised Sir Richard conveyed the premises to himself for life, with contingent remainders to Richard Bulkley, esq., late of Bewmorris, deceased, in tail male, to Peter Bulkley, brother of said Richard Bulkley, of Bewmorris, in tail male, to Thomas Bulkley, son of Sir Richard aforesaid, in tail male, to John Bulkley, of Cumlin, co. Anglesea, in tail male, to the heirs of Sir Richard for ever.

Sir Richard died at Bewmorris 28 June, 19 James I [1621] & Richard Bulkeley, named in the commission, was his next of kin & heir, being son & heir of Richard Bulkley, Esq., deceased, late son & heir apparent of Sir Richard.

They say Lady Mary Bulkley still survives at Canon Rowe, Westminster, co. Middlesex & after her husband's death entered into the said manors & premises as her jointure & that the premises in Rudheath, Shipbrooke, Bostocke, Wareton & Stanthorne descended to said Richard Bulkley of Bewmorris, deceased, who was seised thereof, & he & Thomas Bulkley, son of Sir Richard, on 25 June, 8 Charles I [1632] levied a fine & conveyed two parts of the aforesaid manors & all the premises to Richard Bulkley of Whatcroft, mentioned in the commission, with remainder, after the latter's death, to his wife Dorothy, now surviving at Moreden, co. Surrey & his male issue, in default contingent remainders to the heirs male of the body of Richard Bulkley, esq., late father of Richard Bulkley of Whatcroft, to Richard Bulkley of Bewmorris in tail male, to Peter Bulkley, in tail male, to Thomas Bulkley, in tail male, to the right heirs of Richard

Bulkley for ever. And as to the residue of the said manors & premises of said Richard Bulkley of Whatcroft, in tail male & remainders as above.

The said Richard Bulkley named in the commission died at Peele, co. Cheshire, 26 September, 9 Charles I [1633] & Humfrey Bulkley, esq., deceased was his son & heir, who was seised of the said premises & died 17 February, 12 Charles I [1636-7] & the premises were in the King's hands by reason of his minority.

Humfrey Bulkley, gent., is his next heir, being brother & heir of Richard Bulkley, father of said Humfrey, named in the commission, & is now aged 20 years, 6 months.

The manor of Whatcroft is held of William Oldfield, of Leftwich, & Elizabeth. late his wife by knight service & worth (clear) yearly £6. 2s. 4d., after Lady Mary's death.

The moiety of Cheadle Manor, with the advowson & appurtenances held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in chief, by 8th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) after Lady Mary's death, £20.

The moiety of the manor of Timperley held of George Booth, knt. & Bart., in socage, as parcel of his Barony of Dunham Massie & worth yearly (clear) after Lady Mary's death, £13. 6s. 8d.

The land in Ashley, held in like manner & worth yearly (clear) 12d.

The lands in Whatcroft, called Pearetree Lees held of the King in common socage, by fealty only, as of his manor of Woodstocke, co. Oxford, & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The rent of 2s. is dry rent & not held of anyone.

The premises in Edgley, tenure unknown, & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

Those in Rudheath, called Stanney Fields, held of the King by yearly rent of 24s., service unknown & worth yearly (clear), 10s.

The premises in Stanthorne & Wareton held of Peter

Venables, of Kinderton, esq., by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 1s.

The premises in Shipbrooke & Bostocke held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in chief, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 1s.

SIR RICHARD BULKELEY, knt.

(File 97. No. 17).¹

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 29 April, 20 James I [1622] before Hugh Mainwaring, esq., escheator of Prince Charles in co. Chester, Peter Danyell, feodary there & Roger Downes, esq., by virtue of the king's commission, to enquire after the death of Sir Richard Bulckley, knt., of Bewmorice, co. Anglesey, by the oath of Phillip Downes, of Tofte, John Doe of Saughall, Thomas Gregorie of Christleton, Oliver Hinde of Beckford, John Midlehurst of Lachford, Edward Harper of Highe Leighe, John Longshawe of Lachford, Robert Davies of Ashton, Francis Robinson of Stopporte, John Ashbrooke of Tattenhall, Robert Burgeney of Pulforde, John Manley of Poulton, Thomas Halwood of Suttou, Randall Bathoe of Cuddington & William Hely of Newton, gentlemen.

They say that the said Richard Bulckley, knt., was seised in fee of the manor of Whatcrofte & of the moiety of the manor of Chedle & of the advowson of Chedle Church; of the moiety of Timperley manor & of 10 a. of land in Ashley, 60 a. of land, 40 a. of pasture, 20 a. of meadow, & 16 a. of wood in Whatcroft called Pearetree Lea & of a yearly rent of 2s. issuing from an a. of land & wood called Bulckleyes Banke in Stanthorne by the water of Dane, being the tenement & heritage of William Brereton of Brereton, knt. & payable at feasts of St. John the Baptist & St. Martin in Yeme.

So being seised, by Indenture bearing date 17 February,

¹ This Inquisition very faded, words supplied from Court of Wards Inquisition Post Mortem 65/87,

19 Elizabeth [1576-7] made between the said Sir Richard, of one part & Sir William Burgh, knt., Lord Burgh & Henry Burgh, esq. of the other prt, on the marriage of the said Sir Richard with Lady Mary Burgh the said manors & lands were settled to the use of the said Mary, for life, with remainder to Sir Richard & his heirs. The said marriage took place at Chedle.

They say the manor of Whatcroft is held of Ralph Leftwiche, esq., by knight service & is worth yearly (clear) £6.

The moiety of the manor of Chedle & the advowson of that church held of the Prince as Earl of Chester by the 8th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £20.

The moiety of the manor of Timperley held of Sir George Booth, knt. & Bart. in socage, as parcel of the Barony of Dunham Massie & worth yearly (clear) £13. 6s. 8d.

The land in Ashley held of the said Sir George as parcel of the Barony of Dunham Massie in socage, & worth yearly (clear) 12d.

The premises in Whatcroft called Pearetree Lee held of the King in chief by 20th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Sir Richard died at Beaumarice 28 June last past & Richard Bulckley, gent., is his next of kin & heir, that is son & heir of Richard Butckley, esq., deceased, late son & heir apparent of the said Sir Richard & was aged on 1 July last past 11 years & not more.

Lady Mary Bulckley survives & dwells at Beaumarice.

RICHARD BULKELEY of Whatcroft, esq.
(File 102. No. 3).

Inquisition taken at Northwich, 1 April, 10 Charles I [1634] before Thomas Aldersey, esq., the King's escheator there, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Richard Bulkeley, late of Whatcrofte, esq., deceased, by the oath of Ralph Bostocke of Moulton,

Edmund Mowldesworth of Wyncham, Peter Frodsham of Plumley, Edmund Howe of Ollerton, John Cadman of Ollerton, Edward Acton of the same, Robert Heskie of Ashley, Ranulph Goulden of Hale, Richard Grantham of Hale, John Bradburne of Meyre, George Bradford of Shipbrooke, Ranulph Wrench of Moulton, Philip Bostocke of Bostocke, Thomas Burrowes of Clive, Ralph Blease of Shipbrooke, William Tumlinson of Wareton & Arthur Joynson of Wareton, gentlemen.

They say that long before the said Richard's death, a certain Sir Richard Bulkeley, of Bewemorris, co. Anglesey, knt., was seised in fee of the manor of Whatcroft, the moiety of the manor of Chedle, the advowson of Chedle church, the moiety of the manor of Timperley, 10 a. of land in Ashley, 60 a. of land, 40 a. of pasture, 20 a. of meadow, 16 a. of wood in Whatcrofte, called Pearetree Lees, & a yearly rent of 2s. issuing from an a. of land & wood called Bulkleyes Banks in Stanthorne by the water of Dane, being the lands &c. of Lord William Brereton of Brereton, Baron of Laughlyn, Ireland. On his marriage with Lady Mary Burgh, Sir Richard Bulkeley conveyed the said lands to her for life, with remainder to himself & his heirs. The said marriage took place at Chedle & they were seised of the premises as aforesaid.

They say the said Sir Richard was also seised in fee of 2 mess., 14 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture in Edgley, late in the tenures of James Birch & John Gibbon, & of 10 a. of land & 10 a. of pasture in Rudheath *alias* Redheath, called Stanney *alias* Stanny Fields & of 2 a. of meadow, 1½ a. of pasture in Shipbrooke & Bostocke & of a cottage, a garden, 1 a. of land in Stanthorne & Wareton & so being seised he conveyed all the aforesaid premises to himself for life with contingent remainders to Richard Bulkeley, esq., of Bewemorris, in tail male, to Peter Bulkeley, brother of said Richard, in tail male, to Thomas Bulkeley, son of said Sir Richard, in tail male, to John

Bulkeley, of Crimlin, co. Anglesey, in tail male, to the right heirs of Sir Richard for ever.

Sir Richard died at Bewmorris 28 June, 19 James I [1621] & Richard Bulkeley named in the writ was his next of kin & heir, that is son & heir of Richard Bulkeley, esq., deceased, late son & heir apparent of Sir Richard; they say that Lady Mary Bulkeley survived her husband & now dwells at Canon Rowe, Westminster, co. Middlesex & after her husband's death entered into the said manors & premises as her jointure & the other premises in Rudheath, Shipbrooke, &c. descended to the said Richard Bulkeley, named in the writ & he was seised thereof. The said Richard & his cousin-german Thomas Bulkeley, son of Sir Richard, on 25 June, 8 Charles I [1632] made an Indenture & settled two parts of the aforesaid manors & premises on the said Richard Bulkeley of Whatcroft for life & after his death on Dorothy, his wife, with remainder to the heirs male of his body, in default to the heirs male of Richard Bulkeley, esquire, late father of Richard Bulkeley of Whatcroft, to Richard Bulkeley of Bewmorris, in tail male, to Peter Bulkeley in tail male, to Thomas Bulkeley, cousin german of said Richard Bulkeley of Bewmorris in tail male, to the right heirs of said Richard Bulkeley of Whatcroft, for ever, & the residue to said Richard Bulkeley of Whatcroft in tail male, to the heirs male of said Richard's father, Richard Bulkeley [&c. as above].

They say the said Richard Bulkeley died at Peele, 6 September last past, his wife Dorothy then enceinte with the son of said Richard, born after his father's death, on 29 November last & called Humphrey, & who is now aged 4 months, 10 days and not more.

The manor of Whatcroft is held of William Oldfield, of Leftwich & Elizabeth, his wife, as in her right, by knight service & worth yearly (clear) after Lady Mary's death £6. 2s. 4d.

The moiety of Chedle manor, with the advowson, &c. there held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in chief, by the 8th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) after Lady Mary's death, £20.

The moiety of Timperley manor held of George Booth, knt., & bart., in socage, as parcel of his Barony of Dunham Massie & worth yearly (clear) after Lady Mary's death £13. 6s. 8d.

The land in Ashley held in like manner & worth yearly (clear) 12d.

Pearetree Lees held of the King, in common socage, by fealty only, as of his manor of Woodstock, co. Oxford & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The rent of 2s. is a rent charge & not held of any person or persons.

The premises in Edgley, tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

Those called Stanney Fields held of the King by yearly rent of 24s., service unknown, worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Stanthorne & Wareton held of Peter Venables, of Kinderton, Esq., by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 1s.

Those in Shipbrooke & Bostocke held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in chief, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 1s.

SIR HENRY BUNBURY, knt. of Little Stanney.

(File 103. No. 8).

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle in Chester, 7 October, 12 Charles I [1636], before Thomas Aldersey, esq., escheator in said county, to enquire after the death of Sir Henry Bunbury, knt., by the oath of William Glegge, of Geaton, Thomas Trafford of Bridgtrafford, esqs., Thomas Browne of Upton, Thomas Meoles of Wallesey, George Langford of Tranmore, John Travers of Hopton, John Kellsall of Micletrafford, Richard Penkett of Bridge-

trafford, Thomas Farshawe of Mollington Bannester, Thomas Hickocke of Woodbanke, John Robinson of Chorlton, Thomas Bennett of Willaston, John Fletcher of same, William Farshawe of same & John Francis of Childerthornton, gentlemen.

They say that the said Sir Henry, long before his death, was seised in fee in tail male of the manor & capital mess. of Little Stanney & of 2 water grain mills, 300 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 100 a. of wood, 200 a. of furze & heath & 100 a. of moor in Little Stanney; & of the capital mess. or manor of Hoole, 15 mess., 6 cottages, a windmill, a dovecote, 300 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 200 a. of furze & heath & 200 a. of moor & 20s. rent in Hoole, Stoke & Wymbaldstrafford, & of a mess., 300 a. of land in Picton & 4 a. of land, 2 a. of pasture belonging to the said mess. in Picton; & of 20 mess. & the half of a mess., 300 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow 100 a. of marsh, 100 a. of furze & heath, 12s. yearly rent & a pair of gloves or 1*d.*, issuing from a piece of ground called Birds Fields in Bunbury, Little & Great Stanney & Cowhouse; of a mess. & 10 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 6 a. of pasture in Gildon Sutton, late in the tenure of Richard Cotgreave; & of 4 a. of land, 3 a. of pasture in Dunham on the Hill, late in the tenure of John Moores; & of 2 a. of land, 2 a. of pasture in Claverton; & of a mess. in Stoke with 10 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 6 a. of pasture thereunto belonging, in the tenure of Thomas Cowper & another mess. there with 10 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 6 a. of pasture, 6 a. of moor late in the tenure of Robert Hickocke; and of 7 a. land, 2 a. meadow, 5 a. pasture, 8 a. moor there bought of Edmund Trafford, knt.

So seised, by Indenture bearing date 11 September, 14 James I [1616] between the said Sir Henry & his son & heir apparent Henry Bunbury, of the 1st part, Richard Grosvenor, jun., esq. & Richard Bunbury of Watling Street, London, draper, of the 2nd part & John Morgell &

John Werden, of Chester, gents., of the 3rd, the said Sir Henry conveyed to the said Morgell & Werden, the capital mess. of Hoole & the windmill there & all the lands called the demesne lands of the Hall of Hoole & the closes & lands called Retchafield with a little meadow adjoining the same, the Higher Butchers Field, the Lower Butchers Field & the Great Meadow Field in Great Stanney to the use of Henry, son of Sir Henry, & Ursula, his wife, for their lives, with contingent remainders to the heirs male of said Henry, of Sir Henry, of Thomas Bunbury, esq., father of said Sir Henry, deceased, right heirs of Sir Henry; as concerning the manor of Little Stanney & premises there & in Great Stanney, Hoole, Stoke, Trafford *alias* Wymboldstrafford, Bunbury, Picton, Claverton, Dunham on the Hill, Gilden Sutton & Cowhouse, to the use of Sir Henry for life, with contingent remainders to his son, Henry, in tail male, the male heirs of the body of son Thomas, the right heirs of Sir Henry.

They say the manor of Little Stanney & the premises there are held of the King by fealty & yearly rent of 4s. & worth yearly (clear) £18.

The mess. & premises in Stoke in the tenure of Thomas Cowper, held of the King as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, in free socage & not in chief & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The mess. & premises in Stoke in the tenure of Robert Hickocke held in like manner & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The premises late bought of Sir Edmund Trafford held in like manner & worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4d.

The premises in Stoke & Picton held of the King as Earl of Chester in chief by service of 20th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 48s.

The premises in Bunbury held of the heirs of Sir William Brereton, knt., by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The premises in Wimbaldetrassford held of the heirs of John Bruin, esq., by fealty & worth yearly (clear), £3.

The premises in Gilden Sutton held of the King as of the manor of East Greenwich by fealty only, in free socage & not in chief & worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4*d*.

The premises in Hoole held of John, earl of Shrewsbury, as of his manor of Dunham, service unknown & worth yearly (clear) £3.

The premises in Dunham held of said earl, as of said manor by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 6s. 8*d*.

The premises in Claverton held of the heirs of John Dutton, esq., as of his manor of Claverton by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 10s.

The premises in Great Stanney & Cowhouse held of the King in chief by 20th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), £26. 13s. 4*d*.

They say Sir Henry Bunbury died 8 September, 10 Charles I [1634] & Henry Bunbury, esq. is his son & heir & is now aged 39 years & more, & he has taken the issues & profits of the premises since his father's death.

ROBERT BURGES, gent. (1)

(File 92. No. 5).

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 20 September, 15 James I [1617] before Henry Maynwaring, esq., the King's escheator there by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Robert Burges, gent., deceased, by the oath of Richard Davenport of Weltreuche, Humfrey Page of Yardshowe, Reginald Finlowe of Holmewalfield, Thomas Gleave of Hugh Leigh, Philip Downes of Toft, Edward Hooe of Ollerton, James Trevett of Sproston, William Venables of the same, William Austen, of Stanthorn, James Bradshawe of Allostocke, John Grantham of Hale, Edward Alcocke of Ashton, Edward Ryley of Chorley, Francis Robinson of Stockeporte, Edward Harper of High Leigh, John Middlehurst of Lachford, Thomas Hall of Budworth, gentlemen.

They say that the said Robert Burges the day he died

was seised in fee of a mess., a garden, an orchard, 40 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture & 5 a. of wood in Withington; also of 3 mess., 3 gardens, 3 orchards, 20 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture, 4 a. of wood in Ollerton; & of 6 mess., 6 gardens, 6 orchards, 6 a. of land in Over Knottesford & Knottesford Boothes; & of 2 mess., 2 gardens, 3 a. of land, 1 a. of meadow & 2 a. of pasture in Neither Knottesford & the Crosse Town of Knottesford. And so being seised, he died thereof seised.

They say the premises in Withington are held of William, earl of Derby, in free socage, by fealty only & are worth yearly (clear), 42s.

The premises in Ollerton held of Thomas Stanley, esq., in free socage, by fealty & 4*d.* rent yearly & are worth yearly (clear), 24s.

The premises in Over Knottesford & Knottesford Boothes held of John Leigh, of Boothes, esq., in free burgage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 30s.

The premises in Neither Knottesford & the Crosse town of Knottesford held of John, earl of Bridgewater, in free burgage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 16s. 8*d.*

They say the said Robert Burges died 7 June last past & Katherine & Jane Burges are his daughters & next heirs & the said Katherine is now aged 11 years, 8 weeks & 1 day & Jane 8 years, 10 weeks, 3 days.

ROBERT BURGES, gent. (2)

(File 94. No. 3).¹

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 26 August, 17 James I [1619] before Hugh Maynwaringe, esq., the King's escheator in co. Chester, George Ward, gent. & Henry Delves, gent., the King's feodary there, to enquire better after the death of Robert Burges, gent., inquisition already having been taken 20 September, 15 James I

¹ This being very torn, the abstract has been made from Court of Wards *Inq. p.m.* file 65, No. 67.

[1617], by oath of John Birtles of Birtles, Edmund Mouldsworth of Wymincham, gentlemen, Matthew Leigh of Swynhed, esq., Richard Steele of Sanbach, John Rede of Whallhill, Thomas Hodgkinson of Smalwood, Hugh Venables of Wimbolsley, Randall Wrench of Moulton, Peter Ward of Somersforde, Arthur Genison [Joynson] of Wareton, Thomas Swetenham of Swettenham, Ralph Poole of Sproston, & Richard Willsonn of Smalwood, gentlemen.

They say the said Robert Burges, long before his death; was seised in fee of a mess., a garden, an orchard, 40 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture & 5 a. of wood in Wythington, which premises by the Inquisition after Robert's death were found to be held of William Earl of Derby in free socage by fealty only, where in truth the same are held of the King or of the Prince, as earl of Chester in chief; he was also seised of a mess., 30 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture & 6 a. of wood in Overpeever & also of 3 mess., 3 gardens, 3 orchards, 20 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture & 4 of wood in Olerton & of 6 mess., 6 gardens, 6 orchards, 6 a. of land in Over Knottesford, & Knottesford Boothes, & of 2 mess., 2 gardens, 3 a. of land, 1 a. of meadow, 2 a. of pasture in Nether Knottesford & the Crosse towne of Knottesford.

So being seised by Indenture of 26 March, 12 James I [1614] made between the said Robert Burges & Joan, his wife, of one part, William Brereton of Asheley, esq., John Meyre of Meyre, esq., Hamnet Warburton of Partington, gent. & John Antrobus, son of John Antrobus, clerk, vicar of Tachbrooke, co. Warwick, of the other part, the said premises were conveyed to the use of the said Robert Burges, for life, with contingent remainders to said Joan, for life, to the male issue of said Robert & Joan, in tail male, to Katherine Burges, daughter of said Robert & Joan, to Jane their daughter & their issue; & a fine was levied 2 May, 12 James I [1614] in Chester, between the said parties, to the same effect.

They say the premises in Over Peever are held of Sir Randall Maynwaringe, knt., in socage, by rent of 1*d.*, or a pair of white gloves yearly & are worth yearly (clear), 5*s*; those in Withington held of the Prince in chief by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), 42*s*.

Those in Olerton held of the Prince, as earl of Chester, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), 24*s*.

Those in Over Knottesford & Knottesford Boothes held of John Leigh, of Boothes, esq., now deceased, & now of William Leigh, of Boothes, esq., in free burgage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 30*s*.

Those in Nether Knottesford & the Crosstowne held of John Earl of Bridgewater, in free burgage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 16*s*. 8*d*.

The said Robert died 7 June, 15 James I [1617] without heirs male of his body by said Joan & Katherine & Jane Burges are his daughters & heirs & at their father's death Katherine was aged 10 years, 10 months, 12 days & Jane 9 years, 10 months, 4 weeks. The said Joan, late the wife of said Robert Burges, is now the wife of Thomas Stapleton, gent., & since their marriage has taken the profits &c. & occupied the said premises.

WILLIAM BURGES of Macclesfield, gent.

(File 89. No. 19).

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 2 July, 9 James I [1611] before Henry Maynwaringe, esq., the King's escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of William Burges, late of Macclesfield, gentleman, deceased, by the oath of Edmund Swettenham of Somerford, John Rode of Walhill, Humphrey Page of Yardshawe, George Bowdon of Bowdon, William Parsons of Warford, John Birtles of Birtles, John Allen of Whitley, William Williamson of Sale, John Hollinshed of Buglawton, William Rosengreave of Marton, James Trevett of Sproston, John Robinson of Stopport & Ralph Bostock of Moulton, gentlemen.

They say the said William Burges was seised in fee of 6 burgages & 8 a. of land in Macclesfield & of 4 burgages, 6 cottages, 16 a. of land in Nether Knottesford; & of 6 a. of land in Over Knottesford.

The premises in Macclesfield are held of the Lord Prince, as Earl of Chester in free burgage & are worth yearly (clear), 6s. 2½*d.*

Those in Nether Knottesford held of Sir John Egerton, knt., as of his manor of Nether Knottesford, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 20s.

Those in Over Knottesford held of John Leigh, esq., by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 3s. 4*d.*

They say the said William Burges died at Macclesfield 14 January last past & Alice Burges is his daughter & heir & was aged 13 years on 13th November last past.

SIR GEORGE CALVELEY, knt. of Lea.

(File 95. No. 2).

Inquisition taken at the Common Hall of Pleas, Chester Castle, 12 April, 18 James I [1620] before Sir Peter Warburton, knt., one of the justices of the King's Bench, John Jeffrayes, esq., the King's attorney in the county Palatine of Chester, John Minshull, of Minshull, esq., Hugh Mainwaringe, esq., the king's escheator there & Henry Delves, gent. the king's feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Sir George Calveley, late of Lea, kt., by the oath of Edward Glegg of Gayton, William Glegge of Graunge, esqs., Hugh Massie of Egerley, Thomas Calcott of Colcott, William Dampont of Boughton, William Fitton of Carden, William Aburgenie [*sic* for Burgeney] of Pulford, William Rosingreave of Hargreave, Thomas Heath of Egerton, Randall Moyle of Shocklach, David Edowe of Chorelton, Edward Milton of Chorelton, James Doe of Saughall, John Ashbrooke of Tattenhall & Robert Walker of Aldersey, gentlemen.

They say that long before his death, Sir George was seised in fee of the manor of Lea, with appurtenances in Lea & Bechen, of the manor of Mottram Andrewe, & of 10 mess., 50 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 300 a. of pasture, 60 a. of wood, 500 a. of moor & turbary in Mottram Andrewe; of the manor of Hanley; of a mess. in Handley called Cleyley, & divers lands in Hanley thereunto belonging of about 60 a., of 10 mess., 300 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 40 a. of wood, 13s. 4d. rent in Hanley & Milton; & of 2 mess., 16 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture in Stoneley, Badeley & Prestland; of 4 mess., 30 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture & 10 a. of wood in Beeston; & of 2 mess., 80 a. of land, 8 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture & 8 a. of wood in Calveley; of 100 a. of pasture in Calveley & one saltpit in Nantwich; of the manor of Harthill, the manor of Buckley, of 8 mess. & the moiety of 3 mess., 300 a. of land 40 a. of meadow, 300 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood, 100 a. of furze & heath in Buckeley, Harthill, Barrettspoole, Whorepoole, Hurleston, Aston by Mondrem, Littleton, Horton, Newton by Tattenhall, Sidnall, Tattisall, [Tattenhall] & Egerton, of 4 a. of land & 4 a. of pasture in Buckley, late bought of William Ward, gent.; of 3s. 4d. yearly rent in Malpas & 8s. yearly rent in Cotton; of the manor of Saughton on the Hill; of the homage & service of Sir Thomas Savage, knt. & bart., of George Cliffe, esq. & John Tylston, gent. in Huxley & of 44s. yearly rent in Huxley, of a mess. & land in Hanley in the occupation of [left blank in MS.] Shrewbridge; of a mess. & 20 a. of land in Aldersey, of 10 a. of land there; of a mess. & 100 a. of land there & of 1 a. called the Two Cuttings in Aldersey; of a mess. & 30 a. of land in Farndon & Churton.

So being seised, Sir George levied a fine on 1 April, 9 James I [1611] of the manors of Lea, Mottram Andrew, Hanley, Harthill, Buckley & Saughton on the Hill & of

300 mess., 200 cottages, 3 saltpits, 20 tofts, 3 watermills, 3 windmills, 4 dovecotes, 300 barns, 300 gardens, 300 orchards, 3000 a. of land, 3000 a. of meadow, 2000 a. of pasture, 200 a. of wood, 100 a. of land covered with water, 200 a. of furze & heath, 300 a. of moor & marsh, 100 a. of moss, £4 rent, 2 pairs of gloves & 2 pairs of spurs in Lea, Mottram Andrew, Handley, Milton, Cleyley, Harthill, Buckley, Saughton on the Hill, Stoneley, Prestland, Beeston, Calveley, Nantwich, Burrettspoole, Whorepoole, Hurleston, Aston by Moudrem, Littleton, Horton, Newton by Tattenhall, Sydnall, Tattenhall, Egerton, Great & Middle Aldersey, Farndon, Churton, Bunbury, Huxley, Malpas, Cotton, Coddington, Egerley & Churchon Heath, & of the view of frankpledge & all thereunto belonging in Mottram Andrew, Handley & Saughton on the Hill & free warren in Handley, Harthill & Mottram Andrew, to the uses of an Indenture bearing date 6 April, 9 James I [1611] made between George Calveley, of the Lea, co. Chester, esq., of one part & Sir George Lycester, of Toft, knt. & Robert Cholmondeleigh of Cholmondeleigh, esq., of the other part, conveying the same to the use of the said George Calveley, in tail male, with contingent remainders to the heirs male of Hugh Calveley, deceased, father of said George, the heirs male of Sir Hugh Calveley, knt., deceased, grandfather of said George, the right heirs of said George.

By Indenture bearing date 20 May, 16 James I [1618] between the said Sir George Calveley, of the one part & Sir Robert Cholmondeleigh of Cholmondeleigh, bart. & Ralph Leycester of Toft, esq., son & heir of Sir George Leicester, late of Toft, knt., deceased, of the other part, he limited the last Indenture & appointed the manor house of Lea & all the houses, demesne, lands, &c. thereunto belonging, the mills in Lea, the manor house of Mottram Andrew, the demesne lands, &c., there & the mill there & 2 mess. in Hanley called Cleyley House or

Farm & Golborne's Farm & all thereunto belonging, the manor house of Bulkley, the demesne lands there, to be to such use as he should appoint.

They say he was also seised of another mess. in Hanley & 60 a. of land there & 20 a. of land there, bought of John & Robert Aldersey, gents. & of a mess. in Horton & of 20 a. of land in Horton bought of Ranulph Brereton, gent., & of a mess. in Forgate Street, Chester, next the Bar of that City.

Sir George, thus seised, died at Lea, 18 January last past. Dame Sydney Calveley, late his wife, survives & dwells at Lea. Hugh Calveley, esq., is his son & next heir & on 20 March last past was aged 6 years.

They say the premises in Lea & Bechen are held of Charles, Prince of Wales & earl of Chester, as Earl of Chester, by service of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), £10.

Those in Mottram Andrew held of the same by knight service & worth yearly (clear) £11.

The manor of Hanley & the mess. called Cleyley there & other premises there & in Milton, held of said Prince by the moiety of a Knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £4 6s. 3d.

The premises in Prestland held of the King as of the Priory of St. John of Jerusalem in England, by service unknown to the jurors & worth yearly (clear), 3s. 4d.

Those in Stoneley & Badeley held of the heirs of Lewis Bagott, of Bagott Bromeley, co. Staff., in socage & worth yearly (clear), 3s. 4d.

Those in Beeston held of the King as of the Priory of St. John aforesaid, service unknown & worth yearly (clear), 5s.

Those in Calveley held in like manner, by fealty & a rose yearly & worth yearly (clear), 6s. 8d.

The saltpit in Nantwich held of the Barons of Nantwich in socage & worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4d.

The manor of Bulkeley, tenure & service unknown, & worth yearly (clear), 30s.

The manor of Harthill, tenure & service unknown, & worth yearly (clear), 22s. 4*d.*

The premises in Barrettspoole, Hurleston & Aston by Mondrem held of the said Prince, by fealty & yearly rent of 3s. 6*d.* & rendering to Sir John Done, knt., Master of the Foresters of the Forests of Delamere & Mondrem 18*d.* yearly & to Thomas Stanley, of Weever, esq., 2s. 1½*d.* & to Hugh Aston & his heirs 2½*d.* yearly & worth yearly (clear) 8s. 6*d.*

The premises in Littleton held of Randall Snead, esq., in socage, by rent of 18*d.* yearly & worth yearly (clear) 5s. 8*d.*

Those in Newton by Tattnall, Sydnall & Tattenhall held of Peter Egerton, Esq., as of his manor of Tattenhall, by knight service & worth yearly (clear), 16s. 4*d.*

Those in Whorepole held of Richard Wilbraham, knt., in socage, by fealty & rent of 18*d.* a year & worth yearly (clear) 2s. 2*d.*

Those in Egerton & Horton held of the said Prince by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 9s. 8*d.*

The manor of Saughton on the Hill & the premises there & in Huxley held of the King in free & common socage & not in chief, as of his manor of East Greenwich & worth yearly (clear), 10s.

The premises in Aldersey held of the heirs of Hugh de Aldersey in free socage & worth yearly (clear), 6s. 8*d.*

Those in Farndon & Churton held of the Bishop of Lichfield & Coventry by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 5s.

HUGH CALVELEY, esq. of Lea.

(File 88. No. 10).

Inquisition taken at Little Budworth, 5 August, 5 James I [1607], before Henry Maynwaringe, esq., the

King's escheator in co. Chester & Ralph Wilbraham, gent., feodary, by virtue of the King's commission, to enquire after the death of Hugh Calveley, of Lea, esq., deceased, by the oath of George Bostocke of Churton, esq., Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Julius Winnington of Birches, John Golborne, of Golborne, Hugh Massey of Eggerley, Humfrey Page of Yardswick, John Cotton of Huntington, John Edwards of same, William Davenport of Boughton, Thomas Henley of same, Thomas Leech of Carden, Richard Bird of Broxton, Hugh Pulford of Pulford, John Cathrol of Horton, Thomas Aldersey of Arden, Ralph Povey of Shocklache, Ralph Ostle of Golborne Bellowe & William Rosingreeve of Warton, gentlemen.

They say that the said Hugh Calveley, esq., long before his death, was seised in fee of the manor of Lea in Lea & Bechen & so being seised by his deed dated 17 February, 3 James I [1605-6] enfeofed Hugh, Richard & Eleanor Calveley of the following parcels:—the Roughefield, the two meadows lying northwards from the same Roughefield and severed from the same by hedges & ditches, the two Utter Lees, the Kylne Field wherein a wynde milne now standeth, the Kylne Field Meadow, & the Daie Croft, all part of the said premises, to the use of them & their heirs for ever.

They say he was also seised of the manor of Mottram Andrewe & of 10 mess., 50 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 300 a. of pasture, 60 a. of wood, 500 a. of moor & turbary in Mottram Andrewe; & of the manor of Hanley & of a mess., called Cleyley & of divers lands & hereditaments in Hanley & of 10 mess., 300 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 40 a. of wood & 13s. 4^d rent in Hanley & Milton; & of 2 mess., 16 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow & 20 a. of pasture in Stondley, Baddeley & Prestland; & of 4 mess., 30 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture & 10 a. of wood in Beeston; & of 2 mess., 80 a. of land, 8 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 8 a. of wood in Calveley, & of

100 a. of pasture in Calveley; & of a salt pit in Nantwich; & of the manor of Harthill; & of the manor of Buckley & of 8 mess. & the moiety of 3 mess., 300 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 300 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood & 100 a. of furze & heath in Buckley, Harthill, Barrettspole, Whorpole, Hurleston, Aston by Mondrem, Horton, Newton by Tattenhall, Sydnall, Tattenhall & Egerton; & of 4 a. land, 4 a. of pasture in Bulkeley, late bought of William Warde, gent.; & of 3s. 4d. yearly rent in Malpas & 8s. yearly rent in Cotton, & the moiety of a saltpit in Droitwiche; & of the manor of Saughton on the Hill & of the homage & service of Sir John Savage, knt., George Cliffe, esq., & Henry Tilston, gent. in Huxley; & of 44s. yearly rent service in Huxley; & of the reversion of a mess. & 20 a. of land meadow & pasture in Aldersey, expectant upon several terms before granted or assigned to George Calveley, then son & heir of said Hugh, John Calveley & Dorothy his wife; of 10 a. of land in Aldersey, a mess. & 100 a. of land in Aldersey, an a. called Two Cuttings there, a mess. & 30 a. in Farndon & Churton & 60 a. of land in Bunburie called Birdes Fieldes, all in co. Chester.

Also of the manor of Scalford, co. Leicester & of 4 mess., 3 cottages, 300 a. of land, 200 a. of meadow, 74 a. of furze & heath & 4s. 6d. rent & a virgate of land & a close in Scalford, & the moiety of the manor of Saxbie, co. Leicester & the third part of the advowson & patronage of Saxbie Church & of 2 mess., 2 cottages, a virgate of land, 260 a. of land, 160 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture & 12s. rent in Saxbie; & of 2 virgates of land in Granston, co. Leicester.

So being seised, the said Hugh, together with his son & heir apparent, George, by his deed bearing date 10 September, 2 James I [1604] conveyed to Hugh Calveley, son of said Hugh, the capital mess. of Scalford & all houses lands, &c., thereunto belonging in Scalford or elsewhere in co. Leicester, in the tenure of Charles Collington, yeoman & the mess. in Scalford in the tenure of Nevell Barnsey,

gent., to have & to hold to Hugh, his son, for life with remainder to Richard Calvey, son of said Hugh the father & by another deed of same date he granted to said Richard the mess. called Clayley & the lands thereunto belonging in Cleyley, co. Chester, now in the tenure of the said Richard & the mess. & lands in Handley in the tenure of Richard Shrowbridge called Golbornes House or Golbornes Farm, with remainder to Hugh the younger now deceased. The said Richard Calvey survives & dwells at Beeston.

They say the manor of Lea is held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by a knight's fee, & is worth yearly (clear), £13. 6s. 8d.

The manor of Mottram Andrewe, held in like manner by knight service & worth yearly (clear), £13. 6s. 8d.

The manor of Hanley & the mess. called Cleyley & the premises in Hanley & Milton held in like manner by the moiety of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), £4. 7s. 3d.

The premises in Prestland held of the King, as of the late dissolved Priory of St. John of Jerusalem in England, service unknown to the jurors & worth yearly (clear), 10s.

Those in Stoneley & Baddeley held of the heirs of Lewis Bagott of Bagott Bromley, co. Staff., in socage, & worth yearly (clear), 10s.

Those in Beeston, held of the King, as of the said Priory, service unknown & worth yearly (clear), 16s. 8d.

Those in Calvey held of the King, as of the said Priory by service of a rose yearly & worth yearly (clear), 40s.

The saltpit in Nantwich held of the Barons of Nantwich in socage & worth yearly (clear), 53s. 4d.

The manor of Bulkeley & premises there held of Sir William Brereton of Brereton, knt., as of his Barony of Malpas, service unknown & worth yearly (clear), 30s.

The manor of Harthill held of said Sir William, in like manner, service unknown & worth yearly (clear), 40s.

The premises in Barretspole, Hurleston & Aston, held

of the King as Earl of Chester, by fealty & rent of 3s. 6d. a year & rendering yearly to the heirs of Sir John Done, knt., deceased, Master of the Forest of Mara & Mondrem, 8d. & Thomas Stanley & his heirs 2s. 1½d. & Hugh Aston & his heirs 2½d. a year & worth yearly (clear), 8s. 6d.

The premises in Lyttleton held of Ralph Sneade, esq., by rent of 18d. a year & worth yearly (clear), 10s.

Those in Newton by Tattenhall held of Ralph Egerton of Rydley, as of his manor of Tattenhall, by fealty & 2s. 6d. rent a year & worth yearly (clear), 13s. 4d.

The saltpit in Droitwich held of William Brereton as of his Barony of Malpas, service unknown, & worth yearly (clear), 20s.

The premises in Whorpole held of Thomas Wilbraham, esq., in socage by rent of 13d. a year & worth yearly (clear), 2s. 2d.

Those in Egerton, tenure unknown, & those in Horton held of said William Brereton as of his said Barony, service unknown, worth yearly (clear), 6s. 8d.

The manor of Saughton on the Hill & premises there & in Huxley held of the King in free & common socage, as of his manor of East Greenwich, worth yearly (clear), 10s.

The premises in Aldersey held of heirs of Hugh de Aldersey in socage & worth yearly (clear), 6s. 9d.

Those in Farndon & Churton held of the Bishop of Lichfield & Coventry by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 5s.

Those in Bunburie, tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear), 20s. 8d.

The manor of Scalford & premises there held of the heirs of William de Arabie by 6th part of a knight's fee, as of the Honor of Huntington, & rent of 5s. a year to Henry Poole, esq. & worth yearly (clear), 20s.

The moiety of the manor of Saxbie & 3rd part of the advowson & patronage of the church there & the premises

there held of the heirs of John Caltofte, by 8th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly 30s.

The land in Grymston held of the King, as of the said Priory of St. John, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 13s. 4d.

The said Hugh Calveley, esq. died 1 March, 3 James I [1605-6] & George Calveley, esq. is his son & next heir & is now aged 30 years & more & has taken the issues & profits since his father's death.

JOHN CARTWRIGHT, gent.

(File 102. No. 9).¹

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 24 March, 10 Charles I [1634-5] before Thomas Aldersey, esq., the King's escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of John Cartwright, gentleman, by the oath of Hugh Whitney of Coole, Thomas Chester of the same, Robert Alsager of Alsager, John Ches. . . of . . ., William Cudworth of Newhall, Robert Meakyn of Hatherton, John Knight of Hankylowe, William Walle of Hunsterton, Laurence Cotton of Barcher, Thomas Shawe of Betchton, John Wheelocke, of same, William Gallymore, senior of same, Richard Podman of Great Hessall, Edward Hamnett of Aston & William Gallymore, jun., of Betchton, gentlemen.

They say that the said John Cartwright was seised in fee of 2 mess., 3 a. of land, 1 a. of meadow, in Newhall bought by him of George Cotton, esq. & so being seised by Indenture bearing date 6 February, 9 Charles I [1633-4] he conveyed the same to George Hall for a term of nine years at a peppercorn rent.

He was also seised of 4 a. of meadow & 4 a. of pasture in Newhall called Newbridge Field by heritage of his grandfather, John Cartwright.

¹ The whole of this Inquisition faint and some places illegible, no duplicate in Court of Wards.

He was also seised of 6 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture & . . . a. of furze & heath in Woodcote, which John Cartwright, gent., deceased . . . Arthur Cartwright, sen., gent., brother of said John Cartwright named in the writ, & Jane wife of said Arthur, & Arthur Cartwright, jun., son of said Arthur, to hold to said Arthur, sen., for term of his life, at a yearly rental of . . .

They say the premises in Newhall are held of the King as Earl of Chester, in chief, by service of a 50th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), 12s.

The other premises there held of the King as of his Crown of England in chief, by service of . . . & worth yearly (clear), 1s.

The premises in Woodhall [*sic*] held of George Cotton, as of his manor of Newhall in socage by fealty & rent of 5s. a year & worth yearly (clear), . . .

The said John Cartwright died 16 January last past & Arthur Cartwright, gent., is his son & heir, & is aged 15 years, 2 months, 3 weeks.

JOHN CHETWOODE, esq.

(File 91. No. 2).

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 16 January, 13 James I [1615-16] before Henry Birkheved, esq., Henry Maynwarding, esq. the King's escheator in the county Palatine of Chester, Ralph Wilbraham, esq., the King's feodary there & Thomas Unton, esq., by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of John Chetwode, esq., by oath of Edward Cotton of Cotton, esq., Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Julius Wynington of Birches,¹ . . . Page of Yeardeshawe, John Piggott of Somerford, Richard Steele of Sandbache, Thomas Hodgkinson of Smalwoode, James Trevett of Sproston, William Venables of the same, Thomas Woodcocke of Churchulme, William Awstyn of Stanthorne, Randall . . . of Tetton, John Ravenscrofte of

¹ MS. torn.

Occleston, Hugh Venables of Wymboldsley & Arthur Jeynson of Wareton, gentlemen.

They say that long before the death of the said John Chetwode, Thomas Chetwode, gent., father of the said John, was seised in fee of a 4th part of the manor of Wordleston *alias* Worleston & of a mess., 12 a. of land, 8 a. of meadow, 12 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood, 10 a. of turbary in Henhull, late in the tenure of Ralph Eaton; & of 6 a. of land in Henhull, late in the tenure of Richard Goldsmith, esq. & of a yearly rent of 4*d.* issuing from land in the tenure of widow Ankers in Henhull; of a mess., 8 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood, 20 a. of heath in Acton *alias* Aighton by Hurleston, in the tenure of Roger Tudman; of a mess., 30 a. of meadow & pasture in Acton in the tenure of John Yonge, of 3 mess., 2 a. of wood & 10 a. of turbary in Churchcoppenhall in the tenure of Randall Stoneley, Humfrey Shawe & Robert Tomlynson; of a mess., 16 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood & 4 a. of turbary in Munkescoppenhall, in the tenure of Randall Baylye, of another mess., 36 a. of land there in the tenure of Robert Shenton of 3 mess., 20 a. of land, 22 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture, 3 a. of wood & 10 a. of heath in Sound, in the tenure of Edmund Bickerton, John Barnett sen. & jun. & Humfrey Barnett; & of a mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture & 10 a. of wood in Churchcoppenhall in the tenure of Randall Cartwright; & of a yearly rent of 12*d.* issuing from lands & tenements of Thomas Wettenhall in Churchcoppenhall, & of a pasture in Henhall, of 3 a. of land, in the tenure of Robert Goldsmith, & a yearly rent of 8*s.* issuing from a saltpit in Nantwich, late in the tenure of Humfrey Wilbraham.

So being seised, on the marriage of his son & heir apparent, John Chetwode aforesaid, with Bridget Birkheved, daughter of Henry Birkheved, of Huxley, esq., £300 being paid to Thomas Chetwode by said Henry

Birkheved, by Indenture bearing date 10 July, 35 Elizabeth [1593] made between the said Thomas Chetwode, of the 1st part, the said Henry Birkheved, of the 2d. & Richard Chetwode of Chetwode, co. Bucks., esq. & Thomas Bunbury of Stanney, esq. of the 3d. part, & afterwards by fine levied 15 July, 36 Elizabeth [1593] at Chester, the premises were assured to said Thomas for life, with contingent remainders, except the Hall of Reas[e] in Worleston & all thereunto belonging & a mess. in Henhull in the tenure of Ralph Eaton & 2 closes in Henhull, to said John Chetwode in tail male, to the male issue of said Thomas & the lands, &c., above excepted to the use of the said Bridget for life, with remainders (as above).

The said John Chetwode was seised in fee of 5 a. in Holford Field in Acton which he had by exchange with Ralph Wilbraham, esq.

He was also seised of a capital mess. called The Hall of Okeley in Okeley, co. Stafford & 100 a. of land there; of a cottage & garden there, in the tenure of Thomas Deane; of 2 watermills in Norton in Hales, co. Salop; of 8 a. of land, 8 a. of meadow & 8 a. of pasture in Norton aforesaid.

He was also seised as next of kin & heir of John Leeche, gent., that is, son & heir of Anne, only daughter & heir apparent, while living, of the said John Leeche, of a bur-gage, a garden & orchard in Hospell Street, Nantwich & of 20 mess. there in the tenures of Margaret Bough, widow, Robert Hoole, Edward Tenche, Nicholas Goldsmith, George Bowyer, Joan Cowper, widow — Holcrofte, widow, John Weyld, John Greenehaugh, Thomas Dutton, Robert Cowper, Ellen Hunt, Roger Blagge, John Dutton, Randall Bulkeley, John Olton, Roger Leather, Anthony Holcroft, Robert Olton & Roger Clare; he was also seised of a pasture called Dumeley Hill in Nantwich & another there, in the tenure of Margery Maynwaringe, widow; of 6 mess., 50 a. of land in Tilston Fernall in the

tenures of William Robison, sen. & jun., John Sheene & Isabel Cooke, widow; of 2 mess., 60 a. of land in Worlesham (*sic*) in the tenures of John Owley & Elizabeth Robinson; of a parcel of land called the Bache in Warlesham; of the moiety of a mess., 14 a. of land in Bunbury, late in the tenure of James Palyn; of a mess., 20 a. of land in Wettenhall in the tenure of Robert Wilkinson.

So being seised, on 6 April 8 James I [1610] he made his will, devising the mansion house in Nantwich, wherein his grandfather, John Leech, gent., deceased, sometime dwelt, & John Griffin, esq. was then tenant & all the said lands, &c., there & in Warlesham & Wettenhall to his executors to be sold to raise £100 each for his younger sons, Thomas, Henry & James & £300 each for his daughters, Anne, Bridget, Elizabeth & Margaret, at their ages of 21 & £100 for his sister, Anne, wife of Richard Woodward, gent.

He was also seised of a mess., 20 a. of land in Tilston, in the tenure of John Sheene.

They say all the said children, as well as John the eldest, survive & are under 21 years of age.

They say the 4th part of the manor of Worleston & the premises there are held of the heirs of Maud Caudrey by fealty & rent of 1*d.* & are worth yearly (clear), 40*s.*

The premises in Henhull held of the heirs of Richard de Henhull by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 2*s.* 6*d.*

Those in Monkescoppenhall & Acton held of the King in chief, by rooth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), 10*s.*

Those in Churchcoppenhall held of George Vernon, esq. by fealty & yearly rent of 1*9s.* & worth yearly (clear), 20*s.*

Those in Monkescoppenhall, late in the tenure of Randall Baylye, held of the said Vernon by fealty & rent of 12*s.* 6*d.* & worth yearly (clear), 10*s.*

Those in Sound held of the heirs of Thomas de Alstaston by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 30*s.*

Those in Wettenhall held of Sir Richard Wilbraham,

knt. by knight service & yearly rent of 4s. & worth yearly (clear), 10s.

Those in Tilston Fernhall held of the heirs of William Malpas by fealty & 1*d.* rent & worth yearly (clear), 10s.

Those in Bunbury held of Sir Richard Wilbraham, knt., by yearly rent of 8*d.* & worth yearly (clear), 3s. 4*d.*

Those in Tilston, in tenure of John Sheene, held of said Sir Richard, as of the dissolved College of Bunbury by fealty & rent of 3s. & worth yearly (clear), 5s.

Those in Warlesham held of the heirs of Richard Malpas by fealty & 1*d.* a year rent & worth yearly (clear), 5s.

The meadow in Nantwich in the tenure of Margery Maynwaring, widow, held of the King in chief by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 12*d.*

The burgages in Nantwich held of the Barons of Nantwich & worth yearly (clear), 40s.

Those in Acton held of Sir Richard Wilbraham by knight service & 20s. a year rent & worth yearly (clear), 2s.

Those in Okeley held of Sir John Ofley, knt., by fealty & rent of 5s. a year & worth yearly (clear), 10s.

Those in Norton in Hales held of the King, service unknown & worth yearly (clear), 10s.

The said John Chetwode died 29 June, 13 James I [1615] & John Chetwode is his son & heir & now aged 16 years, 10 months, 26 days.

SIR HUGH CHOLMONDELEY, knt.

(File 87. No. 13).

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, co. Chester, 4 April, 3 James I [1605], before Geoffrey Shakerley, esq., Henry Mainwaring, esq., the King's escheator & Ralph Wilbraham, gent., feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Sir Hugh Cholmeley, knt., deceased, by the oath of William Smethwicke of Smethwicke, Robert Whitney of Coole,

Thomas Baskerville of Wythington, Humfrey Page of Yeardeshawe, . . . Swetnaham of Somerford, Oliver Vernon of Midlewiche, Robert Adderton of Wareton, William Pratchet of Worleston, Thomas Mainwaringe of Calveley, George Bodon of Bodon, John Rane . . . Thomas Anderton of Budworthe, gentlemen.

They say that a certain John Griffin, late of Bartherton, esq., deceased, was seised (amongst other things) in fee of . . . burgage in the High Towne in Nantwich & of a garden there next Barkers Street & a close of land there in the tenure of Richard Goldsmythe & another garden there . . . Masons Yords in the tenure of Ralph Lytler; & of a yearly rent of 3s. issuing from three mess. of the heritage of Roger Wright in Nantwich, all which are parcel of the Barony of Nantwich.

So being seised John Griffin by his last will, bearing date 26 June, 31 Elizabeth [1589] bequeathed the said premises, amongst others, to his wife Eleanor, for life, with remainder to a certain George Griffin & his heirs for ever. The said John Griffin died at Bartherton 4 July, 31 Elizabeth [1589] & Eleanor entered into the premises.

George Griffin died 9 May, 43 Elizabeth [1601] at Stapley.

They say the said premises were held of the Barons of Nantwich as of that Barony in free burgage & that George Griffin was a bastard & died without heirs of his body & the said premises reverted as escheat to the said Barons.

Afterwards Sir Hugh Cholmeley died at Cholmeley seised of his purparty of the reversion of the said premises & the said purparty descended to his son & heir, Robert Cholmeley, esq.

The said Eleanor died at Wybunburie, co. Chester, & the said purparty reverted to said Robert Cholmeley; the same is held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by knight service & worth yearly (clear), 5s.

DAME MARY CHOLMONDELEY.

(File 100. No. 3).

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 24 April, 5 Charles I [1629] before Hugh Mainwaring, esq., escheator in co. Chester, Thomas Browne, esq., feodary there by virtue of a commission to enquire after the death of Mary Cholmondeley, widow, by the oath of Thomas Brocke of . . ., Edward Tannat of Broxon, John Leech of Carden, Thomas Heath of Egerton, John Aldersey of Agden, John Dawson of Tussingham, John Kettle of Burwardlay, Henry Malbon of Monkescoppenhall, Hugh Whitney of Coole, Oliver Pollett of Faddeley, John Maddockes of Torperley, Andrew Burton of Over, Richard Whittingham of same, & John Cheswys of Mickley, gentlemen.

They say that the said Dame Mary Cholmondeley, long before her death, was seised in fee of the manor of Holford, with all the rights, members & appurtenances, of the manor of Bulkley, with all the rights, &c. & of 200 mess., 40 cottages, 20 tofts, 5 watermills, a windmill, a fulling-mill, 2 dovescotes, 200 gardens, 240 orchards, 4 saltpits, 2000 a. of land, 500 a. of meadow, 3000 a. of pasture, 200 a. of wood, 60 a. of furze & heath, 1000 a. of turbary, 100 a. of marsh, 40 a. of land covered with water & £4 rent in Holford, Nether Peever, Plumley, Lostock, Lostock Grallam, Lache, Lache Dennys, Stubblack, Bexton, Nether Knottesford, Northwiche, Bulkeley, Bunbury, Oteworth, Torperley, Shocklage Ovyatt & Kiddington & so being seised a fine was levied in the Common Hall of Pleas, Chester, 21 September, 43 Elizabeth [1601] concerning the said manors & premises.

They say, that long before her death, she was also seised of the manor of Isycoyde, co. Flint, with all the rights, &c., & of 100 mess., 40 cottages, 20 tofts, 2 watermills, 1000 a. of land, 500 a. of meadow, 1000 a. of pasture, 100 a. of wood, 40 a. of furze & heath, 200 a. of turbary, 300 a. of marsh, & 20s. rent in Isycoyde, Brunyngton,

Tybroughton, Wellington *alias* Willington, Hanmer, Bettisfield, Halghton, Kadaheym, Pentrathe & Penley, co. Flint & a fine was levied of the same in the court at Hawarden, 28 September, 43 Elizabeth [1601] to the use of an Indenture bearing date 8 September 43 Elizabeth [1601] made between the said Dame Mary Cholmondeley, late the wife of Sir Hugh Cholmondeley, of Cholmondeley, co. Flint (*sic*) knight, deceased, of one part & Richard Grosvenor of Eaton, Geoffrey Shakerley of Hulme & Henry Mainwaring of Carincham, esqs., to the use of the said Mary, for life & with contingent remainders, after her death, to her son & heir Robert Cholmondeley, then esquire, now Viscount Cholmondeley in tail male, to her second son Hatton Cholmondeley, in tail male, to her third son, Hugh, in tail male, to her fourth son, Thomas, in tail male, to any other sons, to her right heirs.

They say she was also seised, long before her death, of the capital mess. called Knights *alias* Knights Grange in Whitegate *alias* New Church, late in the tenure of John Starke, gentleman, deceased & all thereunto belonging & on 9 September, 13 James I [1615] enfeofed Ranulph Crewe, knt., then sergeant at Law, Edward Mainwaring, esq., Peter Mynshull & Hugh Wynnyngton, gent., with the same to the use of her for life, with contingent remainders to her son, Hugh Cholmondeley, in tail male, to her son, Thomas Cholmondeley, in tail male, to Robert, Viscount Cholmondeley, in tail male, to her son, Francis Cholmondeley, in tail male, to her right heirs.

They say she was also seised in fee of a cottage in Whitegate, in the tenure of Francis Walker *alias* Watt, & all thereunto appertaining & of 2 closes of pasture there called The Great & the Lesser Newe Bottoms, parcel of Bradford Wood & by Indenture bearing date 20 June, 13 James I [1615] she conveyed the same to Richard Grosvenor, knt. & bart., Peter Shakerley, esq., Peter Mynshull, esq. & Hugh Wynnyngton of the Armitage,

gent., to her use, for life, with contingent remainders to her sons, Hugh, Thomas, Robert, in tail male & the right heirs of the said Hugh.

She was also seised of 2 mess., lands, &c. in Calcott & Crewe, late the heritage of John Yardey, gent. & Richard, his son, & by Indenture of 4 October, 6 James I [1608] conveyed the same to Sir Richard Grosvenor, knt. & bart. & Peter Leycester, esq., to the use of herself for life, with contingent remainders to her sons, Hugh & Thomas, in tail male, in default to her right heirs.

She was also seised in fee of a mess. & tenements in Bexton, late part of the heritage of George Croxton, gen., wherein Robert Barlowe, Robert Pymlett, Richard Pymlett & William Chantler dwelt & in the part late of Robert Hulse of Clive Green, yeoman & all lands, &c., thereunto belonging & by Indenture of 8 April, 1 Charles I [1625] enfeoffed the said Hugh & Thomas Cholmondeley of the same, in tail male, in default to her right heirs.

She was also seised in fee of a capital mess. in Leighton, in the tenure of Thomas Brooke & of the reversion of the lands & tenements in Woolston *alias* Oulston Wood after the death of said Thomas Brooke (who still survives at Leighton) & by Indenture of 11 January, 21 James I [1623-4] enfeoffed her son, Francis Cholmondeley of the same, to him & his heirs, who assigned the same to the said Thomas Cholmondeley, in tail male, with remainder to said Dame Mary & her heirs male.

She was also seised in fee of the late dissolved monastery of Vale Royal & of 4 mess., 4 cottages, 2 dovecotes, 8 gardens, 6 orchards, 6 barns, 700 a. of land, 300 a. of meadow, 600 a. of pasture, 400 a. of wood, 300 a. of furze & heath, 30 a. of moor, 30 a. of turbary, 30 a. of moss, 100 a. of land covered with water, free warren, goods & chattels of felons & fugitives, waifs & strays in Vale Royal, Bradford, Cunnisley *alias* Conwardesley, Sutton, Weverham, Werinton *alias* Warton & Whitegate & of

common of pasture for all beasts in the Forest of Mara & Moldrem *alias* Dalemeire & by Indenture of 6 January, 21 James I [1623-4] enfeoffed George Holford of Newbroghe, esq. & John Holford, of Davenham, gent., of the same, to the use of herself for life, with remainder to her son, Thomas, in tail male, to her right heirs.

Seised of all the aforesaid, the said Dame Mary died 15 August, 1 Charles I [1625], at Vale Royal & Robert, Viscount Cholmondeley is her son & next heir & now aged 40 years & more.

They say the manor of Holford & the premises there & in Plumley, Lostock Gralam & Bexton are held of the King, as of his Honor & Barony of Halton, parcel of the Duchy of Lancaster, by 3d. part of a knight's fee & the premises in Hulse of Henry Mainwaring, esq., as of his manor of Barnshawe, tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear), 2*d.* & the manor of Holford yearly (clear), £4. & the premises in Plumley, 40*s.* & in Lostock Grallam, 20*s.* & in Bexton, 7*s.* 8*d.*

The premises in Peever held of the heirs of Sir Thomas Holcroft, knt., deceased, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), £3; those in Lache held of the King as of the late dissolved Priory of St. John of Jerusalem in England, in socage & worth yearly (clear), 5*s.*; those in Stubbes *alias* Stubbes Lache held of the heirs of Richard de Lostock in socage & worth yearly (clear), 26*s.* 8*d.*; those in Northwich of William, Earl of Derby, as of his manor of Northwich, in socage & worth yearly (clear), 40*s.*

The manor of Bulkeley & lands, &c., there held of the Barons of Malpas, by service of a pair of white gloves at the feast of St. Oswald & worth yearly (clear), 20*s.*

The premises in Bunbury, held of the King as of the said Priory of St. John of Jerusalem, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), £3; those in Torperley, held of the heirs of Hugh de Torperley in socage & worth yearly (clear), 25*s.* 6*d.*; those in Kiddington of the Barons of

Malpas by fealty & suit of court of Malpas & worth yearly (clear), 5s; those in Haughton held of the heirs of Robert de Haughton in socage & worth yearly (clear), 10s.

The manor of Isycoyd & the premises there held of the King, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 20s.

The premises in Tibbroughton, Wellington, Hanmer, Bettisfield, Halghton, Kadaheym, Pentrathe & Penley, held of the King, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), £5. 6s. 8d.

Those in Calcott, held of William Lord Laughlin by fealty & rent of 6s. 8d. & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Knights Grange & premises there held of the King in chief by 40th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), 40s.

The site of Vale Royal & mess. there & in Bradford, &c., held of the King in chief by 60th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), 26s. 8d.

The premises in Leighton held of the heirs of Samson Erdeswicke, esq., deceased, in socage & worth yearly (clear), 2s.

Those in Woolston Wood held of Robert Viscount Cholmondeley, as of his Barony of Nantwich, by knight service & worth yearly (clear), 2d.

RICHARD CLUTTON (idiot).

(File 94. No. 4).

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 18 August, 17 James I [1619], before Hugh Maynwaring, esq., escheator of Lord Charles, Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall & York, & Earl of Chester, in co. Chester, John Parkinson, gent., Edward Gregge, gent. & Henry Delves, gent., feodary of the said Prince, by virtue of the said Prince's commission, by the oath of William Davenport, of Boughton, Richard Coventree of Mollington, John Cotton of Huntington, John Asbrooke of Tattenhall, Francis Hawarden of Boughton, Richard Bird of Broxon, Ralph

Astle of Golbourne bellowe, Thomas Richardson of Ince, Thomas Barlowe of Saughall, Richard Chamberleyne of the same, William Billinche [?] of Moreton, John Crewe of Elton, William Hely of Newton, James Hancocke of the same, Robert Barlowe of Saughall & Robert Walker of Aldersey, gentlemen.

They say that Richard Clutton is, & from the time of his birth was, an idiot, not enjoying lucid intervals.

They say that Thomas Clutton, deceased, father of said Richard, was seised in fee of a messuage in Chorlton & all the lands, &c., thereunto belonging & so being seised on 25 March, 5 James I by an Indenture made between the said Thomas Clutton, of one part & Ambrose Sparrowe of the other demised the said premises to the said Ambrose Sparrowe for 25 years at a yearly rental of 49s.

Thomas Clutton died & the reversion descended to the said Richard as his son & heir. Afterwards Richard assigned to his mother, Alice, late the wife of the said Thomas Clutton & now of Hugh Tench, a third part of the same, as dower & Alice survives & dwells at Bickley.

They say the said Richard Clutton is seised of the reversion of two closes in Kuyddington, in the tenure of David Eddowe & of a cottage there in the tenure of Margery Woods as of fee & right.

The premises in Chorlton are held of Sir William Brereton, knt. by knight service & the said two parts are worth yearly (clear) 25s. 8*d.* & the 3*d.* part, after Alice's death, 6s. 4*d.*

Those in Kuyddington held of said Sir William, in socage & worth yearly 13s. 8*d.*

The said Richard has not alienated any of the premises to the jurors' knowledge.

They say that Owen Clutton is brother & next heir of Richard & now aged 16 years & more.

RICHARD CLUTTON of Nantwich, gent.

(File 96. No. 1).

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 28 September, 19 James I [1621] before Hugh Waynwaringe, esq., escheator of Pirnce Charles in co. Chester & Peter Danyell, esq., the Prince's feodary there, by virtue of the Prince's commission, to enquire after the death of Richard Clutton, of Nantwich, gent., by the oath of John Aston of Aston, Edward Bressey of Awdlem, John Cartwright of Shipnall, John Cheswis of Mickley, Henry Malbon of Copnall, George Cudworth of Newhall, Thomas Adams of Hather-ton, Robert Meakin of the same, Randall Grafton of Worleston, John Moulton of Faddiley, Oliver Pollet of the same, Francis Betteley of Burland, Thomas Smith of Checkley & John Wright of Willaston, gentlemen.

The say the said Richard Clutton long before his death was seised in fee of 19 mess., 19 gardens, 4 a. of land in Nantwich; of a quarter of a mess. in Nantwich & a saltpit of 12 leads there, & one of 6 leads there, 2 of 12 leads there & the moiety of one of 6 leads there & a yearly rent of 5s. issuing from a garden called Dovehouse garden there, in the tenure of Robert Meakin, a rent of¹ . . d. issuing yearly from lands of the heirs of Randall Maynwaringe, gent., deceased, there & a yearly rent of 16d. from a mess. there in the tenure of Edward Furber & one of 12d from lands there of the heritage of Richard Bickerton; of a mess., a cottage, 30 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 4 a. of wood, 20 a. of heath & turbary in Church Coppnall; of 6 a. of land in Monks Copnall, of a mess., 15 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 15 a. of pasture, 20 a. of common of pasture & 10 a. of heath & turbary in Bickerton; of a cottage & 10 a. of land in ; of the free rent of 18d. yearly issuing from lands of one Hulme in Tilston & Lowcrosse, now in the tenure of Richard Bostock; of 6 a. of land in Edge; of the reversion

¹ MS. torn.

of a capital mess. & 2 other mess., a cottage¹ . . . a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture & 40 a. of common of pasture & turbary in Carden *alias* Cawarden; of the reversion of 20 a. of land in Clutton & Choley after the death of Elizabeth Clutton, widow, who holds the same for life. Of a yearly rent of 16*d.* issuing from the lands of John Egerton, gent. in Carden *alias* Cawarden in the tenure of Thomas Huxley; of a mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 16 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood & 10 a. of common of pasture & turbary in Wymboldesley; of 20 a. of land in the tenure of Thomas Dod & William Dod in Teverton, 2 parcels of land of about 6 a. in the tenure of Thomas Sparrow & Thomas Wickstead in Henhull; of a barn, 14 a. of land, 8 a. of meadow, 18 a. of pasture & 6 a. of common in Wistaston.

So being seised the said Richard Clutton died at Nantwich 15 November, 8 James I [1610] & Thomas Clutton, gent., is his son & next heir & at his father's death was aged 25 years & is now aged 36 years, 7 months.

The said premises in Nantwich are held of the heirs & assigns of the late Barony of Nantwich in socage & by rent of 4*s.* a year & suit of court & worth yearly (clear), 5*s.*

Those in Church Copnall held of George Vernon, esq. in socage & yearly rent of 13*s.* 10*d.* & worth yearly (clear), 5*s.*

Those in Munck Copnall held of the King in socage & worth yearly (clear), 12*d.*

Those in Bickerton held of the heirs of Richard, son of William de Bickerton in socage & by yearly rent of a red rose & worth yearly (clear), 2*s.* 6*d.*

Those in Tilston, Lowcrosse & Edge held of Sir William Brereton, knt., as of his manor or barony of Malpas, in socage & suit of court at said manor & worth yearly (clear), 6*d.*

Those in Carden *alias* Cawarden held of Sir William Brereton, knt., as above & worth yearly (clear), after the death of the said Elizabeth Clutton, 6*d.*

¹ Torn.

Those in Clutton & Choley held of heirs of Richard Golborne, of Orton, by service of a red rose yearly & worth yearly (clear) after Elizabeth's death, 6*d*.

Those in Wymboldesley held of the heirs of John de le Holt by rent of one pair of white gloves yearly & worth yearly (clear), 6*d*.

Those in Teverton held of Sir Hugh Beeston, knt., by rent of a red rose yearly & worth yearly (clear), 6*d*.

Those in Henhull held of Sir Thomas Savage, knt. & Bart., by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 6*d*.

Those in Wistaston held of the heirs of John Le Bracy, deceased, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 12*d*.

Elizabeth late the wife of the said Richard Clutton occupied the said lands from the time of her husband's death until she died 10 June, 1620 since when the said Thomas Clutton has taken the profits.

THOMAS CLUTTON of Nantwich, gent.

(File 100. No. 4).

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 26 March, 4 Charles I [1629], before Richard Wilbraham, knt. & Bart., Roger Wilbraham, esq., Hugh Mainwaringe, esq., escheator in co. Chester & Thomas Browne, esq., feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Thomas Clutton, gentleman, by the oath of John Chiswis, Ranulph Grafton, Robert Alsager, Ralph Pole (?), Lawrence Cotton, Robert Maykin, Oliver Pollet, John Moulton, Thomas Shenton, Thomas Smyth, Richard Sare, Francis Betteley, William Gallimore, sen., & William Gallimore, jun., gentlemen.

They say the said Thomas Clutton, long before his death, was seised in fee of 21 gardens, 4 a. of land, & the 4th part of a mess. & one saltpit, 12 leads with appurtenances & of 3 other saltpits, 6 leads & the moiety of one other saltpit & 6 leads in Nantwich & of a yearly rent of 16*d*. issuing from lands of the heritage of Ranulph Manwaringe, gent.,

deceased, in Nantwich & of another yearly rent of 16*d.* issuing from a mess. in Nantwich in the tenure of Richard Lunt & another yearly rent of 12*d.* from tenements in Nantwich, the heritage of Richard Bickerton, & of 4 mess., a cottage, 30 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 4 a. of wood & 20 a. of heath & turbary in Church Coppenhill, & also of 6 a. of land in Coppenhall *alias* Munks Coppenhall; also of a mess., 15 a. of land, $\frac{1}{2}$ a. of meadow, 15 a. of pasture, 1 a. of wood, 20 a. of common of pasture & 10 a. of heath & turbary in Bickerton; & of a cottage, 10 a. of land in Tilston & Lowcrosse; & of free rent of 18*d.*, yearly issuing from certain lands of a certain Hulme in Tilston & Lowcrosse & now in the tenure of Richard Bostocke; & of a capital mess., 2 other mess., a cottage, 20 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, & 40 a. of common of pasture & turbary in Carden *alias* Cawarden; & of 20 a. of land in Clutton & Chowley & of 16*d.* yearly rent issuing from the lands of John Egerton, gent., in Carden, now in the tenure of Thomas Huxley; & of a mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 16 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood & 10 a. of common of pasture & turbary in Wymbaldsley; & of 20 a. of land in Tiverton; & of 6 a. of land in Henhull & of a barn, 14 a. of land, 8 a. of meadow, 18 a. of pasture & 6 a. of common of pasture in Wistaston.

So being seised, by Indenture bearing date 16 August, 4 Charles I [1628] made between said Thomas Clutton, of the one part & his brother, Richard Clutton, of Gray's Inn, esq., Hugh Davenport of Nantwich, gent. & Richard Church, of Nantwich, gent., of the other, he undertook to levy a fine of a mess. in Nantwich in Westrowe, wherein he dwelt & 3 other mess. in Westrowe in the tenures of Thomas Golborne, Ralph Jackson & Joan Jackson, widow, 2 saltpits, 12 leads & a wychehouse of 6 leads in Nantwich in Great Wood Street, in the tenure of Arthur Manwaringe, gent., 2 pastures & one garden in Marshlane, Nantwich & all his mess. & lands in Cawarden, Wistaston,

Church Coppenhall & Monks Coppenhall, Chowley, Lowecrosse, Clutton, &c. to the use of himself for life, with contingent remainders to his son & heir apparent, Richard Clutton, at his age of 21, his younger son, Lawrence, at like age, & any other sons & the said trustees to raise portions for his daughters, Margaret & Elizabeth & the residue of the said premises to the said Richard, his son, in tail male, with remainder to right heirs of said Thomas.

They say the said Thomas Clutton died 17 September, 4 Charles I [1628] at Nantwich & Richard Clutton is his son & next heir & at the time of his father's death was aged 14 years, 5 months, 23 days, having been born on 26 March, 1614.

They say the premises in Nantwich are held of Robert, Viscount Cholmondeley as of his Barony of Nantwich, by fealty & 4s. yearly rent & are worth yearly (clear), 5s.

The premises in Church Coppenhall held of Sir George Vernon, knt., Baron of the Exchequer, by fealty, & yearly rent of 13s. 10d. & worth yearly (clear), 5s.

Those in Monks Coppenhall held of Robert Viscount Cholmondeley, as of his said Barony, by fealty & 6d. yearly rent & worth yearly (clear), 12d.

The premises in Bickerton held of the heirs of Richard, son of William de Bickerton, by fealty & a rose at St. John the Baptist's day & worth yearly (clear), 2s. 6d.

The premises in Cawarden, Tilston & Lowcrosse held of William, Lord Brereton, Baron of Laghlyn, as of his Barony of Malpas, by fealty & suit of court of that Barony & worth yearly (clear), 2s. 6d.

Those in Clutton & Chowley held of the heirs of Richard Golborne of Orton, by fealty & a red rose at the feast of St. John the Baptist & worth yearly (clear), 6d.

The premises in Wymboldsley held of the heirs of John de le Holt, by fealty & a pair of white gloves yearly & worth yearly (clear), 6d.

The premises in Teverton held of the lord of the manor

of Teverton by fealty & rent of a rose & worth yearly (clear), 6*d*.

Those in Henhull held of Thomas Viscount Savage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 16*d*. & those in Wistaston held of the heirs of John le Bracy, deceased, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 12*d*.

EDWARD COTTON of Cotton, esq.

(File 94. No. 5).

Inquisition taken in the Hall of Pleas, Chester, 18 September, 17 James I [1619] before Hugh Maynwaring, esq., escheator of Charles, Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall & York & Earl of Chester & Henry Delves, gent., the Prince's feodary there, by virtue of a commission to enquire after the death of Edward Cotton, late of Cotton, esq., by the oath of William Davenport of Boughton, Thomas Ball of the same, Francis Hawarden of the same, John Edwards of Cheveley, John Cotton of Huntington, John Astbrooke of Tattenhall, William Rosegreave of Wareton, Robert Gill of Brombrough, William Taylor of Boughton, William Burgenye of Pulford, John Manley of Pulton, James Doe of Saughall, John Doe of the same, Thomas Barlowe of the same, Richard Chamberlayne of the same, William Helye of Newton, James Hancocke of the same, John Bennet of Willaston, Henry Phillips of Christleton & Christopher Hasselwall of Aldford, gentlemen.

They say that Edward Cotton, father of the said Edward, long before his death, was seised in fee of the manor or lordship of Cotton & of a capital mess. called the Hall of Cotton in Cotton & of 3 other mess., 4 cottages, a watermill, a dovecote, 100 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow 100 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood & 10 a. of furze & heath in Cotton; & of the manor of Hulme, 40 a. of pasture, 10 a. of meadow in Hulme *alias* Church Hulme & of a parcel of land late in the tenure of Ellen Halwood, widow, deceased

& now of William Halwood in Hulme of about 1 a.; & of 4 mess. & one cottage in Mynshall Vernon in the tenures of Thomas Frogge, John Brownsworth, Thomas Mynshall, Thomas Walley & Arthur Hardie; & of 40 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 50 a. of pasture & 10 a. of common in Minshall Vernon thereunto belonging; & of one mess., 10 a. of land, 3 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture & 10 a. of common in Wymboldesley, in the tenure of William Hardy; & of a certain meadow in Church Mynshall called Marye Meadow, of 3 a. in the tenure of the said William Hardy; of a burgage & a saltpit of 6 leads in Middlewyche, & divers parcels of land thereunto belonging of about 9 a. in Middlewyche & Newton by Middlewyche; of a tenement & divers parcels of land in Sproston of about 20 a.; of a mess. in Congleton; & of 2 mess., 40 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture & 10 a. of common in Bydulphe & Kynpersley in co. Stafford & a free rent of 18*d.* yearly issuing from two burgages, a saltpit & a croft late of Philip Oldfield, esq., deceased, in Midlewich & of another free rent of 1*s.* issuing from a burgage of William Reynolds, gent. in Middlewyche in the tenures of John Wareton, Thomas Baylie, William Forster, William Leadbeter, Ellen Forster, widow, Margery Furnivall, widow & William Jackson & of the reversion of 60 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture, 10 a. of turbary & 4 a. of wood in Church Hulme, & of a cottage in Church Hulme immediately after the death of Agnes Buckley *alias* Cranage, widow.

So being seised, by Indenture bearing date 1 October, 44 Elizabeth [1602], & by fine of 4 October that year, the said Edward Cotton, the father, conveyed the lower part of the capital mess. of Cotton, 2 barns, the moiety of two courts, the "schoolehowse," the third part of the "kylne," the "Swynehowse," the Calver Croft, a parcel of land called "the land in Cotton," a meadow called Smaleshorne Meadow, land called the Smale thornes, the

Longe Croft, the Black Croft, the Springe, the Wheat Field, the Poole Meadow, the New earth, the longe feild, the Pymcroft, the higher & the lower Mackleeche, the Sand croft, the Hollow ditch wood, & the moiety of a watermill, all in Cotton, parcel of the aforementioned premises there, the mess. in Mynshull Vernon & the premises there in the tenures of Thomas Frogge, Thomas Mynshull, John Brownsworth, the mess. in Wymboldesley & Mynshull in the tenure of William Hardy, the mess. in in Church Hulme in the tenure of William Amson, the land in the tenure of Ellen Hallwood, widow, to the use of the said Edward, the father, for life, with contingent remainders to his wife, Elizabeth, now the wife of Thomas Gregge, gent., for life, as her dower, to the use of the said Edward Cotton, named in the commission, & Elizabeth his wife & their male issue, the heirs male of Edward, the father; as concerning the mess. in Cotton, in the tenure of Edward the son, & all lands &c. & the saltpit in Middlewych, in the tenure of Thomas Croxton, a mess. in Kynderton Street, Middlewich, the premises in Middlewich Newton by Middlewich, Bydulph & Knypersley to the use of Elizabeth, wife of the said Edward, the son, for life, as her dower, with contingent remainders, after her death, to the said Edward, the son & his male issue by the said Elizabeth, the heirs male of Edward the father, the right heirs of Edward, the father, for life, with contingent remainders to Edward, the son, in tail male, heirs male of Edward the father, his right heirs; provision being made that the said Edward, the father, during his life, might demise for 21 years or less any of the said lands, excepting the Hall of Cotton, & the demesne lands in Cotton & a water mill called the Corne Mylne, the mess. in Middlewich in the tenure of Thomas Croxton & the lands assigned to Elizabeth, wife of Edward, the son, as dower.

By Indenture bearing date 20 September, 1 James I [1603], the said Edward, the father, demised to Richard

Brereton of Whettenhall, esq., John Egerton & John Aston, gents., amongst other things, a mess. & lands in Mynshull Vernon, late in the tenure of Thomas Podmore for 21 years, from the end of a term assigned by John Starkye to Thomas Greene, at a yearly rental of 44s. 4d. & by Indenture of 23 July, 3 James I [1606] the said Brereton, Egerton & Aston demised the same to Thomas Mynshull, gent. for the same term, if the said Thomas, Katherine his wife & Hugh Mynshull, his brother should so long live, & the said Thomas, Katherine & Hugh survive.

Edward Cotton, the father, died at Cotton, 25 September, 1 James I [1603] & Elizabeth then his wife & now the wife of Thomas Gregge, survives & dwells at Bradley.

After his father's death, Edward, the son, & Elizabeth, his wife of one part & Richard Brereton, of Wetnall, esq., John Mynshull of Mynshull, esq., Thomas Baskerville of Old Withington & John Mynshull, of Nantwich, gents., of the other part, by Indenture of 15 April, 4 James I [1606] & by fine settled the said premises on said Elizabeth, for life, with remainder to said Edward.

By Indenture of 2 April, 15 James I [1617], the said Edward demised to the said John Mynshull, Thomas Baskerville & John Brereton of Wettenhall, two parts of all the premises in Cotton, except the lands assigned in dower to Elizabeth, wife of said Edward, the mansion house & Cotton Mill, for 10 years, at a yearly rental of 20s., & the lands assigned to said Elizabeth Gregge, after her death, for 21 years, & the mess. in Mynshall Vernon for 51 years; & the premises & saltpit, &c. in Cotton, Midlewich & Newton, Bydulph & Knypersley & Church-hulme for 41 years.

They say the manor of Cotton & premises there are held of the King, as of his Lordship Castle & Honor of Halton by 20th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), £6. 14s. 2d.

The manor of Hulme *alias* Church Hulme & premises

there held of the King, as above, by 60th part of a knight's fee & suit of court at Halton & worth yearly (clear), £10. 11s. 4d.

The premises in Mynshull Vernon held of Prince Charles, as Earl of Chester, by fealty & worth yearly (clear), £8. 1s. 4d.

Those in Wymbaldesley held of Prince Charles, as above & worth yearly (clear), 16s.

Those in Midlewich & Kinderton held of Peter Venables, esq., Baron of Kinderton, by yearly rent of 1s. 6d. & suit of his court of Kinderton & worth yearly (clear), 20s.

Those in Newton held of Sir Randall Crewe, knt., by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 10s.

Those in Sprouston held of Peter Venables, by fealty & yearly rent of 6d. & worth yearly (clear), 7s. 6d.

Those in Church Mynshull held of the heirs of Richard, former lord of Mynshall by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8d.; those in Bydulphe & Knypersley held of Edward Maynwaringe, of Whitmore, by fealty & rent of 1½d. a year & worth yearly (clear), £3. 6s. 8d.

The said Edward Cotton died 20 September last past & Elizabeth his wife, survives & dwells at Cotton & Edward Cotton, esq., is his son & next heir & at his father's death was aged 15 years, one month, 26 days.

EDWARD COTTON of Cotton, esq.

(File 98. No. 4).¹

Inquisition taken at Midlewich, 17 October, 21 James I [1623] before Hugh Maynwaringe, esq., escheator of Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall & York & Earl of Chester, in co. Chester, Peter Daniell, esq., feodary of the said Prince & John Marshall, esq., by virtue of the King's commission, to enquire after the death of Edward Cotton, late of Cotton, esq., by the oath of Alexander

¹ This Inquisition being torn and illegible, the abstract has been made from Court of Wards *Inq. p.m.*, File 65 No. 92.

Holinworth of Hollinworth, Edward Mouldsworth of Wyncham, Humfrey Page of Eardshawe, James Page of the same, James Trevite of Sprowston, William Venables of the same, Thomas Woodcocke of Churchulme, Andrew Burton of Over, John Anderton of Croxton, Julius Stockley of Neuall, George Bradford of Sheepbrooke, Arthur Joynson of Warton, Randall Phitheon of Tetton, Robert Holdford of Alostocke, Thomas Burrows of Clive, William Ravenscroft of Occleston, Ralph Blease of Sheepbrooke, Ralph Bostocke of Moulton & Hugh Venables of Wymbasley, gentlemen.

They say that a certain Edward Cotton, grandfather of the said Edward, was seised in fee of the manor or lordship of Cotton & of a capital mess. called the Hall of Cotton in Cotton & of three other mess. & 4 cottages, one water mill, a dovecote, 100 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood, 10 a. of furze & heath in Cotton; & of the manor of Hulme *alias* Churchulme & of 4 mess., 50 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow & 40 a. of pasture in Hulme *alias* Churchulme; & of a parcel of land late in the tenure of Helen Halwood, widow, deceased & now of William Halwood in Hulme, containing 1 a.; & of 4 mess. & one cottage in Mynshall Vernon in the tenures of Thomas Frogge, John Browensworth, Thomas Wooley & Arthur Hardie; & of 50 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 50 a. of pasture & 10 a. of common in Mynshall Vernon belonging to the said mess. & cottage; & of one mess., 10 a. of land, 3 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture & 10 a. of common in Wymbalesley, in the tenure of William Hardie; & of a certain meadow in Church Mynshall, called Marie Medowe, of 3 a., in tenure of said Hardie; & of a burgage & a saltpit of 6 leads in Midlewich, & of divers parcels of land of about 9 a. thereunto belonging in Midlewich & Newton by Midlewich; & of a mess. in Congleton, co. Chester & 2 mess., 40 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture & 10 a. of common in Bydulphe & Knipersley, co. Stafford &

of one free rent of 18*d.* a year issuing from two burgages, one saltpit & a croft late of Philip Oldfeild, esq., deceased in Midlewich & of a free rent of 1*s.* issuing from a burgage of William Reynolds, gent., in Midlewich; he was also seised of the reversion of 6 mess. in Church Hulme, in the tenures of John Walton, Thomas Bealie, William Foster, William Leadbeater, Helen Foster, widow, Margaret Furnivall, widow & William Jackson, & the reversion of 60 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture, 10 a. of turbarry, 4 a. of wood belonging to the said mess. in Church Hulme & of one cottage in Church Hulme immediately after the death of Agnes Buckley *alias* Cranage, widow.

So being seised, by Indenture bearing date 1 October, 44 Elizabeth [1602] & by fine of 4 October same year, the said Edward Cotton, the grandfather, conveyed the lower part of the capital mess. of Cotton, two barns, the moiety of 2 courts, the "schoolehouse," the third part of the kiln, the "swyne house," a croft called The Calver Crofte, a parcel of land called Land in Cotton, Smalthorne Meadow, the Smalthornes, the Longe Crofte & Black Croft, the Springe, the Wheat Feild, the Poole Medowe, the Newe Earthes, the longe feild, the Pymcrofte, the higher Mackleech, the lower Mackleech, the Sand Crofte, the Hollowe Dichwood, the moiety of a watermill all in Cotton & parcel of the afore-mentioned premises, the mess. in Mynshall Vernon & all thereunto belonging & the mess. there in the tenures of Thomas Frogge, Thomas Mynsall & John Browensworth, the mess. in Church Hulme in tenure of William Amson & land in that of Helen Hallwood, widow, to the use of himself for life, with contingent remainders to his wife, Elizabeth, now the wife of Thomas Gregge, gent., for life, as her dower, to Edward Cotton, father of said Edward mentioned in this Inquisition & his male issue by Elizabeth, his wife, the male issue of Edward the grandfather, the heirs of Edward, the grandfather, for ever. And as concerning the messuage in Cotton, in the

tenure of Edward, the father, the premises in Midlewich in tenure of Thomas Croxton, a mess. in Kinderton Street, Midlewich & premises in Midlewich & Newton by Midlewich, Bydulph & Knipersley, to the use of Elizabeth, wife of Edward the father, as her dowry, for life, with contingent remainders to said Edward, the father & his male issue by said Elizabeth, the male issue of Edward the grandfather, his right heirs; as to the residue to the use of Edward the grandfather, for life, with contingent remainders to Edward, the father & his male issue by said Elizabeth his wife [&c. as in last].

By Indenture of 20 September, 1 James I [1603] he let to farm to Richard Brereton of Wettenhall, esq., John Egerton & John Ashton, gents., a mess. & lands in Mynshall Vernon late in the tenure of Thomas Podmore, for 21 years at a yearly rental of 44s. 4d. & the said Brereton, Egerton & Ashton on 23 July, 3 James I [1605] demised the same to Thomas Mynshall, gent., for 21 years if said Mynshall, Katherine, his wife & Hugh, his brother, so long lived.

So being seised, Edward Cotton, the grandfather, died 25 September, 1 James I [1603] at Cotton; Elizabeth his wife, now wife of Thomas Gregge, survives & dwells at Bradley. After the death of Edward the grandfather, Edward, the father, by Indenture of 15 April, 4 James I [1606] conveyed to Richard Brereton of Wettenhall, John Mynshall of Mynshall, esqs., Thomas Baskervyle of Old Withington, & John Mynshall of Nantwich, gents. & by fine, all the said premises, to the use of Elizabeth, wife of said Edward, the father, for life, with remainder to Edward, the father.

On 2 April, 15 James I [1617], Edward, the father, demised to John Mynshall of Mynshall, esq., Thomas Baskervill & John Brereton of Wettenhall, gents., two parts of all the said premises in Cotton, in three parts divided, except the capital mess. & the water mill called

Cotton Mylne & the lands assigned as dower to Elizabeth, wife of Edward, the father, for a term of 10 years, at a yearly rental of 20s. & by another Indenture of even date demised to them all the premises assigned as dower to the said Elizabeth Gregge, with the said exceptions, from the day of said Elizabeth Gregge's death for 21 years & the mess. in Mynshall Vernon from the death of John Brownsworth for 51 years & the premises in Church Hulme for 41 years.

They say the manor of Cotton & premises there are held of the King, as of his lordship of Castle & Honor of Haulton, by 20th part of a knight's fee & 5s. yearly rent, & worth yearly (clear), £6. 14s. 2d.

The manor of Hulme *alias* Church Hulme & premises there held of the King as of his Castle & Honour of Haulton by 60th part of a knight's fee & suit at court of Haulton & worth yearly (clear), £10. 11s. 4d.

Premises in Mynshall Vernon held of Prince Charles as Earl of Chester, by knight service & worth yearly (clear), £8. 1s. 4d.

The premises in Wymbaldsley held of the said Prince in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 16s.

The premises in Mydlewych & Kinderton held of Peter Venables, esq., as of the Barony of Kinderton, by rent of 1s. 6d. yearly & suit of court of Kinderton & worth yearly (clear), 20s.

Those in Newton held of Randall Crewe, knt., in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 10s. & those in Church Mynshall held of the heirs of the lord of Mynshall, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 6s. 6d.

The said Edward Cotton died 8 June last past & John Cotton, esq. is his brother & next heir & on 1 June last past was aged 16 years.

Elizabeth, the wife of Edward Cotton, the father, survives & dwells at Cotton.

RICHARD COTTON, esq. of Combermere.

(File 87. No. 14).

Inquisition taken at Sandbach, 6 April, 3 James I [1605], before Roger Puleston, esq., Henry Mainwaring, esq., escheator & Ralph Wilbraham, gent., feodary, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Richard Cotton, esq., deceased, by the oath of Robert Whitney of Coole, Allan Swanwicke of Wirswall, Roger Hocknell of Bromhall, John Egerton of Newhall, Thomas Brooke of Leighton, John Cheswis of Mickley, Richard Horton of Coole, George Cudworth of Bromhall, William Salmon of Coolelane, William Salmon of Wildheath, Roger Bickerton of Towneley, John Cawton of Byrcher, Edward Brassye of Aldelem, Richard Meakin of Hatherton, Edmond Bickerton of Sounde, & William Dodd of Woodhowse, gentlemen.

They say the said Richard Cotton the day he died was seised in fee of a capital mess. in Cumbermeyre & of a water mill, 1000 a. of land, 500 a. of meadow, 1000 a. of pasture, 200 a. of moor, 200 a. of wood & 200 a. of land covered with water in Combermeyre, Wrenbury & Aldelem.

He was also seised in fee tail, to him & his male issue, of the manor of Wilkesley.

The said capital mess. & lands are held of the King & at the time of Richard's death of Queen Elizabeth in chief, by 10th part of a knight's fee & rent of 53s. 4d. a year & worth yearly (clear), £12.

The manor of Wilkesley held in like manner, by 20th part of a knight's fee & yearly rent of £4. 12s. 8d. & worth yearly (clear), £56.

The said Richard died 15 June 44 Elizabeth [1602] & George Cotton, esq. is his son & next heir & now aged 40 years & more & since his father's death has occupied the said premises.

ROBERT CROCKETT of Nantwich, gent.

(File 96. No. 9).

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 20 August, 20 James I, [1622], before Hugh Maynwaringe, esq., Prince Charles' escheator in co. Chester & Peter Danyell, esq., the Prince's feodary there, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of Robert Crocket, late of Nantwich, gent., deceased, by the oath of John Aston of Aston, Edward Bressey of Audlem, John Cartwright of Shipnall, John Cheswis of Mickley, Henry Malbon of Copnall, George Cudworth of Newhall, Thomas Adams of Hather-ton, Robert Meakin of the same, Randall Grafton of Worleston, John Moulton of Fadiley, Oliver Pollet of the same, Francis Betteley of Burland, Thomas Smith of Checkley, Richard Shaw of Betchton, William Gallamore of the same & John Wright of Willaston, gentlemen.

They say the said Robert the day he died was seised in fee of 4 burgages, 4 gardens, 2 saltpits of 6 leads & 14 a. of land in Nantwich, & of 2 mess., 30 a. of land 15 a. of furze & heath in Pickmeyre; of one mes., 15 a. of land, 8 a. of meadow, 15 a. of pasture, 6 a. of wood, 6 a. of turbary & 15 a. of furze & heath in Aston by Budworth, of 12 a. of land & 8 a. of pasture in Wigstaston & Willaston.

The premises in Nantwich are held of Sir Robert Cholmondeley, bt. as of the Barony of Nantwich in free burgage by fealty & rent of 17s. a year & suit of court & are worth yearly (clear), 20s.

Those in Pickmeyre held of the heirs of Warin Maynwaring by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 33s. 4d.

Those in Aston by Budworth held of Peter Warburton, esq., by fealty & rent of 12s. 4d. a year & worth yearly (clear), 13s. 4d.

Those in Willaston & Wigstaston held of Richard Maisterston, gent., by fealty & rent of 12s. 4d. a year & worth yearly (clear), 10s.

They say the said Robert Crocket died 13 March,

9 James I [1611-12] & Thomas Crocket, gent., is his son & next heir & is now aged 40 years & more.

GEORGE CROXTON of Ravenscroft, gent.

(File 95. No. 19).

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 27 March, 19 James I [1621] before Hugh Maynwardinge, esq., the King's escheator in co. Chester, Peter Danyell, esq., the King's feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of George Croxton, gent., by oath of Humfrey Page of Yeardshawe, Richard Steele of Sandbach, John Eaton of Blackden, Robert Auger of Awger [Alsager] Robert Poole of the same, Henry Malbone of Monks Copnell, John Rode of Walehill, Hugh Venables of Wymbosley, William Boulton of Hawkelond, Lawrence Cawton [Cotton] of Bircher, Robert Meakin of Hatherton, James Trevett of Sproston, William Venables of the same, Thomas Adams of Hatherton, John Aldersey of Acden, Philip Downes of Toft, Thomas Dale of Wythington, Randall Grafton of Worleston, Thomas Woodcocke of Churchhulme, John Kinsey of Wymbosley & Richard Shawe of Betchton, gentlemen.

They say the said George the day he died was seised in fee of a capital mess. called the Hall of Ravenscroft in Ravenscroft & of 180 a. of land, 97 a. of meadow, 180 a. of pasture & 10 a. of wood in Ravenscroft; of a mess., 40 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow & 20 a. of pasture in Croxton; of a mess., 30 a. of land & 40 a. of pasture in Drakelowe & Rudheath; of a cottage & 6 a. of wood called Croxtons Bache *alias* Brookes Bache in Brotherhulme within the manor of Kynderton; of a burgage & saltpit in or by Kynderton; of 2 mess. or burgages & 6 other saltpits in Nantwich, of a parcel of turbary or moss enclosed with hedges in Dudfyn Mosse in the vill of Stanthorne, containing by an estimation 3 a. of moss; of a mess. & 1 a. of land in Reddish in Newton by Middlewich, all in co.

Chester, & of 4 burgages & $1\frac{1}{2}$ a. of land in Manchester, co. Lancs.

They say the premises in Ravenscroft are held of Michael Oldfield & Eleanor his wife, in her right, by fealty & rent of a pair of white gloves yearly & are worth yearly (clear), £3. 14s.

Those in Croxton held of the same, by fealty & 2d. yearly rent & worth yearly (clear), 22s. 4d.

Those in Drakelow & Rudheath held of the Prince, as of his manor of Drakelow & Rudheath, by fealty & rent of 26s. 8d. a year & worth yearly (clear), 40s.

Those in Brotherhulme held of Peter Venables, esq., as of his Barony or Manor of Kynderton by fealty & suit of his court leet at Kynderton & worth yearly (clear), 12s. 4d.

Those in Kynderton of said Venables by fealty & rent of 3s. 4d. the year & worth yearly (clear), 26s.

Those in Nantwich & 2 saltpits in Middlewich held of the Prince, as Earl of Chester, of his borough or manor of Middlewich in free burgage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), £3. 2s. 8d.; 2 other saltpits in Middlewich, held of the Prince as of his manor of Bardwich, co. Lincoln, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 26s. 8d.; the other 2 salt pits in Middlewich held of said Venables by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 5s. & the saltpit in Nantwich held of Edward Leigh of Rushall, co. Staff., Esq., by fealty & rent of 6 "Barrowes" of salt yearly & the half saltpit held of Robert Cholmondley, Bart., by fealty & 6d. yearly rent & the same are worth yearly (clear), 7s.

The turbary in Stanthorne held of William Brereton, of Brereton, knt., as of his manor of Stanthorne, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 12d.

The premises in Reddishe & Newton held of Randall Crew, knt., as of his manor of Newton & Sutton by Middlewich by rent of 1 lb. of cumin yearly at Christmas & worth yearly (clear), 12d.

Those in Manchester held of the heirs of Thomas Grille,

[Grelley] lord of Manchester, by fealty & yearly rent of 5s. 6d. & worth yearly (clear), 20s.

They say the said George Croxton died 3 January last past & Thomas Croxton is his son & heir & on 29 January last was aged 16 years.

JOHN DANIEL of Daresbury, esq.

(File 91. No. 3).¹

Inquisition taken at Sandbach, 4 October, 13 James I [1615], before Henry Maynwaring of Kermyncham, esq., the King's escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of John Daniel of Derresbury, esq., by the oath of Humphrey Page of Yardshawe, Richard Steele of Sandbach, Arthur Joynson of Warton, James Trevett of Sproston, Hugh Venables of Wimbaldesley, Thomas Woodcocke of Churchulme, John Ravenscroft of Occleston, William Shawe of Sandbach, sen., William Shawe of the same, jun., Thomas Somervile of the same, John Podmore of Little Hassall, Hugh Furnivall of Betchton, Reinald Finlowe of Hulmewalfield, Richard Shawe of Betchton & Richard Kettle of the same, gentlemen.

They say that long before the said John's death, his father, John Daniel, was seised in fee tail of the manor or capital mess. of Derresbury called the Hall of Derresbury & of divers houses, gardens & crofts to the same belonging, & of a tenement in Derresbury in the tenure of Thomas Daniel & another tenement there in the tenure of Edmund Vesty & of a watermill there in the tenure of William Sutton & of another tenement there called Birchley Wood in Derresbury & of other tenements called the Hall Croft, the Lamberhey, the Marled field & 7 other tenements called Habacre the Greene Hay, the Churchfield, the Bothems, the Markes, the Cliffe & Goodie Croft in Derresbury & of 5 closes of land in Newton by Derresbury called

¹ Torn and words supplied from Ct. of Wards *Inq. p.m.*, 53/2.

Greene Hey, Birchley Hey & Poole Hey, Brode-erth & Meadowe Plekke; & of a parcel of land in Hatton by Derresbury then in the tenure of Thomas Hatton, sen.; & also of divers other mess., lands, rents, &c. in Derresbury Newton & Hatton by Derresbury & in Sutton, Eccleston, Raynhall & Laythebreke, co. Lancs.; & of a parcel of land in Derresbury called the Common Wood, in the tenure of Henry Sutton, John Jacksonne & John Sutton; & of a parcel of land called the Ladypit in the tenure of John Sutton, & of a pasture in Derresbury called the Crosse feild in the tenure of Thomas Davison; and of a pasture there called the Middle Hey in the tenure of Henry Sutton, & of a close in Derresbury called the Cowe Hey & another close called the Pode Hey; & of a mess. & divers lands in Derresbury in the tenure of Thomas Davison & of another mess. there in the tenure of John Crymes & another in that of Humphrey Penkyth.

After his father's death, the said John entered into the same & was seised of the same in fee tail & died seised thereof in Tuttle Street, Westminster, 30 April, 8 James I [1610] & John Daniell is his son & next heir & is now aged 18 years.

They say the manor of Derresbury & the premises there are held of the King, as of his Barony of Halton, by the service of a moiety of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), £16. 3s. 4d.

Those in Newton held of Peter Warburton, esq., in socage by rent of 18*d.* a year & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Those in Hatton by Derresbury held of the Lord of Halton by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) . . s.

The same lands were extended & appraised in the said John's lifetime by the King's writ & given into the hands of Frances, Countess of Essex,¹ then relict of Robert, late Earl of Essex & now the wife of Richard, Earl Clenricket,

¹ Frances, widow of Sir Philip Sidney and dau. of Sir Francis Walsingham, married (2) the Earl of Essex and (3) the Earl of Clanricarde.

who have taken the issues of the same since said John Daniell's death.

JOHN DARLINGTON of Over.

(File 102. No. 10).

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 8 April, 10 Charles I [1634] before Thomas Aldersey, esq., the King's escheator for co. Chester, to enquire after the death of John Darlington, late of Over, by oath of Laurence Welde, Ranulph Grafton, William Jackson, Thomas Pratchet, William Waste, William Cudworthe, Oliver Pollet, Thomas Latham, Thomas Venables, Laurence Steele, William Whitworth, Thomas Baker & Thomas Barker, gentlemen.

They say that the said John Darlington, the day he died was seised in fee of the reversion of a mess., a garden, an orchard, 8 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 8 a. of pasture, 1 a. of wood & 9 a. of furze & heath in Over & Whitegate, after the termination of a term of years to Thomas Holcroft, late of Vale Royal, knt., Thomas Holcroft, esq., Edward Dod, esq. & Thomas Maynwaring, gent., as by Indenture, bearing date 1 February 13 James I [1615-16] which a certain John Holbrooke made for a term of 21 years & a certain demise made by said Sir Thomas Holecroft 17 November, 41 Elizabeth [1598] to a certain Thomas Darlington, the said John Darlington & William, son of said Thomas Darlington & the longer liver of them, at a yearly rental of 12s.

They say he was also seised of half a quarter of one a. of land in Whitegate next a well there called St. Anthonie's Well.

The said John died at Over, 1 May 8 Charles I [1632].

The said premises are held of the King, by service of 200th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear), 12s.

They say that Thomas Darlington, yeoman [*sic.*], is son & next heir of said John & at his father's death was aged 9 years, 3 days, & since his father's death has occupied

the said land near St. Anthonie's Well & taken 12s. rent a year.

CHRISTOPHER DAVENPORT of Woodford, esq.

(File 90. No. 1).

Inquisition taken at Nether Knottesford, 30 September, 10 James I [1612], before Urian Leighe & William Davenport, knts., Henry Mainwaringe & Hugh Mainwaringe, esq., escheator of co. Chester & Ralph Wilbraham, esq., feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Christopher Davenport, esq., by the oath of John Birtles of Birtles, Humphrey Page of Eerdshawe, John Ward of Monkesheath, James Reede of Acton, Randell Farrer of same, James Trevett of Sprouston, John Rode of Wallhill, James Downes of Tofte, Henry Bradshawe of Allestock, Edward Harper of High Leigh, William Venables of Sprouston, Thomas Deane of Church Hulme, Roger Neild of Shurlach & Robert Webster of Knottesford, gentlemen.

They say that long before his death the said Christopher Davenport was seised in fee of a capital mess. with appurtenance called the Hall of Woodford in Pointon & of 40 mess., 300 a. of land, 140 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 100 a. of wood, 100 a. of furze & heath in Woodford, & of 20 a. of land in Kynderton.

So being seised, he died 13 January, 35 Elizabeth [1592-3] & William Davenport, esq. is his son & heir & is now aged 60 years & more.

They say all the premises in Woodford were held of Edward Warren, esq. & now of John Warren, his son & heir as of their manor of Pointon in socage & worth yearly (clear), £5.

The premises in Kynderton held of Thomas Venables of Kynderton, esq. & now of Peter Venables, esq., as of their Barony of Kynderton by the 100th part of one knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), 5s.

The said William Davenport has taken the profits of issues of the said premises since the death of the said Christopher.

GEORGE DAVENPORT of The Cleyes, gent.

(File 98. No. 16).¹

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 1 April, 22 James I [1624], before Hugh Mainwaringe, esq., escheator of Charles, Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall & York & Earl of Chester, in co. Chester & Peter Daniell, esq., feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of George Davenport, late of the Cleyes, gentleman, by the oath of Edward Tannat of Broxton, Thomas Buckley of Bickerton, William Dodd of Highfield, John Cartwright of Shepnall, Laurence Cotton of Bircher, William Boulton of Hankslowe, Humfrey Page of Yardshawe, Hugh Venables of Wimboldsley, Richard Grafton of Worleston, Oliver Pollot of Faddiley, Francis Betteley of Burland, John Moulbon of Fadiley, Robert Meakin of Hatherton, & Nicholas Hussey of Baddeley, gentlemen.

They say that the said George Davenport long before his death, was seised in fee of a mess. called the Cleyes in Tilston & of 40 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 5 a. of wood, 50 a. of heath & furze in Tilston; & of a toft in Wordle *alias* Wordhall; & of 10 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 14 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood & 5 a. of furze & heath in Wordle; & of 14 a. of pasture & 50 a. of furze & heath in Bunburie; & of a mess. in Calvey & of 16 a. of pasture & 50 a. of furze & heath in Calvey.

So being seised, by Indenture bearing date 24 October, 21 James I [1623] he demised to Gilbert Symkin of Alpraham, yeoman & Arthur Wilkinson, of Calvey, yeoman the said mess. called Cleyes, wherein he dwelt & all the premises thereunto belonging, to the use, after his

¹ Words illegible, supplied from Court of Wards *Inq. p.m.*, File 65, No. 63.

death, of Cecilia, then his wife, for life, she to maintain & keep Dorothy & Eleanor Davenport, his daughters, & George Davenport, gent., then his son & heir apparent, & the said trustees to occupy all the several pastures called the Lachcoate, the Great Pavement Field, & the bigger of the two little meadows adjoining the Lachecoate for levying a yearly sum of £10 towards paying the dowries of £200 each of his said daughters.

They say he made his will on 23 October, 1623, devising to his younger son, Arthur, the said mess. in Calveley, wherein John Kettle then dwelt, & all lands thereunto belonging at his age of 21.

They say the Cleyes & the premises in Tilston are held of Sir Richard Wilbraham, knt. & bart., by knight service & rent of three halfpence & worth yearly (clear), 40s.

They do not know of whom or by what service the toft & premises in Wardle are held & they are worth yearly (clear), 20s.

The premises in Bunburie held of Sir Henry Bunbury, knt., in socage, by rent of 6*d.* yearly & worth yearly (clear), 6*s.* 8*d.*

The premises in Calveley held of Arthur Davenport, esq. in free socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 10*s.*

They say the said George died 29 October last past & George Davenport, gent., is his son & next heir & is now aged 18 years, 3 months, 3 days.

The said Cecilia, wife of said George & his daughters, Dorothy & Eleanor survive & dwell at Cleyes.

GEORGE DAVENPORT of Calveley, esq.

(File 104. No. 4).¹

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 22 March, 14 Charles I [1639-40], before Thomas Aldersey, esq., the King's escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of George Davenport, esq., by the

¹ As this Inq. is torn, abstract made from Ct. of Wards *Inq. p.m.*, 92/53.

oath of Edward Tannat of Broxon, Alexander Elcocke of Poole, esqs., Thomas Prachet of Worleston, Randall Grafton of the same, Thomas Moulton of Fadiley, Thomas Broomhall of Springlane, Thomas Badcocke of Stoke, Thomas Buckley of Bickerton, John Bowker of the same, Ralph Horton of Coole, Laurence Cotton of Birchall, John Knight of Hankelowe, John Hopley of Broxon, Oliver Pollet of Fadiley & Robert Massie of Coole, gentlemen.

They say that long before his death the said George Davenport was seised in fee of the manor of Calveley & of 30 mess., 2 cottages, 2 tofts, 2 mills, 2 dovescotes, 34 gardens, 34 orchards, 500 a. of land, 200 a. of meadow, 500 a. of pasture, 500 a. of wood, 500 a. of furze & heath, 100 a. of moor & marsh & 12d. rent in Calveley, Heswall *alias* Hessellwall, Tilston Fearnhall, Bunbury, Wordhull & Ranowe; of the moiety of the manor of Heswall *alias* Hessellwall & the moiety of the advowson of that church.

So being seised, by deed bearing date 2 July, 12 Charles I [1636] he enfeoffed Thomas Savage, Henry Lee, George Spurstowe, esqs. & George Mainwaring, gent. of the said premises to the use of himself & his male issue by such woman as should be his third wife, with contingent remainders, in default, to his male issue by his fourth wife, to George Davenport, then his son & heir apparent, in tail male & his other son, Hugh Davenport, & the right heirs of said sons, as by Indenture of 1 June, 12 Charles I.

They say he married as his first wife, Christian, daughter of Peter Daniel of Tabley, esq. & she survived her said husband & still survives at Calveley & the said George Davenport had no other wife.

He made his will 8 September, 14 Charles I [1638] bequeathing a third of his estate to his wife, for life, as her dower & making provision for his children, Hugh, Arthur, Samuel, Thomas, Eleanor, Christian, Mary & Elizabeth Davenport & making a bequest to his brother, Arthur Davenport & appointing his wife, Christian, his brothers-in

law, Peter Daniel, the younger, of Tabley & John Eavans of Diglane in Hawarden, gent., & his uncle, John Williams of Rushton, gent., his executors & Thomas Savage, esq., his cousin Henry Lee of Darnall, esq. & his uncle George Mainwayring, gent., his overseers. Witnessed by Peter Daniel, the elder, esq., Alexander Elcocke, gent. & Randle Wilson, yeoman.

The said George Davenport died at Calveley, 24 September 14 Charles I [1648] & George Davenport is his son & next heir & is now aged 10 years, 9 months.

The manor of Calveley & premises there are held of the heirs of Richard Vernon as of his manor of Wettenhall, by the 6th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear), £10.

The premises in Heswall *alias* Hessellwall & the moiety of the advowson there held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in chief, by Knight service & worth yearly (clear), £8. 17s.

The premises in Ranowe in the forest of Macclefield held of the King as of his manor of Macclefeild, in free & common socage & by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 21s. 8d.

The premises in Tilston held of Sir Richard Wilbraham, knt. & bart., as of his manor of Tilston Fearnhall, by knight service & 3 halfpence rent a year & worth yearly (clear), 40s.

The jurors do not know of whom or how the premises in Wardle *alias* Wordhull are held; they are worth yearly (clear), 20s.

The premises in Bunbury held of Henry Bunbury, esq. as of his manor of Bunbury, in socage & by yearly rent of 6d. & are worth yearly (clear), 6s. 8d.

HUGH DAVENPORT, esq. of Calveley.

(File 89. Nos. 9 & 20).

Inquisition taken at Torperley, 17 May, 9 James I [1611], before Henry Mainwaring, esq., the King's escheator in co. Chester, Ralph Wilbraham, feodary &

Robert Whitbie, gent., by virtue of the King's commission, to enquire after the death of Hugh Davenport, esq., deceased, by the oath of George Bostock of Churton, esq., Hugh Massey of Egerley, Thomas Buckley of Bickerton, William Davenport of Boughton, Thomas Richardson, William Taylor & Thomas Ball [?] of same, John Edwards of Cheaveley, John Cotton of Huntington, Thomas Thornley of Eccleston, Richard Byrd of Broxon, Humphrey Page of Yardshawe, John Rode of Walhill, Robert Atherton of Warton, Ralph Bostock of Moulton & William Rosingreave of Warton, gentlemen.

They say that the said Hugh Davenport, long before his death, was seised in fee (among other things), of the manor of Calveley & of 30 mess., 2 cottages, a toft, two mills, a dovecote, 34 gardens, 34 orchards . . . a. of land, 500 a. of meadow, 1000 a. of pasture, 100 a. of wood, 1000 a. of heath, 200 a. of moor & marsh & 12*d.* rent in Calveley, Heswall *alias* Hesselwall, Wythington, Raynowe, Somerford, & Swetnam & of the moiety of the manor of Heswall *alias* Heselwall & of the advowson of the moiety of the church or the moiety of the advowson [*sic*] of the church of Heswall *alias* Hesselwall.

So being seised a fine was levied of the said premises in the Common Hall of Pleas at Chester 1 October, 41 Elizabeth [1599] between George Beeston knt., Hugh Calveley, Hugh Beeston, sen., Henry Birkenhead, esqs., Edward Savage, gent., John Starkye, esq., Richard Clutton & James Rowe, gents., plaintiffs & the said Hugh Davenport, esq. to the uses of an Indenture bearing date 30 October, 41 Eliz. [1599], conveying a mess. lately erected by the said Hugh Davenport upon the waste called the Higher Calveley Green in Calveley & a parcel of ground enclosed called Higher Calveley Green, a toft called Higher House & all gardens, lands, &c. to the same belonging, pastures in Calveley called Great Oxenhurst, Little Oxenhurst in the tenure of John Woodhewers,

to the use of the said Hugh, for life & after his death, to the use of his wife Margaret, for life & as to the rest, after Hugh's death, to Hugh Calveley, Edward Savage, John Starkye & Richard Clutton to raise £400 to the use of the said Margaret & of George, William & John Davenport, younger sons of said Hugh & the mess. & lands in Heswall, except the advowson, those in Wythington in the tenure of Roger Lockett, the Bare Lands in Somerford, in the tenure of Robert Vawdrey, to the use of Arthur Davenport, son & heir apparent of said Hugh & his wife, Eleanor daughter of John Davenport, late of Davenport, esq., deceased, for their lives & the longer liver of them, with contingent remainders, including the said advowson, to the said William Davenport, for life, to the said Arthur, in tail male, George Davenport, son of Hugh, in tail male, the said William Davenport, in tail male, John Davenport, son of Hugh, in tail male, any other son of said Hugh, in tail male, to Edward Davenport, son & heir of Anthony Davenport, deceased, brother of said Hugh, in tail male, to Arthur Davenport, brother of said Hugh, in tail male, to Humphrey Davenport, gent., "learned in the lawes," in tail male, to the right heirs of John Davenport, the son, for ever, providing for jointures for any wives of sons, &c.

The said Hugh Davenport died at Calveley 20 November, 1 James I [1603] & the said Arthur Davenport entered into the same premises except such as were granted to said Margaret for life. The said Margaret thus seised died at Calveley 23 July, 2 James I [1604] & Arthur entered into the said premises.

The said premises in Calveley are held of Sir John Savage, knt., by 6th part of a knight's fee & so much as belongs to the 6th part of a bovat of land, whereof 29 bovates make one fee & are worth yearly (clear), £10.

The mess. & lands in Heselwall & the advowson held of the King, as Earl of Chester & now held of Henry, Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall & Earl of Chester, by knight service & worth yearly (clear), £8. 17s.

The premises in Somerford held of William, Earl of Derby, as of his manor of Hawarden by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 43s.

Those in Wythington held of John Davenport, of Davenport, esq. in free & common socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 21s.

Those in Swetnam held of the said John Davenport, as of his manor of Swetnam, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 9s.

Those in Ranowe in the forest of Macclesfield held of the King in free & common socage & now of Henry, Prince of Wales, as of his manor of Macclesfield by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 21s. 8d.

They say that Arthur Davenport, esq. is son & heir of said Hugh & is now aged 46 years & more.

JOHN DAVENPORT of Butley, yeoman.

(File 89. No. 12).

Inquisition taken at Sandbache, 23 April, 8 James I [1610] before Henry Mainwaring esq., the King's escheator in co. Chester, Ralph Wilbraham, gent., feodary there, Richard Greene, Richard Warren & Thomas Tyderington, of Macclesfield, gentlemen, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of John Davenport, of Butley, yeoman, deceased, by the oath of Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Edmund Swettenham of Somerford by Marton, William Fulleshurst, John Lawton, Ranulph Poole, Thomas Knight, John Rode, John Pigott, William Shawe, jun., Hugh Furnivall, James Trevet, William Venables, Hugh Broome, Thomas Shawe & Richard Shawe.

They say the said John Davenport was seised in fee of a fourth part of the moiety of a mess. in Butley, called the Hall of Butley & of a fourth part of the moiety of all the premises thereunto belonging; of the 4th part of another mess. in Butley & of all lands thereunto belonging, in the tenure of Edmund Walker *alias* Bradborne.

They say that Urian Leighe, knt., was seised in fee of a fourth part of the fourth part or purparty of Nicholas Mosseley, knt., being the 16th part of the site or ancient house of Butley in Butley, together with gardens, common of pasture, turbary, waters & ways to the same belonging & so being seised, enfeoffed the said John Davenport thereof to the use of the said John & his heirs for ever.

The said John was also seised in fee of $1\frac{1}{4}$ a. of heath & moor, late parcel of a certain waste called Butley Heath in Butley.

So being seised, by deed, bearing date 13 February, 1609(-10), he demised two parts of all his estate to Randall Davenport, his kinsman, for 8 years, to bring up & educate his children & after made his will, bequeathing to his wife the land his grandmother had, that is, the Park, the Girrye, the Rishye Croft, the Yate flat, the Rye Croft & the Little Car at the Milne; his wife to bring up his children & the grounds fittest for her to have for that purpose are the Eyes, the Bothfield & the Long Butts, the rest, viz.: the Yewe Woods, the Greater Ker & the Rye Layes, to his son John, at his age of 21.

They say the said premises are held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by 16th part of a knight's fee & are worth (clear), yearly 25s.

They say the said John Davenport died 4 February, 7 James I [1609-10] & John Davenport is his son & next heir & was aged 13 years on 4th April last past.

JOHN DAVENPORT, gent.

(File 95. No. 3).¹

Inquisition taken at Knottesford, 18 December, 18 James I [1620], before Hugh Maynwaringe, esq., the King's escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of John Davenport, late of

¹ Where illegible words supplied from Ct. of Wards *Inq. p.m.*, 62/1, which is also very torn.

Ollrinshaw, co. Derby, gent. by the oath of William Leigh of Oughtrington, Edward Thornecroft of Thornecroft, Philip Downes of Tofte, Thomas . . . of High Leigh, Edward Harpur of the same, John Middlehurst of Lachford, William Massie of Thelwall, Philip Antrobus of Peever, Edward Howe of Ollerton, Peter Pickton of Grange, Randall . . . of . . . William Morris of Groppenhall, John Middlehurst of the same, John Grantham of Hale, Randall Wright of Ashley, Thomas Shaw of Millington & Richard Hill of Appleton, gentlemen.

They say on oath that long before John's death, his grandfather, Randall Davenport, was seised in fee of the manors of Henbury *alias* Henbury Pexall, Bredbury, Romeley & Werneth & of 200 mess., 20 tofts, 4 mills, 4 dove-cotes, 200 gardens, 2000 a. of land, 500 a. of meadow, 2000 a. of pasture, 300 a. of wood, 1000 a. of furze & heath, 1000 a. of moor & 10s. rent in Henbury *alias* Henbury Pexall, Bredbury, Romeley, Werneth, Presbury, Siddington, Macclesfield *alias* Maxfield, Betchton & Goyte, & so being seised the said Randall Davenport & his son & heir apparent, William Davenport, esq. on 13 August, 9 James I [1611] by statute merchant at Chesterfield, co. Derby, acknowledged they owed Sir William Knyveton of Mercaston, bart., £2000; & on 20 April, 10 James I [1612] a fine was levied between the said Sir William Knyveton, Thomas Ellis, Francis Purefey & Thomas Bagshawe, esqs., plaintiffs & the said Randall Davenport, William Davenport & Elizabeth, his wife, deforciant, of the aforesaid manors & premises to the following uses: as to the mansion house in Henbury, called Henbury Hall & all thereunto belonging, Henbury Park, Henbury Mill (a watermill), with all services, waters, fisheries, &c., lands called the Mylnefield, the New Close, the Hall Crofts Meadow, the Hall Crofts, the Great Huntlow, the High Huntlow, the Furthest Huntlow, the Mossfield, the Brickhill, the greene croftes, the Poule meadow, the Higher Bardhurst, the

Lower Bardhurst, the Stadman's Croft, the Sheepe pasture, the Lower pasture, the Marled Earth, the Pynchingreane, the Broomy Birchall, the Bircholte & the Agnis Croft to the use of the said Randall for life, with contingent remainders to the said William for life, to the said John, son & heir apparent of the said William, & Margaret Knyveton, daughter of the said William Knyveton & late wife of said John Davenport & heirs male of John's body, to William Davenport, 2d. son of said William & his male issue, to Randall Davenport, 3d. son of said William & his male issue, to Randall Davenport the grandfather, in tail male, to his right heirs.

As to all other the premises in Henbury & Siddington to use of said Randall Davenport for 80 years if his son William so long lived, with remainder after William's death to the said John & Margaret & after Randall's death, to John & his male issue, with contingent remainders as above.

As to the premises in Werneth & Betchton in the tenures of Randall Locket, William Beaken *alias* Johnson & James Gee, to the use of the said Randall Davenport, for life, with contingent remainders to the said William & Elizabeth, his wife, to said John and his male issue, to William 2d. son of said William, &c. [as above].

As to Goyte Hall in Bredbury & tenements & lands in Bredbury, the water mill there called Otterspoole Mylne & mess. in Bredbury, Romeley & Werneth in the tenures of George Hardman, Charles Sidebothom, Joan Bennetson, Peter Benetson, Lawrence Boothe, William Marsland, Thomas Harrison, Reginald Rodes, Robert Gee, Reginald Ashton, Richard Hubbard, Edward Ashton, Edward Heigham, William Boothe, Thomas Boothe, Robert Clayton, William Stanfeild, Edward Boothe, Thomas Sidebothom, William Harrison, Ralph Thorneleigh, Reginald Thorneleigh, Robert Heigham, Richard Smith, Thomas Benetson, Robert Smith, James Johnson, John

Bruckshall, John Sidebothom, William Henshall, William Wharneby, Robert Thorneleigh, Randall Benetson, Hugh Swyndelles, Edward Bealy & Agnes his wife, to the use of the said William Davenport, for life, to his wife Elizabeth, to Randall Davenport aforesaid, to said John & his male issue, with contingent remainders as above.

And as to all other the premises in co. Chester to said Randall for life, with contingent remainders to said William, for life, to John & his male issue, &c. as before.

They say that the said Randall Davenport, so being seised died 19 May, 11 James I [1613] at Henbury & the said William entered upon the same, with remainder to the said John.

On 17 April, 12 James I [1614] a fine was levied in the Common Hall of Pleas, Chester, between George Chaworth, knt., & Gilbert Knyveton, knt., plaintiffs & the said John Davenport, deforciant, of the manors of Henbury, *alias* Henbury Pexall, Bredbury, Romeley & Werneth & of 200 mess., 20 tofts, 4 watermills, 4 dovecotes, 200 gardens, &c., &c. (as before) to the use of the said John, for life, with contingent remainder to his son & heir apparent William Davenport & his male issue, in tail male, to William Davenport, brother of said John, in tail male, to his brother, Randall Davenport, the male heirs of Randall Davenport the grandfather, his right heirs.

They say that on 10 October, 12 James I [1614] George Calvey, esq., then Sheriff of co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ, the said Randall & William Davenport not having paid the said £2000 to the said William Knyveton, delivered to the said William Knyveton the aforesaid manors, mess., lands, &c. in payment of the same together with his costs as by Inquisition taken at Stockport, co. Chester, 1 October, 12 James I [1614] more at large appears.

They say that the said John died at Henbury, 25 August last past & that William Davenport is his son & heir & is now aged 7 years, 21 days.

They say that William Davenport, father of John, at the time of the said Randall's (his father's) death, was aged 40 years & more & he & his wife Elizabeth & the said Margaret all survive & dwell at Henbury.

The manor of Henbury is held of the King as of his Honor of Halton by the fourth part of a knight's fee & 36s. 8d. yearly rent & during the lives of said William & Margaret worth nothing & after worth yearly (clear), £9. 4s.

The premises in Betchton held of the King, as of his manor of Newhall, by zooth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly, after the death of William & Elizabeth (clear), 20s.

Those in Siddington held of John Siddington in socage by fealty only & worth yearly, after the death of William & Margaret (clear), 41s. 8d.

Those in Presbury & Macclesfield held of the Dean & Chapter of Chester Cathedral in free socage & worth, after the death of William & Margaret yearly (clear), 12d.

The manors of Bredbury, Romiley & Werneth & the premises there & in Goyte held of the heirs of "Mounsire" Edward de Warren, by fealty & 1d. yearly rent & worth after the death of William & Elizabeth, yearly (clear), £8.

RANDAL DAVENPORT of Henbury, esq.

(Fine 94. No. 6).¹

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 16 September, 17 James I [1619] before Hugh Maynwaring, esq., the Prince's escheator in co. Chester & Henry Delves, gent., feodary there, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of Randall Davenport of Henbury, esq. by the oath of (Edward) Thornicrofte of Thornicrofte, John Birtles of Birtles, Thomas Swettenham of Swettenham, Richard Davenport of Whelthrough, Edmond M(ouldsworth) of (Winincham, Humfrey Page of Yardshaw), Edward Rylve of (Chordley (?)) Philip Downes of

¹ Illegible words supplied from Court of Wards *Inq. p.m.*, 65/22.

Toft, Peter Ward of S(omer)ford, Hugh Snelson of Astley, Hugh (Wardley) of (Ea)ton, Edward Lowndes of (the same, Reginald Finlowe) of Hulme (Walfield, Edmund Lowe of Ollerton) William Awsten of Stanthorne, Hugh Venables of Wimboldsley, John Kinsey of the same & Thomas (Dale of Withington, gentlemen).

They say that the said Randall Davenport long before his death was seised in fee of the manors of Henbury *alias* Henbury Pexall, Bredbury, Romeley & Werneth & of 200 mess., 20 tofts, 4 mills, 4 dovecotes, 200 gardens, 2000 a. of land, 500 a. of meadow, 2000 a. of pasture, 300 a. of wood, 1000 a. of furze & heath, 1000 a. of moor & 10s. rent in Henbury, Bredbury, Romeley, Werneth, Prestbury, Siddington, Macclesfield *alias* Maxfield, Betchton & Goyte & so being seised, together with his son & heir apparent, on 13 August, 9 James I [1611] entered into an acknowledgment in the nature of a statute merchant, &c., &c. [see 95/3; the settlements made as in 95/3].

The manor of Henbury is held of the King as of his Honor of Halton by knight service & 36s. 8*d.* yearly rent & worth yearly (clear), £9. 4*s.*

The premises in Betchton held of the King, as of his manor of Newhall, by knight service & worth yearly (clear), 20*s.*

Those in Siddington held of John Siddington in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 41*s.* 8*d.*

Those in Prestbury & Macclesfield held of the Dean & Chapter of Chester Cathedral in free socage & worth yearly (clear), 12*d.*

The manors of Bredbury, Romiley & Werneth & the premises there & in Goyte held of the heirs of John son of "Monsire" Edward de Warren by fealty & 1*d.* rent & worth yearly (clear), £12.

They say the said Randall died at Henbury, 19 May, 1613 & William Davenport is his son & heir & at the time of his father's death was aged 40 years & more & now

dwells at Henbury & immediately after his father's death entered upon the said premises.

Afterwards, on 10 October, 12 James I [1614] George Calveley, esq., sheriff of co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ under his seal of the County Palatine, by reason that Randall & William had not paid their debt of £2000 to William Knyveton, knt., delivered to the said William Knyveton the said premises to hold to him & his assigns as a free tenement until the said debt & his costs should be satisfied, as by Inquisition taken at Stockport 1 October 12 James I [1614] more fully appears.

WILLIAM DAVENPORT of Henbury, esq.

(File 103. No. 14).

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 29 March, 14 Charles I [1638] before Thomas Aldersey, esq., the King's escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ, to enquire after the death of William Davenport, esq., by the oath of George Bostocke of Churton, esq., John Robinson of Chorleton, Henry Phillipps of Christleton, Ralph Seller of same, Richard Edge of Tattnall, William Ashton of Chorleton, James Hallwood, of Whitby, John Dawson, jun. of Tushingham, John Aldersey of Agdon, Randall Banbury of Broxton, Ralph Maddocke of Edge, Randall Bathoe of Kiddington, Randall Palyn of Bickerton & George Walker of Churleton, gentlemen.

They say that long before the said William's death, his father, Randall Davenport, was seised in fee of the manors of Henbury *alias* Henbury Pexall, Bredbury, Romeley & Werneth, the moiety of Bechton Manor, & of a mess., 100 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow & 80 a. of pasture in Bechton, called the Hall of Bechton, & of a mess. in Prestbury & of 2 mess., 100 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow & 40 a. of pasture in Kiddington & so being seised by Indenture bearing date 14 August, 9 James I [1611] made between the said Randell Davenport, of Henbury, esq. & the said William,

his son & heir & Elizabeth, wife of said William & William & Randall Davenport, sons of said William, of the 1st part, William Kniveton of Mercaston, co. Derby, bart., Thomas Ellis, Francis Purefey & Thomas Bagshawe, of the 2d. part & John Davenport, then son & heir of William Davenport & Margaret, daughter of the said William Kniveton, of the 3d. part, in consideration of the marriage to be had between the said John & Margaret, & by fine of 21 October, then following, Henbury Hall in Henbury, the mill [&c., &c., as in 95/3] were settled on said Randall, for life, with remainders [as in 95/3]. [As to the other premises as in 95/3].

They say the marriage between John Davenport & Margaret took place 24 August in said year, at Henbury & that afterwards at the Great Sessions of Chester held in the Common Hall of Pleas, Chester, 20 April, 10 James I [1612] Sir William Kniveton recovered the said premises against the said Randall & William in the form of a common recovery to the uses of the said Indenture.

They say the said Randall Davenport died 20 May 20 [sic] James I [1622] at Henbury & William aforesaid, his son, entered into the same, The said John died 25 August, 18 James I [1620] at Henbury & Margaret his wife survived him and still survives & dwells at Henbury; Elizabeth aforesaid died at Henbury, 9 June, 3 Charles I [1627].

The said William died 31 January, 10 Charles I [1634-5] at Henbury & William Davenport, jun., is his grandson & next heir, being son & heir of John, son & heir of said William, & at his grandfather's death was aged 21 years, 2 months.

The manor of Henbury is held of the King, as of his Honor of Halton, by 4th part of a knight's fee & Henbury Hall & the premises there limited as jointure to Margaret, are worth yearly (clear), £6; the residue of the manor worth yearly (clear), £3. The manors of Bredbury, Romily & Werneth, held of Edward Warren, esq. as of his

manor of Stopport, in socage, by rent of 1*d.* & worth yearly (clear), 10*s.*

The moiety of the manor & the tenements in Bechton held of the King as of his manor of Newhall & worth yearly (clear), 26*s.* 8*d.*

The premises in Prestbury held of Thomas Leigh of Adlington, esq., as of the manor of Prestbury, in free socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 6*s.*

Those in Siddington held of the heirs of John de Syddington in socage & worth yearly (clear), 3*s.*

They say that the said William Davenport, jun., by composition with his mother, Margaret, has taken the profits & issues of the premises from the time of William's death until now.

WILLIAM DAVENPORT of Henbury, esq.

(File 105. No. 2).

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle 18 September, 16 Charles I [1640], before Thomas Aldersey, esq., the King's escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of William Davenport, esq., by the oath of George Bostocke of Churton, esq., Richard Bird of Broxton, John Golborne of Christleton, Thomas Leech of Cardon, Richard Edge of Tattenhall, John Kellsall of Wimboldstrefford, Thomas Littlemore of Hentley, Robert Hinton of Rushton, John Robinson of Chorleton, John Francis of Childerthornton, John Bennett of Willaston, Thomas Hiccocke of Woodbanke, Paul Wynington of Birches, Thomas Wickstead of Wickstead & John Maddocke of Rowton, gentlemen.

They say that the said William Davenport, long before his death, was seised in fee of the manors of Henbury *alias* Henbury Pexall, Bredbury, Romeley & Werneth & of the moiety of the manor of Betchton & of a mess., 100 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, & 80 a. of pasture in Betchton & of a mess. in Prestburye & of 2 mess., 100 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture in Syddington.

So being seised, by Indenture bearing date 1 July 11 Charles I [1635] made between him & Mary, his wife, one of the daughters of Thomas Milward, then esq., now knt., justice of Chester, of one part & the said Thomas Milward & his son & heir apparent, Thomas Milward, William Prince & Robert Granger, of the other, in consideration of the marriage to be had between the said William & Mary & £1000 paid to the said William, as the said Mary's portion, it was agreed the said William should levy a fine & make a recovery conveying in trust for Mary the said manors & premises after the said William's death, with contingent remainders to the eldest & other sons of said William, & the heirs of their bodies, to his daughters & the heirs of their bodies, to his brother, Randall Davenport, in tail male, to the right heirs of the said William, for ever. The said recovery was made at Chester, 12 October, 11 Charles I [1635].

The said William so being seised, Mary, his wife, died on 6 January, 14 Charles I [1638-9] at Henbury & William himself died 24 June last past at Henbury. Isabella Davenport is the daughter & next heir of said William & was aged 4 years on 8 May last past.

Tenures as in 103/14 except that the premises in Syddington held of Sir Edward Fitton, bart., as of his manor of Syddington in socage worth yearly (clear), 3s.

RICHARD DAYNTITH of Hull in Appleton (idiot).
(File 101. No. 7).

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 12 January, 7 Charles I [1631-2], before Thomas Aldersey, esq., the King's escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ, to enquire whether the said Richard Dayntith is an idiot or not, by the oath of Humfrey Page of Yearshawe, George Bradford of Shipbrooke, Hugh Venables of Wymbosley, Thomas Burrowes of Clive, Randall Wrench of Moulton, William Ravenscroft of Occleston, William Tomlinson of

Wareton, Philip Bostocke of Bostocke, Ralph Bleas of Shipbrooke, Arthur Jonynson of Wareton, William Reynolds of Middlewich & Robert Carter of the same, gentlemen.

They say that the said Richard Dayntith since his birth has always been & is an idiot, so that he cannot govern his lands, &c., & does not enjoy lucid intervals.

He is seised in fee tail, to him & the heirs male of his body, of 2 parts (in three divided) of a mess. & 20 a. of land, meadow & pasture, belonging to the said mess., in Hull within Appleton, of the clear yearly value of 5s. 4d. & of the reversion of the 3d. part, residue of the said premises, after the death of Anne, his mother, now wife of William Middleton, in like manner, of the clear yearly value of 2s. 8d., charged, nevertheless, with the payment of £20 to the younger brothers & sisters of the said Richard.

The said Anne survives & dwells at Appleton.

The said premises were held of Peter Warburton, esq., deceased, as of his manor of Appleton, by fealty & yearly rent of a red rose at the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, if demanded, & are now held of the heirs of the said Peter & are in the tenure of the said William Middleton.

The said Richard is also seised of closes or parcels of land called the Croft, the Armige, the Rye Bank, the Woodbank, the Harremish Feild, the Lowerremish Feild & the Greene, containing about 13 a. in Hull within Appleton, in the tenure of the said William Middleton for the term of the lives of the said Anne, Richard Dayntith, her son & Richard . . . the younger & Richard Hatton is now dead, as it is said; the said premises are of the yearly value (clear), of 8s.

The said Richard has no other lands, &c. & William Daintith is his brother & next heir & is aged 21 years & more.

JOHN DEANE of Shurlach, yeoman.

(File 99. No. 3).

Inquisition taken at Midlewich, 21 January, 1 Charles I [1625-6] before Hugh Waynwaring, esq., the King's escheator in co. Chester, to enquire after the death of John Deane, late of Shurlach, yeoman, by the oath of Humphrey Page of Yardshawe, Andrew Burton of Over, William Yorke of Sandbach, Hugh Goodhind of Arcleid, Randall Wrench of Moulton, John Wynnyngton of Leftwich, Ralph Blease of Shipbrooke, William Tomlinson of Warton, William Ravenscrofte of Occleston, Hugh Venables of Wymbosley, William Venables of Sproston, Ralph Bostock of Moulton, Arthur Jenyson of Wareton, Julius Stockley of Newhall, Hugh Sharman of Sandbach, Robert Holford of Lostock Gralam, James Bradshaw of Allostock & John Anderton of Croxton, gentlemen.

They say that long before the death of the said John, a certain Roger Deane, father of the said John, was seised in tail male, with reversion to the heirs of George Symcock, of two saltpits [*salinis*] called Salthouses in Northwich, late in the several tenures of Thomas Percyvall & John Colfensock; & of a cottage in Northwich in the tenure of Ralph Walley & of a croft called Shawes Crofte *alias* Cannons Croft in Witton in the tenure of Peter Dewsbury; of a mess. & 20 a. of land in Barneton, in the tenure of Thomas Pawnall.

So being seised, the said Roger had issue Richard, John & Roger & died thereof seised at Shurlach & the said premises descended to Richard Deane as his son & heir male, who died thereof seised, without male issue & the same descended to the said John, as son & next heir of the body of Roger.

The said John died 28 December last past, without male issue & the said Roger Deane, son of Roger, died in the lifetime of the said John & had male issue, Richard Deane, who is heir of said John, being son & male heir of

Roger, brother of John, & on 20 January last past was aged 11 years.

The said salthouses & premises in Northwich & Witton & Barneton are held of Arthur Symcock heir of the said George Symcock as by reversion by knight service & which Arthur Symcock holds of the King, by knight service, that is, by 30th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), 40s.

ROGER DEANE.

(File 89. No. 2).

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 22 September, 7 James I [1609] before Henry Mainwaringe, esq., the King's escheator in co. Chester, Ralph Wilbraham, gent., feodary & Peter Torbocke, gent., by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Roger Deane, deceased, by the oath of Edward Cotton of Cotton, esq., Edmund Swettenham of Somerford, John Birtles of Birtles, Humphrey Page of Yardshawe, William Taylor of Boughton, Robert Adderton of Warton, John Pigot of Somerford, Peter Leighe of Oughtrington, John Edwards of Cheveley, John Cotton of Huntington, John Gill of Poulton, James Doe of Saughall, & Thomas Thorneley of Eccleston, gentlemen.

They say that the said Roger Deane the day he died was seised in fee tail to him & the heirs male of his body, the reversion thereof to a certain George Simcocke & his heirs, of two salt works called Salthouses *alias* Wychehouses in Northwyche, in the tenures of Thomas Deane & George Wood; of a cottage in Northwyche in the tenure of the said Thomas Deane; of a croft in Witton in the tenure of Peter Torbocke [?] called Shawes Croft *alias* Cannons Croft; of a mess. & 20 a. of land in Barneton, late in the tenure of William Little.

They say the said premises in Northwyche, Witton & Barneton are held by Richard Deane, son & heir of said

Roger, & at the time of Roger's death, were held by the said Roger of the said George Simcocke by knight service, with reversion as aforesaid to said George & the latter held them of the King by the 30th part of a knight's fee & they are worth yearly (clear), 19s. 3*d*.

They say the said Roger died 4 May, 6 James I [1608] at Shurlache & Richard Deane is his son & next heir & at Roger's death was aged 47 years & more & has taken the issues of the premises since his father's death.

HENRY DELVES of Doddington, esq.

(File 88. No. 12).

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 5 October, 5 James I [1607] before Thomas Wilbraham, esq., Henry Mainwaringe, esq., the King's escheator in co. Chester, Ralph Wilbraham, gent., feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission, to enquire after the death of Henry Delves, esq., by the oath of Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Robert Whitney of Coole, Robert Lawton of Gorstie Hill, Richard Wilbraham of Rease Heath, Edward Bressey of Awdlim, Thomas Chester of Coole Lane, William Fulsas [?] of Coppenhall, George Cudworth of Broomhall, John Cheswys of Mickley, Ralph Prince of Buerton, Randall Poole of Awger, Thomas Knight of Awger, William Salmon of Wyldheath, Richard Meekin of Hatherton & Robert Massey of Coole Lane, gentlemen.

They say that the said Henry Delves was seised for life of the manors of Doddington & Blackenhall, & of 100 mess., 3 mills, 1000 a. of land, 500 a. of meadow, 1000 a. of pasture, 120 a. of wood & 200 a. of moor & turbary in Doddington & Blackenhall, Gonnesley, Checkley, Briddesmere, Hunsterton, Walgherton, Hatherton, Weston & Chorleton & of 2s. rent in Nantwich from the lands of Jasper Rutter, gent., late deceased, in Nantwich, with remainder to Thomas Delves in tail male & said Henry died seised of the same.

They say he was also seised in fee of 2 mess., 60 a. of land, 30 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood in Buerton & died seised thereof.

They say that long before the said Henry's death, Lawrence Rope of Stapeley, esq., was seised in fee, among other things, of the manor of Rope & of 12 mess., 300 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood in Rope, held of the heirs of Hamo de Wistaneston in free socage by fealty & rent of a root of ginger at St. John the Baptist & so being seised on 22 July, 1602, the said Lawrence made his will, bequeathing the manor of Rope & the premises there, after the death of his wife, Mary, to the said Henry Delves, his cousin, in tail male. In his said will the said Lawrence desired to be buried in Wybunbury Church & he bequeathed to Thomas Greene, son of his late sister, Ciceley Greene, in tail male, his capital mess. called the Hall of Stapeley in Stapeley & all the lands thereunto belonging & in the tenures of Elizabeth, late wife of Francis Ellyson & Margaret Greene, widow, to have & to hold after the death of Mary, wife of said Lawrence, the said Thomas paying his father, Richard Greene, £20 & Katherine Birch, £44 & to Mary Greene, sister of said Thomas, 200 marks. He bequeathed to his uncle John Rope, £6 a year for life & to his servant, Henry Rockett, 5 marks a year, & to his servant, Edmund Shawe, 5 marks a year & to Peter Knowsley & John Knowsley, 5 marks each a year, & to Edmund Rockett, 26s. 8d a year & to Richard, son of Henry Rockett aforesaid 5 marks a year & his debts to be paid to William Church, Roger Wright & Thomas Minshall & to his servant, Elizabeth Maisteron, £20. He bequeathed to his brother-in-law, Thomas Maisteronne, in tail male closes in Stapeley called the Wallfield, the Clayfields the Clayfield Meadow in the tenures of Randal Mainwaring & Margery Mainwaring & the Great Wychefield in the tenure of Richard Wrighte & his moiety of meadows demised to Richard Walthall,

gent., to hold to said Thomas, after the death of testator's wife, Mary; in default of Thomas' male issue, to Thomas Greene, in tail male. He bequeathed to Richard Clutton a mess. in Stapeley called Cheerbrooke or Cheerbrooke House in the tenures of Augustine & Margaret Wettenhall & all thereunto belonging, to have & to hold to said Richard, after said Mary's death, in tail male, with remainder to said Thomas Greene, in tail male. He bequeathed to the said Henry Rockett the mess. in Houghe in the tenure of Margaret Wilkinson, widow & the lands thereunto belonging, in tail male, after the death of testator's wife; as also the pastures in Stapeley in the tenures of Hugh Scarrett & John Wright, tanner, & the close called the Town Orchard, at a yearly rental, with reversion to the said Thomas Greene, & all other lands, &c. testator had, if he died without issue, to the said Thomas Greene, after Mary's death. He bequeathed to his sister Elizabeth Aston, *12d.* He named the said Mary his wife, residuary legatee, she to pay Robert Bulkeley 40s & Elizabeth Bulkeley, her sister 40s., Hugh Awger, his servant, 40s. & Elizabeth Cowper, his servant 40s. & he appointed Henry & Thomas Delves & his father-in-law Richard Maisterson, gent., Richard Clutton, Richard Greene, Mary, testator's wife & Henry Rockett, executors. The said Lawrence Rope died at Nantwich [date left blank].

The said Mary, late the wife of Lawrence Rope survives & dwells at Nantwich.

The jurors say that the manor of Doddington & the premises there & in Checkley are held of Peter Venables, esq., as of his Barony of Kynderton by fealty & rent of 1 lb. of cummin & worth yearly (clear), £10.

The manor of Blackenhall & premises there & in Gonesley held of the aid Peter Venables, as of his said Barony by fealty & a red rose at St. John the Baptist & worth yearly (clear), £24.

The premises in Briddesmere held of said Peter, by 4th part of a knight's fee, as of his said Barony & worth yearly (clear), 54s.

Those in Hunsterton held of same by 6th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), £16. 13s. 4d.

Those in Walgherton & Hatherton held of the heirs of Robert Corbett, esq., by fealty & rent & suit of court & worth yearly (clear), £13. 8s. 4d.

Those in Weston & Chorleton held of Sir Thomas Smith, knt., in socage, by fealty & rent of 2s. a year & worth yearly (clear), £20. 11s. 8d.

The 2s. rent in Nantwich held of the Barons of Nantwich in free burgage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 2s.

The premises in Buerton held of John Poole, esq., by fealty & 1d. rent a year & worth yearly (clear), £4.

The manor of Rope & the premises there held of the heirs of Hamo de Wistaston in socage, by rent of a root of ginger & worth yearly (clear), 20 marks.

They say the said Henry Delves died 8 October last past at Doddington & Thomas Delves, esq. is his son & next heir & is now aged 30 years & more.

THOMAS DOE of Little Saughall, gent.

(File 103. No. 2).

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle in the Common Hall of Pleas there, 21 July, 11 Charles I [1635] before Thomas Aldersey, esq., the King's escheator there, Edward Parkinson, esq., feodary, John Sparke, Charles Walley & Henry Harpur, gentlemen, by virtue of the King's commission, to enquire after the death of Thomas Doe, late of Little Saughall, gent., by the oath of John Horton of Aldersey, Thomas Bennett of Willaston, John Fleccher of the same, John Bennitt, senior, John Wood, William Wilson all of Willaston, James Halwood of Sutton, John Frauncis of Childerthornton, John Clarke of Little

Saughall, Thomas Hancocke of Woodbanke, William Ball of Irby, Henry Phillips & Ralph Sellar, both of Irby, John Ashton, George Walker & William Barrowe, all of Churton, William Sharpe of Farndon, Robert Comberbach of Aldersey, Richard Cartar of the same, & Randall Banbury of Broxton, gentlemen.

They say that long before the death of the said Thomas Doe, his father, James Doe, late of Little Saughall, deceased, on 29 December, 16 James I [1618] was seised in fee of 3 mess. in Little Saughall & of 30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture & 30 a. of furze & heath in Little Saughall & of a fishery in the Dee, of a mess. in Northgate Street, Chester, late in the tenure of William Richardson & of 7 a. of arable land in Handbridge, within the liberties of Chester, late in the tenures of Alice Sutton, widow, Thomas Weston & Thomas Marsland, on which day an indenture was made between the said James Doe, of Little Saughall in Wirehall, yeoman, of one part & Robert Kirkes, of Mollington Tarrett, & others, settling all the said premises on said James, for life, with remainder to said Thomas & after the latter's death, a moiety of the premises to Elizabeth, wife of said Thomas, for life, in the name of jointure, with contingent remainders, as to the moiety after Elizabeth's death & the other moiety after said Thomas' death, to the male issue of said Thomas, in tail male, to his daughters & their issue, to Anne, only daughter of said James Doe & wife of Richard Denson of Wirvin, yeoman & her issue, to the right heirs of said James.

They say James Doe died 4 March, 8 James I [1610-11] & Thomas Doe died 30 April, 11 James I [1613] & James Doe is his son & heir, aged at his father's death 13 years, 10 months, 3 weeks, & since his father's death has been seised of a moiety of the premises & the reversion of the other moiety after the said Elizabeth's death.

The mess. in Little Saughall are held of the King as

Earl of Chester by 40th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 30s.

The premises in Northgate Street, Chester & Hand-bridge, tenure unknown, & worth yearly (clear), 5s.

EDWARD DOMVILLE of Lymm, esq.

(File 105. No. 3).

Inquisition taken at Northwyche, 23 September, 16 Charles I [1640] before Thomas Aldersey, esq., the king's escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Edward Domvill, of Lyme, esq., by the oath of Paul Wynnington of Birches, George Bradford of Shipbrooke, William Ravenscrofte of Eccleston, James Wrighte of Stanthorne, William Cadman of Twemlowe, William Tomblinson of Warton, Thomas Parker of Gale greene, Thomas Barker of Over, Robert Whittingham & Robert Tottye, of the same, Thomas Neild of Shurlach, Thomas Maddock of Over, Thomas Lownes of Moulton, John Blease of Shipbrooke & John Wynnington of Leftwich, gentlemen.

They say that long before his death, the said Edward Domvill was seised in fee tail, to him & his male issue of the moiety of the manor of Lyme, the remainder & reversion thereof expectant as is mentioned in an Indenture bearing date 9 May, 34 Elizabeth [1592] made between a certain John Domvill, esq., deceased, of one part & a certain Gilbert Domvill, esq., deceased, late father of said Edward, of the other.

He was also seised, long before his death, in fee of a mess., a cottage, 4 a. of land, 1 a. of meadow & 7 a. of pasture in Lyme late bought by him of Lawrence Leigh, & also of a yearly rent charge of 2s. issuing from other lands of the said Lawrence Leigh in Lyme.

They say he died seised of the said premises at Lyme, 14 May, 15 Charles I [1639] & that Richard Mary [*Ric'us Maria*] is his son & heir & is now aged 39 years & more.

They say the moiety of the manor of Lyme is held of the King as of his Honor of Halton, by the moiety of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), 40s.

The residue of the premises held of Peter Warburton, esq., as of his manor of Lyme, in free & common socage & by fealty & yearly rent of 2s. & worth yearly (clear), 12s; the said rent is not held of the King nor of anyone else & is worth yearly (clear), 2s.

They say that Elinor, relict of said Edward, survives & dwells at Lyme & that she & the said Richard Mary have taken the profits & issues of the premises since the said Edward's death.

GILBERT DOMVILLE of Lymm, esq.

(File 88. No. 18).

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 8 July, 6 James I [1608], before Sir George Leycester, knt., Thomas Marburye, esq., Henry Maynwaring, esq., the King's escheator in co. Chester, Ralph Wilbraham, esq., feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission, to enquire after the death of Gilbert Domvyll, late of Lyme, esq., by the oath of Thomas Starkey of Stretton, esq., Thomas Harper of High Leighe, George Bowdon of Bowdon, Thomas Twembrooks of Groppenhall, Richard Wright of Ashley, Edmund Swetenham of Somerfeld, John Crosbie of Over Whitley, Alexander Hulme of Mere, Julius Winington of Birches, Humfrey Page of Yearshawe, Gilbert Middleton of Stockton, Peter Blackburne of Lyme, Richard Deynteth of Apleton, Richard Gammon of the same & John Ravenscrofte of Occleston, gentlemen.

They say that the said Gilbert Domville died seised in fee of the moiety of the vill of Lyme, with its appurtenances, within the fee of Halton, parcel of the Duchy of Lancaster in co. Chester & long before his death by Indenture bearing date 13 May, 36 Elizabeth [1594] conveyed to Thomas Starkey of Stretton, esq., Richard

Urmeston of Westleighe, co. Lancs., esq. & Hugh Starkey, of Westleighe, gent. a close called the Reade Meadow, containing 12 a. or thereabouts, 4 pastures called the Oakes Yeardes, about 32 a., a close called the Nine Acre, of 3 a. & 4 closes called the Ox Heyes, of about 18 a. to the use of Anne Blundell, for life & he appointed his brother, William Domvill, his attorney, to give the said trustees seisin of the same.

They say that Gilbert held the said moiety of the King, as of his fee of Halton, parcel of the Duchy of Lancaster, by the moiety of a knight's fee & is worth yearly (clear), £5.

They say the said Gilbert died 1 December last past & Edward Domvill is his son & next heir & was aged at his father's death, 24 years & more.

JOHN DONE of Utkinton, esq.

(File 101. No. 8).

Inquisition taken in the Common Hall of Pleas, Chester, 3 April, 8 Charles I [1632], before Sir Thomas Brereton, knt., Edward Whitby, esq., Thomas Browne, esq., feodary in co. Chester & William Raven, gent., deputy-escheator of co. Chester, by virtue of the King's Commission, to enquire after the death of John Done, esq., by the oath of George Spurstowe of Spurstowe, George Bostocke of Churton, William Glegge of Gayton, Edward Tanatt of Broxton, esqs., George Mainwaringe of Calveley, Humfrey Page of Yearshawe John Aldersey of Spurstow, John Kettle of Burwardsley, John Edwards of Boughton, John Ashton of the same, Randall Palin of Bickerton, Peter Hall of Norley, Richard Egerton of Newhall, Thomas Gleave of Highleigh, William (Morrice of Groppenhall),¹ Robert Hinton of Rushton, Hugh Venables of Wymbosley, Philip Downes of Tofte, & Thomas Pulford of Farndon, gentlemen.

They say that long before the said John's death, a

¹ Illegible, supplied from Court of Wards *Inq. p.m.*, 82/1.

certain Ralph Done, esq. great grandfather of the said John & his eldest son John, were seised in fee of the manor of Utkinton & of 39 mess., 300 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow & (200)¹ a. of pasture in Torpurley & of the advowson & rectory of Torpurley Church & of 3 mess., 126 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow & 100 a. of pasture in Eaton, and of 3 parts of the Manor of Alpram, in 7 parts divided, & of the manor of Kelsall & (privileges in the forest of)¹ Mara & Mondrem to the same manor belonging & of 120 a. of wood, called Longleigh Wood in Kelsall; & of 3 parts of the manor of () in (4)¹ parts divided; & of 4 parts of the manors of Kingsley, Norley & Cuddington & of the office of the Bailiff of Forestry [*forestarii*] or office of the Master of Forestry (of the forests of Mara & Mondrem)²; & of 6 mess., 4 tofts, 100 a. of land in Newton by Kingsley; & of 3 mess., 2 tofts, 100 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture (2) a. of wood in Duddon; & of a capital mess., 40 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow in Hulfeild *alias* Clotton Hulfeild.

So being seised, by fine levied, the said manors & premises were settled on said Ralph, with contingent remainders to his son, John, for life, to this John's eldest son, John Done, esq., afterwards knight, in tail male, the heirs male of the body of John, son of Ralph, of Ralph, the right heirs of John, son of Ralph. So being seised, the said Ralph gave Hugh Done, his son, an annuity of £10 a year to be paid out of the premises at Eaton, Torpurley & Kelsall, excepting out of Ashe House & the houses, lands, &c. thereunto belonging assigned in dower to Dorothy, daughter of Thomas Wilbraham, of Woodhey, esq., during the life of said Hugh, which deed was made 12 April, 32 Elizabeth [1590]. Afterwards Ralph died & John, his son, entered into the premises & he had issue his eldest son John, afterwards knight & Thomas Done

¹ Illegible in both Inqs.

² Illegible and supplied from Ct. of Wards *Inq. p.m.*, 82/1.

now of Torpurley, esq. John son of Ralph, died & his said son John, afterwards knight, entered into the premises.

The said Sir John Done, knt., was also seised in fee of the manor of Torpurley & of 30 mess., 6 tofts, 300 a. of land, 200 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 100 a. of wood, 200 a. of furze & heath and £8 rent in Torpurley & also of 16 mess., 3 tofts, 7 cottages, 200 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 40 a. of wood, £4. 14s. 9d. rent in Eyton *alias* Eaton & Rushton; & also of the moiety of the manors of Eyton *alias* Eaton & Rushton & 16 a. of land, 40 a. of pasture, 60 a. of furze & heath in Eyton *alias* Eaton & late bought by said Sir John of William Yeardley, gent., & Margery, his wife & of James Hynton, genr.; & of a mess., 20 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture & 10 a. of furze & heath in Eyton *alias* Eaton, which he bought of John Warner, Robert Orme, gents., Ralph Walker, yeoman & Roger Harvie, citizen & merchant of London; & of a mess., 2 cottages, 20 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture & 8s. rent and the 6th part of 20 a. of land covered with water in Torpurley, in 6 parts divided, & of a mess. a cottage, 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture in Rushton & of 40s. 6d. rent in Eyton *alias* Eaton, late bought by him of Hugh Bromley, esq., Leonard Spencer, gent. George Metcalf, yeoman, & of 2 mess., 40 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood & 20 a. of furze & heath in Eaton & Rushton bought of Peter Danyell, esq. & of 10 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture in Rushton bought of Thomas Rutter, gent.; & of 4 mess., 50 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 50 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood, 20 a. of furze & heath & 30s. rent in Eyton *alias* Eaton & Rushton; & of 12th part of the manors of Torpurley, Eyton *alias* Eaton & Rushton, bought of Thomas Wilbraham & Ralph Egerton, esqs.; & of 2 parts of 20 a. of land 30 a. of pasture & 20 a. of furze & heath in Torpurley (in 3 parts divided) bought of Thomas Lord Ellesmere, late Chancellor of England &

John Egerton & William Allen, & of 1 a. of land in Kelsall bought of Richard Browne, & of 3 mess., 10 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture in Kelsall, bought by Sir John's father of Ralph Bruen, gent., & of 4 a. of land in Kingsley, late bought by Sir John of Thomas, Viscount Savage, & of a mess. & 8 a. of land in Newton by Kingsley, bought of John Eccleston, yeoman; & of 1 a. in Clotton, bought of Roger Hockenhull, gent.; & of 21 a. of waste land in Manley bought of Adam Birkhened, esq.; & of the manor of Willarton *alias* Willington & of 3 mess., 100 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood & 100 a. of furze & heath in Willerton *alias* Willington, bought of Thomas Holcroft, knt., Thomas Holcroft, esq., Hamlet Percifull, clerk, John Dutton, Richard Wilbraham, knt. & bart. & Thomas Dawes, knt., & of a cottage in Norley bought of George Rutter, gent., & of 8 a. of meadow in Norley, bought of Thomas Hatton, yeoman.

So being seised, Sir John levied a fine, at Chester, 2 October, 2 Charles I [1626] & afterwards a recovery, settling the said lands, &c., on himself & his wife, Dorothy, with contingent remainders to the said John named in the commission, & Mary, his wife, to said John in tail male, to Sir John, the right heirs of Sir John.

They say Sir John died at Utkinton, 13 April, 5 Charles I [1629] & Dorothy survived him & still survives & dwells at Utkinton.

The said John was also seised in fee of a mess., 4 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow & 4 a. of pasture in Newton by Kingsley, bought of John Hughes.

The said manor of Utkinton is held of Peter Venables, esq., baron of Kynderton, as of the said Barony, by half a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), £4.

The manor of Torpurley & premises there & the advowson of that church held in like manner & the land there called Malkyns Parkes & Taylors Parkes, now in the tenure of Mary, late the wife of the said John Done, esq.,

as parcel of her jointure, worth yearly (clear), 20s., & the residue of the manor & premises & the advowson, worth £10.

The manors of Eaton & Rushton & premises there held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by knight service & worth yearly (clear), £8.

The three parts of the manor of Alpram & premises there held of Sir Richard Wilbraham, knt. & bart. & Roger Wilbraham, esq., as of their manor of Wettenhall in socage, by the service of one rose yearly & worth yearly (clear), £3.

The manor of Kelsall & the premises there & all privileges in the forest of Mara & Mondrem *alias* Delamere belonging to the said manor, & the wood called Longleghwood in Kelsall, held of the Bishop of Coventry & Lichfield, service unknown to the jurors & worth yearly (clear), £10.

The 3 parts of the manor of Clotton & premises there held of the King as Earl of Chester, by the moiety of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), 26s.

The manor of Willerton *alias* Willington & premises there held of the King, as of his Crown of England, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), £4.

The manors of Kingsley, Norley & Cuddington & the office of Bailiff of the Forestry or Master of the Forestry of Mara & Mondrem held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by 4th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), £5.

The premises in Newton by Kingsley held of the King in like manner & the premises there bought of John Hughes, worth yearly (clear), 5s. & the residue there worth yearly (clear), £3.

The premises in Duddon held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by 8th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), 40s.

The premises in Hulfield *alias* Clotton Halfield held in like manner & worth yearly (clear), 20s.

Those in Manley, service unknown & worth yearly (clear), 2s.

The said John Done, esq., died 2 October, 6 Charles I & Mary his wife, survives & dwells at Alderley. He died without issue & Jane Done, Richard Maisterson, gent. Mary Done, Eleanor wife of Ralph Arderne, esq., are next of kin & heirs of said John; Jane & Mary Done & Eleanor Arderne being sisters of the said John, Richard Maisterson being son & heir of Frances, deceased, wife of Thomas Maisterson, esq. a sister of said John.

The said Jane is now aged 31 years & more, Richard Maisterson is aged 4 years, 2 months & 16 days, Mary is aged 27 years & more & Eleanor 26 years. Thomas Done, esq., is son [*sic*] & next heir male of said John Done, esq., son of Ralph Done, esq., & is now aged 40 years & more.

JOHN DOWNES of Taxall, gent.

(File 98. No. 5).

Inquisition taken at Knuttesford, 24 April, 21 James I [1623] before Hugh Maynwaringe, esq., the Prince's escheator in co. Chester, to enquire after the death of John Downes, gent., by oath of William Leigh of Owtrington, Thomas Gleave of Highleigh, Edward Harper of the same, Richard Steele of Reddish, William Morris of Groppenhull (John)¹ Middlehurst (of the same),¹ John Lanckshawe of Latchford, John Hatton of the same, Philip Antrobus of Peever, Philip Downes of Tofte, Alexander Duncalf of Mobberley, Randall Wright of Ashley, Thomas Shawe of Millington, Edmund Hoole of Owlerton, John Acton of the same & Robert Webster of Knutesford, gentlemen.

They say that long before John Downes' death a certain Reginald Downes was seised among other things, in fee, of the manor of Taxall & of the advowson of that church &

¹ Illegible, supplied from Ct. of Wards *Inq. p.m.*, 65/24.

of a capital mess. there called the Hall of Overton & of 12 mess., a watermill, 100 a. of land, 30 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture & 40 a. of heath & moor in Taxall in the several tenures of Peter Downes, Reginald Gosling, Peter Gosling, John Hill, Edward Waynwright, John Waynwright, Reginald Goslinge, John Ollerinshawe, Richard Downes, William Bennett & Anne Goslinge & of one free rent issuing from a mess. in Taxall, late in the tenure of Ralph Cooke & Reginald Redham; of one office of forester [*uno forestar'*] with the appurtenances within the forest of Macclesfield belonging to the said hall of Overton; of the manor of Downes in Sutton & of 2 mess., a cottage & 60 a. of land, meadow & pasture in Sutton.

So being seised, the said Reginald on 14 January, 30 Elizabeth [1587-8] made an Indenture, between himself, of one part & Edward Downes, William Burges, Thomas Shirt, Richard Adgicrofte & Roger Watson, of the other, enfeofing them with the manors of Downes & Taxall & all mess. & lands to the use of himself, in tail male, with contingent remainders to Reginald Downes, jun., son & heir of Humfrey Downes, deceased, brother of the said Reginald, sen., and his male issue by Anne Watson *alias* Downes, to the male issue of Reginald, jun., to Humfrey Downes, 2d. son of said Humfrey, deceased, in tail male to Peter Downes, gent., in tail male, to the right heirs of the said Reginald.

Reginald Downes, sen., died & the said manors & premises descended to Reginald Downes, jun., who entered into the same & on 24 April, 7 James I [1609] levied a fine in the Common Hall of Pleas, Chester, between Thomas Shirt, clerk & George Lowe plaintiffs & himself & Anne, his wife, deforciant of the said premises in Downes & Sutton, to the use of said Shirt & Lowe. Afterwards Shirt died & by Indenture of 20 February, 7 James I [1609-10] the said George Lowe enfeofed Sir Peter Leigh of Lyme, knt., Lawrence Downes of Worth &

Shrigley, Jasper Worth of Tytherington, esqs. & Thomas Stapleton of Upton, gent., of the manor of Downes & the premises in Downes & Sutton in the tenures of Hugh Jarmin *alias* Gray, Lawrence Downes, Isabel Downes, widow, Isabel Lathom widow & John Lathom, to the use of the said Reginald Downes, jun., with contingent remainders, after his death, to his wife, Anne, for life, to the said John Downes, named in the inquisition, eldest son of said Reginald, jun., in tail male, to Richard Downes, 2d. son of said Reginald, jun., in tail male, to his 3d. son, Edmund, in tail male, to the right heirs of said John.

Reginald, jun. died & all the said premises descended to his son, the said John, who entered into the same & died seised thereof 29 December, 1621, without male issue. Richard Downes, 2d. son of said Reginald, jun., died in his father's lifetime, without male issue. The said Edmund survives & dwells at Overton & on 18 December last past was aged 18 years.

The said Anne, late the wife of Reginald Downes, jun. & now of William Thornicrofte, survives & she & her said husband are seised of the third part of the premises, as her dower.

They say that Margaret, Anne, Mary & Sarah Downes are daughters & heirs of John Downes & on 25 February last past Margaret was aged 8 years, on 31 December last Anne was aged 6 years, on 8 February last Mary was aged 4 years & on 29 March last Sarah was aged 2 years.

They say that William Thornicroft & Anne, his wife, have taken the issues & profits since John's death & the said Sarah [*sic*] still survives & dwells at Overton.

The premises in Taxall, Overton & Forest of Macclesfield are held of the Prince, as Earl of Chester, by knight service, & grand sergeanty & are worth (clear), yearly 13s. 4d.

The premises in Downes & Sutton are held of the said Prince, by knight service & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8d.

REGINALD DOWNES of Overton, gent.

(File 90. No. 2).¹

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, Chester, Thursday, 24 September, 10 James I [1612] before Henry Mainwaring & Hugh Mainwaring, esqs., escheators of co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ, to enquire after the death of Reginald Downes late of Overton, gentleman by the oath of John Golborne of Golborne, William Davenport of Boughton, James Doe of Saughall, Richard Ashton of Chorlton, Thomas Barlowe of Saughall, John Doe of same, Humphrey Page of Eardshaw, John Rode of Wallhill, John Hollinshed of Buglawton, John Robinson of Stockport, Julius Wynnington of Birches, Roger Neild of Shorlach, Reginald Tinlowe of Hulme Walfeild, John Eaton of Sandiway & Thomas Browne of Boughton, gentlemen.

They say that the said Reginald Downes, long before his death, was seised in fee tail male of 2 parts, in three parts divided, of the manor of Taxall & the advowson of the Church of Taxall & of 2 parts of a capital mess. in Taxall called the Hall of Overton & of 12 mess., one watermill, 100 a. of land, 30 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture & 40 a. of furze & moor in Taxall in the several tenures of Anne Downes, widow of Reginald Downes, deceased, aforesaid, Peter Downes, Reginald Goslinge, John Hill, Edward Waynwright, John Waynwright, Reginald Goslinge, John Ollerinshawe, Richard Downes, William Bennett & Anne Goslinge; & of an annual rent of 4s. & services issuing from a mess. in Taxall in the tenures of Ralph Cooke & Reginald Nedham; & of the office of a forester [*uno forestar'*] with the appurtenances within the forest of Macclesfeild belonging to the said capital mess.

They say he was also seised in fee tail male of the reversion of the third part of the said manor of Taxall after the death of Anne wife of William Swettenham, late

¹ Torn in parts, supplied from Court of Wards *Inq. p.m.*, 45/37.

the wife of Reginald Downes, gentleman, deceased, which third part the said William & Anne hold for life of said Anne, in her right.

They say a certain George Lowe of Macclesfeild Park, yeoman, was seised in fee of the manor of Downes in Sutton & by his Indenture made 20 February, 7 James I [1609-10] enfeofed Peter Leighe of Lyme, knt., Laurence Downes of Worth & Shrigley, esq., Jasper Worth of Titherington, esq. & Thomas Stapleton of Upton, gent., of the said manor & premises then in the tenures of Hugh Jerman *alias* Gray, Laurence Downes, Isabel Downes, widow, Isabel Lathom, widow, & John Lathom & all other lands & tenements in Downes & Sutton & all buildings, orchard gardens, lands & services thereunto belonging, which the said George Lowe & a certain Thomas Shert, then deceased, had by the grant of the said Reginald Downes, to have & to hold to the said feoffees for the term of the life of the said Anne, with contingent remainders to John Downes, eldest son of said Reginald, in tail male, to his 2d. son, Richard Downes, in tail male, to his 3d. son, Edmund Downes in tail male, to the right heirs of the said John Downes, for ever.

The said Reginald Downes died 26 July, 1610 & John Downes is his son & heir & is now aged 14 years, 6 months, 13 days & not more.

The said premises in Taxall & forest of Macclesfield are held of Henry, Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall & Earl of Chester, in chief, by grand serjeanty & are worth yearly (clear), 13s. 4d.

The manor of Downes & the premises in Downes & Sutton held of the said Prince, by knight service & worth yearly (clear), 6s. 8d.

Anne Downes still survives & dwells at Taxall, & has taken the issues & profits since the said Reginald's death until now; Anne Swettenham still survives & dwells at Taxall.

ROGER DOWNES of Shrigley.

(Files 87. No. 2).¹

Inquisition taken at Sandbache, 4 October 1 James I [1603] before . . . the King's escheator, Ranulph Davenport, Thomas Raddiart, esq. & Ralph Wilbraham, gent., feodary, by virtue of the King's commission . . . by the oath of William Davenport of Wodford, esq., Geoffrey Mottershed of Mottram, John Pigott of Samford, William . . . Hobson of Over Alderley, William Parsons of Warford, John Byrtles of Byrtles, Hugh Furnivale of Bexton, . . . Thomas Shawe of Deanehill, John Turner of Limehowse, & William Gallimore of Lane.

They say that the said Roger Downes . . . with apurtenances called Skinnerfield lying in Hepley within the vill of Poynton & of a mess. & 5 a. of land . . . & of 40 mess., 40 tofts, 2 mills, 2 dovecotes, 40 gardens, 2000 a. of land, 80 a. of meadow, 200 a. of heath & turbary, 40s. rent in Worth, Poynton, Taxall, Adlington, Upton, Macclesfield & Pottesshrigley. Thus being seised the said Roger . . . bearing date 20 August, 17 Elizabeth [1575] between [? Roger] Downes, of Shrigley, esq. & Thomas Stanley, of Alderley, esq. & a fine to be levied, the lands, &c. were conveyed [very torn] to the use of the said Roger in tail male, in default, to the use of Frances Downes, daughter of said Roger & her right heirs for ever, except the chief house & demesne of Worth [mention of a lease to Sir Peter Leigh at a yearly rental of 26s. 8d.]; the said Roger & his heirs to pay John Downes, brother of Roger, £5 a year at the dwelling house of the said Roger in Shrigley & the heirs of Sir Peter Leighe shall stand & be seised of a mess. & lands in Whytfeild, now in the tenure of Edward Hollinshed for the yearly rent of £5. 13s. 4d. & of a mess. & lands in Poynton, in the tenure of Edward Hall for the yearly rent of 13s. 4d. & a mess. called the Horse Grease, in the tenure of Richard Gepson

¹ MS. torn, no Court of Wards *Inq.*

for the yearly rent of 13s. 4*d.* until the said John Downes shall be paid the said annuity.

The fine was levied in the Common Court of Pleas at Chester on 20 February 18 Elizabeth [1575-6] & on 22 August 23 Elizabeth [1581], Roger Downes made a deed confirming the same & for the preferment of his daughters, Frances, Dorothy & Margaret Downes assigned the issues & profits of closes called Heizefield, Castell Field, the Gorstie Field, the Long Haies Barn, the Little Haies Barn, the Lower Worth in Poynton & Worth, the Crabtrie Flatte, the Wheate Houte, the Wood Houlte, the Further Meadow, in Adlington, all being parcel of the lands

Afterwards at Poynton, the said Roger took to wife one Anne Warren, one of the daughters of John Warren, of Poynton, esq., deceased & by her had issue Laurence Downes, his son & heir apparent & the said Anne & Laurence still survive & dwell at Shrigley, as do also his younger sons, William, Thomas, Ranulph & Robert Downes.

The said Roger Downes died at Shrigley, 4 January, 45 Elizabeth [1602-3] & Laurence is his son & next heir & is now aged 10 years, 5 months.

The close called Skinnerfield, the mess. & 5 a. of land in Poynton, were held of the Queen & now of the King in free socage, by fealty only & worth (clear), 2s.

The premises in Worth held of Sir Edward Warren, knt., by fealty & yearly rent of 1*d.* & worth yearly (clear), 40s.

The mess. & the residue of the lands in Poynton held of the same, by same tenure & worth yearly, 20s.

The mess. & lands in Little Taxall held of Reginald Downes of Overton in free socage by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 10s.

The mess. & lands in Adlington held of Sir Urian Leighe, knt., by fealty & yearly rent of 13s. 6*d.* & worth yearly (clear), 13s. 6*d.*

The mess. & lands in Upton held of the heirs of Nicholas Holmes, deceased, by fealty & worth yearly (clear), 10s.

The mess. & lands in Macclesfield held of the King in free burgage, by fealty, & worth yearly (clear), 20s.

The premises in Potteshrigley, held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 10s.

ROBERT DUCKENFIELD of Duckenfield, esq.

(File 97. No. 4).

Inquisition taken at Knottesford, on Monday 9th September, 20 James I [1622] before Hugh Maynwaring, esq., escheator of Prince Charles for co. Chester, & Peter Danyell, esq., feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Robert Dokenfeild, esq., by the oath of George Hollingworth of Hollingworth, Thomas Baskerville of Withington, Richard Wych of Nether Alderley, John Birtles of Birtles, Lea Henshawe of Henshawe, Philip Downes of Tofte, John Grantham of Hale, Ralph Reddish of Mottram Longendale, John Tarvyn of Beguley, John Brookeshawe of Bredbury, Ralph Collyer of the same, William Higham of Werneth, William Sydebothome of Romeley & John Shepley of Hyde, gentlemen.

They say the said Robert Dokenfeild was seised in fee of the manor of Dokenfeild & of 29 mess., 200 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 100 a. of wood & underwood, 200 a. of moor & marsh in Dokenfeild; also of the manor of Brynington *alias* Portwood with a park & watermill there & of 10 mess., 100 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 6 a. of wood & underwood & 40 a. of moor & marsh in Brynington, & of 12 mess., 20 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood in Stopport; & of a cottage in Beguley & of 3 mess., 20 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture in Eggeley.

They say the said Robert Dokenfeild died seised of the said premises at Dokenfeild, 29 December last past & Robert Dokenfeild, esq., is his son & next heir & is now aged 24 years & more.

They say the manor of Dokenfeild & the premises there are held of Sir William Davenport, knt., by fealty & rent of one pair of white gloves value *1d.* yearly & worth yearly (clear), *£10.*

The manor of Brynington & the premises there held in like manner & worth yearly (clear), *£6. 13s. 4d.*

The premises in Stopport held of Edward Warren, esq., as of his manor of Stopport by fealty & rent of *8s. 2½d.* yearly & the cottage in Beguley held of Henry Leigh, esq., as of his manor of Beguley by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), *2s.*

The premises in Eggeley held of Richard Bulkeley, esq., as of his manor of Chedle, by fealty & rent of *2s. 8d.* yearly & worth yearly (clear), *20s.*

ROBERT DUKENFEILD of Duckenfield, esq.

(File 101. No. 1).

Inquisition taken at Knottesford, 12 October, 6 Charles I [1630] before Roger Downes, esq., Christopher Bannester, esq., Hugh Manwaring, esq., escheator in co. Chester, & Thomas Browne, esq., feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission, to enquire after the death of Robert Dokenfeild of Dokenfeild, esq., by the oath of Paul Wynington of Birches, Hugh Wirrall of Fallibroome, Philip Downes of Tofte, Lea Henshawe of Henshawe, Thomas Titherington of Titherington, Robert Holford of Feildes, Anthony Furnivall of Milnehowse, Edward Harper of Highe Leigh, Alexander Duncalf of Mobberley, John Eaton of Blackden, John Kinsey of the same, Richard Steele of Reddishe, John Birtles of Hill, Thomas Grastie of Warford, Ralph Collyer of Bredbury, Francis Acton of Over Alderley, & Ralph Blease of Shipbrooke, gentlemen.

They say that long before the said Robert's death, his father, Robert Dokenfeild, esq. was seised in fee of the manor of Dokenfeild, & of 39 mess., 200 a. of land, 40 a.

of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 100 a. of wood & underwood & 200 a. of moor & marsh in Dokenfeild, & also of the manor of Brinnington *alias* Portwood, with park & a watermill there & of 10 mess., 100 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 6 a. of wood, 40 a. of moor & marsh in Brynnington; & of 12 mess., 20 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood in Stockport; & of a cottage, 3 a. of meadow & pasture in Baguley & of 3 mess., 20 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture in Chedle & Eggeley.

So being seised, the said Robert Dokenfeild, sen., & his son & heir apparent, the said Robert & his second son William, on 21 September, 16 James I [1618] on the marriage of the said Robert named in the writ, with Frances Preston, her father George Preston, esq., having given £900, conveyed the premises to the uses of an Indenture made 22 August, 16 James I [1618] & levied a fine conveying the said manors, lands, &c. to Sir Peter Leigh, knt., William Farrington, esq., Christopher Ban- nester & Henry Bradshawe, gents., settling the manor house called Portewood Hall in Brynnington & all the houses & lands thereunto belonging, "the old daye house" & the rooms above it, the "washhouse" & rooms above it, the "garner house," the cellar under the dairy, an "outile," an old barn, the "oxhouse" & room above, the "haye house" at the end of the same & free way & passage for animals & other necessaries (the transport of apples to & from the water of the Mersey excepted) also the following closes, the Little Pomerbothome, "with the medop- pes," the great Pomerbothome, the Conny Clapper Feild, the School Masters Medowe, the Crowe Park, the Great Parke, the Brackes Medowe, the "bothome of the Parke and "the springe, the Lawnde in the Parke, the ground lying within the Parke yate, the warthe and Seeles warthe, the Wheatefeild and the Barne feild," all belonging to Portewood Hall in Brynnington & two water grain mills

there called Portewood Mills & the pools, watercourses, tolls, &c., thereunto belonging & the mess. in the tenures of Thomas Shuttleworth, Thomas Normansell, clerk, William Hudson, Thomas Hall & William Burdsell in Brynnington & Stockport & all the buildings thereunto belonging, to the use of the said Robert Dokenfeild, sen. until the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary next following & then to the use of the said Robert, jun., for life, with contingent remainders to said Frances, for life, to the male issue of Robert jun., in tail male, the said William Dokenfeild, in tail male, Richard Dokenfeild, younger son of Robert sen., in tail male, to the right heirs of Robert sen., & as to the residue of the said manors, &c., to the use of Robert sen., for life, with contingent remainders to Robert jun., in tail male [&c. as before].

The said Robert sen., died at Dokinfeild, 29 December, 20 James I [1622] & Robert jun., was seised of the said premises & died at Dokenfeild, 29 August last past & Robert Dokenfeild is his son & heir & on 28 September last past was aged 11 years. The said Frances, relict of the said Robert jun. survives & dwells at Dokenfeild.

The said manor of Dokenfeild & premises there are held of Sir William Davenport, knt., by fealty & rent of a pair of white gloves price 1*d.* & are worth yearly (clear), £5.

The manor of Brynnington *alias* Portewood & premises there held in like manner & worth yearly (clear), 30*s.*

The premises in Stockport held of Edward Warren, esq., as of his manor of Stockport, in free burgage by fealty & rent of 8*s.* 2½*d.* a year & worth yearly (clear), 10*s.*

Those in Baguley held of the King, as Earl of Chester by 300th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), 2*s.*

Those in Chedle & Eggeley held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by 100th part of a knight's fee & by reason of the minority of Richard Bulkeley, esq., now in the King's custody & worth yearly (clear), 13*s.* 4*d.*

WILLIAM DUCKWORTH, gent.

(File 103. No. 1).

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, in the Common Hall of Pleas there, 12 January, 11 Charles I [1635-6] before Thomas Aldersey, esq., the King's escheator in co. Chester, Edward Parkinson, esq., the King's feodary there, Francis Gamull, George Hope, esqs., & Thomas Hartley, gent., by virtue of the King's commission, to enquire after the death of William Duckworth, gentleman, by the oath of George Bostocke of Churton, Edward Tannat of Broxton, esqs., John Edwards of Boughton, Thomas Heath of Egerton, Thomas Buckley, Randall Palin & John Bowker of Bickerton, Henry Phillipps of Christleton, Robert Walker of Aldersey, Richard Carter of the same, William Rosengreave of Foukestableford, Ralph Banbury of Broxton, Richard Edge of Tattenhall, James Ashton of Churton, George Walker of the same, Thomas Wilkinson & Thomas Pulford of Farnedon & John Golborne of Christleton, gentlemen.

They say that long before his death, the said William Duckworth was seised in fee of the third part of a mess. & 12 closes of arable land, meadow & pasture belonging to the same mess. & called the Twoe Glades, Marstas, The Two Croftes by Burtons, the Close under the house, the Close under the parson's house, the further greate Feilde, the pearetree meddowe, the Moorefeild Croftes, the Moore meddowe & the Pitt yard in Doddleston, containing 18 a. now in the tenure of Charles Duckworth, clerk & Katherine Duckworth, widow, relict of the said William.

They say the said William Duckworth died 26 November, 21 James I [1623] at Doddleston & the said Charles Duckworth is his son & heir at at his father's death was aged 22 years.

The said third part is held of the King, as Prince of Wales & Earl of Chester, in chief, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), £6. 13s. 4d.

The said Charles & Katherine Duckworth have occupied the said third part since the death of the said William & taken the profits & issues thereof, but by what title the jurors know not.

JOHN DUNNE, gent. (1).

(File 95. No. 4).

Inquisition taken in the Hall of Pleas, Chester, 15 September, 18 James I [1620], before Hugh Maynwaringe, esq., the King's escheator in co. Chester, to enquire after the death of John Dunne, gent., by the oath of William Davenport of Boughton, James Doe of Saughall, Henry Phillips of Christleton, John Doe of Saughall, Richard Chamberlayne of the same, Thomas Halwood of Sutton, Thomas Potter of Leighton, Robert Gill of Brumburrow & John Bennet of Willaston, gentlemen.

They say the said John Dunne was seised in fee of a mess., 10 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 5 a. of pasture in Poulton with Secum & of $\frac{1}{2}$ a. of land, late bought of John Lidderland of Poulton cum Secum in Poulton, gent.

The said John Dunne died 5 February, 1 James I [1603-4] & William Dunne is his nephew & heir, being son of Richard Dunne, brother of said John & is now aged 16 years, 7 weeks.

The said premises are held of Thomas de Hough, in socage, & are worth yearly (clear) 5s. & the $\frac{1}{2}$ a. bought of John Lidderland held of the King as of his honor & lordship of Halton by 1000th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), 2*d*.

Henry Bird has taken the profits, &c. of the premises since John Dunne's death until now.

JOHN DUNNE, gent. (2).

(File 97. No. 5).

Inquisition taken at Chester, 4 May, 20 James I [1622], before Hugh Mainwaringe, esq., the King's escheator in co.

Chester, to enquire after the death of John Dunne, gentleman, by the oath of Francis Hawarden of Boughton, Henry Phillips of Christleton, Robert Leonard of Irby, John Doe of Soughall, Thomas Halwood of Sutton, William Hely of Newton, Robert Hinton of Rushton, Alexander Duncalf of Mobberley, Edward Harpur of Highleigh, John Grantham of Hale, Randall Blackshawe of Mobberley, Reginald Finlowe of Hulmewalfeild, Robert Davyes of Ashton & John Aldersey of Agden, gentlemen.

They say the said John Dunne was seised in fee of a mess., 10 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 5 a. of pasture in Poulton with Secum & of $\frac{1}{2}$ a. of land late bought of John Lidderland of Poulton in Poulton & he died seised thereof 5 February, 1 James I [1603-4] & William Dunne is his nephew & next heir, being son of Richard Dunne, brother of said John, & is now aged 17 years, 6 months.

The said premises are held of the heirs of Thomas de Hough in socage & are worth yearly (clear), 5s. & the $\frac{1}{2}$ a. is held of the King as of his Honor of Halton, by 1000th part of a knight's fee & is worth yearly (clear), 2d.

They say that Henry Bird has taken the issues & profits of the premises since the said John Dunne's death until the taking of this inquisition.

JOHN DUNNE, gent (3).

(File 98. No. 6).

Inquisition taken at Middlewytche 16 January, 21 James I [1623-4] before Hugh Manwaringe, esq., the King's escheator in co. Chester to enquire after the death of John Dunne, gentleman, by the oath of Edward Thornecrofte of Thornecrofte, Lea Henshaw of Henshaw, Thomas Grastie of Warford, William Parsons of Maxfeild, Hugh Wardle of Eaton, Matthew Whilton of same, Francis Acton of Alverley, Anthony Furnivall of Mylnehouse, John Birtles of Hill, William Ravenscrofte of Occleston, Henry Hough of Chorley, Reginald Mottram

[sic] John Snelson of Astle & Hugh Venables of Wymblesley, gentlemen.

They say that the said John Dunne was seised in fee of a mess., 10 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 5 a. of pasture in Poulton with Seecom & of $\frac{1}{2}$ a. of land late bought of John Lydderland of Poulton with Seecum in Poulton, gent.

They say he died seised of the said premises on 5 February, 1 James I [1603-4] & William Dunne is his nephew & next heir, that is, son of Richard, brother of said John & is now aged 19 years, one month.

The said mess. & lands held of the heirs of Thomas de Houghe, in socage & worth yearly (clear), 5s. & the $\frac{1}{2}$ a. bought of John Lydderland held of the King, as of his Lordship of Halton, by 1000th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), 2d.

Henry Bird has taken the issues & profits since said John's death.

EDWARD DUTTON of Hatton, esq.

(File 96. No. 2).

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 17 April, 19 James I [1621] before Hugh Maynwaringe, esq., the Prince's escheator in co. Chester & Peter Danyell, esq., feodary there, by virtue of the Prince's commission, to enquire after the death of Edward Dutton, esq., by the oath of Edward Tannat of Broxton, Thomas Partington of Cotton, Hugh Massie of Egerley, Richard Bridd of Broxton, John Edwards of Cheaveley, William Davenport of Boughton, Thomas Ball & Francis Hawarden, of the same, John Ashbrooke of Tattenhall, William Rosingreave of Warton, Ralph Astle of Golborne bellow, John Aldersey of Agden, William Healy of Newton, Henry Phillips of Christleton Edward Brian of the same, Thomas Gregory of the same & James Hancock of [? Newbold] gentlemen.

They say that long before the said Edward's death, his

father, Rowland Dutton, was seised in fee of the manors of Hatton by Waverton, &c., &c. [as in 87/18 below].

By his Indenture made 5 May, 12 James I [1614], the said Edward Dutton conveyed to Sir Randall Maynwaringe, knt., all the lands, &c. late the said Roland Dutton's in Chowley & mess. in Waverton & Hatton to the use of his wife, Mary Dutton, for life, with remainder to his male issue by the said Mary, in default to him & his heirs for ever.

They say the said Mary survives & dwells at Hatton & at his death he had issue by said Mary, his younger sons Thomas & Richard & his daughters, Mary, now the wife of John Bostocke, gentleman, Anne, Eleanor & Jane Dutton, all surviving & dwelling at Hatton.

[Tenures as in 87/18 Rowland Dutton, below].

They say the said Edward Dutton died 17 January, last past & that Peter Dutton is his son & heir & is now aged 19 years, 3 months.

JOHN DUTTON of Dutton, esq.

(File 89. No. 3).¹

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 25 April, 7 James I [1609], before George Bouth, knt., Henry Mainwaring, esq., the King's escheator in co. Chester, Ralph Wilbraham, esq., feodary, Thomas Marburie & George Holford esqs., by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of John Dutton of Dutton, esq., deceased, by the oath of John Bruen of Stapleford, John Hocknell of Hocknell, John Griffin of Bartheton, esqs., Edmund Mouldsworth of Wymincham, Richard Browne of Upton, Edward Tannet of Broxton, Richard Marburie of Walton, John Nuthall of Catnall, George Rutter of Kingsley, Hugh Crosbie of Over Whitley, James Roe of Acton, John Wrench of Shurlache, Ralph Littler of Wallerscott, Peter Leighe of Oughtringhton Thomas Harper of High

¹ Illegible, words supplied from Ct. of Wards *Inq. p.m.* 42/72.

Leighe, John Cotton of Huntington, William Davenport of Boughton, William Rosengreave of Warton & Thomas Hall of Budworth, gentlemen.

They say that the said John Dutton, long before his death was seised in fee of the manors of Dutton, Leighe by Dutton, Barterton, Preston on the Hill, Acton, Weston by Runcorne, Littleton *alias* Little Christleton, Happesford, Claverton, Arrowe, Stoke & Nesse & of 1000 mess., 8 saltpits, 6 mills, 3 dove-cotes, 1000 gardens, 10,000 a., of land, 4000 a. of meadow, 10,000 a. of pasture, 3000 a. of wood, 3000 a. of moor, 2000 a. of furze & heath, 2000 a. of turbary, 1000 a. of land covered with water & £30 rent, with the appurtenances in Dutton, Leighe by Dutton, Barterton, Preston on the Hill, Acton, Weston by Runcorne, Littleton *alias* Little Christleton, Happesford, Claverton, Arrowe, Stoke, Nesse, Waverton by Hatton, Picton, Stonie Dunham, Hellesbie, Aston, Clifton, More, Middlewych, Northwych, Awnston [Onston] & Great Barrowe & of the advowson of the Chapel of Poolesley, the advowson of Stoke Vicarage & of "advocaria Histrionum" in co. Chester, & of the free fishery in the waters of Dee, Mersey, & Weever in the said county.

So being seised he levied a fine at Chester on 26 April, 27 Elizabeth [1585] between John Egerton, jun., esq., & George Ravenscrofte, esq. & himself, of the said manors & premises to the uses following: as concerning the Wychehouses in Northwiche in the tenure of William Goulborne, gent. & Thomas Huett & all the premises in Little Mouldsworth & Great Barrowe to the use of Peter Dutton, his son & heir apparent, & Elizabeth, wife of said Peter, in tail male with contingent remainders, to said John, in tail male, to the heirs male of Sir Piers Dutton, knt., deceased, the right heirs of said John; as to the premises in Waverton by Hatton, Happesford, Stonie Dunham, Hellesbie, Nesse in Wirrall & Picton to the use of the said John Dutton, for life, with contingent remainders

to the said Peter & Elizabeth in tail male, the heirs male of Sir Piers Dutton, knt. (the said John being next of kin & heir male of the said Sir Piers to wit, son & heir of Hugh, son & heir of Sir Piers) the right heirs of Sir Thomas Dutton, knt. for ever; & as to the residue of the said manors lands, &c., named in the fine, to the use of said John, for, life, with contingent remainders to said Peter in tail male the heirs male of Sir Piers, the right heirs of Sir Thomas, for ever; Indenture as to same made 25 April, 27 Elizabeth [1585].

They say that long before his death, he was also seised in fee of 2 mess., 2 gardens, 20 a. of land, 15 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture in Mancote & Hawarden co. Flint & conveyed the same to his son Peter in tail male [&c. as above] & Peter & Elizabeth were seised thereof. Peter died at Audford, co. Chester, 30 May 35 Elizabeth [1593] without heir male of his body & Elizabeth, his wife, survives & dwells at Walton, co. Lancs., & John entered into the same & was seised thereof in tail male; so being seised by Indenture bearing date 30 January, 3 James I [1605-6] on the marriage of John Dutton, son & heir apparent of Thomas Dutton, son of said John, with Elizabeth one of the daughters of Sir Thomas Egerton, knt., deceased, son & heir apparent of Sir Thomas Egerton, Lord Ellesmere, Lord Chancellor of England & made between the said Lord Ellesmere, of the 1st part, the said John Dutton of Dutton, esq. & Thomas Dutton, his son & heir apparent, of the 2d. part, & Sir John Egerton, K.B., son of Lord Ellesmere, George Bouth of Dunham Massey, knt. & George Holforde of Newbroughe, esq. of the 3d. part & fine of 29 April, 4 James I at Chester, conveyed all the manors & premises aforesaid to the use of himself for life & as to lands in Dutton called the Great Clayes, Parsons Crofte, Mainestones, the Course, to the use, after his death, of the said Elizabeth Egerton, for life, with contingent remainders to the said John Dutton, junior, to Thomas

Dutton, son of John Dutton, esq., the male issue of John jun. by said Elizabeth, his male issue, the heirs male of said Thomas, the right heirs of John, senior; as to land in Aston by Dutton called Rowtingford Eye, the Lightwoods, 5 acres between the Lightwoods, Mainstones & Marsh Street Lane, the reversion of Marsh House & the lands thereunto belonging in the tenure of Humfrey Talior & James Marburie, in Dutton, at a yearly rental of 4 marks, to the use of said Thomas Dutton until John junior's age of 21, with contingent remainders & said Elizabeth, John Dutton, jun., Thomas Dutton aforesaid (&c. as before); as concerning Emsey Meadow in Claverton, city of Chester, in tenure of John Radcliffe, sen., Little Emsey *alias* Hurlestons Crofte in Claverton in tenure of William Head, Two Landes of ground in the Pinfold Hey in Claverton in the tenure of Thomas Gambwell, the Ote Hey in Claverton in the tenure of John Fytton, Tylstones Hey in the tenure of John Radcliffe, jun., Ironbridge Hey and a small field in Claverton, in tenure of Thomas Fletcher, Ledsoms Hey in Claverton in tenure of John Aldersey, another close there in tenure of Ranulph Whitbie, Dicas Closes or Orrells Hey, Crosseheyes in Claverton, in tenure of Thomas Sutton, Dannaks Hey, Seaven loundes in Stryftheye in Claverton in tenure of Edward Carryer, Lowe hill *alias* Beswycseshey in tenure of William Congeley, the Ladies hey in Claverton in tenure of Philip Phillips, "one lound" in Claverton called Meacockes Croft in tenure of one Meacocke, the Hyron in tenure of Philip Phillips, Whithead Meadow in Claverton, three loundes of land there in tenure of Richard Bos or William Congeley, a close at Littleton in tenure of John Fytton, Towerscroft in Littleton in tenure of John Littler, 2 closes there in tenure of Thomas Byrd & another in that of William Hund, to the use of said Thomas Dutton, with contingent remainders to said Elizabeth Egerton, for life, John Dutton, jun., in tail male [&c. as before], & the

residue of the premises after John, sen's death, to Thomas Dutton, with contingent remainders to John Dutton, jun., in tail male [&c. as before].

The said John Dutton, esq. died at Dutton, 30 January last past & on 9 February last past, before attaining his 21st year, John Dutton, son of Thomas died at Tarvin, without heir male of his body & his wife Elizabeth Egerton, survives & dwells at Dutton.

They say that the manor of Dutton is held of the King as of his manor of Weeverham, in socage, by rent of 2s. a year & is worth yearly (clear), £40.

That of Preston held in like manner by rent of 8s. a year & worth yearly (clear), £24. 10s.

The manor of Weston & lands in Clifton held of the King as of his manor of Halton, tenure unknown to the jurors & worth yearly (clear), £22.

Four parts of seven parts of the manor of Arrowe, held of the King in chief by 20th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), £14. 18s.

The tenements in Stoke held of the King in chief by 30th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), £6.

The premises in Northwych held of the King as Earl of Chester in socage & worth yearly (clear), 13s. 4d.

Those in Midlewych tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear), 10s.

Those in More held of the King as of his manor of Halton, in socage & worth yearly (clear), . . . 20d.

The lands of Lawrence Starkye, tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear), . . . 6s.

Those in Chester held of the King in chief by 40th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), 8d.

The manors of Nesse & Barterton held of King, as Earl of Chester by knight fee & worth yearly (clear), £45. 5s. The manor of Leighe held of William, Earl of Derby, as of his manor of Hawarden in socage, by fealty & rent of 26s. 8d. a year & worth yearly (clear), £25. 18s.

The premises in Aunston [Onston] held of the King, as Earl of Chester by service of 40th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), £4.

The manor of Happesford & premises in Stonie Dunham held of the Earl of Arundel by 4th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), £21.

The premises in Waverton held of the heirs of John Pigott by service of a hawk or 12*d.* a year & worth yearly (clear), 40*s.*

The manor of Littleton or Little Christleton & lands there (tenure unknown) by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 5*s.* 4*d.*

Lands in Claverton held of the King in chief, as Earl of Chester, by 30th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), £8.

The premises in Picton, Hellesbie, Aston & Mancote & Harding, co. Flint, tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear), 20*s.*

The free fishery in the Dee, Mersey & Weever, tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear), 3*s.* 4*d.*

The advowsons of Poolesey chapel & the vicarage, tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear), 12*d.*

They say Thomas Dutton is his son & next heir & is now aged 40 years & more.

PETER DUTTON of Hatton, esq.

(File 104. No. 5).¹

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, in the Common Hall of Pleas there, 26 March, 14 Charles I [1639], before Thomas Aldersey, esq., the King's escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Peter Dutton, esq., by the oath of John Edwards of Boughton, John Golborne of Christleton, John Maddocks of Rowton, Henry Phillips of Christleton, Ralph Sellars of the same, John Cotgreave of the same, Robert Walker of

¹ As this Inq. is torn, abstract made from Ct. of Wards Inq. *p.m.*, 92/62.

Aldersey, Richard Carter of the same, John Aldersey of Agden, Richard Edge of Tattenhall, Randall Maddocks of Edge, William Pyke of Kingsley & Hugh Calvey of Milton, gentlemen.

They say that long before the said Peter Dutton's death, his father, Edward Dutton, esq., was seised in fee of the manors of Hatton by Waverton, Waverton by Hatton, Cholley, Bollesworth & Broxton, the moiety of the manors of Great & Middle Aldersey & of Crooke Aldersey & of a mess., 10 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 6 a. of pasture in Pulford, called Pulford's Wood & of 2 mess., 16 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 8 a. of pasture in Tattenhall; also of a mess., 40 a. of land, 8 a. of meadow, 12 a. of pasture in Newton by Tattenhall & of a mess., 12 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow & 6 a. of pasture in Norbury by Merbury & of 12 a. of pasture in Norbury & of a cottage, 8 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow & 6 a. of pasture in Great Barrowe & of 8 a. of land in Little Barrowe & of 12 a. of meadow in Milton in the parish of Hanley & of a mess., 10 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow & 8 a. of pasture in Allostocke & of 3 a. of land in Nether Peover & of 2 cottages in Albanley & of one mess. and 20 a. etc. in Elton by Ince.

So being seised, by Indenture made 20 September, 17 James I [1619] the said Edward Dutton conveyed the said premises to Peter Minshull, Henry Lee & George Bostocke, esqs., to the following uses: as concerning the Hall of Rushall in Tattenhall & all thereunto belonging & the closes & woods called the Gybyron, the Rushall Crofts, the Rushall Wood, the Plaine Rushall Wood, the Croft adjoining to the Stoneryfeild, the Hankeys or Hancockes Feild, the Marled Feild & the Sower Feild, the premises in Crooke Aldersey in the tenure of Katherine Pulford, widow, & those there in the tenure of Agnes Dutton, widow, those in Aldersey in the tenure of John Batterich, esq., the premises in Broxton in the tenure of John Dod, gent., those there in the tenure of John Fisher & Thomas

Wright, those in Chowley in the tenure of Richard Dod, those in Broxton in the tenure of John Cally, the mess. there in the tenure of Peirce Callye, & all the lands in Chowley demised by Ralph Dutton, esq., grandfather of said Edward, to Hugh Higgenson during the lives of said Hugh & his sons, Thomas & Henry Higgenson at a yearly rent of 40s. & the premises in Waverton demised by said Ralph to Peirce Raffeson at a yearly rent of 36s. & the premises in Waverton & Hatton demised by said Ralph to Richard Massy & his children, Richard & Katherine Massy at a yearly rent of 39s. & those there demised to said Richard Massy senior & junior & Thomas Massy at a yearly rent of £3. 10s. 8d., being parcel of the aforesaid manors, lands, &c., to the use of Mary Dutton, then wife of said Edward & mother of said Peter, for life, as her dower & after her death (except the premises in Chowley) to the use of the said Edward for life, with contingent remainders to the said Peter Dutton & his male issue by Margaret, his wife, in tail male, the heirs male of said Peter, the heirs male of said Edward, of said Rowland, the heirs male of Ralph Dutton, esq., grandfather of said Edward, the right heirs of John Dutton, esq., late of Dutton, deceased, for ever, & as concerning premises in Hatton & Goulborne Bellowe, of the yearly value of £5 in the tenure of William Wright, clerk, rector of Waverton & the Sheapperds Hay Close, belonging to the capital mess. where the said Edward Dutton then dwelt, called the Hall of Hatton, & the closes called the Higher Crosse Field, Katherine Brown's Hay, the Whitehay, Parson's Haye, the Ould Yeards, the Great Botomes, the Tongs Croft, the Gryffyths Moore, the Little Bottomes, the Long Croft, the Great Popes Field, the Little Popes Feild, the Butchers Feild Meadow the Pattrick Field, the Pattrick Field Meadow, & the Rough Hey, parcel of the aforesaid premises in Waverton & Tattenhall belonging to the said Hall of Hatton, to the use of Margaret Dutton, in dower,

for life, with contingent remainders to said Peter Dutton & his male issue by the said Margaret, his male issue, the right heirs of the said John Dutton; & as concerning the residue (except the premises in Chowley) to the use of the said Edward, with contingent remainders to the said Peter, in tail male, the right heirs of the said John Dutton; as concerning the manor of Chowley & the premises there to the use of the said Mary Dutton, for life, with contingent remainders to the said Edward Dutton, for life, to the said Peter Dutton, in tail male, the heirs male of Edward Dutton, of Rowland Dutton, of Ralph Dutton, the right heirs of John Dutton.

The said Peter Dutton & Margaret, his wife, were seised in right of the said Margaret of the premises as above limited to her in dower, & he was also seised of the residue of the premises, as abovesaid.

They say that Edward Dutton died 17 January, 18 James I [1620-1] & Mary his wife now survives & dwells at Calveley, & he had by said Mary, two younger sons & four daughters, to wit, Thomas & Richard Dutton, Mary, wife of John Bostocke, esq., Anne, Eleanor & Jane Dutton, all surviving, except the said Thomas.

The said Peter enfeoffed Sir Richard Younge, knt. & bart. of the manor of Chowley & all the premises there, to hold to him, the said Sir Richard, & his heirs for ever.

The said Peter died 31 December last past & Peter Dutton, esq., is his son & heir & is now aged 13 years, 8 months, 2 days, & not more. Margaret Dutton, widow of said Peter, survives & dwells at London. The said Peter & Margaret had two younger sons & four daughters, to wit, Robert, Thomas, Mary, Elizabeth, Martha & Alice Dutton, all surviving now & dwelling at Hatton, & no daughter is as yet married.

The manors of Hatton, Waverton, Bollesworthe, Great, Middle & Crooke Aldersey held [as in File 87. No. 18 below].

The manors of Goulborne Bellowe & Rushall held of Peter Egerton, esq., as of his manor of Tattenhall by 20th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), 20 marks.

The tenements in Pulford [as in File 87, No. 18].

Those in Tattenhall held of Peter Egerton, esq., as of his manor of Tattenhall by rent of 4s. 2*d.* & worth yearly (clear), 20s. 4*d.*; those in Newton held of said Peter, as of said manor by 40th part of a fee & worth yearly (clear), 41s. 2*d.*

Those in Norbury [as in 87/18 but of Robert, Viscount Cholmondeley & those in Great & Little Barrow of John Viscount Savage, those in Mylton as in 87/18].

Those in Allostocke, held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by knight service & worth yearly (clear), 14s. 6*d.*

Those in Nether Peover, Alvandley & Elton [as in 87/18].

ROWLAND DUTTON, esq. of Hatton.

(File 87. No. 18).

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 15 January, 3 James I [1605-6] before Henry Mainwaringe, esq., the King's escheator in co. Chester & Ralph Wilbraham, gent. feodary by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Rowland Dutton, esq., deceased, by the oath of . . .¹ esq., George Bostocke of Clayton, esq., Edward Tannet of Broxen, John Golborne of Golborne, Thomas Brassye of Buckley, Thomas Buckley of Byckenton, Thomas . . .¹ Richard Horton of Coole, Edward Brassy of Awldlem, John Cawton of Byrcher, Richard Meakin of Hatherton, William Davenport of Boughton, Thomas Handley of Boughton, Hugh Mascye of Egerley & Richard O . . .¹ gentlemen.

They say that long before his death, the said Rowland Dutton was seised in fee of the manors of Hatton by Waverton, Waverton next Hatton, Cholley, Bollesworth,

¹ MS. torn, no Court of Wards *Inq.*

Broxton, Great & Middle Aldersey & Crooke Aldersey, with the appurtenances & a mess., 10 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow & 6 a. of pasture in Pulford called Pulford Wood & of 2 mess., 16 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow & 8 a. of pasture in Tattenhall & of 1 mess., 40 a. of land, 8 a. of meadow, & 12 a. of pasture in Newton by Tattenhall & of a mess., 12 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 6 a. of pasture in Norburie by Merburie & of 12 a. of pasture in Norburie aforesaid & of a cottage, 8 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow & 6a. of pasture in Great Barrow & of 8 a. of land in Little Barrow & of 2 a. of meadow in Mylton, in the parish of Hanley; & of 1 mess., 10 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 8 a. pasture in Allostocke; & of 3 a. of land in Netherpever; & of 2 cottages in Alvandley; & of one mess., 20 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 8 a. of pasture in Elton by Ince.

So being seised, by Indenture of 20 January, 4-¹ Elizabeth at Hatton, the said Rowland, on the marriage of his son & heir apparent, Edward Dutton & Mary Calveley, daughter of Hugh Calveley, conveyed to Hugh Calveley of Lea, esq., Urian Leighe, knt., George Calveley, gent., & others, all the said manors, mess., lands, &c., in Waverton by Hatton, Broxton, Burwardesley, Chowley, Aldersey, Crooke Aldersey, Golborne Bellowe, Newton by Tattenhall, Hargreave, Barrow, Alvandley, Elton, Pulforde, Peever, Lostocke, Norburie, Tattenhall, Hargreave Stubbs & Foulkstapleford, excepting the lands, &c. in Chowley demised by Ralph Dutton, late father of said Rowland, to Hugh Higginson during the lives of said Hugh & Thomas & Henry Higginson & the lands in Waverton demised by said Ralph Dutton to Peter Raffeson by yearly rent of 36s., as by the said Ralph's deed of 14 June, 2 Elizabeth [1560] & other mess. & lands in Waverton demised by said Ralph to Richard Massy, sen. & jun. & Katherine daughter of Richard Massy, sen. at a yearly rent of 39s. as by his deed of 25 January, 37 Henry 8 [1545-6] &

¹Torn.

except the mess. & lands in Waverton & Hatton demised by said Ralph to Richard Massye, Richard, his son & Thomas Massye at a yearly rental of £3. 10s. 8*d* by deed of 20 November, 3 & 4 Philip & Mary [1556] that is to say, as to the capital mess. called Rushall Hall in Tattenhall & all thereunto belonging, & as to the several pastures in Tattenhall called the Gylbyron, the Rushall Croftes, the Rushall Wood, the plaine Rushall Wood, the Crofte adjoininge to the Stonerie Fields, Hankeyes or Hancockes Field, the Marled Field & the Sower Field & also as to the mess. in Crooke Aldersey & all thereunto belonging in the tenure of Katherine Pulford, widow, & as to the mess. Crook Aldersey & all thereunto belonging in the tenure of Agnes Dutton, widow & as to the mess. in Aldersey & all thereunto belonging in the tenure of John Battriche, & as to the mess. in Broxton & all thereunto belonging in the tenure of Peter Dodd, gent., & as to the mess. in Broxton in the tenures of John Manning & Peter Dodd & Thomas Smyth & the mess. in Chowley in the tenure of Richard Dodd & the mess. in Broxton in the tenures of John Callye & Peter Callye, to the use of the said Mary Calveley, for life, as jointure & after her death to the said Edward Dutton & his male issue by said Mary, with contingent remainders in default of such issue, to the said Rowland Dutton, in tail male, to Ralph Dutton, in tail male, to John Dutton of Dutton, esq. & his heirs for ever. The residue of the premises to the use of the said Rowland Dutton, for life, with contingent remainders to said Edward Dutton, & his male issue by said Mary, heirs male of said Rowland, of Ralph Dutton, father of Rowland, to John Dutton of Dutton & his heirs for ever. As to the Hall of Hatton, to the said trustees to raise portions for the said Rowland's younger sons & daughters; he bequeathed to his younger son, George Dutton 20 marks a year for life.

On 20 April, 43 Elizabeth [1601], the said Rowland Dutton levied a fine to the uses of the said Indenture &

afterwards the said Edward Dutton married the said Mary Calveley.

The said Rowland on 12 Mary, 1604, made his will, at Hatton, confirming the said indenture & bequeathing to each of his daughters, £400, "being six in number," & unmarried.

They say the manor of Hatton was held of the King, as of the late Priory of St. John of Jerusalem in England, by fealty & rent of 12*d.* a year, & worth yearly (clear), £20.

The manor of Waverton held of John Pygott, esq., in socage by the rent of a hawk or 12*d.* & worth yearly (clear), 20 marks.

The manor of Cholley held of William Brereton, knt., as of his manor of Malpas, service unknown to the jurors & worth yearly (clear), £7. 4*s.* 2*d.*

The manor of Bollesworthe held of Sir William Brereton, knt., as above & worth yearly (clear), 40*s.*

The manor of Broxton held of same, & worth yearly (clear), £14. 15*s.* 6*d.*

The manors of Great, Midle & Crooke Aldersey held of same & worth yearly (clear), £5. 0*s.* 8*d.*

The manors of Golborne Bellowe & Rushall held of Ralph Egerton of Ridley, esq., as of his manor of Tattenhall, by rent of 5*s.* & worth yearly (clear), 20 marks.

The tenements in Pulford held of the King, as of his Earldom of Chester by 30th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), 20*s.*

The tenements in Tattenhall held of Ralph Egerton aforesaid by rent of 4*s.* 2*d.* & worth yearly (clear), 20*s.* 4*d.*

Those in Newton held of Ralph Egerton aforesaid by rent of 2*s.* 6*d.* & worth yearly (clear), 41*s.* 2*d.*

Those in Norbury held of Robert Cholmondeley, knt., as of his manor of Norbury by fealty & suit of court once a year & worth yearly (clear), 17*s.*

Those in Great & Little Barrow held of Sir John Savage,

knt., in socage, as of his manor of Great Barrowe, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 16s. 8*d*.

Those in Mylton held of Thomas Marbury, esq. as next of kin & heir of William Boydell, knt., as of his manor of Doddleston, service unknown & worth yearly (clear), 6s. 1*d*.

Those in Allostocke held of Sir Thomas Holcrofte, knt., as of his manor of Weverham, late parcel of the possessions of the Monastery of Vale Royal, in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 14s. 6*d*.

Those in Peever held of the King as of his Barony of Halton by rooth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), 2s. 8*d*.

Those in Alvandley held of the King as of the late Priory of St. John of Jerusalem, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear), 4s.

Those in Elton held in like manner & rent of 12*d*. & worth yearly (clear), 18s.

They say he died 8 February last past & Edward Dutton is his son & next heir & now aged 25 years & more; Mary, wife of said Edward, survives as do George, younger son of Rowland, as do his daughters, Anne, Elizabeth Jane, Mary, Eleanor & Sarah & the said Elizabeth was married to Francis Berkeley, esq. before her father's death.

THOMAS DUTTON of Dutton, esq.

(File 90. No. 17).¹

Inquisition taken at Northwych, 6 March, 12 James I [1614-15], before . . . & bart., Peter Leigh, knt., Edward Fitton, esq., Henry Maynwaringe, esq., escheator in co. Chester, Ralph Wilbraham, esq., feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Thomas Dutton, late of Dutton, esq., deceased, by the oath of George Holford of Newbrooke, esq., John Bruen, of S . . . , Ralph Litler of Wallerscott, Hugh Crosbye of

¹ MS. torn, no Court of Wards *Inq*.

Over Whitley, Edmond Mouldsworth of Wyncham, John Allen of Nether Whitley, Randall Farrar of Acton, James Roe of the same . . . Julius Wynyngton of Birches, Thomas Whitley of Whitley, Edward Harper of High Leigh, William Morrice of Groppenall, Richard Heath of Weston, John Hatton of Lachford, Richard Gamull of . . . , Philip Downes of Toft, Edmund Houlle of Ollerton, William Massye of Thelwall, John Middlehurst of Lachford & Robert Pearson of the same, gentlemen, jurors.

They say that long before his death, the said Thomas Dutton was seised in fee of the manors of Dutton, Leighe by Dutton, Barterton, Preston on the Hill, Acton, Weston by Runcorne, Littleton *alias* . . . Stoke & Nesse, with the appurtenances & of 1000 mess., 8 saltworks, 6 mills, 3 dovecotes, 1000 gardens, 10000 a. of land, 4000 a. of meadow, 10000 a. of pasture, 3000 a. of wood, 3000 a. of moor, 2000 a. of furze heath, 2000 a. of turbary, 1000 a. of land covered with water & £30 rent, with the appurtenances in Dutton, Leighe by Dutton, Barterton, Preston on the Hill, Acton, Weston by Runcorne, Littleton *alias* Little Christleton, Happesford, Claverton, Arrowe, Stoke, Nesse, Waverton by Hatton, Picton, Stonie Dunham, Hellesbie, Aston, Clifton, More, Middlewych, Northwych, Awnston [Onston] & Great Barrowe & of the advowsons of the Chapel of Poolesley & Vicarage of Stoke & of "advocaria Histrionum" in co. Chester & of the free fishery in the waters of Dee, Mersey & Weever in the said county.

So being seised, by Indenture made 7 January, 8 James I [1610-11] between Thomas, Lord Gerrard of Gerrards Bromley, co. Stafford, of the 1st part, the said Thomas Dutton, esq. of the 2d. part & Peter Leigh of Lyme, knt., & George Bouth of Dunham Massie, then knt., now bart., Ralph Ashton of Lever, esq. & James Anderton of Lostock, co. Lancs., esq. & also by fine at Chester 1 April, same year, the said premises were settled on said Thomas Dutton

esq. in tail male, with contingent remainders to Eleanor, wife of Gilbert Gerrard, K.B., son & heir apparent of Thomas Lord Gerrard, in tail male, to said Thomas Dutton & his heirs.

By Indenture made 14 November, 12 James I [1614] between said Thomas Dutton, of the one part & Sir George Bouth of Dunham Massye, knt. & bart. of the other, the said Thomas demised to Sir George Bouth the mess. & lands in Handbridge, Christleton, Littleton *alias* Little Christleton, Claverton & Waverton by Hatton, for 100 years at a peppercorn rent, the said Thomas Dutton to enjoy the profits & issues of the said premises for life, with remainder as he should appoint in his will, Sir George paying Mathew Browne, gent., servant of said Thomas £10 a year after Thomas Dutton's death & to his servant, John Thomason 40 marks a year during the life of said John, Alice his wife & Thomas, their son & the longest of them & permitting Thomasyn, wife of the said Thomas Dutton to enjoy the residue of the profits for life & after her death Dame Eleanor Gerrard, now wife of Sir Gilbert, sole daughter & heir apparent of said Thomas; the same to be void on payment by said Thomas of 5s. to Sir George.

They say that Thomasine, late the wife of said Thomas, survives & dwells at Dutton, & is not, nor at the time of said Thomas' death was, *enceinte*.

They say the manor of Dutton & the premises & advowson of the chapel there are held of Thomas Holcroft, knt., as of his manor of Weverham, in socage, by rent of 2s. a year & is worth yearly (clear), £40.

The manor of Preston held of Sir Thomas Savage, knt., as of his manor of Frodesham, in socage & by rent of 8s. a year & worth yearly (clear), £24. 12s.

The manor of Weston & 8 a. of land in Clifton held of the King as of his manor of Halton, service unknown, worth yearly (clear), £22.

4 pts. of 7 parts of the manor of Arrowe held of the

King in chief by 40th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), 40s.

The manor of Acton held of Sir Thomas Holcroft, knt., as of his manor of Weverham by 20th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), £14. 18s.

The premises in Stoke held of the King in chief by 30th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), £6.

Those in Northwych held of the King, in socage, worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4d.

Those in Middlewych, tenure unknown, worth yearly (clear), 6s.

Those in More held of the King as of his manor of Halton in socage & worth yearly (clear), 20d.

6s. rent from lands of Lawrence Starkye, tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear), 6s.

The "advocaria histrionum" in co. Chester & the county of the city of Chester held of the King in chief by 40th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 8d.

The manors of Nesse & Barterton held of the King as Earl of Chester, by 20th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), £45. 5s.

The manor of Leigh held of William, Earl of Derby, as of his manor of Hawarden, in socage, by fealty, & rent of 26s. 8d. a year & worth yearly (clear), £25. 18s.

The premises in Aunston [Onston] held of the King as Earl of Chester, by 40th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), £4.

The manor of Happesford & premises in Stonie Dunham held of the Earl of Arundel by 40th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), £21.

The premises in Waverton held of the heirs of John Pigott, by service of a hawk or 12d. a year & worth yearly (clear), 40s.

The manor of Littleton or Little Christleton & premises there held by socage & fealty only, of whom not known to the jurors & worth yearly (clear), 5s.

The land in Claverton held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in chief, by 30th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear), £8.

The premises in Picton, Hellesby & Aston, tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear), 20s.

The free fishery in the waters of the Dee, Mersey & Weever, tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear), 3s. 4*d*

The advowsons of Poolesey Chapel & Vicarage, tenure unknown & worth yearly 12*d*.

They say the said Thomas Dutton died 28 December last past, without male issue & Dame Eleanor Gerrard, wife of Sir Gilbert Gerrard, K.B., is his daughter & next heir & is now aged 18 years & more.

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