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INTRODUCTION.

This volume is a second instalment, covering surnames E to O, of abstracts of the Cheshire Inquisitions *post mortem* during "the Stuart Period." The first portion, covering surnames A to D, with Indexes, and an Introduction to which readers are referred, was issued in 1934 as volume 84 of the Society's publications.

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STUART PERIOD

1603—1660.

VOL. II.

E.—O.

JOHN EATON GENT.

(Chester 3. File 92. No. 6.)

INQUISITION taken at Middlewich, 3 October, 15 James I [1617] before Hugh Maynwaring esq., deputy escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of John Eaton, gentleman, by the oath of Julius Wynnyngton of Birches, Humfrey Page of Yardshawe, James Grantham of Hartford, James Trevett of Sproston, Thomas Woodcocke of Churcheholme, Thomas Barneshawe of Goostrie, John Kinsey of Wimbaldesley, William Austen of Stanthorne, John Ravenscroft of Occleston, Arthur Joynson of Wareton, John Blease of Shippbrooke, Thomas Neelde of Shurlach, James Bradshawe of Allostock & John Greene of Mynshulvernon, gentlemen.

They say that the said John Eaton was seised in fee of a mess., 2 a. of land, 1 a. of meadow, 3 a. of pasture in Great Budworth; & of 7 mess., a cottage, 30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture & 4 a. of wood in Comberbach; & of a mess., 3 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 4 a. of pasture in Over Walton.

So being seised, by indenture bearing date 1 September, 3 James I [1605] made between the said John Eaton & George Rutter of Kingsley, on the marriage of Richard Eaton, son & heir apparent of the said John, with Elizabeth, one of the daughters of the said George, on payment of £140 to said John, the said premises were conveyed to Thomas Rutter of Clotton & John Nuttall of Cattenhall to the use of the said John for life, with contingent remainders after his death to the said Richard Eaton & his male issue by the said Elizabeth & the male issue of Richard.

The said premises in Budworth & Comberbach are held of the King, in chief, by 40th part of a knight's fee & rent of 7s. 11d. a year & are worth yearly (clear) £3 11s. 10d.

Those in Over Walton held of John Daniell, of Derresbury, by what service the jurors know not & worth yearly (clear) 8s. 8d.

The said John Eaton died 4 July, 14 James I [1616] & John Eaton is his next of kin & heir, being son of Richard, son of said John, Richard having died in his father's lifetime, & the said John is now aged 4 years, 11 months, 27 days. Jane Eaton, wife of the said John, deceased, survives.

Richard Perceyvall has taken the issues & profits since the death of the said John.

SIR JOHN EGERTON KT.

(File 98. No. 7.)¹

Inquisition taken in the Common Hall of Pleas, Chester Castle, 8 September, 21 James I [1623] before Sir Rowland Cotton kt., Hugh Manwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, Peter Danyell esq., feodary there, & Edward Whitbye esq., by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of Sir John Egerton knt., by the

¹ From Court of Wards Inq. p.m. 65/91, as clearer than the Inq. 98/7.

oath of Edward Tannat of Broxton, Thomas Calcot of Calcot, George Maynwaringe of Calveley, John Edwards of Cheveley, Thomas Ball of Boughton, John Aldersey of Agdon, Richard Bird of Broxton, William Rosangreave of Warton, William Burgeine of Pulford, Peter Hall of Norley, George Langford of Tranmore, Robert Gill of Brombrough, William Ball of Irbye, Thomas Halwood of Sutton, John Younge of Gresbie, John Doe of Saughall & Robert Leonard of Irbie, gentlemen.

They say that long before his death the said Sir John Egerton knt. was seised in fee of the manors & lordships of Egerton, Hampton, Bickerton, Wichaugh, Bradley & Oulton & of 40 mess., 6 tofts, 40 gardens, 2 watermills, 400 a. of land, 200 a. of meadow, 300 a. of pasture, 30 a. of wood, 20 a. of moor, 60 a. of furze & heath, 40 a. of turbary, & 20s. rent in Egerton, Oulton, Bickerton, Hampton, Malpas, Agdon, Bradley, Droytwich, Chidlowe, Tilston, Kelsall, Poole, Budworth, Heatley, Calvely, Rushton, Wichaugh & Neitherwich, of a mess. in the city of Chester in the tenure of William Richardson & of 6 mess., 10 gardens, 100 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood, 100 a. of moor, 40 a. of heath, 30 a. of turbary & 2s. 8d. rent in Budworth in the Frith, Kelsall & Rushton, late bought of John Wittar; & also of a cottage in Tarperley, in the tenure of Richard Garratt, & a close there called Bowmans, now divided in divers parts, in the tenure of the said Garratt, & of another close there called Ravenfield *alias* Ranefield in the tenure of Ralph Bostocke; & of a mess., 2 gardens, an orchard, 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 6 a. of wood & 10 a. of furze & heath & 6 a. of moor in Rushton, late bought of Thomas Maddocke; & of 5 other mess., 30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 12 a. of furze & heath & 3 a. of wood in Rushton, late bought of John Done esq., deceased, & before parcel of the possessions of Richard Stoneley & Elizabeth, his

wife ; & of a mess., 2 cottages, 3 gardens, 2 orchards, 30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture, 5 a. of wood & 6 a. of furze & heath in Eaton & Rushton bought of Robert Weilde ; & of a mess. in Rushton & Eaton with 2 closes of land there & a close called Twisses Field bought of John Done ; & of 14 mess., 3 tofts, 7 cottages, a water grain mill, 21 gardens, an orchard, 200 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 40 a. of wood, & £4 13s. 4d. rent in Eyton *alias* Eaton & Rushton & the moiety of the manor of Eyton *alias* Eaton & Rushton & 16 a. of land, 40 a. of pasture & 60 a. of furze & heath there, bought of William Yardley & Margery, his wife ; of a mess. & lands in Moreton in Wirrall, parish of Bidston, called Wade's Tenement, late in the tenure of Robert Wade, deceased ; of another mess. there called Hille's Tenement in the tenure of Widow Hill ; of the manor of Kirkbye Walley *alias* Wallezie & of 3 mess., 2 tofts, 3 gardens, 500 a. of land, 200 a. of meadow, 1000 a. of pasture, 40 a. of furze & heath, 100 a. of moss & turbary & £4 rent there, late parcel of the possessions of William Earl of Derby. And of a mess. & land in Skivioake, co. Flint, called Gellifowlant, in the tenure of Thomas ap Thomas, bought of Peter Mostyn esq. deceased ; & of a close in Gwesper, co. Flint, called Glannaviant & a field called Gwergloth Ywerne in Gwesper in the tenure of William Thomas Gryffith & of 2 parcels of land in Maisgwesper, co. Flint, bought of John ap Parrye, a parcel of meadow called Gwergloth Ywerne in Gwesper in the tenure of John ap William, & of a close of land now in the tenure of Widow Griffith ap John there ; & of 3 parcels of land in Axton yssa, co. Flint, in the tenure of the said widow ; & of a parcel of land called Gwergloth Dunley in Gronnant & 2 parcels of meadow called Gwergloth in Gwesper in Gronant bought of Widow Evanes ; & of 2 a. of land there in the tenure of Hugh John ap Lewis ; & of a mess. in Gwesper in that of John ap

William. He was also seised of the manor of Hollywell, co. Flint & of a capital mess. in Onnelly, co. Stafford, in the tenure of Randall Malpas & of closes of land thereunto belonging called the Wood Close, the Wood Croft, the Clay Butts, Malpasses Meadow, the Lees, the New Croft, the Hollin Flatt, the Little Broad Ridding, the Chappell Croft, Lees Pooles, the Royall meadow, & certain butts of land in Onneley being "nyne dayes work" belonging to the said mess.; also of another mess. in Onneley, co. Staff., in the tenure of William Babone & certain closes of land thereunto belonging called the Barriloefflatte, Adams Wall, les Lees, the Loyalles Knowle, les Pooles & 4 closes called the New Leasomes, closes of meadow called the Pooles Meadow, the Dole of Meadow, the Barrell Meadow there & of butts of land in Onneley being "nine day worke" thereunto belonging; also of a close in Onneley in the tenure of John Widdowes called the Newe Lounde & of 2 closes in Onneley called the Carters Yard & the Pitte Croft in the tenure of widow Huett; of a close there in the tenure of Robert Blore & a croft there called Chappel Croft in the tenure of John Malabie & of a croft in Gravenhanger, co. Salop, in the tenure of widow Huett & "one dayes work" of land there on Shelton Hill in the tenure of the said widow; & of the rectory & tithes within the vill of Chedelton, co. Staff.; & of a garden & 2 houses built thereon in the parish of St. Giles without Cripplegate, London, co. Middx., in the tenure of Edward Egerton esq.; also of the manors of Wrynehill *alias* Wryneford, Haywood Barnes & Newbold Astbury, co. Chester, & of 60 mess., 3 mills, 60 gardens, 1000 a. of land, 500 a. of meadow, 1000 a. of pasture, 400 a. of wood, 500 a. of heath, 1000 a. of moor, 1000 a. of turbarry & £10 rent in Wrynehill, Haywood Barnes, Newbold Astbury & Checkley & also of the manors of Wrynehill *alias* Wryneford, Chedelton *alias* Chedeltonford & Bortorton, co. Staff.

& of 200 mess., 60 cottages, 50 tofts, 4 mills, 4 dovecotes, 200 gardens, 200 orchards, 2000 a. of land, 500 a. of meadow, 2000 a. of pasture, 500 a. of wood, 2000 a. of furze & heath, 500 a. of moor, 500 a. of marsh & £6 rent in Wrynehill, Chedulton Ford, Botorton, Uncote, Great & Little Rownall, Bettley Meyre, Rannshall & Bradnox, co. Staff.

So being seised, by indenture of 1 December, 6 James I [1608] made between the said Sir John Egerton of Egerton knt., of one part, & Lady Jane Sybil Gray, widow, late the wife of Arthur Lord Gray of Wilton, deceased, Edward Lord Zouch St. Maur & Cantelupe & Edward Lord Denny of Waltham of the other, in consideration of a marriage, afterwards solemnised, between Rowland Egerton, now kt. & bart., son & heir apparent of the said Sir John & Bridget Gray, daughter of the said Lady Jane Sybil & of £3000 paid to the said Sir John by the said Lady Jane Sybil, the said manor of Egerton in the parish of Malpas with all thereunto belonging, & all the said Sir John's lands, &c., in Bickerton & Malpas & the manor of Bickerton & the premises there, the manor house, land called Oulton, the manor of Rushton & Eaton & all the lands, &c., thereunto belonging, the manors or lordships of Wrynehill *alias* Wryneford & Haywood Barnes & all lands, &c., thereunto belonging, & in Oulton, Rushton, Eaton, Wrynehill & Haywood Barnes, in cos. Staff. & Chester were settled on the said Rowland Egerton, for life, with contingent remainders, after his death, to the said Bridget, as dower, & after her death to the male issue of the said Rowland & Bridget, in default of such issue, to Thomas Denton, of Billisdem, co. Bucks., kt., Thomas Smyth of Hatherton, co. Chester, kt., & Peter Warburton of Arley, esq., to the use of the said Sir John, in tail male, paying the daughters of Rowland & Bridget £500 yearly until the sum of £4000 be raised. The residue of the premises to

the use of the said Sir John, with contingent remainders, after his death, to the said Rowland & his male issue by the said Bridget, in tail male, & to right heirs of the said Sir John.

The marriage of the said Rowland & Bridget took place at Biddlesden, co. Bucks., 10 December, 6 James I [1608] & afterwards on 18 September, 7 James I [1609] at Chester, a fine was levied between the said Lady Zouch & Lord Denny, plaintiffs, & the said Sir John, deforciant, to the uses of the aforesaid indenture.

On 26 April, 12 James I [1614] the said Sir John made his will, bequeathing to his wife, Dame Anne, her jewels, goods, &c., & the house & garden in St. Giles without Cripplegate, London, & after her death, to his cousin, Edward Egerton esq., whom he made executor; he also bequeathed to his wife, Dame Anne, £3000 & to the said Edward all his manors, lands, &c., in cos. Staff., Flint & Chester, he paying testator's son, Rowland, £300 a year.

Sir John Egerton died 28 April, 12 James I [1614], & Rowland Egerton, now kt. & bart., is his son & heir & at the time of his father's death was aged 31 years & more.

They say the premises in Kelsall are held of Sir John Done by fealty & rent of a peppercorn & worth yearly (clear) 50s.

Those in Poole held of Sir Richard Wilbraham kt. & bart., by fealty & suit of court, in common & free socage & worth yearly (clear) 12s.

Those in Calveley held of the King as of the Priory of St. John of Jerusalem in England by fealty & yearly rent of 9*d.*, in free & common socage & worth yearly (clear) 30s.

The tenement in Chester held of Prince Charles as Earl of Chester, in burgage & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

The premises in Budworth in the Frith held of the Earl of Shrewsbury in free socage & by rent of 1*d.*, or a pair of white gloves, & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Those in Tarperley, tenure unknown, worth yearly (clear) 12*d.*

The manor of Kirkby Walley & premises in Wallezey, tenure unknown, worth yearly (clear) 12*d.*

The premises in Moreton in Wyrall held of William, Earl of Derby, service unknown & worth yearly (clear) 2*s.*

Those in Tilston held of Sir William Brereton kt., as of the barony of Malpas, in free & common socage & yearly rent of 1*d.* & worth yearly (clear) 12*d.*

Those called Gellyfowland, in co. Flint, held of the Prince as Earl of Chester, in socage & worth yearly (clear) 5*s.*

Those in Gronant, tenure unknown, & worth yearly (clear) 12*d.*

Those in Picton & Gwesper, tenure unknown, & worth yearly (clear) 12*d.*

Those in Hollywell, co. Flint, held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, by fealty only, in free & common socage & worth yearly (clear) 12*d.*

Those in Onneley & Gravenhunger, cos. Staff. & Shropshire, tenure unknown, & worth yearly (clear) 6*s.* 8*d.*

The rectory & tithes in Chedleton, tenure unknown, & worth yearly (clear) 20*s.*

The premises in co. Middlesex, tenure unknown, worth yearly (clear) 5*s.*

The manor of Wrynehill, cos. Chester & Staff., & premises there, tenure unknown, those in co. Staff. worth yearly (clear) £7 13*s.* 4*d.*

The manor of Newbold Astbury & premises there held of Peter Venables, as of his barony of Kinderton by knight service & rent of 2*s.* 1*d.* a year & worth yearly (clear) £27.

The premises in Checkley held of said Peter, by knight service & worth yearly (clear) 40*s.*

The manor of Chedelton & premises there & in Ford,

Rownall, Uncote & Bradnoxe, tenure unknown, & worth yearly (clear) £42 12s.

The manor of Betterton & premises there & in Betley & Raunson, tenure unknown, & worth yearly (clear) 9s.

The premises in Chidlowe in Malpas parish held of Sir George Maynwaring kt., in socage & by yearly rent of 15*d.* & worth yearly (clear) £3 13s. 4*d.*

The manor of Hampton & premises there in Malpas parish held of the Barons of Malpas in socage & worth yearly (clear) £6.

The premises in Bradley held of Sir William Brereton kt., in socage & worth yearly (clear) £3 19s. 6*d.*

Those in Malpas, parish of Malpas, held of William Brereton in socage & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The manor of Oulton & premises there held of the Earl of Shrewsbury, by fealty only & rent of 1*d.* or a pair of white gloves yearly & worth yearly (clear) £7.

The manor of Rushton & Eaton & premises there held of Prince Charles, as of the Earl of Chester, by half a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £26 6s. 8*d.*

That of Haywood Barnes & premises there held of the King in chief by knight service & worth yearly (clear) £5.

The residue of Wrynehill Manor in co. Chester & premises there worth yearly (clear) £6.

The manor of Bickerton & premises in Agdon, Bickerton, Wichaulgh & Netherwych *alias* Droytwich held of the Barons of Malpas in socage & the manor of Egerton & premises there held of Prince Charles, as Earl of Chester, by fourth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £34 13s. 4*d.*

On 17 June, 17 James I [1619] a decree & order was made in Chancery between the said Rowland Egerton & Bridget, his wife, plaintiffs & the said Edward Egerton, concerning the lands, &c. bequeathed in the said John's will.

RALPH EGERTON ESQ. OF RIDLEY.

(File 95. No. 5.)¹

Inquisition taken at the Common Hall of Pleas, Chester, 3 October, 18 James I [1620] before Thomas Brereton kt., Richard Grosvenor kt. & Hugh Maynwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the Prince's commission, to enquire after the death of Ralph Egerton esq., by the oath of Edward Tannott of Broxton, John Tilston of Huxley, William Davenport of Boughton, Thomas Ball of same, Thomas Richardson of Innce, John Edwardes of Cheaveley, Robert Hinton of Rushton, John Asbrooke of Tattenhall, Thomas Heathe of Egerton, Ralph Astley of Golborne Bellowe, Francis Hawarden of Boughton, John Aldersey of Agdon, John Dawson of Tushingham, William Rosengreave of Hargreave, Richard Ackeson of Chorelton, David Eddowes of the same, Henry Phillips of Christleton & Richard Moyle of Shocklach, gentlemen.

They say the said Ralph was seised in fee tail, to him & the heirs male of his body with reversion to the King of the manor of Ridley, the same worth yearly (clear) £20; of the manor of Choreley & of 5 mess., a cottage, 200 a. of land in Choreley, worth yearly (clear) £6; of 4 mess. & 20 a. of land & a windmill in Bickerton, worth yearly (clear) 40s.; of 2 mess., 20 a. of land in Rowton *alias* Roughe Christleton, worth yearly (clear) 21s. 8d., & of 3 burgages & 10 a. of land in Frodsham, worth yearly (clear) 8s.; & of a mess., a windmill & 40 a. of land in Farndon *alias* Farneton, worth yearly (clear) 53s. 4d.; of a mess. & saltwork in Northwych, worth yearly (clear) 40s.; of a mess. & 30 a. of land in Waverton by Middlewich, worth yearly (clear) 36s. 10d.; of a mess. & 40 a. of land in Upton by Bach, worth yearly (clear) 26s. 8d.

So being seised, & the King seised of the reversion, by letters patent bearing date 7 July, 16 James I [1618]

¹ In bad condition: taken from Court of Wards Inq. p.m. 65/89.

the King granted the reversion of the same, among other things, to Henry Kent & John Povall, citizens of London, who, by indenture of 8 July, 16 James I [1618] sold the said reversion to Sir Richard Egerton kt., son & heir apparent of the said Ralph.

So being seised, a fine was levied in the Common Hall of Pleas, Chester, 21 September, 16 James I [1618] between Sir Richard Wilbraham kt. & Sir John Done kt., plaintiffs & the said Ralph Egerton & his son Sir Richard Egerton kt., deforciant, settling the said premises to the use of the said Ralph, for life, with remainder to the said Sir Richard; the said premises held of the King, as of his crown of England, by fealty only.

They say the said Ralph was seised in fee of a mess. & 20 a. of land in Houghton, a mess. & 12 a. of land in Egerton, a mess. & 10 a. in Christleton, an acre of pasture in Peckfordton, 40 a. of land in Bulkeley, 4 a. of land in Cholmeley; 8 a. of land in Odderode; 6 a. of land in Bostocke; a burgage & saltwork of 12 leads in Nantwich; 3 water grain mills in Nantwich *alias* Nanptwyh; the water of the Weever in Namptwyh & of the banks thereof with watercourse & weir there for the said mill; a piece of land called the Mill Eyes adjoining the mill & water & the suit of all the inhabitants of Namptwyh & their multure of corn at the said mill.

So being seised, a fine was levied in the Common Hall of Pleas, Chester, 21 September, 43 Elizabeth [1601] between Sir Urian Leigh kt., Thomas Ravenscroft esq., Richard Wilbraham gent., son & heir apparent of Thomas Wilbraham esq. & John Done esq., plaintiffs & said Ralph & Richard Egerton, deforciant, settling the said mills & all thereunto belonging, water, watercourse, &c., to the use of the said Ralph for life, with contingent remainders to Elizabeth, his wife, as jointure, for her life, to said Richard, in tail male, to Ralph Egerton, younger son of said Ralph, in tail male, to Thomas Egerton,

another younger son of Ralph, in tail male, to the right heirs of the said Ralph for ever. The said Ralph died thereof seised & Elizabeth survived him & dwells at Ridley; the said mills, &c. worth yearly (clear) £6; the third part thereof held of the King as of his crown of England, by fealty & yearly rent of 13s. 4d. & the other two parts held of the Prince as Earl of Chester, in chief, by knight service. The premises in Haughton, &c. to the use of the said Ralph, with contingent remainders to said Richard in tail male [&c. as before]. The premises in Haughton held of Sir William Brereton kt., as of his purparty of the barony of Malpas, by fealty only, worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4d.; those in Calveley held of Arthur Davenport esq., as of his manor of Calveley, in socage & worth yearly (clear) 12s. 4d.; those in Burwardsley held of Peter Egerton esq., as of his manor of Tattenhall, by knight service & worth yearly (clear) 7s. 4d.; those in Egerton held of Sir Rowland Egerton kt. & bart., as of his manor of Egerton, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 31s.; those in Christleton, tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear) 12d.; those in Bulkeley held of Sir William Brereton kt., as of the purparty of his barony of Malpas, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 40s.; those in Cholmondeley held of Sir Robert Cholmondeley bart., as of his manor of Cholmondeley in socage, by fealty & rent of 3s. a year & worth yearly (clear) 2s. 6d.; those in Oddroade held of Randall Rode esq., as of his manor of Oddroade, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 8s.; those in Bostocke held of Sir Thomas Savage kt. & bart., as of his manor of Bostocke, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 2s.; the burgage & saltwork in Namptwich held of the said Sir Robert Cholmondeley, as of his barony of Namptwich, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) £3.

He was also seised in fee of the advowson of Astbury Church & died seised thereof, the same held of the King,

as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, in free & common socage.

He was also seised, in tail male, of a mess. in the city of Chester, worth yearly (clear) 3s. 4*d.*, with reversion to the King, who by letters patent of 7 July, 16 James I [1618] granted the same, with other things, to Henry Kent & John Povall, & they by indenture of 8 July, 16 James I [1618] sold the same to Sir Richard Egerton kt. aforesaid & his heirs for ever.

He was also seised of 12 mess. or burgages & 30 a. of land in Leonum *alias* Holte, co. Denbigh, late bought of Edward Johnes esq., now deceased, & of 2 a. of land in Iscoyde & a mess. & 30 a. of land in Holte, bought of William Woodhall gent., now deceased, & of a burgage & barn there bought of Thomas Prestland gent., now deceased, & of 40 a. of land in Allington *alias* Trevalen, all in co. Denbigh, & so being seised a fine was levied in Wrixam, co. Denbigh, 5 October, 43 Elizabeth [1601] between Urian Leigh & the others [before named] & the said Ralph & Richard Egerton, settling the same to the use of the said Ralph for life, with contingent remainders to the said Sir Richard Egerton, in tail male, & his brothers [as before.] The premises in Holt bought of Edward Johnes, & those in Iscoyd held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, in free & common socage & not in chief & worth yearly (clear) 30s.; those in Holt bought of William Woodhall & Thomas Prestland held of the Prince, as of his lordship of Bromfeild, co. Denbigh, in socage, by fealty & rent of 26s. 8*d.* a year & worth yearly (clear) 25s. 8*d.*; those in Allington held of the Prince of said lordship by 8th part of a knight's fee & 28s. rent a year & worth yearly (clear) 16s. 8*d.*

They say the said Ralph died 17 November last past & Sir Richard Egerton kt. is his son & heir & is now aged 44 years & more.

SIR RICHARD EGERTON KT.

(File 100. No. 11.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewyche 28 September, 5 Charles I [1629] before Roger Wilbraham esq., Hugh Maynwaryng, escheator in co. Chester, & Thomas Browne esq., feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission, to enquire after the death of Sir Richard Egerton kt., by the oath of Humfrey Page of Yearshawe, Hugh Ameson of Cranage, John Aldersay of Agdon, Richard Edge of Tattenhall, William Tomlynson of Wareton, Thomas Burrowes of Clyve, Hugh Venables of Wimbaldesley, George Bradforde of Shipbrooke, Andrew Burton of Over, Richard Whittingham, Robert Whittingham, Richard Maddock & Thomas Barker of the same, John Wynnyngton of Leftwiche, Ralph¹ . . . of Shipbrooke, Arthur Jeynson of Wareton & Robert Hynton of Ridley, gentlemen.

They say that the said Sir Richard was seised in fee of the manors of Rydley & Chorley & of 5 mess., a cottage & 200 a. of land, meadow & pasture in Chorley ; & of 4 mess., 20 a. of land & a windmill in Bickerton ; & of 2 mess., 20 a. of land in Rowton *alias* Rough Christleton ; & of a mess. & windmill & 40 a. of land in Farnedon ; & of a mess. & a saltwork in Northwyche ; & of a mess. & 20 a. of land in Haughton ; & of a mess., a cottage, 4 a. of land, 2 a. of wood in Burwardesley ; & of a mess. & 40 a. of land in Egerton ; & of a mess. & 10 a. of land in Christleton ; & of an acre of pasture in Peckfordton ; & of 40 a. of land in Bulkeley ; & of 4 a. of land in Cholmondeley ; & of 8 a. of land in Odderode ; & of a burgage & a saltwork of 12 leads in Nantwich ; & of the reversion of 4 water corn mills in Nantwich, & of the water of the Weever in Nantwich & the banks of the same, together with the watercourse & weirs for the said mills ; & of a piece of land called the Mill Eyes adjoining the mills & water & of the suit of all the inhabitants of the vill of

¹ Illegible : no Court of Wards Inq. p.m.

Namptwyche & the multure of their corn at the said mills, after the death of Elizabeth, late the wife of Ralph Egerton esq., deceased, father of said Sir Richard, the said Elizabeth still surviving at Arley ; also he was seised in fee of the advowson of the church of Astbury.

So being seised, by fine levied in the Common Hall of Pleas, Chester, 24 April, 18 James I [1620] between Sir Thomas Brereton kt., Thomas Peshall, Thomas Leigh, William Brereton esqs. & Robert Dokenfeild, gent., plaintiffs, & the said Sir Richard, deforciant [fine recited], the said premises & views of frankpledge in Rydley, Peckfordton, Haughton, Bickerton & Broxon & in Shocklache Oviat, Shocklache, Horton, Chorlton, Cuddington *alias* Kyddington, Wigland & Calcott *alias* Caldecott were conveyed to the said plaintiffs for £1000 of silver.

The said manors of Ridley & Chorley & the premises there & in Bickerton, Rowton, Farnedon & Northwyche are held of the King, as of his crown of England, by fealty only & are worth yearly (clear) £34 4s.

The premises in Haughton held of William Lord Brereton, Baron of Laghlyn, co. Catherloe [Carlow], Ireland, as of his purparty of the barony of Malpas, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4d.

Those in Burwardsley held of Peter Egerton esq., as of his manor of Tattenhall, by knight service & worth yearly (clear) 7s. 4d.

Those in Egerton held of Sir Roland Egerton kt. & bart., as of his manor of Egerton, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 31s.

Those in Christleton, tenure unknown to the jurors, & worth yearly (clear) 4s.

Those in Peckfordton held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by knight service & worth yearly (clear) 12d.

Those in Bulkeley held of William Lord Brereton, as of his purparty of the barony of Malpas, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Those in Cholemondeley held of Robert Viscount Cholemondeley, as of his manor of Cholemondeley, by fealty & rent of 3s. yearly & worth yearly (clear) 2s. 6d.

Those in Oddrode held of Randall Rode esq., as of his manor of Oddrode, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 8s.

The burgage & saltwork in Namptwich held of the said Viscount Cholemondeley, as of his barony of Namptwich, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) £3.

The mills, water & all thereunto belonging worth yearly (clear) £6 & a third part, in three divided, held of the King as of his crown of England & yearly rent of 13s. 4d. & the other two parts of the King, as of his Earldom of Chester, by knight service.

The advowson of Astbury Church held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, in free & common socage.

They say he was also seised in fee of a mess. in the city of Chester & died seised thereof & the same held of the King as of his crown of England by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 3s. 4d.

He was also seised of 11 mess. or burgages & 20 a. of land in "villa Leonum" *alias* Houlte in co. Denbigh, late bought of Edward Jones esq., now deceased, & of 30 a. of meadow & pasture there bought of William Woodhall, gent., now deceased, & of a burgage & barn there bought of Thomas Prestland gent., now deceased; & of 40 a. of land in Allington *alias* Trevallyn, co. Denbigh. So being seised a fine was levied at the grand Sessions at Denbigh, 17 July, 18 James I [1620] between the said Sir Thomas Brereton & the others [before named], plaintiffs, & the said Sir Richard, deforciant, & the said premises were conveyed to the plaintiffs for £100 sterling.

The premises bought of Jones are held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, in free & common socage & worth yearly (clear) 25s. Those bought of Thomas Prestland held of the King as of his

lordship of Bromfield, co. Denbigh, in socage, by fealty & yearly rent of 13s. 4d. & worth yearly (clear) 14s. Those in Alington held of the King as of his said lordship by 8th part of a knight's fee & 28s. yearly rent & worth yearly (clear) 16s. 8d.

They say he was also seised in fee of the reversion of the manor of Dulverne *alias* Dilhorne, co. Staff., 8 mess., 3 cottages, 500 a. of pasture, 400 a. of wood, 200 a. of moor & waste, the moiety of a water grain mill in Dulverne *alias* Dilhorne & Fossebrooke, co. Staff., & of the reversion of ¹ . . . mess., a cottage & 60 a. of land in Fulforde, co. Staff., & 3 a. of pasture in Chedull, co. Staff., after the death of his said mother, Elizabeth.

He has also seised of the manor of Beffcotte & 200 a. of land there, 2 a. of meadow in Cowley, co. Staff., & by fine levied at Westminster, Easter Quinzaine, 18 James I [1620] between the aforesaid parties all the premises were conveyed to the plaintiffs for £1000 sterling.

The said manor of Dulverne & lands there & in Fossebrooke held of the King as of his crown of England, in chief, by service of one knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £14 5s. Those in Fulforde held of Walter Gifforde esq., as of his manor of Fulforde, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 28s. 5½d. Those in Chedull, tenure unknown to jurors & worth yearly (clear) 2s. The manor of Beffcote & premises there held of the heirs of Fulk late Lord Brooke, deceased, as of his manor of Penckrich, co. Staff., in socage & by yearly rent of 10s. 6d. & worth yearly (clear) £6; those in Cowley held of Richard Knightley esq., as of his manor of Cowley, co. Staff., in socage & by yearly rent of 6d.

They say he was also seised of 20 a. of land in Whicksall, co. Salop, and died thereof seised & the same held of Arthur Sondforde esq., as of his manor of Whicksall, in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4d.

¹ Illegible.

They say he was also seised in fee of the manors of Allerston & Eberston, co. York, bought of Francis, late Earl Huntingdon, deceased, & of 2 cottages, a cowhouse, 5 butts of land in Allerston bought of Sir Richard Cholmondeley kt., deceased, & of a mess., a cottage, 2 bovates of land in Allerston bought of Roger Tocketts kt., deceased, & of a cottage & 2 crofts in Allerston bought of John Burhead, deceased, & a cottage & sellion of land there bought of Margery Fowberry late deceased, & of a mess., cowhouse & 3 crofts of land there late possession of Clementhorp Priory, & of a mess. & 4 bovates there, late possession of Yedingham Priory, & of another manor in Allerston late possession of the late dissolved Priory of St. John of Jerusalem in England & of a rood of land & the "Land" in Allerston bought of Francis Barker & of a mess., 11 cottages & 2 bovates in Ake, co. York, bought of Sir Henry Nevill, kt. & Elizabeth, his wife.

So being seised a fine was levied at Westminster in the quinzaine of Easter, 18 James I [1620] between the said parties conveying the said manors, premises & a free fishery in the Derwent & Hull & view of frank pledge in Allerston to the plaintiffs for £1200.

The said manors of Alerston & Eberston & the premises there bought of Sir Richard Cholmondeley, Roger Tocketts, John Burhead & Margery Fowberry held of the King, as of his Honor of Pickering, parcel of the possessions of his Duchy of Lancs. by fealty & rent of £4 a year & suit of court of the said King at Pickering & worth yearly (clear) £10 10s. 8d. The premises in Allerston formerly parcel of Clementhorp & Yedingham Priors held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 36s. The other manor in Alerston & premises held of the King as of his crown of England by 40th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £3 6s. 8d. The rood of land there held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, by fealty only

& worth yearly (clear) 4s. The premises in Ake held of the heirs of Rowland Elavard [?], deceased, in free socage by the yearly rent of 12*d.* & worth yearly (clear) ¹ All the said premises in co. York [field names occur] were settled on said Sir Richard, for life, with contingent remainders to his son Richard & Margaret, his wife (which Richard & Margaret survive & dwell at Rydley, co. Chester) & the male issue of the said Richard & the residue in cos. Chester, Denbigh & Stafford on the said Sir Richard, for life, with contingent remainders to his son & heir apparent, the said Richard, in tail male, to Thomas Egerton gent., 2d son of Sir Richard, in tail male, to John Egerton gent., 3d son of Sir Richard, in tail male, to Robert Egerton, gent., 4th son of Sir Richard, in tail male, to the other sons of Sir Richard, in tail male, to the right heirs of Sir Richard.

Sir Richard died 15 February, 3 Charles I [1627-8] & Richard Egerton esq. is his son & heir, now aged 25 years & more.

MATHEW ELLIS GENT.

(File 90. No. 10.)

Inquisition taken at Chester, in the Common Hall of Pleas, 1 October, 11 James I [1613] before Robert Whitbie esq., Mayor of Chester, the King's escheator in that city, Ralph Wilbraham esq., feodary there & William Aldersey, sen., gent., John Litlar gent. & Edward Gregg gent., by the King's commission to enquire after the death of Mathew Ellis, gentleman, by the oath of Edward Kitchen, alderman, William Thropp sen., skinner, John Halwood, tailor, Thomas Weston, glover, John Taylor, ironmonger, John Tyrer, beerbrewer, James Sale, shoemaker, Randall Burrowes, ironmonger, Thomas Lynaker, fishmonger, John Inglefeild, shoemaker, William Gregory, shoemaker, Richard Shurlock, shoemaker, & William Hancock, barber.

¹ MS. torn.

They say the said Mathew Ellis was seised in fee of a capital mess., a garden, an orchard, & other buildings with the appurtenances in Overleigh by Handbridge & of several closes there late belonging to the now dissolved Monastery of Basingwark in North Wales.

So being seised, by indenture made 7 March, 7 James I [1609-10] he demised to Robert Whitbie of Chester, gent., George Allen of the same, glover, & John Allen of the same, gent., all the said several closes in Overleigh called Oxepasture, the Pegg, the Thisslehey, the Grasse Hey, the Piccle Dale & 24 "loundes" of land in the town field of Handbridge, within the liberties of the city of Chester, for a term of 70 years, if Katherine, wife of the said Mathew Ellis, so long lived.

On 31 July, 11 James I [1613] he demised to Thomas Browne of Saltney, gent. & George Allen of Chester, glover, several closes in Overleigh, parcel of the said premises, called the Cowe Hey, Gamulls Croft, the Long Hey next to the House, Picks Croft & Guests Croft for a term of 14 years & they are still possessed of the same, with reversion to the said Mathew Ellis & his heirs.

He was also seised of a barn in Handbridge aforesaid & also of an oxgang, by estimation 20 a. of land & 20 a. of pasture in Claverton & Eccleston, late parcel of the possessions of Sir Rowland Stanley kt. & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

They say the said premises in Overleigh are held of the King, in chief, by 20th part of a knight's fee & rent of 5s. 4d. yearly at Michaelmas & are worth yearly (clear) 53s. 4d.

The barn in Handbridge held of the King in free burgage & by rent of 4d. & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

They do not know of whom or by what service the oxgang is held.

They say the said Mathew Ellis died 31 July,

11 James I [1613] & Mathew Ellis is his son & next heir & is now aged 5 years, 2 months, 10 days.

Katherine, wife of said Mathew, survives & dwells at Overleighe.

SIR THOMAS FISHER KT. & BART.

(File 103. No. 15.)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 31 August, 13 Charles I [1637] before Thomas Aldersey esq., the King's escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Sir Thomas Fisher kt. & bart., by the oath of Hugh Bolton, William Jackson, Thomas Moulton, Oliver Pollett, Thomas Bromhall, Ralph Hinckes, Gabriel Hodgson, Thomas Latham, Thomas Shore, Thomas Addams, Reginald Sweetnam, Richard Wilkinson, Joseph Simkins, gentlemen.

They say that long before Sir Thomas' death, Henry Starkey esq. was seised in fee of the manor of Olton & Lowe *alias* Olton Lowe, in the hamlets of Olton & Lowe & elsewhere in co. Chester & so being seised by indenture bearing date 23 February, 12 James I [1614-15], on payment of £1000, the said Henry Starkey sold the same to the said Sir Thomas, to have & to hold to the said Sir Thomas, his heirs & assigns for ever. And Sir Thomas entered into the same & was thereof seised.

Sir Thomas died 20 May, 12 Charles I [1636] seised thereof & Sir Thomas Fisher bart. is his son & next heir & at the time of his father's death was aged 14 years, 6 months, 20 days.

The said manor was held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in chief, by 20th part of a knight's fee & is worth yearly (clear) £4.

The said Henry Starkey has taken the issues & profits since Sir Thomas' death, by what title the jurors know not.

SIR EDWARD FITTON KT.

(File 88. No. 3.)

Inquisition taken at Congleton, 17 October, 4 James I [1606] before William Leversage esq., Henry Maynwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, & Ralph Wilbraham gent., feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Sir Edward Fitton kt., by the oath of Edward Cotton of Cotton, esq., Thomas Baskervyle of Old Withington, Edmund Swettenham of Somerford, William Burges of Chelford, John Birtles of Birtles, Geoffrey Mottershead of Mottram, John Eaton of Goostree, Humfrey Page of Yearshawe, John Warde of Munksheath, John Hollinshead of Buglawton, Francis Hobson of Over Alderley, William Birtles of Birtles, William Parsons of Macclesfield, Thomas Grastie of Warford, Thomas Pigott of Butley & Peter Warde of Somerford, gentlemen.

They say the said Sir Edward Fitton, long before his death, was seised in fee of the manor of Gawsworth & of a mess. called Gawsworth Hall & of a watermill, 200 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 300 a. of pasture & 40 a. of wood in Gawsworth, & of 40 of land, covered with water, in Gawsworth & also of the advowson of Gawsworth parish church; also of the manor of Siddington & of 11 mess., 200 a. of land, 500 a. of meadow, 300 a. of pasture, 200 a. of moor & turbary & 6s. 4d. rent in Siddington; & of 6 mess., 60 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture in Congleton.

So being seised, by deed bearing date 3 July, 21 Elizabeth [1579], he granted to his younger son, Richard Fitton, an annuity of £40 a year issuing from all his lands & tenements of the manors of Horton, co. Northumberland & Congleton, co. Chester during the life of the said Richard. The said Richard survives & dwells at Gawsworth.

By his deed of 10 May, 26 Elizabeth [1584] he granted to Sir Gilbert Gerrard kt., late Master of the Rolls of the

late Queen, Richard Bould of Bould, co. Lancs., Peter Warburton of Arley & Edward Egerton, esqs., his manors of Gawsworth & Siddington & all his premises there & in Congleton after the death of his father Sir Edward Fitton kt., now deceased, to the use of himself, for life, with contingent remainders to his son & heir apparent, Edward Fitton esq., in tail male, to his younger son, Richard Fitton, in tail male, to the right heirs of the said Sir Edward.

They say the said manor of Gawsworth, the advowson & premises there are held of the King, as of his manor of Aldford, co. Chester, by fealty only & are worth yearly (clear) £48 3s. 8d.

The manor of Siddington & premises there held of the King as of the said manor, by rent of a rose yearly at the Nativity of St. John the Baptist & worth yearly (clear) £15 6s. 8d.

The premises in Congleton held of the King, as of his Honor of Halton, parcel of the Duchy of Lancaster, by rent of 26s. 8d. a year & worth yearly (clear) £4 13s. 4d.

Sir Edward died 4 March, 3 James I [1605-6], & Edward Fitton esq. is his son & heir & at his father's death was aged 30 years & more.

SIR EDWARD FITTON BART.

(File 94. No. 7.)

Inquisition taken at Knottesford, 2 September, 17 James I [1619] before Sir George Boothe kt. & bart., Hugh Maynwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, & Henry Delves gent., feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Sir Edward Phyton, late of Gosworth, bart., by the oath of Thomas Baskerville of Old Wythington, John Birtles of Birtles, Richard Davenport of Wheltrough, Humfrey Page of Yearshaw, Edward Thornicroft of Thornicroft, Lee Henshaw of Henshaw, Philip Downes of Tofte, Francis

Hobson of Over Alderley, Hugh Wardle of Eaton, Edward Lownes of the same, Reginald Mottram of Mottram, Francis Acton of Over Alderley, Thomas Fitton of the same, Edward Harper of High Leigh, Henry Hough of Chorley, William Stanley of Astle, Hugh Snelson of the same, Edward Alcocke of Ashton, Edward Howe of Ollerton, James Bradshaw of Allostock, Robert Alcocke of Wylmeslow, Thomas Scragge of the same, Roger Simcocke of Mobberley & Thomas Dale of Wythyngton, gentlemen.

They say that a certain Francis Phitton, deceased, late uncle of the said Sir Edward, was seised in fee of the manor of Stow[^l]ton with Wadborough & of 30 mess., 3 cottages, 600 a. of land, 200 a. of meadow, 500 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood, 10s. 1*d.* free rent in Wadborough & Stowton, Great & Little Wolverton & Mucknall, co. Worcs. ; & of the manor of Bosseley & of 30 mess., 150 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 160 a. of pasture, 114 a. of wood & 1440 a. of furze & heath in Bosseley, co. Chester ; & of the tithes in Culcheth, Holcroft, Wygshaw, Risseley, Pesforlonge, Pennington, Warrington & Wynwicke, co. Lancs.

By deed of 13 April, 6 James I [1608] a settlement was made [see *Inq.* of Francis Fitton below].

The said Sir Edward long before his death was seised in fee of the manor of Gosworth & of a capital mess. called Gosworth Hall & of a watermill, 200 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 300 a. of pasture, 40 a. of wood & 60s. rent in Gosworth & of 40 a. of land covered with water in Gosworth & of the advowson of Gosworth Church ; of the manor of Siddington & of 11 mess., 200 a. of land, 50 a. of meadow, 300 a. of pasture, 200 a. of moor & turbarry & 6s. 5*d.* rent in Siddington ; also of the manor of Aldford & 26 mess., 4 cottages, 250 a. of land, 50 a. of meadow, 130 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood, 30 a. of furze & heath & 34s. rent in Aldford & Churton & of the advowson of the parish church of Aldford ; & of 2 a. of land in

Wylmsley in the several tenures of Anne Ryle widow & Anne Alcock widow.

So being seised, by indenture of 21 December, 6 James I [1608] made between him, by the name of Edward Phyton of Gosworth, co. Chester, esq., of one part & Peter Legh of Lyme, co. Chester, kt., Francis Knowles of Rydinge, co. Berks., kt., Devereux Barnet of Tunby, co. Pembroke, & William Moreton of Moreton, co. Chester, esq., of the other, in consideration of a marriage formerly had between the said Edward & Anne then his wife, the said manor of Aldford & all thereunto belonging & the premises there & in Churton were settled on the said Edward & Anne & the longer liver of them & the heirs male of said Edward & afterwards a fine was levied on 26 September following confirming the same. The said Anne survives & dwells at Gosworth.

By indenture of 3 May, 17 James I [1619] between the same parties, the manors, premises & tithes in cos. Chester, Lancs. & Worcs. were conveyed to the said trustees, for 21 years, to pay the debts of the said Edward & to raise a competency for the said Anne & for the bringing up of Sir Edward's two younger sons & six daughters, Mary, Frances, Alice, Lettice, Jane & Elizabeth Phyton, & £1000 portion for each of the said daughters.

By indenture of same date he granted to Charles Gerrard of Little Hoole, co. Lancs., kt., & William Davenport esq., son & heir apparent of William Davenport of Bramall, co. Chester, kt., an annuity of £100 a year for the use of Anne Bruerton wife of John Bruerton esq., son & heir apparent of William Bruerton of Brereton, & the said Anne Brereton now survives & dwells at Gosworth.

By deed of same date, he gave his younger son, Richard Phyton, an annuity of £80 a year for life, to commence after his, the said Sir Edward's death, & the said Richard survives & dwells at Gosworth, & he gave a similar

annuity to his younger son, Thomas Phyton, who also survives & dwells at Gosworth.

They say that Alice Phyton, widow of Sir Edward Phiton kt., deceased, father of said Sir Edward, claimed her dower in her former husband's lands & recovered the same in the Court of Common Pleas at Chester against the said Sir Edward, divers lands in the manor of Gosworth being assigned to her & after by indenture of 19 September, 6 James I [1608] made between her & the said Sir Edward, £100 a year was settled on her for life in lieu of dower. The said Alice survives & dwells at Holcroft.

They say the said manor of Gosworth, the advowson & premises there, are held of the King in chief, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £48 3s. 8d.

The manor of Syddington & premises there held of the King in chief, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £15 6s. 8d.

The manor of Aldford & advowson there & premises there & in Churton held of the King in chief, by 80th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £20.

The manor of Bosseley & premises there held of the Prince, as Earl of Chester, in chief, by the fourth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £30.

The manor of Stowton with Wadborough & premises in Wadborough, Stowton, Great & Little Wolverton & Mucknall held of the King by two parts of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £20.

The tithes in Chulcheth, Holcroft, Wigshawe, Risseley, Pesforlong, Pennington, Warrington & Wynweek, tenure unknown to the jurors & worth yearly (clear) £10.

The 2 a. in Wilmesley held of George Bouth kt. & bart., as of his manor of Pownall, in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 6d.

Sir Edward died 10 May last past & Sir Edward Phyton bart. is his son & heir & at his father's death was aged 15 years, 8 months, 4 weeks, 2 days.

FRANCIS FITTON ESQ.

(File 88. No. 19.)

Inquisition taken at Knottesford, 8 September, 6 James I [1608] before Henry Mainwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Francis Fitton esq., by the oath of Edward Cotton of Cotton, William Davenport of Chorley, esqs., John Birtles of Birtles, John Wrenche of Shurlache, Francis Hobson of Over Alderley, Alexander Hulme of Meir, John Crosbie of Over Whitley, William Birtles of Hill, John Hollinshed of Buglawton, Geoffrey Mottershed of Mottram, Richard Wright of Ashley, Thomas Harper of High Leghe, Henry Bradshawe of Allostocke, John Middlehurst of Lachford, Richard Sworton of Sworton, gentlemen.

They say that the said Francis Fitton, long before his death, was seised of the manor of Stooton with Wadborowe, co. Worcs., & of the manor of Boseley, co. Chester, & of the manor of Aldford, co. Chester, in fee tail, with reversion to Sir Edward Fitton kt., deceased, & his heirs for ever, & of all the tithes in Wadborowe & Stowton, co. Worcs., lands in Boseley, co. Chester, the tithes in Culcheth, Holcrofte, Wigshaw, Risseley, Pesfurlong, Penyngton, Warrington & Wynweeke, co. Lancs.

So being seised, by his deed bearing date 13 April last past, the said Francis conveyed the same to Thomas Sawle of Clyfton, co. Glos., yeoman, to hold all the above manors & premises until Michaelmas next, with reversion to the said Francis, & the said reversion by deed of same date he conveyed to Francis Englefeild of Holshot, co. Hants., esq., & Francis Moore of Southfalley, co. Berks., esq., to the use of himself, for life, with contingent remainders to Edward Fitton esq., son & heir of Sir Edward Fitton kt., deceased, nephew of said Francis, for life, to Edward Fitton gent., son of the said Edward Fitton esq., in tail male, the heirs male of the body of Sir Edward

Fitton kt., late Treasurer of Ireland, deceased, brother of said Francis, to the heirs of the said Francis.

They say of the manor of Stowton cum Wadborowe & tithes & lands there, the tenure is unknown to the jurors & are worth yearly (clear) £20.

Of the manor of Bosseley & lands there they say the like & are worth yearly (clear) £30.

The manor of Aldford is held of the King in chief by the 80th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £20.

Of the tithes in co. Lancs. they do not know the tenure & the same are worth yearly (clear) £10.

The said Francis died at Gawseworth 17 June last past & Edward Fitton is his next of kin & heir, being son & heir of Sir Edward Fitton kt., elder brother of said Francis, & he is now aged 30 years & more.

ANTHONY FURNIVALL YEO.

(File 101. No. 16.)¹

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 27 July, 8 Charles I [1632] before Thomas Aldersey esq., the King's escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Anthony Furnivall, late of Millhouse, in Oldwithington or Chelford, yeoman, by the oath of Robert Alsager of Alsager, Randall Wrench of Moulton, Thomas Burrowes of Clyve, Richard Loundes of Hassall, Robert Poole of Anger, Richard Podmore of Hassall, Hugh Venables of Wymbosley, William Tomlinson of Wareton, Philip Bostocke of Bostocke, Edward Shawe of Bechton, William Shawe of the same, Thomas Somerfield of the same, Richard Whittingham of Over, & Robert Thorneley of Smalwood, gentlemen.

They say the said Anthony was seised in fee of a capital mess. in Old Withington & Chelford or one of them called the Millhouse & of an orchard, a garden, 60 a. of land, 13 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture & 5 a. of wood in Old

¹ MS. torn, words supplied from Court of Wards Inq. p.m. 83/122.

Withington & Chelford belonging to the said mess. ; & of a corn [*farreo*] water mill adjoining the said mess. ; & of another mess. in Snelston *alias* Snelson, & of 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 15 a. of pasture, 4 a. of wood, 2 a. of moss & turbary & 12 a. of waste & heath in Snelston & of a fulling mill adjoining the said mess.

They say that before the said Anthony had anything in the said Millhouse or water mill for corn [*farreo*] or in the premises in Old Withington & Chelford, a certain John Furnivall of Bechton, yeoman, was seised of the same & by indenture of 16 February, 15 James I [1617-18], made between the said John of the first part, his eldest brother, the said Anthony, by name of Anthony Furnivall of Bechton, yeoman, of the 2d part & Edward Bressy of A[u]delam, gent., Ralph Bressy, son & heir apparent of Thomas Bressy of Buckley, gent., Richard Bird, son & heir apparent of Richard Bird of Broxton, gent. & John Hulme of Odrode, yeoman of the 3d part, on a marriage to be had between the said Anthony Furnivall & Elizabeth Bressy, eldest daughter of the said Thomas Bressy, it was agreed a fine should be levied, settling the moiety of the premises on said Anthony for life, with contingent remainders to the said Elizabeth for life, to the male issue of Anthony by the said Elizabeth & their issue, to the daughters of Anthony by the said Elizabeth & their issue, to the right heirs of the said Anthony for ever, he, the said Anthony, to have power to charge the premises with a sum not exceeding £200 for the maintenance of his younger children.

So being seised, the said Anthony Furnivall made his will 20 January, 1631, reciting the said indenture concerning the Millhouse, "my water corn mill," & premises & bequeathing the same, except the two Great Pastures & Jackson's Croft near Chelford Chappel, to his brothers John & Hugh Furnivall for 6 years, to levy £33 6s. 8d. a year for the maintenance of Richard, Anthony, Anne &

Elizabeth Furnivall, his children by his late wife, Elizabeth.

By indenture of 21 January, 7 Charles I [1631-2] he conveyed the premises in Snelston to his said brothers for the provision of his younger children aforesaid.

The said Anthony Furnivall died 26 January last past at Millhouse & Ralph Furnivall is his son & next heir & is now aged 11 years, 9 months, 18 days.

The said Millhouse, mill & premises in Ouldwithington & Chelford are held of the King, as of his manor of Fulshawe, in free & common socage, by fealty & yearly rent of 12*d.* & suit of court at Fulshawe manor court & the same are worth yearly (clear) 40*s.*, & the closes excepted are worth yearly (clear) 2*s.*

The premises in Snelston are held of Sir Edward Fitton bart., as of his manor of Aldford, by fealty & rent of 19*d.* yearly & are worth yearly (clear) 20*s.*

JOHN FURNIVALL YEO.

(File 103. No. 16.)

Inquisition taken at Sandbach, 16 January, 13 Charles I [1637-8] before Thomas Aldersey esq., the King's escheator there, & George Parker esq., the feodary, Peter Manwaringe & Thomas Muncose gents., by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of John Furnivall, yeoman, by the oath of Randall Furnivall of Bradwall, William Yorke of Sandbach, George Bradford of Shipbrooke, Ralph Bostocke of Moulton, George Whittakers of Sandbach, John Lockett of Toskmeire, Gabriel Hodgson of Minshull Vernon, William Ravenscroft of Occleston, Thomas Clive of Sandbach, Thomas Woodcock of Church Hulme, Philip Bostocke of Bostocke, Thomas Lowndes of Moulton, John Bleas of Shipbrooke, William Lyngard of Arclyd, & Thomas Neild of Shurlach.

They say that the said John was seised in fee tail, to him & the heirs of his body, with remainder, in default

of such issue, to his brother Hugh & his issue, of a capital mess., a garden, orchard, 8 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 8 a. of pasture & 1 a. of furze & heath in Betchton ; of another mess. called Coppers Tenement & 6 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 7 a. of pasture & 1 a. of furze & heath in Betchton ; of 10 a. of land in Haslington ; of 4 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 4 a. of pasture & 1 a. of furze & heath in Betchton, parcel of Stanway House ; & of the reversion of Stanway House & of a garden, orchard, 4 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 4 a. of pasture & 1 a. of furze & heath thereunto belonging now in the tenure of John Shaw, after the deaths of the said John Shaw, Margaret his wife, Ellen Shawe, widow, late wife of Hugh Shaw, deceased ; the said John, Margaret & Ellen still surviving at Betchton.

So being seised, John Furnivall on 20 December, 11 Charles I [1635] took to wife Hester, daughter of Thomas Portington, of Cotton, gent., & on 8 November, 13 Charles I [1637] by indenture enfeoffed Thomas Portington & Hugh Furnivall, in consideration of £300, of 10 a. of land in Haslington, called Leysur, parcel of Winchurch Fields, to their use for ever.

Afterwards on 10 November, 13 Charles I [1637] the said John Furnivall made his will & he died on 17 November, 13 Charles I [1637] at Betchton & Hester survives him & dwells at Betchton. John Furnivall, yeoman, is his son & heir & is now aged 1 year, 2 months, 20 days. He left no younger sons, but the said Hester is now "greate with child."

The premises in Betchton are held of the heirs of James late Lord Audleigh in free & common socage & worth yearly (clear) 30s.

Those in Haslington held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by 100th part of a knight's fee, as parcel of the barony of Nantwich & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

THOMAS GAMUL ESQ.

(File 90. No. 11.)

Inquisition taken in the Common Hall of Pleas, Chester, 12 October, 11 James I [1613] before Robert Whitbie, mayor of Chester & escheator of co. Chester, Sir John Savage kt. & bart., Ralph Wilbraham esq., feodary in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Thomas Gamul esq., by the oath of Charles Fitton, alderman, William Thropp sen., skinner, Richard Fletcher, glover, Thomas Persivall, sadler, Thomas Weston, glover, John Cooke, glover, Thomas Ince, shoemaker, Thomas Bird, tanner, Robert Rutter, draper, Peter Pennant, mercer, John Stiles, draper, John Blanchard, baker, John Annyon, draper, & Lawrence Ditchfield, ironmonger.

They say that the said Thomas Gamul & Edmund Gamul, his father, were seised in fee conjointly, by conveyance in law of Edward Brerewood gent., of 5 mess., 3 cellars, 2 tofts, 4 gardens, one orchard, 2 a. of land, 23s. in the parishes of St. Mary upon the Hill & St. Peter & St. Olave, Chester, & the said Thomas died seised thereof & the said Edmund survives & dwells at Chester.

The said Thomas was also seised in fee of 3 a. of land in Handbridge, county of the city of Chester, formerly in the tenure of Thomas Byrton & of a croft in Handbridge near the bank of the Dee, called the Quarrey Croft lately built, in the tenure of the said Edmund Gamul; also of a "land" of land at Lowehill, late in the tenure of William Congley, deceased; & of a plot of land in Bridge Street, Chester, between the lands of Thomas Urkell & Robert Eaton, whereupon the mansion house of Thomas Gamull is built & a close adjoining, in the tenure of Stephen Baxter.

He was also seised in fee of a mess. in Handbridge & 20 a. of land in the fields of Handbridge & Claverton &

in the parish of St. Mary, Chester, in the tenure of John Smith, & of a mess. in Handbridge & a croft of pasture thereunto adjoining & another mess. in Handbridge, formerly in the tenure of Randall Broster & now of William Congley, & of a mess. & 2 selions of land in Handbridge, one selion being in the common field called the Ley Hey & the other by the Weeteraynes, late in the tenure of Richard Boydell; & of a mess. & a croft adjoining in the city of Chester by St. Martin's Ashe, formerly in the tenure of Thomas Throppe & now of Thomas Kney, & of 2 closes of land in Handbridge next the mansion house of Mathew Ellis, formerly in the tenure of Richard Johnson; of a croft in Chester abutting on Bromfield Lane, formerly in the tenure of Adam Birkenhead & late of Laurence Waynwright, deceased; of a close called Dovesdale in the county of the city of Chester; & of a mess. in Handbridge, formerly in the tenure of John Robinson, & now of Randall Jeynson; of a mess. & 2 selions of land in the vill & fields of Handbridge, formerly in the tenure of Mathew Ellis & now of Thomas Browne.

He was also seised in fee farm of a close, in two parts divided, near Flookersbrooke, county of the city of Chester, late in the tenure of Adam Goodman, & of a close in Hoole, late in the tenure of Robert Phillips, & of a close there in the tenure of William Mercer & of a mess. in Foregate Street, Chester, late in the tenure of Richard Bavand, alderman, deceased; & of a mess. & garden in Foregate Street, in the tenure of William Walton; of a close called St. Anne's Hey by St. Anne's Cross, Chester, late in the tenure of Thomas Fletcher, alderman, at a yearly rent of 26s. 8d.

He was also seised of a moiety of a meadow called Scrivenor's Hey, near the water of Dee, at the Earle's Eyes, county of the city of Chester, late in the tenure of Edward Bathoe, clothworker, & of a mess. in Watergate

Street, Chester, in the tenure of Richard Knee, & of 6 a. of land in Chester.

He was seised in fee of a mess. & garden next the church of St. Martin, Chester, & of 2 selions of land called Lands in Handbridge Fields near Chester, whereof one selion in the Grey Ditch & the other outside the Grey Ditch, all in the tenure of Ellen Annyon, widow ; also of a mess. in Handbridge, late in the tenure of Richard Mitchell, & of a close called Stubble Hey, containing 4 "lands," in Handbridge Fields, in the tenure of Matthew Ellis, & of a saltwork of 6 leads in Middlewich, in the tenure of William Eare.

They say that George Cotton of Warblington, co. Hants., esq., & Richard Cotton, his son & heir apparent, were seised in fee of 3 mess., 3 tofts, 6 watergrain mills, an orchard, 4 a. of land, 20 a. of water-covered land, a free fishery in the Dee & a separate fishery in the Kinges Pool & in the Cage in the water of the Dee & of a weir & watercourse by the "causey" there at the said mills & another weir & watercourse from the fulling mills called the Walke Mills by the said "causey" to Dee Bridge, all in Chester, & by their indenture of 1 November, 30 Elizabeth [1588] demised the same to the said Edmund Gamul, alderman of Chester, father of said Thomas, for a term of 21 years at a yearly rent of £100, & later leased the same to the said Thomas.

He was also seised of 3 mess., 100 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture in Buerton, now or late in the tenures of John Gamul, deceased, Roger Tue & Thomas Whittingham, & which the said Thomas Gamul lately bought of John Poole, late of Capenhurst, gent., deceased.

He was also seised of a mess., 2 gardens, a park, 200 a. of land, 50 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 40 a. of wood & 20 a. of furze & heath in Buerton, which said Thomas bought of John Bowes esq., & Eleanor, his wife ; & of a mess., a toft, 2 cottages, 2 barns, 3 gardens, 2 orchards,

20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 20 a. of furze & heath & common of pasture for all beasts in Buerton in the tenure of Thomas Prince.

He was also seised in fee of a mess., a garden, an orchard, 40 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture, 6 a. of wood, 20 a. of furze & heath & 20 a. of moor in Buerton, which he late bought of Richard Sutton, late of Sutton, esq., deceased; & of 3 mess. in Ower & Kneighton, cos. Staff. & Salop, late in the tenures of Henry Brooke, William Browne & John Meredith.

He was also seised in fee farm of the manor of Overpoole, co. Chester, & of 2 mess. there paying the Dean & Chapter of Chester Cathedral £9 7s. 4d. a year rent.

He was also seised in fee of the manors of Little Salghall & Shotwick, co. Chester.

So being seised, he made his will, devising to his father, Edmund Gamul, Dee Mills & the fishings in the river Dee, Chester, for life & after his death to Alice, wife of the testator, as to two parts & the remaining third part to his son, Francis, & at the latter's age of 21 he to have the whole to him & his heirs for ever; & his other lands he bequeathed to the said Alice & to Francis, in tail male, in default to his (testator's) brother, William Gamul; except the manors of Little Salghall & Shotwick, which he bequeathed to his said brother, William Gamull, & the lands in Aldelen to his godson & cousin, William Gamul, son of his uncle John Gamul, if his brothers, William, Andrew & John Gamul so long live.

They say the mess., lands, &c., bought of George & Richard Cotton are held of the King in chief, as of his crown of England, by the 40th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 5 marks.

The premises in the parishes of St. Mary upon the Hill, St. Peter & St. Olave, Chester, & those in the tenure of Richard Knee are held of the mayor & citizens of Chester, in free burgage & are worth yearly (clear) 26s. 8d.

The premises in Handbridge, called the Quarry Croft, &c., held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 30s.

Those in Buerton & Aldelym bought of John Poole & John Bowes held of the heirs of Robert Corbett esq., in socage, by the rent of a rose yearly & worth yearly (clear) 20s.; those in Buerton bought of Richard Sutton & Thomas Prynce held of John Poole esq., as of his manor of Buerton in socage & worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4d.

The premises in Knighton & Ower, tenure & value unknown; the manors of Salghall & Shotwick held of the Dean & Chapter of Chester Cathedral & worth yearly (clear) nothing.

The manor of Overpoole & premises there held of the said Dean & Chapter & worth nothing beyond the rent paid.

They say the said Thomas died 10 August last past & Francis Gamul is his son & next heir & is now aged 6 years, 10 months & 19 days. The said Francis was married in the lifetime of his father, the said Thomas, & with the said Thomas' consent, to Christian, daughter of Richard Grosvenor the younger, esq., at Chester, & Christian now survives & dwells at Chester.

RICHARD GERRARD OF CREWOOD, GENT.

(File 94. No. 22.)

Inquisition taken at Knottesford, 11 April, 18 James I [1620] before Peter Daniell of Overtabley, esq., Hugh Mainwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, & Henry Delves gent., feodary there, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of Richard Gerrard, late of Grewoode, gent., by the oath of William Leighe of Oughtrington, Alexander Vawdrey of Dunham, George Bowdon of Bowdon, Humfrey Page of Erdshawe, Edward Alcockes of Ashton, Thomas Shawe of Millington, John Grantham of Hale, Ralph Barlow of the same, Richard

Steele of Reddishe, Edward Harper of High Leigh, John Middlehurst of Groppenhall, Thomas Middlehurst of Lachford, John Hatton & John Lankeshaw of the same, Philip Antrobus of Pever, Philip Downes of Tofte, William Massie of Thelwall, William Morres of the same, Edward Howe of Ollerton, Thomas Dale of Wythington & Randell Wright of Ashton, gentlemen.

They say the said Richard Gerrard long before his death was seised in fee of 2 mess., a cottage, 3 gardens, 12 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 6 a. of pasture in Frodsham ; & of 16 mess., 2 cottages, one watermill, 12 gardens, 18 orchards, 60 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood, 50 a. of furze & heath, 50 a. of moor, 20 a. of moss & 20 a. of turbary in Crewood, Kingesley, Croton, Cuddington, Norley & Ansore [? Onston] & of the 4th part of the manor of Crowton. So being seised an indenture was made 28 April, 13 James I [1615] between the said Richard Gerrard, of one part, & William Malbone of Budworth, gent., & James Pemberton of Hosnett [?] co., Lancs., gent., of the other, in consideration of a marriage already had between the said Richard & Elizabeth, his wife, conveying the meadow ground in Frodsham, late in the tenure of John Johnson & after of Richard Dale, & all the mess., lands, &c., about 18 a. in Frodsham in the tenures of Richard Houghe, John Sutton, Ralph Dutton, husbandmen, & Thomas Symcocke (all which lands he lately purchased of Sir Thomas Holcrofte, Sir Hugh Beeston kts., Jervis Rogers & Robert Brooke gents.), to the said trustees to the use of himself for life, with contingent remainders, after his death, as to one half, to the said Elizabeth, to Richard, son of said Richard & Elizabeth, in tail male, to their 2nd son, James, in tail male, to the said trustees to pay Barbara, daughter of said Richard & Elizabeth, 20 marks a year.

The said premises in Frodsham are held of Sir Thomas

Savage kt. & bart., by 100th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4d.

By indenture made 1 September, 16 James I [1618] between the said Richard Gerrard, of one part, & Sir Gilbert Ireland & Sir Thomas Ireland kts., Thomas Leigh esq. & William Malbone gent., on account of a marriage already had between Richard Gerrard, son & heir apparent of said Richard, & Eleanor, sister of Sir Gilbert Ireland & of his own marriage with Elizabeth, niece of Sir Thomas Ireland, the capital mess. called Crewood Hall, in Crewood, township of Kingsley & all the lands thereunto belonging & the house, wherein the said Richard the elder dwells, called the Lower House in Crewood, in the township of Crowton & all thereunto belonging & lands in Crewood, Kingsley, & Croton & in Cudington, Norley & Ansor [? Onston] were conveyed to the said trustees, as to the said Lower House, the barn yard, Sandifield, the Flagall Meadow, the Lower Field, the Cockeshoots & the Lower Sparrhawke Cloughe to the use of the said Eleanor, for life, with contingent remainders to the said Richard the elder, for life, to Gilbert Gerrard, son & heir of Richard, the younger, in tail male, to Richard, younger brother of said Gilbert, in tail male, to Richard, the younger's male issue, to Thomas Gerrard, "reputed" son of Richard the elder, in tail male, to John Gerrard, another son of Richard the elder, in tail male, to the right heirs of said Richard; & as to Crewood Hall & lands in Kingsley, the lower seat in the parish church of Frodsham, wherein the said Richard usually sits to the use of said Richard & Elizabeth, his wife & the longer liver of them, with contingent remainders to the said Gilbert Gerrard, in tail male, to his (Gilbert's) younger brother, Richard, in tail male, to Richard son of Richard the elder & Elizabeth, in tail male, to said Thomas Gerrard [&c., as above] & providing for 20 marks a year to be paid to Margaret & Anne Gerrard, daughters

of Richard Gerrard the younger, deceased, & £6 a year to Mary Ireland, daughter of Thomas Ireland gent., & Jane his wife, which Jane is daughter to the said Richard Gerrard, the elder, & to Henry Gerrard, "reputed" son of Richard the elder, £20. A fine was levied in confirmation of the same 21 September, 16 James I [1618] in the Common Hall of Pleas, Chester.

The said Richard died 20 January last past & Gilbert Gerrard is his next of kin & heir, being son & heir of Richard, the younger, deceased, son & heir of said Richard, the elder, & the said Gilbert is now aged 15 years, 7 months, 10 days.

They say that Elizabeth, the widow of Richard, the elder, survives & dwells at Crewood; & Eleanor survives & dwells at Croton.

The mess. & certain lands in Frodsham are held of Charles the Prince, as Earl of Chester, in chief by knight service & are worth yearly (clear) £3 6s. 8d.

JOHN GLEGGE GENT.

(File 103. No. 5.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, in the Common Hall of Pleas, 29 April, 12 Charles I [1636] 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 Glegge gent., by the oath of Richard Bird of Broxton, John Aldersey of Ardon, Richard Edge of Tattenhall, William Rosengreave of Warton, Thomas Heath of Egerton, Henry Phillipps of Christleton, John Golborne of the same, William Ashton & John Robinson of Chorlton, Richard Cartar of Aldersey, William Sharpe of Farndon, George Walker of Churton, John Bowker & Randall Palyn of Bickerton & Randall Banbury of Broxton gentlemen.

They say that long before John Glegge's death, a certain John Barlow sen., gent. & William Glegge sen.,

gent., were seised in fee of 10 selions, 3 "lez hadlands" & 2 "lez piks" of arable land in a place called "lez Acres" & of a parcel of arable land in a place called the "little bootes" & 4 selions of arable land in the "great bootes," containing in all 7 a. of land & meadow, in Lower Kinnerton, & of 10 a. of land, 8 a. of pasture called Maddockes Crofte, Kay Pladder, Lloyn feild (4 selions in Lloyn feild excepted) Cay-r-merched, Kae-r-Saeson (except 9 selions & one balke in Kae-r-Saeson), half a meadow called Palfrey Meadow & 3 "lez Buttes" & 1½ "lez picke" in the Grasse Hay, in Upper Kinnerton, co. Flint.

By indenture bearing date 1 April, 22 James I [1624] made between the said John Barlow, of the 1st part, William Glegge sen., of the 2nd, the said John Glegge, of the 3rd & David Speede & John Wynne gents., of the 4th, the said premises were settled on the said John Glegge, in tail male, with contingent remainders, in default of male issue, to his daughters, & their issue, to his younger brother, William Glegge, in tail male, to his brothers George, Timothy, Silvan, & Nicholas Glegge, in tail male, to the heirs of the body of Nicholas Glegge, deceased, father of said John, to the right heirs of the said Nicholas.

So being seised, the said John died on 9 August, 1 Charles I [1625] without issue & afterwards on 19 August, 1 Charles I [1625] William Glegge, brother of said John, died without male issue, & after his death the premises remained & descended to George Glegge, brother of said John, & he was seised of the same in tail male.

They say the said John, the day he died, was seised in fee of a mess., a cottage, 20 a. of land, 5 a. of pasture & 15 a. of wood, belonging to the said mess. & cottage & called Koetkae-r-Mynyth, y Rest vrther skybor, ykae glas, y Koetkay, yty huat irty, yr Errowtan y ffordd, Coed y Tythye & Errow pullglo, in Bistree, co. Flint.

He was also seised in fee of a mess., a cottage & land called Barnifield & 2 selions of land in the Great Bootes, containing 6 a., in Lower Kynnerton, co. Chester.

The said George Glegge is brother & heir of the said John & at the latter's death was aged 26 years & more.

The premises in the Barnefield & the Great Bootes, in Lower Kynnerton, co. Chester, are held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8*d*.

Other premises in Lower Kinnerton, co. Chester, held of Thomas Marbury esq., as of his manor of Dodleston, in free & common socage & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

Those in Upper Kinnerton, co. Flint, held of Alicia, Countess of Derby, as of her manor of Hope, in free & common socage, & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The other premises in co. Flint held of the said Countess, as of her manor of Mould, in free & common socage & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The said George Glegge took the profits & issues of the premises in Upper & Lower Kinnerton from the time of the said John's death until 20 December, 7 Charles I [1631], since when Richard Grosvenor esq. has taken the same, by virtue of a conveyance made to him on that date by the said George, & of the other premises in co. Flint, Peter Wynne esq. has taken the profits by a like conveyance.

WILLIAM GLEGG OF CALDEY GRANGE, ESQ.

(File 104. No. 14.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 31 March, 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 Glegge, late of Caldey Grange, esq., by the oath of John Trevis of Horton, Thomas Littlemore of Heatley, William Rathbone of Irby, George Ball of Irby, John Bravan of Willaston,

Robert Hodgson of Irby, Thomas Bennett of Barnaston, James Hallwood of Sutton, Thomas Barker of Over, William Forshawe of Willaston, Thomas Browne of Kingsley, Thomas Baker of Over, & John Hall of Norley, gentlemen.

They say that long before his death the said William Glegg was seised in fee of the manor of Great Caldey *alias* Caldey Grange & 4 mess., 10 cottages, a dovecote, 100 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture, 3 a. of wood, 40 a. of moor, 50 a. of marsh, a pond [*stagnum*] with fishery in the same, parcel of the said manor, containing by estimation 120 a. of land covered with water, 100 a. of furze & heath in Great Caldey, Wallesey & West Kirby.

So being seised, on 12 November, 14 James I [1616] on the marriage of William Glegge gent., son & heir apparent of the said William Glegge & Hannah, one of the daughters of Sir John Boyer kt., then deceased, & his wife, Dame Katherine Boyer, & on £600 paid by the said Dame Katherine to William Glegge sen., by indenture made 12 November, 14 James I [1616] between the said William Glegg, Alice, his wife & the said William Glegge, the son, of the 1st part, Dame Katherine Boyer, of the 2nd part & William Boyer of Knypsley, co. Staff., esq., Edward Glegge of Gayton, co. Chester, esq., Christopher Boyer of Gray's Inn, co. Middx., esq., Ralph Morgell of Chester, gent., & George Bennett of Greisby, gent., of the third part, it was agreed to levy a fine of the said premises, conveying the said manor of Great Caldey *alias* Caldey Grange, excepting 7 mess. there in the tenures of Robert Coventry jun., John Johnson, John Colley, William Moneley, Elizabeth Guyle & Roger Hodgson & John Guyle & all thereunto belonging & closes & fields called the Nearer Old Hey next to the Skainlones Gate, The Further Old Heys, the Eight Steeds, the Calver Croft, the Pingle adjoining to the Calver Croft, the Thistle Hey,

the Chubbots Hey, the Such Meadow, the Hill Heys, the Arcabutts, the Two Laerton Heys & the Lillymore Meadow, except the capital mess. called the Hall of Grange & all thereunto belonging & except the Done Croft, the Tuppyard & the Intake leading to the said capital mess., to the said William Glegg, the elder, for life, with contingent remainders to his said son, William Glegg, in tail male, to the other sons of William Glegg senr., to his right heirs & as to the said 7 mess. & other premises to said William Glegg, for life, with contingent remainders to Alice, wife of said William, for life, the said William the son, in tail male, the right heirs of William the elder. The said fine was levied 28 April, 15 James I [1617] at Chester.

They say he was also seised of a windmill in West Kirby, with all suits, socs, tolls, multures, &c., thereunto belonging.

They say the said manor & premises in Gt. Caldey & West Kirby, except the windmill, are held of the King, in chief, by 40th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £3 10s. 4d.

The premises in Wallasey, tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear) 3s. 4d.

The windmill in West Kirby held of the King as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, by fealty only, in free & common socage, & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

They say the said William Glegge died 6 November, 13 Charles I [1637] at Great Caldey & William Glegge is his son & next heir & at his father's death was aged 50 years & more. Alice wife of said William the elder survives & dwells, a widow, at Great Caldey, & occupies the lands, &c., settled upon her & also the windmill conveyed by the said William Glegg on 6 June, 5 Charles I [1629] to Gilbert & Arthur Glegge to the use of said Alice.

EDWARD GREENE OF POULTON LANCELYN, GENT.

(File 102. No. 4.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 15 January, 9 Charles I [1633-4] before Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Edward Greene, late of Pulton Launcelyn *alias* Launcelett, gentleman, by the oath of John Kettell of Burwardesley, Thomas Heath of Egerton, Thomas Bulkeley of Bickerton, John Horton of Aldersey, Robert Walker of the same, George Hitchin of Handley, John Bowker of Bickerton, Richard Carter of Aldersey, Thomas Littlemore of Littlemore, William Crue of Elton, William Carrington of the same, John Crue of the same, Richard Hickson of Dunham, Thomas Browne of Kingsley, James Halwood of Sutton & John Sparke of Kingsley, gentlemen.

They say that the said Edward Greene, long before his death, was seised in fee of the manors of Pulton Launcelyn *alias* Pulton Launcelett & Nether Bebington *alias* Lower Bebington, with appurtenances, in Wirhall, & of 9 mess., 8 cottages, a dove-cote, 200 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 8 a. of wood, 100 a. of furze, heath & moss, 100 a. of marsh, 10 a. of water-covered land & of 7s. 5½d. free rent in Pulton Launcelyn, Nether Bebington & Spittle.

They say the said manors & premises are held of Thomas Ravenscroft esq., as of his manor of Doddleston, by knight service & are worth yearly (clear) £6 13s. 8d.

The said Edward Greene died 20 July, 7 Charles I [1631], & Henry Greene gent. is his son & heir & is now aged 35 years & more.

They say that Margaret Greene, late the wife of the said Edward Greene, since the death of the said Edward has occupied the said manors & premises & taken the issues & profits of the same.

THOMAS GREEN GENT.

(File 97. No. 6.)

Inquisition taken at Knottesford, 10 September, 20 James I [1622] before William Brereton esq., Hugh Mainwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, & Peter Daniell esq., feodary there, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of Thomas Greene gent., by the oath of William Leigh of Owtrington, Edward Harper of High Leigh, Thomas Gleave of the same, Thomas Haule of Budworth, Edmund Howe of Ollerton, Richard Steele of Reddich, Alexander Duncalfe of Mobberley, Thomas Shawe of Millington, Randall Blackshawe of Mobberley, John Grantham of Hale, Ralph Barlowe of Hale, George Massie of the same, John Longshawe of Latchford, John Hatton of the same & John Middlehurst of Groppenhall, gentlemen.

They say that a certain Lawrence Rope of Stapeley, esq., long before his death, was seised in fee of a capital mess. called Stapeley Hall & of a dovecote there & of 3 other mess., a cottage, 6 gardens, 6 orchards, 200 a. of land, 80 a. of meadow, 160 a. of pasture, 50 a. of wood, 6 a. of water-covered land & 30 a. of waste in Stapeley ; & of 10 mess., 2 cottages, 12 gardens, 12 orchards, 200 a. of land, 60 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 40 a. of wood & 50 a. of waste & heath in Rope ; & of 20 a. of land, 12 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture in Willaston ; & of 40 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture, 10 a. of waste in Wighsterston ; & of 2 barns, 30 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture & 2 a. of waste in Saltersich ; & of a mess., a garden, 30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture & common of pasture & turbary in Hough ; & of a certain yearly rent of 12*d.* issuing from the lands of Edmund Gamell in Bruerton. So being seised the said Lawrence Rope of Stapeley, esq., made his will 22 July, 1602, desiring to be buried in Wybunbury Church & bequeathing all his estate to the heirs of his

body, failing which he bequeathed to Thomas Greene, son of his late sister, Ciceley Greene, the capital mess. called Stapeley Hall & all the lands thereunto belonging before assured by the testator & his father to the use of testator's wife, Mary, for her life, & two mess. there in the tenure of Elizabeth widow of Francis Ellisone & Margaret Greene widow, to hold the same after the death of the said Mary, in tail male, the said Thomas paying his father, Richard Greene, £20 owing to him & to Katherine Birche £44, & to his sister, Mary Greene, 200 marks ; bequeathing also to his (testator's) sister, Elizabeth Aston, 20 marks a year for life & to his uncle, John Rope, £6 a year for life & to his servant, Henry Rockett, 5 marks a year & to his servants, Edmund Shawe, Peter & John Knowsley, Edmund & Richard Rockett, 5 marks each a year ; & to Henry Delves esq., testator's cousin, all his estate in Rope, in tail male, in default to said Thomas Greene, in tail male, the said Henry Delves paying certain sums to William Church, Roger Wright, Thomas Mynshall, testator's servant, Elizabeth Maisterson, & the said Henry Delves & his son, Thomas Delves, to be good to their sons, testator's grandsons ; he bequeathed to his brother-in-law, Thomas Maisterson, the Walfield, the Clayfields & the Clayfield Meadow in Stapeley in the tenures of Randall Mainwaring, Roger & Margery Mainwaring, & Great Wychfield pasture in Stapeley, in the tenure of Richard Wright ; bequeathing to Richard Clutton a mess. in Stapeley called Chearbrooke or Chearbrooke House in the tenures of Augustus Wettenhall & Margaret Wettenhall widow, & all the lands thereunto appertaining, after the death of said Mary, to said Richard Clutton in tail male ; to the said Henry Rockett, the mess. in Hough in the tenure of Margaret Wilkinson widow, & the lands thereunto belonging, in tail male, & also the pastures in Stapeley in his own holding & that of John Wright, tanner, & the pastures in Stapeley called the Town

Orchards. He made his wife Mary his residuary legatee & the said Henry Delves, Thomas Delves, Richard Maisteron gent., testator's father-in-law, Richard Clutton, Richard Greene, the said Mary testator's wife & Henry Rockett his executors. Witnesses, Henry Delves, Thomas Delves, Richard Maisteron, Richard Clutton, Mary Rope, Henry Rockett, Thomas Maisteron, Lawrence Tudman, Edmund Shawe.

Lawrence Rope died at Stapeley, without issue, 15 December, 45 Elizabeth [1602], & said Mary his wife entered upon the said lands & after married John Smith of Morvelde, co. Salop, esq., & she survives & dwells at Stapeley. The said Thomas Greene mentioned in the commission & in the said will are one & the same & he was the next of kin & heir of Lawrence Rope, being son & heir of Cicely Greene, sister & heir of Lawrence Rope, his other sister & heir, Elizabeth Aston, dying in the lifetime of Thomas Greene, at Stapeley, without issue, & the said Thomas Greene is also her heir.

The said Thomas Greene was also seised of a burgage 6 a. of land, 3 a. of meadow, 3 a. of pasture in Congleton & of a mess., 10 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 6 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood, furze & heath in Buglawton.

The said Thomas Greene died 2 December last past & Richard Greene is his son & heir & is now aged 18 years, 11 months, 23 days & dwells at Knottesford.

The premises in Stapeley, at the said Lawrence's death, were held of Queen Elizabeth & now of the King by the 10th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £6.

Those in Rope held of the Prince as Earl of Chester, by 4th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £10.

Those in Willaston, at the time of Lawrence's death, held of Thomas Peshall & Richard Walthall esqs., & now of Sir John Peshall bart. & the said Richard by 10th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Wigsterston held of the Prince as Earl of

Chester, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8*d*.

Those in Hough held of Randall Mainwaringe of Peever, kt., & William Brereton of Hanford, esq., now deceased, & now of his son William Brereton, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Those in Congleton held of the King as of his manor of Congleton & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8*d*.

Those in Buglawton held of the King in socage as of his manor of East Greenwich & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8*d*.

EDWARD GREGG OF HAPSFORD, GENT.

(File 105. No. 4.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle in the Common Hall of Pleas, 9 October, 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 Gregge gent., by the oath of John Golborne of Christleton, John Maddocke of Rowton, John Kelsall of Wimboldestrafford, John Hall of Norley, Thomas Barker of Galegreene, William Widdens of Manley, John Thomason of Hapesford, Thomas Moores of Oscrofte, Thomas Hynde of Elton, John Crew of the same, Thomas Smith of Cotton, John Carrington of Ince, John Sparke of Kingsley, Thomas Browne of the same, John Cotgreave of Christleton, John Crosse of Happesford, & John Dutton of Sutton, gentlemen.

They say that the said Edward Gregg was seised in fee of a mess., 24 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture in Hapesford & of a mess., 9 a. of land, 3 a. of meadow & 5 a. of pasture, with common of pasture for all beasts in Elton; also of 4 mess., 8 cottages, 2 a. of land in the city of Chester.

So being seised, by indenture bearing date 13 January, 18 James I [1620-1] made between the said Edward Gregg, of one part & Thomas Jolly, Thomas Gregg, John

Hollins, William Jolly, gentlemen, & Peter Lightfoote, of the other, the said premises in Happesford were settled on the said Edward for life, with contingent remainders to his wife, Elizabeth, for life, as her dower, to his son & heir apparent, Robert, in tail male, the male heirs of the body of Edward, his right heirs. As to the premises in the city of Chester & in Elton to the use of Edward for life, with contingent remainders to Joan, wife of said Robert, for life, as her dower, to said Robert, in tail male, the heirs male of the body of Edward, his right heirs.

The said premises in Happesford & Elton are held of the King, by fealty, as of the late dissolved priory of St. John of Jerusalem in England, in socage, & the said premises in Happesford are worth yearly (clear) 16s. & those in Elton 10s. 8d.

Those in the city of Chester held of the mayor & citizens of that city in free burgage & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

They say the said Edward Gregg died at Chester, 14 March, 12 Charles I [1636-7], & Robert Gregg is his son & heir & at the time of his father's death was aged 36 years & more.

MARGARET GRICE, LUNATIC.

(File 104. No. 6.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 28 September, 14 Charles I [1638] before Thomas Aldersey esq., the King's escheator in co. Chester, to enquire after the lunacy of Margaret Grice, by the oath of Humfrey Newton of Moberley, Andrew Burton of Over, Thomas Barker of the same, Thomas Maddocke of the same, John Cottingham of Frodsham, William Carrington of Elton, John Denson of the same, John Crewe of the same, Oliver Pollet of Fadiley, Thomas Moores of Oscroft, Philip Bostocke of Bostocke, William Ravenscroft of Occleston, William Tomlinson of Warton, Thomas Lownds of

Moulton, John Aldersey of Agden & Randall Banbury of Broxon, gentlemen.

They say that the said Margaret Grice is & for the space of 10 years last past has been lunatic & at divers times perpetrated mad & lunatic deeds & does so still & cannot exercise control over herself & her goods, &c. She has lucid intervals & has not alienated any lands, &c.

They say no lands in co. Chester or the county of the city of Chester remain to her.

LADY ELIZABETH GROSVENOR.

(File 100. No. 12.)

Inquisition taken at Nether Knottesford, 24 September, 5 Charles I [1629] before Sir George Boothe kt. & bart., Hugh Manwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, & Thomas Browne, feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Lady Elizabeth Grosvenor, deceased, late wife of Richard Grosvenor, kt. & bart., & formerly relict of Thomas Stanley, late of Alderley, co. Chester, kt., deceased, & daughter & heir of Sir Peter Warburton kt., deceased, late Justice of the Common Bench, by the oath of John Baskerville of Withington, Humfrey Page of Yearshawe, Hugh Amson of Cranage, Edmund Moulesworth of Wincham, John Eaton of Blacden, John Birtles of Birtles Hill, John Warde of Munkesheath, John Kinsey of Blackden, Thomas Grastie of Warford, Francis Acton of Overaldley, Thomas Gleave of Higheleigh, Anthony Furnivall of Milhouse, Thomas Hall of Budworth, Edward Harper of High Leigh, John Middlehurst of Lachford, William Morrice of Gropnall, Richard Steele of Reddishe, Philip Downes of Tofte & Edmund Hooe of Ollerton, gentlemen.

They say the said Lady Elizabeth was seised of fee of the manor of Alderley *alias* Nether Alderley with all the rights, members & appurtenances & of the view of frankpledge, 17 mess., 9 cottages, 300 a. of land, 300 a. of pas-

ture, 200 a. of meadow, 100 a. of wood, 500 a. of furze & heath & 400 a. of moor & waste in Alderley *alias* Nether Alderley, Over Alderley, Chorley, Houghe, Marford, Chelford, Astley & Byrtles & of free rents of 7s. in Alderley & of 3s. 4d. in Norbury, 20d. in Torkinton, 16d. in Offerton, 2s. 8d. in Mobberley, 14d. in Ollerton, 2s. 6d. in Occleston, 2s. 6d. in Sutton by Middlewych & of the advowson of the church of Alderley *alias* Nether Alderley, & of the manor of Grafton & a capital mess. called Grafton Hall, 200 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 10 a. of wood, 40 a. of moor & waste in Altrincham, Dunham Massie & Dunham Woodhouses; of the third part of a mess., 6 a. of land & 2 a. of pasture in Golborne Bellowe; the 8th part of the manor of Stretton & a mess., 50 a. of land, 30 a. of pasture, 6 a. of meadow, 10 a. of wood & 20 a. of furze & heath in Stretton; of 2 mess., a cottage, 30 a. of land, 20 a. of pasture, 8 a. of meadow, 10 a. of wood in Tilston; of 10 a. of land, 10 a. of pasture & 20 a. of wood called Billeywood in Churchshocklache; of a mess., 60 a. of land, 30 a. of pasture, 9 a. of meadow, 11 a. of wood, in the tenure of John Meyre in Churchshocklache & Grafton; of 30 a. of land, 20 a. of pasture & 4 a. of wood in Calcott; of 40 a. of land, 40 a. of pasture in Overmarshe; of 4 a. of meadow in Shocklache Oviat; of 4 a. of land, 3 a. of meadow in Farndon; of the manor of Anderton & 5 mess., 2 cottages, 200 a. of land, 800 a. of pasture, 20 a. of meadow, 20 a. of wood & 20 a. of moor in Anderton & Cleycroft; of the moiety of the manor of Thorneton upon the Moors & of a water mill, 8 mess., 200 a. of land, 50 a. of pasture, 20 a. of meadow & 40 a. of moor & waste in Thorneton; of 4 saltworks & a saltwork of one lead & the 3rd part of the lead of a saltwork [*tertia parte unius plumbee saline*] in Northwyche; of a yearly rent of 43s. 4d. issuing from a saltwork of 6 leads in Northwyche in the tenure of Richard Wilbraham; of a mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of pasture & 2 a. of meadow in Barneton; of a mess.,

100 a. of land, 50 a. of pasture, 10 a. of meadow, 100 a. of furze & heath & 100 a. of moor & waste in Weverham & Sandyway ; of a mess., 10 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 4 a. of pasture in Geldon Sutton ; of the rectory of Geldon Sutton & all the tithes of grain & hay in that parish, of a barn & 3 a. of meadow, parcel of the said rectory ; of 10 mess., a barn, a stable, 4 gardens, 2 orchards, 2 a. of land in the city of Chester ; of the site of the house of the Grey Friars & 4 a. of land thereunto belonging in the city of Chester ; of an orchard, 2 gardens, 1 a. of land, late parcel of the possessions of the Black Friars in the city of Chester ; of a mess., 50 a. of land, 40 a. of pasture, 10 a. of meadow, 100 a. of marsh, 20 a. of moor & waste in Leithe beyond the Dee & Saltney by Handbridge in the county of the city of Chester ; of 3 a. of land, 3 a. of meadow, 3 a. of pasture in Worthenbury, co. Flint, & of a mess., 10 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture & 10 a. of moor & waste in Dutton y Brayne & Iscoide, co. Denbigh.

They say the said Elizabeth died 12 March, 3 Charles I [1627-8].

The said manor of Alderley & premises in Nether & Over Alderley, Chorley, Houghe, Warford, Chelforde, Astley, Birtles, Norbury, Torkinton, Offerton, Mobberley, Ollerton, Occleston & Sutton are held of the King as Earl of Chester by the service of 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £5.

The 10 a. of land, 10 a. of pasture & 20 a. of wood called Billey Wood in Churchshocklach held of the King as Earl of Chester by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 10s., & the residue of the premises there held of William Lord Brereton as of his barony of Malpas in free & common socage by fealty & 3s. rent & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The manor of Grafton, 8th part of manor of Stretton & premises in Grafton, Stretton, Broxton, Churchshocklach,

Tilston & Calcott held in like manner of the said barony & worth yearly (clear) £3 10s.

The mess. in Golborne Bellowe held of the King by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 3s.

The premises in Altrincham, Dunham Massye & Dunham Woodhouse held of Sir George Boothe kt. & bart., as of his barony of Dunham Massye, by fealty & yearly rent of 8s. 9d. & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Those in Overmarshe held of the King by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Those in Shocklach Oviatt held of Sir Richard Wilbraham kt. & bart. by fealty & 6d., yearly rent & worth yearly (clear) 4s.

Those in Farndon held of the Bishop of Coventry & Lichfield in free & common socage as of his manor of Farndon, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

The manor of Anderton & premises there & in Cleycroft held of the King by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) £3 6s. 8d.

The moiety of the manor of Thornewton & premises there held of Sir Edward Fitton bart., as of his manor of Alford by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The premises in Northwiche held of William Earl of Derby as of his manor of Northwiche by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) £3.

Those in Barneton held of the King as of his barony of Halton by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Weverham & Sandyway held of the King in chief by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Those in Geldon Sutton & the rectory there held of the King as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Those in Chester held of the Mayor & citizens of Chester in free burgage & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The site of the Gray Friars & the premises formerly theirs & the Black Friars held of the King in chief by rooth part of a knight's fee & yearly rent of 4s. 7*d.* & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

Those in Leith & Saltney held of Peter Warburton esq. by rooth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 30s.

Those in Worthenbury, co. Flint, held of William Earl of Derby as of his manor of Maylors, co. Flint, in free & common socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 8s.

Those in Dutton y brayne & Iscoide held of the King, as of his manor of Bromefield & Yale, co. Denbigh, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

They say that Thomas Stanley of Alderley, co. Chester, esq. is son and next heir of said Elizabeth & is aged 30 years & more & has taken the profits &c., of the said premises since his mother's death.

RICHARD GROSVENOR ESQ. OF EATON.

(File 95. No. 6.)¹

Inquisition taken in the Common Hall of Pleas, Chester, 22 September, 18 James I [1620] before Sir Richard Brooke kt., Thomas Marburie & Peter Daniell esqs., & Hugh Manwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Richard Grosvenor esq., by the oath of Richard Brereton of Eccleston, esq., Hugh Massie of Egerley, Thos. Barneston of Churton, Thomas Partington of Cotton, Thomas Calcott of Calcott, John Edwards of Cheveley, Thos. Ball of Boughton, Francis Hawarden of the same, John Dodd of Broxton, Richard Bird of the same, John Dawson of Tushingham, James Dod of Saughall, William Rosomgreave of Waverton, John Ashbrooke of Tattenhall, William Burgeny of Poulford, & John Manley of Poulton, gentlemen.

¹ Words supplied from Court of Wards Inq. p.m. 65/60.

They say the said Richard Grosvenor was seised of the manor of Eaton with the view of frankpledge there & the ferry & free boats there in the Dee & all thereunto belonging & of the free fishery there in the Dee & of the sergeanty of the water of the Dee & all to the said sergeanty belonging from Eaton Weir to Arnolds Eyre & of 4 mess., 100 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood, & 2s. rent in Eaton ; of the manor of Poulton, with view of frankpledge & of 13 mess., 50 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture & 5 a. of wood in Poulton, late parcel of the possessions of Deulacres Monastery, co. Stafford, & of all tithes of grain growing in Poulton, & of 2 mess., 40 a. of land & 6 a. of pasture in Burwardsley ; & of the manor of Belgreave, 50 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 50 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood in Belgreave ; & of a mess. & 20 a. of land in Eccleston & of 4 mess., 20 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 80 a. of pasture, 3 a. of wood in Kynerton & Gorstilowe ; & of the manor of Tushingham & of 13 mess., 6 cottages, 50 a. of land, 50 a. of meadow, 80 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood & a yearly rent of 1*d.* or a pair of white gloves & the yearly rent of a red rose in Tushingham ; & of 2 mess., 10 a. of land, 3 a. of meadow, 7 a. of pasture in Poulford, & of a mess., a cottage, 40 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow & 30 a. of pasture in Dodleston & Greenewall ; & of a mess. & 5 a. of land in Rowton, & of 30 a. of land in Bickley, late in the tenure of George Abram & now of John Nevett ; & of 5 a. of land in Bradley ; & of the manor of Macefen & of 5 mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture in Macefen ; & of a mess., 50 a. of land & 6 a. of meadow in Hargreave ; & of the manor of Stockton & 4 mess., 40 a. of land, 20 a. of pasture & 10 a. of wood in Stockton ; & of a mess. & a saltwork in Wigland & Fowlewich.

So being seised, a fine was levied in the Common Court of Pleas, Chester, on 29 September, 42 Elizabeth [1600] between Thomas Wilbram, Thomas Brooke, Geoffrey

Shakerley & Henry Manwaringe esq., plaintiffs & the said Richard Grosvenor & Christian, then his wife, deforciant, of the said premises, conveying Poulton Hall & 40 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow & 20 a. of pasture in Poulton, the tithes there, a mess. & 40 a. of land in Stockton & a saltwork in Wigland & Fowlewich & 5 mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow & 20 a. of pasture in Macefen, a mess., 50 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow in Hargreave to the use of Richard Grosvenor the younger, son & heir apparent of said Richard, & Lettice, then his wife & their male issue, with contingent remainders to the heirs male of the body of the said Richard the younger, to Richard sen., for life, to the right heirs of Richard the younger; & as to the residue of the premises to the use of Richard the elder, for life, with contingent remainders to Richard the younger, & his male issue by said Lettice, the heirs male of the body of the said Richard the younger, to his right heirs.

After the making of the fine, the said Richard bought the rectory & church of Farndon *alias* Farnton, & all tithes of grain & hay thereunto belonging & by indenture of 20 July, 11 James I [1613] settled the same on himself for life to the uses of his will.

He made his will, appointing Peter Daniell esq., John Dodd & William Colly executors, & bequeathing the said rectory & tithes to the use of his daughters.

He was also seised in fee of a barn & two "landes" in Farndon & of 3 mess., 10 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 8 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood in Brymbo, co. Denbigh, & of 3 mess., 4 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 6 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood in Gwirsilt, & a mess., 1 a. of land & 1 a. of pasture in Bersham, co. Denbigh, & of 2 mess., 7 a. of land in Gresford, co. Denbigh, & of a coal mine in Wrixham, co. Denbigh, & a yearly rent of 40s. in Burton, co. Denbigh, & of a barn & 1 a. of land there, & of a meadow called Guerredie Moore, of 200 a. in Burton, co.

Denbigh ; & of the manor of Thurcaston, co. Leicester, & of 120 a. of land there, & of 10 a. of land & 10 a. of pasture in Cropston, co. Leicester, & 5 a. of land in Burstall & of 4 a. of land in Austrie, co. Leicester, & a yearly rent of 28s. 1½*d.* in Thurcaston, & of 2 mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture & 10 a. of wood in Longdale in Maplewell in the forest of Charnewode, co. Leicester, & of 3 mess. in Chester.

They say Eaton manor, with the ferry & sergeanty of the Dee & premises in Eaton, are held of the Prince, as Earl of Chester, by 20th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) £3 6s. 8*d.*

The manor of Poulton & premises there & in Poulford & Rowton held of the King in chief by 20th part of a knight's fee & yearly rent of 50s. 3*d.*, & worth yearly (clear) £3 6s. 8*d.*

The premises in Burwardsley held of Ralph Egerton esq. deceased & now of Peter Egerton gent., in socage, by service of 6*d.* a year & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Kynerton & Gorstilowe held of Thomas Mortone esq., as of his manor of Dodleston, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) £2 6s. 8*d.*

The manors of Tushingham, Macefen & Stockton & premises there & in Wigland, Fowlewich & Bradley held of the Barons of Malpas, as of that barony, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) £3 10s.

The jurors are ignorant of the tenure of the premises in Hargreave, they are worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The premises in Eccleston held of Peter Venables esq., by fealty & yearly rent of 6s. 8*d.* & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

They do not know of whom the manor of Belgreave & premises there are held, nor how held, & are worth yearly (clear) £4.

The rectory & church of Farndon & tithes there held of the King as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent,

by fealty only & worth (clear) yearly £4 ; & the premises there held of the Bishop of Coventry & Lichfield as of his manor of Farndon, in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 3s. 4d.

Those in Dodleston & Greenewall held of Thomas Marburie esq., as of his manor of Dodleston, service unknown & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Of whom the land in Bickley is held, they do not know & the same is worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The premises in Thurcaston are held of Lord Grey of Groby as of the fee of Wincestre, by fealty & yearly rent of 6s. 8d. & worth yearly (clear) 46s. 8d. The manor of Thurcaston & premises there & in Cropston, Burstall, Swithland, Newton, Austrie, Keyme & Longdale in Charnwood Forest held of the King, tenure unknown, & worth yearly (clear) £10.

The premises in the city of Chester held of the mayor & citizens in free burgage & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The meadow called Guerredde Moor in Burton held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, by fealty & yearly rent of 3s. & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The residue of the premises in Burton, Brymbo, &c., held of the Prince, as of his manor of Bromfield, by fealty & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The coalmine in Wrixham held of the King by fealty as of his honor of Hampton Court & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

They say the said Richard Grosvenor died 18 September 1619, at Eaton & Richard Grosvenor, now knight, is his son & heir & now aged 35 years & more.

THOMAS HALL OF GREAT BUDWORTH.

(File 105. No. 5.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 4 May, 17 Charles I [1631] before Thomas Aldersey esq., the King's escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ, to enquire

after the death of Thomas Hall of Great Budworth, by the oath of George Bostocke of Churton, John Golborne of Christleton, Thomas Wickstead of Wickstead, John Maddocke of Rowton, Richard Whittingham of Over, William Jackson [*sic*] of Acton, Thomas Cowper of Coppenthal, Thomas Hynde of Elton, John Robinson of Chorleton, John Kelsall of Wimboldstrafford, John Thomason of Happesford, Alexander Duncalfe of Mobberley, Richard Edge of Tattenhall & John Horton of Aldersey, gentlemen.

They say that the said Thomas Hall, the day he died, was seised in fee of a mess., with the appurtenances in Great Budworth, & of a cottage, 2 gardens, 20 a. of land, 3 a. of meadow, & 20 a. of pasture in Great Budworth, late in the tenure of the said Thomas Hall.

The said premises are held of the King, in chief, by 200th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 50s.

The said Thomas Hall died 10 June, 12 Charles I [1636] & John Hall is his son & heir & at his father's death was aged 46 years or thereabouts. The said John Hall has taken the issues & profits of the premises since his said father's death.

RICHARD HARCOURT ESQ. OF WINCHAM.

(File 100. No. 5.)

Inquisition taken at Northwych, 26 January, 4 Charles I [1628-9] before Hugh Mainwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Richard Harecourt esq., by oath of Edmund Mouldsworth of Wymyncham, Hugh Page of Yearshawe, Paul Wynnyngton of Birches, John Anderton of Croxton, Henry Pickmeyre of Hulse, Thomas Hall of Budworth, Alexander Duncalfe of Mobberley, Randall Blackeshawe & Francis Newton of the same, Philip Downes of Tofte, George Bradford of Shibbroock, Randall Wrenche of Moulton, Robert Hesketh of Ashley, John Bradburne of

Meire, Simon Stewarde of Mobberley & John Burges of Mobberley, gentlemen.

They say the said Richard Harcourt, long before his death, was seised in fee of the capital mess. of Wymyncham & of 8 mess., 2 cottages, 100 acres of land, 40 a. of meadow & 100 a. of pasture in Wymyncham ; & of a mess. & 6 a. of land in Over ; & of 2 mess., 30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow & 10 a. of pasture in Waverton *alias* Warton ; & of a mess., 6 a. of land & 6 a. of pasture in Leftwich ; & of a yearly rent of 33s. 4*d.* issuing out of the lands of William Oldfeld esq. & Elizabeth, his wife, in her right, in Davenham & now in the tenure of William Ayton ; & of a mess. & 6 a. of land in Lostock Grallam, & of a cottage, a saltwork of 6 leads in Northwych.

So being seised, by indenture bearing date 4 February, 2 James I [1604-5] made between the said Richard Harecourt, of one part & Anthony Skynner, Nicholas Fortescue, John Skynner & John Breton esqs., on the marriage of said Richard with Elizabeth Widnester, he settled the capital mess. & premises in Wyncham, called the New Hall, & lands called the Coningree, the Dovehouse Field, the Wheat Field, the Lamberlands Field, the Gouldbournes Field, the Pratt Field meadow, the Little Town Field, the Yannies Meadow, the Pease Flatt Field, the Barley Field, the Bleases Field, the Cunnigree Meadow, the Great Meadow, the Woodend meadow & the Gouldbournes Field Meadow to the use of the said Elizabeth, for life, as her dower, & after her death, to the said Richard Harecourt & his male issue by the said Elizabeth, with contingent remainders, in default, to the heirs male of the body of William Harecourt, deceased, father of said Richard, the right heirs of Margaret, late mother of said Richard, for ever ; the residue of the premises to the use of the said Richard & the heirs male of his body by the said Elizabeth, the heirs male of the body of the said William, the right heirs of the said Richard for ever.

Afterwards, by indenture of 28 July, 22 James I [1624] made between the said Richard, of one part & William Brereton of Ashley & Thomas Marburie of Marburie esqs., of the other, he conveyed to the said Brereton & Marburie a yearly rent of £13 6s. 8d. to the uses of his will to be levied out of the premises in Wincham. He made his will 28 July, 22 James I [1624] desiring his said trustees to pay his son, Ralph, £5 13s. 4d. a year & the like to his other son, Thomas, & to pay his daughters, Elizabeth & Mary, £200 each, on marriage.

The said capital mess. & tenements in Wincham are held of Peter Venables esq., Baron of Kynderton, as of his said barony, by the 4th part of a knight's fee, & the same worth yearly (clear) £8.

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

Those in Warton held of Thomas, Viscount Savage, by fealty & worth yearly (clear) 30s.

Those in Leftwych held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Lostock Grallam held of Peter Venables esq., as of the barony of Kinderton, by fealty & worth yearly (clear) 3s. 4d.

Those in Northwych held of William, Earl of Derby, as of his manor of Northwych in free burgage & worth yearly (clear) 30s.

The said Richard died 16 July last past & William Harecourt is his son & heir & is now aged 23 years & more.

Elizabeth, widow of the said Richard, the said Ralph, Thomas, Elizabeth & Mary, his children, survive & dwell at Wincham.

GEORGE HARDMAN OF STOCKPORT, GENT.

(File 99. No. 5.)

Inquisition taken at Knottesford, 11 January,
1 Charles I [1625-6] before Hugh Mainwaringe esq.,

escheator, to enquire after the death of George Hardman of Stockport, gent., by the oath of William Leighe of Oughtrington, Thomas Gleaue of High Leigh, Peter Pickton of Graunge, Henry Porter of More, William Midleton of Stockton, John Hatton of Lacheford, Edward Harpur of High Leigh, Richard Steele of Reddishe, Randall Barlowe of Hale, Philip Downes of Toft, Randall Wright of Ashley, Thomas Shawe of Millington, Robert Hesketh of Rycrofte, John Middlehurst of Groppenhall, Randall Goulden of Hale, & Robert Worsley of Ashley, gentlemen.

They say the said George Hardman, long before his death, was seised in fee of a mess. & burgage in Stockport next Turnecroft Lane in the several tenures of William Whittington & John Reddishe & of 7 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow and 6 a. of pasture in Stockport next Turnecroft Lane & of another mess. in Stockport next the Milnegate.

So being seised, he made his will 24 September, 1625, desiring to be buried in Stockport parish church, & bequeathing his two houses near Turnecroft Lane to his kinsman, James Rowscow of Manchester & Aleas wife of said James & the heirs of their bodies, they paying testator's sister, Margaret Gee of Straitford, £10 & making the said James Rowscow his executor. Samuel Siddall, Alexander Rodes, John Allen were witnesses.

They say the said George Hardman died at Stockport 27 September last past without issue & Margaret, daughter of Robert Hardman, late the brother of said George, & now wife of William Arrowsmyth, is niece & heir of the said George & is now aged 24 years & more.

The premises near Turnecroft Lane are held of Edward Warren esq. in free & common socage & by rent of 4s. 7d. a year & are worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The mess. near Milnegate held of said Warren, in free & common socage & worth yearly (clear) 6d.

HENRY HARDWARE OF BROMBOROUGH.

(File 90. No. 24.)¹

Inquisition taken at Sandbach, 26 April, 13 James I [1615] before Sir Thomas Delves kt., Henry Maynwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, & Ralph Wilbraham esq., feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Henry Hardware, by the oath of Alexander Elcocke of Poole, Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Thomas Knight of A . . . , Randall Poole of the same, John Cheswys of Mickley, Robert Sare of Little Hassall, John Podmore of the same, William Boulton of Hankelow, Humfrey Page of Erdshawe, John Rode of Walhill, Randall Phitheon of Tetton, James Trevett of Sproston, William Venables of the same, William Auston of Stanthorne, Hugh Venables of Wymboldesley, Arthur Joynson of Wareton & John Ravenscrofte of Occleston, gentlemen.

They say that the said Henry Hardware the day he died was seised in tail male of a mansion house or the house of the manor of Brumborowe with appurtenances in Brumborowe & of a water grain mill, 10 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture & 6 a. of wood in Brumborowe & of all the multures & tolls of the tenants & inhabitants whatsoever of the vill of Brumborowe for the time being; also of the manor of Mouldsworth with all members & appurtenances & of 16 cottages, a water grain mill, 100 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture & 50 a. of heath in Mouldsworth; & of one mess., 30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow & 30 a. of pasture in Norley & Kingsley now or late in the tenures of Thomas Wydens & Thomas Pickeren, & of 8 a. of land called Flookersbrook Crofts in co. Chester or in the county of the city of Chester; & of 6 mess., 5s. free rent in Chester in the county of that city.

They say the premises in Brumborowe are held of the

¹ MS. torn, no Court of Wards Inq. p.m.

Dean & Chapter of Chester Cathedral by fealty, in free socage & by a certain rent & are worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4d.

The manor of Mouldsworth & premises there held of Sir John Savage kt. & bart., by fealty, in socage & worth yearly (clear) 16s. 8d.

The premises in Kingsley & Norley held of the King as Earl of Chester, in chief, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8d.

The 8 a. of land called Flookersbrook Crofts & the mess. & rent in Chester held of the mayor & citizens of the city of Chester in free burgage by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 15s.

They say the said Henry Hardware died 22 March, 10 James I [1612-13] & Henry Hardware is his son & heir & is now aged 3 years, 10 months, 16 days.

They say that Thomas Wyddens & Thomas Pickerin by demise made to them in the said Henry's lifetime have taken the issues & profits of the premises in Norley & Kingsley since Henry's death & that Ralph Wilbraham esq., as guardian of Henry the son, has taken the profits of the rest of the lands.

ANNE HARDWARE.

(File 90. No. 12.)

Inquisition taken at Sandbach, 20 December, 11 James I [1613] before Sir Randall Manwaringe kt., Henry Manwaringe esq., & Ralph Wilbraham, feodary of co. Chester, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Anne Harwar [*sic*] deceased, by the oath of Humfrey Page esq., Ralph Bostock, Hugh Amson, John Lawton, John Rode, Thomas Hodgkinson, Richard Steele, James Trevett, William Venables, William Austen, Randall Phithdon, Roger Neild, Thomas Woodcock & Arthur Johnson, gentlemen.

They say the said Ann Hardwar the day she died was

seised in fee of a mess. in Norley & Kingesley & of 30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture in Norley & Kingesley now or late in the tenure of Thomas Widdens & Thomas Pickeren; so being seised she made her will bequeathing the said premises to Nicholas Byfilde, preacher of God's word, for 8 years, to pay her funeral expences & the debts she owed her sisters Elizabeth & Margaret & after the said 8 years to remain to the said Nicholas Byfilde with remainder after his death to his son Jonathan Byfilde, paying her mother, Elizabeth Hardwar, £5 a year, & 40s. a year for some poor scholar.

The said premises are held of the King as Earl of Chester by 200th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 20s.

They say she died 10 April, 10 James I [1612] & Henry Hardwar gent. is her next of kin & heir, being son & heir of Henry Hardwar gent., deceased, brother & next heir of Anne & is now aged 2 years, 6 months, 12 days.

ELLEN HAYES.

(File 100. No. 13.)

Inquisition taken at Northwich, 19 August, 5 Charles I [1629] before Sir Richard Wilbraham kt. & bart., Hugh Mainwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, & Thomas Browne esq., feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Ellen Hayes widow, deceased, by the oath of Edmund Mouldesworth of Wymyncham, Humfrey Page of Yeardshawe, Hugh Amson of Cranage, George Bradford of Shipbrooke, Thomas Pownall of Barneton, Robert Holford of Allostocke, Henry Pickmeyre of Hulse, Hugh Venables of Wymboldsley, Thomas Burrowes of Clive, William Tomlynson of Warton, Ralph Bostock the younger of Moulton, Randall Wrench of the same, Robert Whittingham of Over, Richard Whittingham, Andree Barton &

Thomas Barker of the same, John Wynyngton of Leftwych & Arthur Symcocke of the same, gentlemen.

They say the said Ellen was seised in fee of a mess. or burgage called the New Swan, in Northwich & Wynington & of 2 shops in Northwich in the tenure of William Eaton, William Birchenhead & George Amerie, & of the moiety of a saltwork of 8 leads in Northwich in the tenure of Peter Dewsburie, & of the moiety of a mess. or burgage in Northwich in the tenure of Randall Birchenhead called the Old Swan, & of the site of the moiety of another mess. or burgage, late in the tenure of George Paver in Northwich, & of the moiety of a saltwork of 4 leads in Northwich late in the tenure of Margaret Torbock, widow, & now of the said Peter Dewsburie, of the moiety of another saltwork of 4 leads in Northwich, late in the tenure of Richard Newhall gent., & now of John Broome, & of the moiety of another saltwork of 4 leads in Northwich, late in the tenure of Ottiwell Johnson, deceased, & now of John Broome, & of the moiety of a saltwork of 6 leads in Northwich late in the tenure of George Shawe & now of John Ainsworth, & of another moiety of a saltwork of 3 leads in Northwich late in the tenure of Ralph Nickson esq., & now of Alice Horton, widow, & another moiety of a saltwork in Northwich late in the tenure of Peter Warburton kt., deceased, & now of Alice Horton, widow; & of the moiety of 6 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, & 12 a. of pasture in Witton, Twenbrookes & Wymincham.

So being seised, the said Ellen Hayes died 7 June last past & Peter Torbuck is her next of kin & heir, being son & heir of Peter Torbuck, deceased, brother & heir apparent of said Ellen & is now aged 15 years, 9 months, 16 days.

They say the "New Swan" in Northwich, the two shops & the saltwork of 8 leads in the tenure of Peter Dewsburie are held of the King, as Earl of

Chester, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The premises in Northwich held of William Earl of Derby in free burgage by rent of 12½*d.* yearly & worth yearly (clear) 50s.

Those in Twembrook, Witton & Wymincham held of Peter Venables esq., Baron of Kynderton, as of that barony, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

WILLIAM HEALDE OF MOBBERLEY, GENT.

(File 94. No. 9.)

Inquisition taken at Nether Knottesford, 14 January, 17 James I [1619-20], before Hugh Maynwaringe esq., the escheator for co. Chester, & Henry Delves gent., feodary there, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of William Healde of Mobberley, gent., by the oath of George Bowdon of Bowdon, James Bradshawe of Allostocke, Philip Antrobus of Peever, Richard Steele of Reddishe, James Persivall of Lyme, John Middlehurst of Groppenhall, Thomas Middlehurst of Lacheford, John Lonkshawe of the same, John Hatton of the same, James Leighe of Oughtrington, Richard Hill of Appleton, Randall Wright of Ashley, Thomas Dale of Withington, William Fodon of the same & Richard Bentley of Meyre, gentlemen.

They say that long before his death the said William Healde was seised in fee of 2 mess., 30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture, & 10 a. of moss & turbary in Mobberley & died thereof seised.

The said premises are held of the lord Prince, as Earl of Chester, in chief, by the 100th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 10s.

They say the said William Healde died 14 April, 7 James I [1609] & that George Healde is his son & heir & is now aged 18 years, 5 weeks, 4 days; & that Alice

Hill, late the wife of the said William Healde & now the wife of Geoffrey Hill, has taken the issues & profits of the said premises since the death of the said William.

THOMAS HINTON OF WIRSWALL, GENT.

(File 92. No. 8.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 3 September, 15 James I [1617], before the escheator & feodary of the county & Richard Brereton & Edward Dutton esqs., by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of Thomas Hynton gentleman, by the oath of William Smethwicke of Smethwicke, William Lawton of Lawton, esqs., Thomas Baskerville of Withington, John Birtles of Birtles, Richard Davenport of Wheltroughe, Thomas Brooke of Leighton, John Cotton of Huntington, Thomas Leech of Carden, Richard Bridd of Broxton, John Bennett of Soughall Massie, George Langford of Tranmere, James Doe of Soughall & Thomas Barlowe of the same, gentlemen.

They say the day he died the said Thomas Hynton was seised in fee of a mess., 100 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood, 200 a. of furze & heath in Wirsewall in the tenure of William Yardeley; also of the manor of Torperley & 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 & £8 rent in Torperley in the tenure of Sir John Done kt.; & of the manor of Rushton & Eaton & of 65 mess., 14 tofts, 200 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 400 a. of pasture, 400 a. of wood, 200 a. of furze & heath, £12 rent in Eaton & Rushton.

The said premises in Wyrsewell were held of Thomas, late Viscount Brackley & now John Viscount Brackeley, Earl Bridgwater in free socage, by fealty & rent of 12*d.* a year & worth yearly (clear) £5.

The manor of Torperley & premises there held of Thomas Venables esq., lately deceased, as of his manor

of Kinderton, by 4th part of a knight's fee & now held of Peter Venables esq., as of his manor of Kinderton, & worth yearly (clear) £3 16s. 2d.

The third part [*sic*] of the manor of Eaton & Rushton & of the premises there held of Prince Charles, Earl of Chester, in chief, by one knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £17 11s. 9½d.

They say the said Thomas Hynton died 9 May, 3 James I [1605] without issue & Margery, wife of William Yardley, is his next of kin & heir, being daughter & heir of Griffin Hynton, deceased, late brother & heir of the said Thomas, & Thomas & Griffin were sons of Griffin Hynton. At the time of Thomas' death, Margery was aged 23 years & more & married William Yardley, 20 September, 40 Elizabeth [1598] at Wirswall, & she &, since her marriage, the said William have taken the issues & profits of the premises in Wirsewall since Thomas Hynton's death; John Done those of the manor of Torperley; John Egerton kt., deceased & after his death Rowland Egerton kt. & bart., his son & heir those of premises in Eaton & Rushton & John Done those of the manor of Eaton & Rushton.

On 29 April, 4 James I [1606] a fine was levied at Chester between John Done esq. & William Yardley & Margery, of the manor of Torperley & the moiety [*sic*] of the manor of Eaton & Rushton & premises in those places, whereby the said John took the profits, &c., & by a like fine of 1 October, 41 Elizabeth [1599] Sir John Egerton took those of premises in Eaton & Rushton & the moiety of that manor.

JOHN HOLFORD OF DAVENHAM, GENT.

(File 87. No. 15.)

Inquisition taken at Sandbach, 28 June, 3 James I [1605] before Henry Mainwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the

death of John Holforde of Davenham, gent., by the oath of Thomas Mynshall of Eardeswick esq., Humfrey Page of Yeardeshaw, John Eaton of Goostree, Hugh Furnivale of Betchton, Oliver Vernon of Midlewich, Richard Davenport of Wheltroughe, John Pigott of Somerforde, Richard Shawe of Betchton, John Ravinscroft of Occleston, Robert Pickmeyre of Hulse, Peter Warde of Somerford, & John Whelocke of Betchton, gentlemen.

They say that John Holforde, father of said John, long before his death was seised in fee of a capital mess. in Davenham & of a cottage in the tenure of John Birkes & of 40 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 5 a. of wood in Davenham ; & of a mess. in Moulton & of 40 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture & 5 a. of wood in Moulton ; & of a mess., 10 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow & 10 a. of pasture in Bostocke ; & of 3 mess., 20 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture in Davenham in the several tenures of Christopher Holforde, William Devyas & Randall Taylor ; & of a mess., 6 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow & 6 a. of pasture in Leftwich in the tenure of Richard Jeynson ; & of a cottage in Leftwiche, in the tenure of John Leigh ; & of the manor of Alsager *alias* Auger, & of a mess., 20 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow & 20 a. of pasture in Lawton *alias* Church Lawton.

So being seised John Holforde, the father, married Katherine Hussey & a fine was levied in the Common Hall at Chester 26 September, 22 Elizabeth [1580] between Edward Egerton esq., Ralph Egerton esq., & William Meyre esq., plaintiffs & the said John Holforde, the father, gent., deforciant, conveying the premises in Moulton to the use of Elizabeth wife of John Holforde, the son, for life, as her jointure, with contingent remainders to the male issue of said John & Elizabeth, the right heirs of John Holforde sen., & the manor of Alsager & premises in Davenham, Leftwiche, Bostocke, Lawton, Alsager to the use of John Holforde, the father, for life,

with contingent remainders to John Holforde jun. & his male issue by the said Elizabeth, the right heirs of said John, the father, as more at large appears by indenture of 21 June, 22 Elizabeth [1580] between John Holforde the father & Thomas Redishe, father of said Elizabeth, on the marriage of John jun. & the said Elizabeth before Michaelmas then next following, which said marriage took place after the said 21st June & before the levying of the said fine.

So being seised John Holforde jun., for the better education & bringing-up of his son, Thomas & his daughters, Mary, Elizabeth, Helen & Ursula, granted to Thomas Maynwaringe of Marton, gent., & William Leftwiche gent., the premises in Church Lawton & Alsager, to the use of Thomas Holford for life, with remainder to the said John & his heirs & the residue of the premises to the use of the said children of the said John.

They say the premises in Davenham are held of Sir John Savage kt., by fealty & rent of 4s. yearly & are worth yearly (clear) £3 8s.

Those in Moulton & Bostocke held of the King as Earl of Chester, in chief, by rooth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 58s.

Those in Leftwiche, together with others there in the tenure of Thomas Wyche, held of Ralph Leftwiche esq., by fealty & rent of 4s. 6d. & worth yearly (clear) 14s. 4d.

Those in Church Lawton held of William Lawton esq., by fealty & rent of 18d. yearly & worth yearly (clear) 35s.

The manor of Alsager & premises there held of Robert Cholmondley esq., as of his purparty of the barony of Nantwich by rooth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 47s. 4d.

They say the said John Holforde died at Davenham, 10 February last past & John Holforde is his son & heir & was aged 7 years on 12 November last past.

Katherine, late the wife of John Holforde, the father,

still survives & dwells at Davenham, as does Elizabeth, late the wife of John Holforde, the son.

JOHN HOLFORD OF DAVENHAM, GENT.

(File 90. No. 11.)

Inquisition taken in the Common Hall of Pleas, Chester Castle, 29 March, 14 Charles I [1638] before Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator in co. Chester by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of John Holford of Davenham, gentleman, by the oath of George Bostocke of Churton, esq., John Robinson of Chorleton, Henry Phillips of Christleton, Ralph Sellers of the same, Richard Edge of Tatnall, William Ashton of Chorleton, James Halwood of Whitby, John Dawson jun. of Tussingham, John Aldersey of Agdon, Randall Banburie of Broxton, Ralph Maddocke of Edge, Ralph Bathoe of Kiddington, Randall Palin of Bickerton & George Walker,¹ gentlemen.

They say that long before his death the said John Holford was seised in fee of a capital mess. in Davenham & of a cottage in the tenure of John Berkies & of 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 26 a. of pasture, 5 a. of wood in Davenham ; & of a mess. in Moulton & of 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture & 8 a. of wood in Moulton & of a mess., 6 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 6 a. of pasture in Bostocke ; & of 3 mess., 4 cottages, 22 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 22 a. of pasture in Davenham in the tenure of William Dennys, Richard Badcock, Richard Holford, Ralph Cooke, Robert Duckworth, William Leigh & John Amery ; & of a mess., 3 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 3 a. of pasture in Leftwich, in the tenure of Richard Cutler ; & of a cottage in Leftwich in the tenure of Mrs. Leigh, widow.

So being seised, by indenture of 18 February, 19 James I [1621-2] made between the said John Holford, of one part & Sir Randall Manwaringe kt., & Thomas Mallory,

¹ No place given.

Dean of Chester Cathedral, of the other, on the marriage of the said John Holford with Joan, one of the daughters of the said Thomas Mallory, & £40 paid by Thomas Mallory to the said John Holford, the said premises were settled on the said John & Joan & the longer liver of them, & their issue & a fine was levied in the Common Hall of Pleas in Chester, 23 September, 20 James I [1622] in confirmation of the same.

They say the said John on 27 April, 7 Charles I [1631] bought of the said Thomas Mallorie & Elizabeth his wife a mess., 20 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture in Moulton, late in the tenure of John Ryle & Thomas Peirson & he was seised for himself & his heirs in fee thereof & on 4 October, 13 Charles I [1637] for £83 demised to Robert Clayton a mess. in Moulton called Moulton House, 7 crofts, 5 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow & 5 a. of pasture for 4 years, & the said Robert Clayton is seised of the same.

They say the said premises in Davenham are held of John, Viscount Savage, by the service of the seventh part of a knight's fee & 4s. rent yearly & worth yearly (clear) 53s. 4d.

The premises in Moulton & Bostocke held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in chief, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 58s.

Those in Leftwich held of the heirs of Ralph Leftwich by fealty & 4s. 6d. rent yearly & worth yearly (clear) 9s.

They say the said John Holford died at Mobberley 23 January last past & Joan, his wife, survives & dwells at Davenham & John Holford is his son & heir & is now aged 16 years, 11 months, 6 days.

ROBERT HOLFORD GENT.

(File 104. No. 15.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 17 April, 16 Charles I [1640] before Thomas Aldersey esq., the King's

escheator there, by virtue of the King's writ, to enquire after the death of Robert Holford gent., by oath of William Haughton of Haughton, John Kellsall of Wimboldestrafford, Thomas Litlemore of Heatley, John Cottingham of Frodsham, Richard Nangreave of Woodhouses, Thomas Barker of Galegreene, Richard Whittingham of Over, Arthur Johnson of Warton, Thomas Lownes of Bostock, John Blease of Shipbrooke, John Hall of Norley, Thomas Browne of Kingsley, John Kellsall of Mickle Trafford, John Bradburne of Meyre, Thomas Moores of Oscroft, Thomas Smith of Cotton & Thomas Baker of Over, gentlemen.

They say that, long before the said Robert's death, his grandfather, Robert Holford, was seised in fee of a mess., 6 cottages, 7 gardens, 7 orchards, 30 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture in Lostocke Gramam ; & of 10 a. of land & 4 a. of meadow in Pickmere ; of a mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood, 10 a. of furze & heath, 10 a. of moor & 10 a. of turbary in Plumley & Lostock Gramam & in Plumley cum Holford.

So being seised, on 20 September, 7 Charles I [1631] in consideration of the marriage of the said Robert, named in the writ & Mary Hatton, one of the daughters of Richard Hatton of Hatton, gent., deceased, by indenture bearing date the same 20 September, made between Robert Holford, the grandfather, of one part & Alice Hatton, widow of said Richard Hatton, Thomas Hatton of Chester, gent., Christopher Bassnett of Barnton, yeoman, Peter Venables & Humfrey Bradshawe of Lostocke Gramam, yeomen, of the other, the moiety of the two mess. in Lostocke Gramam, in the tenure of the said Robert Holford, the grandfather & of George Paver, deceased, & a moiety of all other the premises, were settled on Robert the grandfather, for life, with contingent remainders, to Robert named in the writ for life, to the said

Mary Hatton as dower, & the remainder on said Robert & his male issue by said Mary, in tail male.

The marriage between Robert & Mary took place & afterwards Robert the grandfather died & the premises descended to said Robert named in the writ, who, thus seised, built a watermill upon the premises in Lostock Gramam & by his indenture bearing date 28 November, 15 Charles I [1639] demised to farm to Edward Holford of Plumley, yeoman, & Richard Holford of Lostock Gramam, yeoman, 5 pastures, parcel of the said premises, in Pickmeare, called the Rost Meadow, the two Rost Fields, the Mill heye & the Little Featherhead, from the death of the said Robert for 100 years, if Peter Holford, younger son of said Robert, his wife or child so long should live.

Afterwards, on 28 November, 15 Charles I [1639] the said Robert made his will, bequeathing to his daughters, Mary & Martha Holford, his mill, during the minority of his eldest son, Robert & two parts of the moiety of his lands in Lostock, during the said minority; if one die, then the surviving daughter & Peter Holford, testator's youngest son, to have the same, the other moiety to his said son, Robert.

The said Robert died 15 December, 15 Charles I [1639] & Robert is his son & heir & now aged 5 years, 7 months, 2 days & not more. Mary, wife of said Robert, & Peter, Mary & Martha, his children, survive & dwell at Lostock Gramam.

They say the premises in Lostock Gramam, Plumley & Plumley cum Holford are held of the King, as of his honor of Halton, by 200th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 50s.

The lands in Pickmere, tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

EDWARD HOLLINSHED OF HEYWOOD, GENT.

(File 91. No. 10.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 26 September, 14 James I [1616] before William Brereton of Ashley, esq., Hugh Wynnington esq., & Ralph Wilbraham esq., feodary of co. Chester, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Edward Hollynshed, late of Heywood, co. Chester, gentleman, by the oath of Thomas Brooke, Humfrey Page, Richard Steele, John Rode, Reginald Fynlow, Edward Thorncroft, Lea Henshawe, Hugh Wardle, Hugh Venables, John Kynsy, James Bradshaw, Edward Lownds, Thomas Woodcocke, William Venables, Arthur Jeynson, Peter Ward, Urian Okes, Hugh Snelson, & William Awsten, gentlemen.

They say the said Edward at the time of his death was seised in fee tail, to him & the heirs male of his body, of a capital mess. called Heywood, a dove-cote, garden, orchard, 40 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood & 10 a. of furze & heath in Alderly *alias* Nether Alderley & he died seised thereof.

Long before the said Edward's death, Sir Edward Fytton kt., now deceased, was seised in fee of 10 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow & 6 a. of pasture in Alderly *alias* Nether Alderley called Colly Heyes & the Intack & demised the same to Hugh Hollinshed gentleman, deceased, father of said Edward, to hold to him & his heirs from 10 February, 26 Eliz. [1584-5] for 80 years, at a yearly rent of 12s. 8d.; on 14 July, 43 Eliz. [1601] the said Hugh Hollinshed of Heywood, gent., granted all his interest in the same to Ralph Hollynshed of Little Warford, gent., & William Whythall of Erburie, co. Staff., gent., in trust for himself for life & after his death to the use of his son, the said Edward; afterwards on 1 September, 43 Eliz. [1601] the said Hugh Hollinshed purchased the said premises of the said Sir Edward, to

him & his heirs in fee farm & died seised thereof & the same descended to the said Edward.

The said Edward was also seised of 2 mess., a cottage, 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood & 3 a. of furze & heath in Alderley *alias* Nether Alderley bought of Sir Edward Fytton kt. in fee farm & of 2 mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow & 30 a. of pasture in Wylmesley *alias* Wylmeslowe, & of 2 mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood & 10 a. of furze & heath in Blagden & Goostry & by indenture of 19 January, 1614[-15] he demised, for a certain sum of money, to Edward Fytton of Gawsorth, esq., & Thomas Wych of Nether Alderley all the said premises in Nether Alderley & elsewhere, for 21 years, to pay his debts.

On 19 January, 1614[-15] the said Edward made his last will.

The premises in Alderley first named are held of Dame Elizabeth Stanley, widow of Sir Thomas Stanley kt., as of her manor of Alderley *alias* Nether Alderley by the 100th part of a knight's fee & yearly rent of 12*d.* & suit of court baron at the said manor as a doomsman [*judicator*] of the court & worth yearly (clear) 40*s.*

The two mess., &c., bought of Sir Edward Fytton held of the King, in chief, by the 600th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 47*s.* 6*d.*

The premises in Wilmesley held of Sir George Bowth kt. & bart., as of his manor of Wilmeslowe, in free & common socage, by fealty & worth yearly (clear) 42*s.* 6*d.*

Those in Blagden & Goostry held of Henry Maynwaringe esq., as of his manor of Barneshawe, in free & common socage, by fealty & worth yearly (clear) 40*s.*

They say the said Edward Hollinshed died at Heywood 22 January, 12 James I [1614-15] & Hugh Hollinshed is his son & heir & now aged 1 year, 8 months, 6 days. Eleanor Hollynshed, widow of said Edward & mother

of Hugh, & Ralph Grastie have taken the profits & issues of the said premises since Edward's death.

HUGH HOLLINSHEAD OF HEYWOOD, GENT.

(File 105. No. 11.)

Inquisition taken in the Common Hall of Pleas, Chester Castle, 3 March, 17 Charles I [1641-2] before Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Hugh Hollinshead gentleman, by the oath of George Bostock of Churton, esq., Richard Edge of Tattenhall, Randall Maddocke of Edge, George Hitchins of Handley, Thomas Leech of Cawarden, John Haslewall of Aldforde, John Shocklache of Aldforde, Henry Phillips of Christleton, Randall Banbury of Broxton, John Johnson of Farndon, George Walker of Churton, Hugh Hankye of Churton, James Ashton of Churton, John Urian of Christleton & Robert Walker of Aldersey, gentlemen.

They say the said Hugh Hollinshead in his lifetime was seised in fee tail, to him & his male issue, of a capital mess. called Heywood, a dovecote, garden, orchard, 40 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood & 10 a. of furze & heath in Alderley *alias* Nether Alderley.

He was also seised of 10 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 6 a. of pasture in Alderley *alias* Nether Alderley, called the Colley Heyes & the Intack & of 2 mess., a cottage, 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood & 3 a. of furze & heath in Alderley *alias* Nether Alderley formerly bought of Sir Edward Fitton kt., in fee farm & of 2 mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture in Morley, Wilmesley *alias* Wilmeslowe, Lindow, Bollin & Pownall Fee & of 2 mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood & 10 a. of furze & heath in Blackden *alias* Blacktame & Goostrey.

So being seised, by indenture of 15 September 1636,

made between the said Hugh Hollinshead & Maud, his wife, daughter of Henry Birkhened of Backford, esq., & Eleanor Brereton, widow, mother of the said Hugh, of one part & Henry Birkhened of Backford, esq., William Vernon of Hulme, gent., Peter Leigh of Lyme, gent., & Henry Birkhened gent., son & heir apparent of the said Henry Birkhened esq., of the other part, in consideration of the marriage formerly had between the said Eleanor Brereton & Edward Hollinshead, deceased, father of the said Hugh, & between the said Hugh & Maud & an indenture made 30 August 1633, it was agreed a fine should be levied of the premises & settling the hall & the chamber over it & other rooms at Heywood, half the Pool, the land between the Hall & the Barn, half the banks between the Brook Gate & the Barley Croft Gate, the Marled Field, the two Roodheyes, the Stubb field, the Broad Hey, the Long Suites, part of the Poole Flatt where the clay pits are made, half the great meadow beyond the Brook, in the tenure of John Baskerville & all the lands in Blackden & Goostrey to the use of the said Eleanor Brereton for life & other parts of the same to the use of the said Maud for life & after their deaths, the said premises & the residue of the before-mentioned premises to the use of the said Hugh Hollinshead, in tail male, in default to his heirs female, in default to his right heirs. The said fine was levied 3 October, 12 Charles I [1636] & a recovery had.

They say the said Hugh & Maud had issue Edward, Thomas, Hugh, Henry & Alice Hollinshead. By indenture of 25 August, 17 Charles I [1641] he settled £6 13s. 4d. a year on his younger sons Thomas, Hugh & Henry, to be paid out of the said premises & a sum of £200 on his daughter, Alice.

They say that Eleanor Brereton, Maud, widow of said Hugh, Thomas, Hugh & Henry the sons of deceased & Alice, the daughter, still survive & dwell at Heywood.

They say the premises in Alderley are held of Thomas Stanley esq., as of his manor of Alderley *alias* Nether Alderley, by rooth part of a knight's fee & 12*d.* a year rent & suit of the court baron of his said manor, as a doomsman [*judicator*] & are worth yearly (clear) 40*s.*, except the 2 mess., the cottage & other premises there bought of Sir Edward Fitton, which are held of the King in chief by 6ooth part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 47*s.* 6*d.*

The premises in Morley, Winslow, Lindow, Bollin & Pownal Fee held of Sir George Booth kt. & bart., as of his manor of Wilmeslowe in free & common socage, by fealty, & worth yearly (clear) 22*s.* 6*d.*

Those in Blackden & Goostrey held of Henry Maynwaring esq., as of his manor of Barneshawe, in free & common socage, by fealty, & worth yearly (clear) 20*s.*

The said Hugh died at Heywood 18 September last past & Edward Hollinshead is his son & heir, now aged 5 years, 4 months, 8 days.

JOHN HOLME (HULME) OF TRANMERE.

(File 90. No. 3.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich 17 October, 10 James I [1612] before Henry Mainwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of John Hulme who died within age, in the King's custody, by the oath of Robert Bostock of Moulton, Humfrey Page of Eardshawe, Hugh Amson of Cranage, James Trevett of Sproston, Thomas Deane of Church Holme, William Venables of Sproston, Oliver Vernon of Whatcrofte, Thomas Woodcocke of Church Holme, John Ravenscroft of Occleston, Hugh Venables of Wymbaldsley, Roger Neild of Sharlach, Hugh Furnivall of Bechton, Thomas Somerfield of the same, & Thomas Shawe & John Shawe of the same, gentlemen.

They say the said John Hulme was seised in fee of a

mess., 5 cottages, 50 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow & 40 a. of pasture in Tranmole *alias* Tranmore and so being seised he died thereof seised.

The said premises are held of the King, in the right of his Duchy of Lancaster as of his castle & honor of Halton, by the service of a ninth part of a knight's fee & by suit of court of the honor of Halton & are worth yearly (clear) 26s. 8d.

The said John Hulme died 21 September, 8 James I [1610] at Tranmole *alias* Tranmore & William Hulme is his next of kin and heir, being son of Richard Hulme, deceased, father of Robert Hulme, father of the said John, & is now aged 58 years.

RICHARD HOLME (HULME) OF TRANMERE,

GENT. (I).

(File 87. No. 8.)

Inquisition taken at Churchhulme, 25 May, 2 James I [1604] before Henry Mainwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Richard Hulme of Tranmole gent., by the oath of Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Edmund Swettenham of Somerford, John Holford of Davenham, John Wrenche of Shurlache, Ralph Bostocke of Moulton, Humfrey Page of Yeardeshawe, Robert Pickmeyre of Hulse, Randall Hulse of Clyve, John Pigott of Somerforde, Thomas Hotchkinson of Smalewood, James Downes of Tofte, Richard Shawe of the Folde, Hugh Furnivale of Betchton, Thomas Somervile of the same, Thomas Burrowes of Clyve & John Ravenscrofte of Occlleston, gentlemen.

They say the said Richard Hulme was seised in fee of a mess., 5 cottages & 50 a. of land, meadow & pasture in Tranmole & so being seised on 20 September, 42 Elizabeth [1600] made an indenture by the name of Richard Holme, of Trenmole *alias* Trenvile, yeoman, with William Holme, of Chester, stationer, his son, demising to said William

the tenement in Trenmole wherein Richard dwelt & all other the premises, for 19 years, at a yearly rental of £4.

The said premises are held of the King, in right of his Duchy of Lancaster, as of the castle & honor of Halton, parcel of the possessions of his Duchy of Lancaster, by service of a 9th part of a knight's fee, & suit of court of the honor of Halton & are worth yearly (clear) 26s. 8d.

They say the said Richard Holme died 30 November last past at Tranmole & John Holme is next of kin & heir of said Richard, being son & heir of Robert Holme, deceased, son & heir of the said Richard & the said John is now aged 5 years, 11 months, 6 days.

RICHARD HOLME (HULME) OF TRANMERE,

GENT. (2).

(File 87. No. 11.)

Inquisition taken at Torpurley, 2 April, 3 James I [1605] before Henry Mainwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester & Ralph Wilbraham, feodary there, & Thomas Gamull esq., by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Richard Hulme late of Tranmole, gentleman, by the oath of Thomas Handley of Boughton, David Hinton of Rushton, John Batriche of Barrowe, Thomas Ball of Boughton, Richard Ashton of Chorleton, William Hely of Upton, Thomas Hatton of Kingsley, Thomas Sparke of same, Peter Halle of Morley, James Doe of Saughall, George Langforde of Tranmore, Robert Gill of Brombrowe, John Gille of Pulton & John Hatton of Aldersey, gentlemen.

[The rest identical with File 87, No. 8, except the heir's age is now 6 years, 9 months, 14 days, & that the said William Hulme has taken the profits since the death of the said Richard.]

THOMAS HOLME (HULME) OF TRANMERE.

(File 92. No. 7.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, in the Common Hall of Pleas there, 25 April, 15 James I [1617] before the escheator of the county by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Thomas Hulme, by the oath of William Davenport of Boughton, Thomas Barlowe of Soughall, Thomas Halwood of Great Sutton, James Soughall, John Doe of the same, William Ball of Erbye, Robert Leonard of the same, William Rosengreave of Warton, Henry Phillipps of Christleton, Richard Astle of Golborne belloee, John Crewe of Elton, Robert Gill of Brombroe & Oliver Hynde of Backford, gentlemen.

They say that long before the death of the said Thomas, his father Robert Hulme was seised in fee of a mess. & 18 a. of land, 3 a. of meadow & 16 a. of pasture in Tranmore & the said Robert & Thomas by indenture of 20 February, 9 James I [1611-12] enfeofed Thomas Trafford esq., William Rathbone, John Glave & Peter Englefield of the said premises to the use of the said Thomas Hulme, in tail male, with remainder to Robert Hulme & his heirs for ever.

Robert Hulme died 11 May, 11 James I [1613] & the said Thomas Hulme entered into the same & died seised thereof 12 March last past & Robert Hulme is his son & next heir male & is now aged 4 years, 4 months & not more.

The said premises are held of the King, as of his honor & barony of Halton, parcel of the Duchy of Lancaster, in socage, by fealty & rent of 16½*d.* a year & worth yearly (clear) 13*s.* 4*d.*

GEORGE HORTON OF MIDDLEWICH, YEO.

(File 95. No. 7.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 8 January, 18 James I [1620-1] before Hugh Mainwaring esq., escheator in co.

Chester, & Peter Danyell esq., by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of George Horton of Middlewich, yeoman, by the oath of Humfrey Page of Yardshaw, John Bowte of Leighton, Robert Venables of Antrobus, Richard Steele of Sandbache, Richard Wyche of Alderley, Richard Davenport of Wheltroughe, Robert Poole of Auger, James Trevitt of Sprouston, Richard Kettle of Betchton, William Venables of Sprouston, William Austen of Stanthorne, Thomas Woodcocke of Churchehulme, John Pigott of Somerford, John Roade of Walhill, John Kinsey of Wimbosley, Randall Phitheon of Tetton, William Shawe of Sandbache, Randall Wrench of Moulton, George Harrison of Newton & Reginald Finlowe of Hulme Walfield, gentlemen.

They say that long before the death of the said George Horton, his grandfather Robert Horton of Middlewich was seised in fee of 3 saltworks, each of 6 leads & of one saltwork of 4 leads in Middlewich; & of 2 mess. in Kinderton; & of 2 mess., 3 a. of land, 3 a. of pasture in Newton by Middlewich, late bought of Sir Thomas Stanley kt., deceased, Edward Holford, yeoman, John Olcott & Alice, his wife; & of 4 closes called the Haddocks Field & Kellridding containing 6 a., 3 a. of meadow, 6 a. of pasture in Newton aforesaid late bought of Thomas Maynwarding, late of Calveley, gent., deceased; & of 2 crofts of 6 a. & 1 a. of meadow in Wareton *alias* Old-warton. So being seised the said Robert by indenture of 10 May, 17 James I [1619] made between himself of one part & Charles Maynwardinge of Croxton, gent., deceased, Ralph Hulse of Clyve, gent., & John Royle of Newton, yeoman, of the other part, settled the said premises on himself for life & after his death the mess. in Newton in the tenure of Ellen Harrison, widow, now deceased, & all thereunto belonging on Anne, his wife, for life, & the same & the residue of the premises, after her death, on the said George Horton, in tail male, in

default of such issue on Robert Horton, elder brother of said George, in tail male, in default to the right heirs of the said Robert.

They say the said Robert died 15 May 1619, after whose death the said George Horton entered upon the said premises & was seised thereof in fee & the said George died 12 April last past & Robert Horton is his brother & heir & now aged 14 years, 3 months.

They say the said four saltworks in Middlewich are held of the Prince, as of his borough of Middlewich in free burgage by fealty only & are worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The premises in Kinderton held of Peter Venables, Baron of Kinderton, as of his manor of Kinderton by 100th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 12s.

Those in Newton bought of Sir Thomas Stanley & others held of Sir Randall Crewe kt., sergeant-at-law, as of his manor of Newton in free socage by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 10s. & the other premises there held of said Venables in free socage, by rent of 3s. 6d. a year & worth yearly 12s.; the said Venables holding Haddocks Field & Kellridding of Randall Crewe aforesaid in free socage, by fealty only, as of the manor of Newton.

The premises in Wareton held of Sir Thomas Savage kt. & bart., by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 2s. 6d.

They say that Anne Horton, widow of Robert Horton, died 20 November last past.

RALPH HORTON OF COOLE, GENT.

(File 96. No. 10.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 2 May, 20 James I [1622] before Hugh Maynwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, Peter Danyell, feodary there, & Alexander Elcock, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of Ralph Horton gent., by the oath of William Leigh of Oughttrington, Thomas Gleave of Highleigh,

John Gleave of Heatley, William Morris of Groppenhall, Edward Hoor of Ollerton, Henry Porter of More, Humfrey Page of Yardshaw, James Trevet of Sproston, Philip Antrobus of Peever, Randall Wright of Ashley, James Bradshaw of Allostock, Richard Steele of Reddish, Philip Downes of Tofte, & Anthony Furnivall of Mylnehouse, gentlemen.

They say that the said Ralph Horton, long before his death, was seised in fee of the manor of Coole & of a mess., 40 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture & 12 a. of wood in Coole & of the moiety of the 4th part of the manor of Worleston & of 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture in Worleston ; & of a capital mess., 8 a. of land, 3 a. of meadow, 8 a. of pasture & 1 a. of wood in Aldlem ; & of 1 mess., 10 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture & 1 a. of wood in Lostock Graham ; & of a saltwork of 8 leads in Northwich ; & of a mess., 4 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, & 4 a. of pasture in Twembrooke ; & of half a saltwork of 6 leads in Nantwich.

So being seised a fine was levied by the said Ralph & Cecily, his wife, on 4 July, 6 James I [1608] & an indenture was made 25 July, 8 James I [1610] between the said Ralph Horton & Cecily, his wife, of one part & Thomas Delves then knight, now baronet, John Mynshull, Ralph Hassall, esqs., & Richard Clutton, Edward Bressie, & Roger Wright, gents., of the other part, settling a portion of meadow in the Beame Bridge Meadow in Worleston to the use of Roger Wright & his heirs, & certain rooms in the capital mess. of the said Ralph Horton at Coole, the garden by the window of the great parlour, the moiety of the orchard & garden by the Hempground, & the moiety of the Hempgrounds & meadows & fields in Coole, Aldlem & Acton called the Highfield, the Calver Croft, the White Meadows, the Great Typers Field, the Little Typers Field, Scotland & Vynack Meadow to the use of Cecily Horton, widow, as dower of the lands, &c.,

of her late husband, Richard Horton, deceased, with contingent remainders, after her death, to the said Ralph & Cecily, his wife, & the heirs of their bodies & as to the residue of the manor, lands, &c., to said Ralph & Cecily & the heirs of their bodies.

By fine levied 5 April, 17 James I [1619] between John Poole of Poole, esq., Hugh Massie of Awdlem, gent., Roger Wright of Nantwich & William Sandford of Wybbunbury, plaintiffs, & Ralph Horton & Cecily, his wife, deforciant, to the uses of an indenture made 24 May, 17 James I [1619] whereby it was agreed that Ralph Horton, son & heir apparent of the said Ralph, six months after attaining the age of 14 should espouse Frances Bressy, daughter of Edward Bressy, the said Edward having given Ralph the elder £250 as the marriage portion of the said Frances & on such marriage taking place all the said premises above-named should be to the use of the said Ralph the younger, after the deaths of his parents, in tail male, with contingent remainders to Robert younger son of Ralph the elder, in tail male, the issue of Ralph the younger by the said Frances, the right heirs of Ralph the elder.

The manor of Coole & the premises there are held of the Prince as of the Earldom of Chester, in chief, by knight service & are worth yearly (clear) £8.

The moiety of the 4th part of the manor of Worleston & premises there held of the Prince in socage by fealty only & are worth yearly (clear) 36s. 8d.

The premises in Lostock Gram held of the heirs of Christopher Holford esq., by fealty & rent of 18d. a year & worth yearly (clear) 18s.

Those in Northwich held of William, Earl of Derby, in free burgage, by fealty & yearly rent of 2s. 8d. & worth yearly (clear) 32s. 4d.

Those in Twenbrooke held of Richard Wilbraham kt. & bart. in socage, by fealty only, & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The moiety of the saltwork of 12 leads in Nantwich held of Ralph Wilbraham esq., by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8d.

The said Ralph Horton died 4 July last past & Ralph Horton the younger is his son & heir & at his father's death was aged 6 years, 11 months, 14 days & not more.

Cecily late the wife of Richard Horton survives & dwells at Coole & Cecily, late the wife of the said Ralph, likewise.

RICHARD HORTON OF COOLE, GENT.

(File 88. No. 17.)

Inquisition taken at Sandbache, 28 March, 6 James I [1608] before Henry Mainwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, George Vernon esq., & Ralph Wilbraham, feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Richard Horton of Coole, gent., by the oath of Robert Whitney of Coole, Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Richard Wilbram of Reasheath, William Fulcist [?] of Coppenhall, Humfrey Page of Yeardshaw, Edward Brassie of Aldlem, William Salman of Coole, Thomas Chester of the same, George Cudworth of Newhall, William Dodd of Highfield, Robert Massie of Coole, William Prachett of Worleston, Ralph Prince of Brereton, Richard Meakin of Hatherton, William Salman of Wildheath, Thomas Knight of Auger, Robert Auger of the same, Thomas Hodgkinson of Smalewoode, & Robert Burges of Hatherton, gentlemen.

They say that Ralph Horton of Coole, gent., deceased, father of said Richard, was seised in fee of the manor of Coole & all thereunto belonging in Aldlem, & of a mansion house there & lands & fields called Leasowes in Aldlem & Acton, called the Birchin fields, the Sempiers Bache, Greene field & Weare Meadow, the Middle Field, the Cockeshute Field, the Calver Croft, the Whyte Meadows, Tippers Field, the Pinacle Meadow, the Bellers Croft ;

also of the moiety of the fourth part of the manor of Worleston & all thereunto belonging in Worleston; of a meadow lying next the Beame Bridge in Worleston & lands there formerly in the tenure of Ralph Leicester; & of divers mess., houses, meadows, fisheries, lands, &c., in the vills, parishes & fields of Aldlem, Acton & Worleston & in Lostockgralem, Danam, Northwich, Twembrookes, Frodsham & Davenhall [*sic*]; so being seised, by his deed of 6 March, 19 Elizabeth [1576-7] the said Ralph Horton conveyed the said premises to the said Richard, in tail male, with contingent remainders to Robert Horton, a son of the said Ralph, in tail male, to John Horton, another son of said Ralph, in tail male, to the heirs & assigns of said Richard.

The said Ralph Horton died at Coole 26 March, in the [—] year of Queen Elizabeth & the said Richard entered into the said premises.

They say the said manor of Coole is held of the King, as of the Earl of Chester, by knight service, in chief, & is worth yearly (clear) £8.

The moiety of the 4th part of the manor of Worleston & the premises there held of the King, in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 36s. 8d.

The premises in Lostock Gram held of the heirs of Christopher Holford esq., by fealty & 18d. rent & worth yearly (clear) 18s. Those in Northwich held of William, Earl of Derby, in free burgage, & rent of 2s. 8d. a year & worth yearly (clear) 32s. 4d. Those in Twambrooke held of Thomas Wilbraham esq., in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

They say the said Richard Horton died 28 May last past & Ralph Horton gent. is his son & heir & at his father's death was aged 24 years & more.

Cecily Horton, widow of said Richard, survives & dwells at Coole.

ROBERT HORTON OF MIDDLEWICH, YEO.

(File 94. No. 10.)¹

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 17 September, 17 James I [1619] before Hugh Mainwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, & Henry Delves, feodary there, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of Robert Horton, late of Middlewich, yeoman, by the oath of Edward Mouldsworth of Wincham, John Byrtles of Byrtles, Humfrey Page of Yeardashawe, Richard Steele of Sanbache, Reginald Finlawe of Houlme Walfeild, Thomas Woodcocke of Church Holme, John Kinsey of Wimbaldsley, Randall Wrench of Moulton, Randall Phithean of Tetton, Arthur Kinsey of Wareton, James Bradshawe of Allostocke, John Rainscrofte of Occleston, William Austen of Stanthorne, Hugh Snelson of Astley, Philip Downes of Toft, Thomas Dale of Withington, Edmund Hoowe of Olerton, John Greene of Minshawle Vernon & Peter Warde of Somerford, gentlemen.

They say that the said Robert Horton long before his death was seised in fee of 3 saltworks each of 6 leads & of one saltwork of 4 leads in Middlewich ; & of 2 mess. in Kinderton ; & of 2 mess., 3 a. of land, 3 a. of pasture in Newton by Middlewich late bought of Sir Thomas Stanley kt., deceased, & Edward Holford, yeoman, John Olcott & Alice, his wife ; & of 6 a. of land, 3 a. of meadow & 6 a. of pasture in Newton bought of Thomas Mainwaring, late of Calverley, gent., deceased ; & of 2 crofts, containing 6 a. of pasture & 1 a. of meadow in Wareton *alias* Old Wareton.

Thus seised, by indenture of 10 May last past, made between the said Robert, of one part & Charles Mainwaring of Croxton, Ralph Halse of Clive, gents., & John Royle of Newton, yeoman, of the other part, the premises in Newton, in the occupation of Ellen Harison, widow,

¹ This Inq. being torn, the abstract is made from Court of Wards Inq. p.m. File 65, No. 25.

deceased, were settled on Anne, wife of said Robert, for life, as her dower & after her death, the same, & the residue after said Robert's death on George Horton, in tail male, with contingent remainders to Robert, elder brother of said George in tail male, to the heirs male of said Robert, in tail male, the right heirs of the said Robert.

They say the said saltworks in Midlewich are held of the Prince as of his manor or borough of Midlewich in free burgage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The premises in Kinderton held by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 12s.

Those in Newton late bought of Thomas Stanley & others held of Sir Randall Crewe kt., sergeant-at-law, as of his manor of Newton in free socage by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those there bought of Thomas Mainwaringe, tenure unknown, worth yearly (clear) 12s.

Those in Wareton held of Sir Thomas Savage kt. & bart., in socage, by fealty only, & worth yearly (clear) 2s. 6d.

He died seised of the said premises 15 May last past & Robert Horton is his heir, being son & heir of John Horton deceased, eldest son of said Robert Horton, & at the said Robert's death he was aged 12 years. Anne Horton, widow, & George Horton survive & dwell at Nantwich.

ROGER HURLETON OF CHESTER, ESQ.

(File 89. No. 5.)

Inquisition taken in the Common Hall of Pleas, Chester, 9 January, 7 James I [1609] before William Leycester, mayor, escheator of said city, Hugh Glaseour esq., Thomas Gamull esq., Recorder of Chester, Edmund Gamull esq., & Ralph Wilbraham esq., feodary, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Roger Hurleton,

of the city & county of Chester, esq., by the oath of Godfrey Wynne, alderman, Edward Button, innholder, Thomas Wright, hatmaker, Thomas Revington, beerbrewer, Kenric ap Jevan, innholder, Thomas Parsivall, sadler, David Evans, pewterer, Richard Wright, baker, Robert Bennet, draper, Edward Allen, merchant, Randall Holmes, painter, Robert Fletcher jun., hatmaker, & John Tirer, beerbrewer.

They say that the said Roger Hurleton long before his death was seised in fee of 20 mess. & 3 a. of land in the city of Chester ; & of 6 mess., 80 a. of land in Handbridge & Claverton in the said county of the city of Chester, & of 20 a. of land in Handbridge called the Earle's Eyes late bought of George Beverley kt. & a plot of land in Chester adjoining the stone wall next the East gate of that city ; & of a fishery with boat in the water of Dee within the liberties of Chester & of another fishery with boat in the water of Dee with " flookenettes, draughtnettes, stallnettes & nets of all kinds " under & above the bridge ; & of £6 5s. 8d. yearly rent issuing from certain mess. & lands in Chester & of 7s. yearly rent issuing from certain mess., lands, &c., in Handbridge within the liberties of the city of Chester ; & of 2 a. of land in Claverton, co. Chester, bought of Richard Laurenson esq., & Richard, his son ; & of 20 a. of land in Claverton & of three quarters of a pound of pepper & 4d. yearly rent issuing from certain lands & tenements in Gilden Sutton.

They say the premises in Chester are held of the mayor & citizens in free & common socage & are worth yearly (clear) 5s.

Those in Handbridge & Claverton held of the King in free socage, as of the Earldom of Chester, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

The Earle's Eyes in Handbridge held of the King, service unknown to the jurors & worth yearly (clear) 2s.

The plot of ground in Chester held of the mayor & citizens in socage by fealty & rent of 2s. & worth yearly (clear) 2*d*.

The one fishery & boat held of the King by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 2*d*.

The other with boat & nets held of the King, as of his Earldom of Chester, in socage by fealty only & rent of 4*d*. & worth yearly (clear) 2*d*.

The said rent of £6 5*s*. 8*d*. held of the mayor & citizens in free burgage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) £6 5*s*. 8*d*.

The rent of 7*s*. held of the King in free socage, as of his Earldom of Chester, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 7*s*.

The 2 a. in Claverton held of the King by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 12*d*.

The 20 a. there held of the King in free socage by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 3*s*. 8*d*.

The rent in Gilden Sutton, tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear) 5*d*.

The said Roger on 9 October last past made his will at Chester, bequeathing to his executors, Richard Grosvenor esq., William Glegge & John Dod, gents., a third part of all the premises until the lawful age of his son & heir, Roger, & bequeathing to his (testator's) wife, Anne, another third part.

The said Roger died 27 November last past & Anne his wife still survives & dwells at Chester & Roger Hurleton is his son & heir & is now aged 12 years, 8 months.

ROGER HURLETON OF CHESTER, ESQ.

(File 102. No. 11.)

Inquisition taken in the Common Hall of Pleas, Chester, 9 October, 10 Charles I [1634] before Randall Holme, mayor & escheator of the city of Chester, Hugh Wilbraham esq., & George Manley gent., by virtue of

the King's commission to enquire after the death of Roger Hurlton, late of Chester, esq., by the oath of John Williams, "inholder," John Aldersey, ironmonger, William Gregory, shoemaker, Thomas Eaton, beerbrewer, Ralph Burrowes, ironmonger, William Hincks, butcher, Griffin Edwards, goldsmith, Thomas Weston, glover, John Brooke, beerbrewer, Peter Ince, stationer, Thomas Wright, clockmaker, Edward Reignolds, draper, William Whittell, tanner, William Higginson, butcher, & George Bennet, merchant.

They say that the said Roger Hurlton, long before his death, was seised in fee of 20 mess. & tenements & 3 a. of land in Chester & of 6 mess., 80 a. of land, in Handbridge & Claverton in the county of the city of Chester & of 20 a. of land in Handbridge called the Earle's Eyes ; & of a fishery with a boat on the Dee within the liberties of the city of Chester ; also of another fishery & another boat on the Dee with "flooknets, draughtnetts, stallnetts" & all kinds of nets under & above the bridge ; & of £6 5s. 8d. yearly rent issuing from certain mess. & lands in the city of Chester & of 7s. yearly rent from certain mess. & lands in Handbridge within the liberties of the city of Chester ; & of 2 a. of land in Claverton late in the tenure of Richard Laurenson esq. ; & of 20 a. of land there & of $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. of pepper & 4d. yearly rent of certain mess. & lands in Gilden Sutton.

They say the said 20 mess. & 3 a. of land in Chester are held of the mayor & citizens of Chester in free & common socage, by fealty only & are worth yearly (clear) 5s.

The 6 mess. & 80 a. of land in Handbridge & Claverton held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in free socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

The 20 a. in Handbridge called the Earle's Eyes held of the King, service unknown & worth yearly (clear) 2s.

The one fishery & boat held of the King by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 2d.

The other fishery, boat & nets held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in socage, by fealty only & 4*d.* rent & worth yearly (clear) 2*d.*

The yearly rent of £6 5*s.* 8*d.* held of the mayor & citizens of Chester in free burgage & worth yearly (clear) £6 5*s.* 8*d.*

The yearly rent of 7*s.* held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in free socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 7*s.*

The 2 a. in Claverton held of the King by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 2*d.*

The 20 a. in Claverton held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in free socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 3*s.* 8*d.*

The rent in Gilden Sutton, tenure unknown to the jurors & worth yearly (clear) 5*d.*

So being seised, the said Roger Hurleton at Chester 12 September, 10 Charles I [1634] made his will bequeathing all his estate to George Manley of the Lache & Roger Davies of Dongrey, co. Flint, gents., Thomas Hinde of Eccleston, Thomas Steele of Ironbridge, county of the city of Chester, yeomen, for a term of years, to pay his debts, educate his younger children & providing portions for them.

He died at Chester, 22 September last past & Roger Hurleton gent. is his son & next heir & is now aged 19 years, 4 months, 20 days.

ROGER HURLETON OF CHESTER.

(File 104. No. 7.)¹

Inquisition taken in the Common Hall of Pleas, Chester, 28 September, 14 Charles I [1638] before . . . Throppe, mayor & escheator of the county of the city of Chester, William Gamull esq., William Edwards esq., & John Yonge gentleman, feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Roger Hurleton,

¹ MS. torn, *no* Court of Wards Inq. p.m.

by the oath of Randall Holme jun., Edward Evans, mercer, Edward Reynolds, draper, Alexander Bird, tanner, William Hincks, butcher, Hugh Legh, clothworker, Peter Ince, stationer, John Brookes, beerbrewer, William Drinkwater, ironmonger, John Whittell, tanner, George Bennet, merchant, Hugh Monson, tanner, & Simon Lea, tanner, citizens of Chester.

They say that Roger Hurlton esq., deceased, late father of the said Roger, long before his death, was seised in fee of 16 mess., 3 a. of land, in the city of Chester & of 6 mess. & 80 a. of land in Hanbridge & Claverton in the county of the city of Chester; & of 20 a. of land in Hanbridge called the Earle's Eyes, & of a fishery with a boat in the water of Dee within the liberty of that city; & of another fishery with boat in the said water with "floookenetts, draughtnetts, stallnetts" & all other kinds of nets below & above the bridge & of £6 5s. 8d. yearly rent issuing from certain mess. & lands in the city of Chester & of 7s. yearly rent from mess. & lands in Handbridge within the liberties of the said city; & of 2 a. of land in Claverton late in the tenure of Richard Laurenson deceased; & of 20 other acres there & of three-quarters of a pound of pepper & 4d. yearly rent of certain mess. & lands in Gilden Sutton; & of £33 6s. 8d. yearly rent issuing from the manor of Petton, co. Salop.

The said Roger made his will [see file 102, No. 11, above] & died 22 September, 10 Charles I [1634] at Chester & the said Roger, his son, then aged 19 years, 4 months & 20 days, was his heir. The said trustees entered into two parts of all the premises for the purposes of the will aforesaid & the remaining third part descended to said Roger as well as the reversion of the other two parts, all of which is now in the King's hands.

The said Roger, thus seised, died 11 January last past at Hooton & James Hurlton is his brother & heir & is now aged 13 years, 1 month, 3 days.

They say the said 16 mess. & 3 a. in Chester are held of the mayor & citizens of Chester in free & common socage by fealty only & are worth yearly (clear) 4s.

[The other tenures & values as in file 102, No. 11.]

The yearly rent issuing from the manor of Petton, co. Salop, held of no one & worth yearly (clear) £33 6s. 8d.

ROBERT HYDE ESQ. OF NORBURY.

(File 95. No. 8.)

Inquisition taken at Stopporde, 7 April, 18 James I [1620] before Hugh Maynwaringe esq., escheator of co. Chester, & Henry Delves gent., feodary there, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of Robert Hyde esq., by the oath of George Hollingworth of Hollingworth, esq., John Birtles of Birtles, Edward Mottershed of Mottram in Andrew, Reginald Mottram of Mottram, James Ridgwaye of Offerton, Randall Collier of the same, Francis Robinson of Stockport, Henry Houghe of Chorley, Robert Alcocke of Wymbosley, Thomas Scragge of the same, Richard Burges of Houghe, Edward Alcocke of Ashton, Edward Thornicroft of Thornicroft, Lea Henshall of Henshall, Ralph Redishe of Mottram, gentlemen.

They say the said Robert Hyde the day he died was seised in fee of the manor of Norbury & of 20 mess., 200 a. of land, 80 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood & 100 a. of furze & heath in Northbury [*sic*]; & of the moiety of the manor of Hyde; & of 10 mess., 100 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 6 a. of wood & 40 a. of furze & heath in Hyde.

They say the manor of Northbury & premises there are held of Thomas Stanley esq., by fealty & rent of 3s. 4d. & worth yearly (clear) £10.

The moiety of Hyde manor & premises in Hyde held of Richard Leigh esq., as of his manor of Baguley, by fealty & rent of 6d. & worth yearly (clear) £5.

They say the said Robert Hyde died at Northbury 22 March, 11 James I [1613-14] & Hamnet Hyde esq. is his son & heir & is now aged 55 years & more & the said Hamnet has taken the profits, &c., of the said premises to his own use since his father's death.

SIR GILBERT IRELAND KT.

(File 101. No. 2.)

Inquisition taken at Northwich, 18 January, 6 Charles I [1630-1] before Thomas Ireland esq., Hugh Mainwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, Thomas Browne esq., feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Sir Gilbert Ireland kt., by the oath of Humfrey Page of Yearshawe, Paul Wynnyngton of Birches, John Nuttall of Cattenhall, John Rutter of Kyngesley, Henry Pickmeyre of Hulse, Philip Downes of Toft, Julius Stockley of Newall, George Bradford of Shipbrooke, Ralph Bostock jun. of Moulton, Randall Wrench of the same, John Wynnyngton of Leftwich, Arthur Symcock of the same, Thomas Barker of Over, Robert Whittingham, John Bosier, & Ralph Maddock of the same, James Grantham of Hartford, William Tomlynson of Warton, Ralph Blease of Shipbrooke & Thomas Neild of Shurlach, gentlemen.

They say that long before the said Sir Gilbert's death, a certain John Ireland of Hutt, co. Lancs., esq., was seised in fee of the manor of Cro[w]ton & of 30 mess., 50 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 50 a. of pasture, 40 a. of wood, 1000 a. of moor, 140 a. of moss & 1000 a. of furze & heath in Croton; & of a mess., 20 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 100 a. of furze & heath & 2s. 4d. rent in Bradley; & of 2 mess., 40 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture in Milton; & of 2 mess., 40 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture in Newton by Bradley; & of 10 mess., 6 cottages, 100 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 1000 a. of furze & heath in Kingesley;

& of 15 mess., 5 cottages, 100 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 40 a. of furze & heath & 1*l*. free rent in Cuddington; & of 4 mess., 3 cottages, 20 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture, 30 a. of furze & heath in Norley; & of a mess., a cottage, 3 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 1 a. of pasture, 10 a. of furze & heath in Frodesham.

So being seised, on the marriage of his brother & heir apparent, the said Sir Gilbert, with Barbara, one of the daughters of George Leigh of High Leigh, esq., by indenture of 1 September, 42 Elizabeth [1600] made between the said John Ireland, Katherine his wife, the said Gilbert Ireland of the 1st part, George Leigh of the 2nd, & Thomas Ireland, Henry Byrome, John Masse, gents., & Thomas Leigh, then son & heir apparent of said George, of the 3rd, & afterwards by fine, the said premises were settled on the said John, in tail male, with contingent remainders, in default, on the said Gilbert, in tail male, the right heirs of the said John.

They say the said John Ireland died 17 October, 12 James I [1614] at Croton, without male issue & the said Gilbert entered upon the premises.

They say the said Sir Gilbert was also seised in fee of a mess., 5 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 3 a. of pasture & 7 a. of furze & heath in Weverham & of 3 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 3 a. of pasture, 1 a. of furze & heath in Stanthorne & of a mess., 3 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, & 3 a. of pasture in Acton by Weverham, & of a mess., 2 a. of land, 1 a. of meadow, 2 a. of pasture in Leigh by Dutton & of the free rent of 13*s*. issuing from a saltworks late of the heritage of William Hassall in Nantwich.

On the marriage of his eldest son, John, with Elizabeth, one of the daughters of Sir Thomas Heys kt., deceased, late citizen & alderman of London, on payment of £1600 as the said Elizabeth's portion, all the above premises in Croton, Weverham, &c., by indenture of 19 November,

16 James I [1618] were settled on the said John, in tail male, with contingent remainders to Sir Gilbert, in tail male, the right heirs of Sir Gilbert.

The said Sir Gilbert was also seised of a mess., a cottage, 5 a. of land, 1 a. of meadow, 3 a. of pasture & 20 a. of furze & heath in Brynne, & of 4 mess. & 1 a. of land in the Castle Gate next Chester Castle & of the free rent of 4s. in Hanbridge & Claverton.

The said Sir Gilbert died at Hutt, co. Lancaster, 10 April, 1626 & John Ireland is his son & heir & now aged 29 years & more.

The manor of Croton & the premises there are held of the heirs of John Done kt., deceased, in socage, by fealty & worth yearly (clear) £6 13s. 4d.

The premises in Stanthorne held of Peter Venables esq., as of his barony of Kynderton, in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

Those in Frodsham held of Thomas Viscount Savage, in socage, by fealty only, as of his manor of Frodsham, & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

Those in Kingsley, Norley & Newton held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in chief, by 40th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Those in Bradley held of the said Viscount Savage, in socage, by fealty & yearly rent of 6s. 4d. & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Cuddington held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in chief, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 30s. 4d.

Those in Acton held of the heirs of Thomas Dutton esq., deceased, in socage by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 2s.

Those in Leigh by Dutton held in like manner & worth yearly (clear) 1s.

Those in Castle Gate, the rents in Hanbridge & Claverton held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich,

co. Kent, in free socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 4s.

Those in Weverham held of Thomas Marbury esq., as of his manor of Weverham by fealty & rent of 2*d.* & worth yearly (clear) 6*d.* ; those in Mylton held in like manner & worth yearly (clear) 6s.

Those in Brynne held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by knight service & worth yearly (clear) 2*d.*

The rent in Nantwich is not held of any one.

The said John Ireland, son of Gilbert, Katherine, wife of John Ireland, brother of said Gilbert, Barbara, late the wife of said Gilbert & mother of John, George & Thomas Ireland, brothers of said Gilbert, & Peter, George & Adam Ireland sons of said Gilbert, have taken the issues & profits of the premises since the death of the said Gilbert.

JOHN IRELAND OF HUTT & CROWTON, ESQ.

(File 91. No. 5.)¹

Inquisition taken at Northwich, 29 August, 13 James I [1615] before Sir Henry Bunbury kt., John Done esq., Henry Maynwaringe esq., escheator there, & Ralph Wilbraham esq., feodary, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of John Ireland of Hutt, co. Lancaster, esq., by the oath of Thomas Baskerville of Withington, esq., George Bodon of Boden, William Meoles of Meoles, Thomas Gleave of High Leigh, George Birch of Altrincham, William Williamson of Sale, Richard Wright of Ashley, Edward Harper of High Leigh, Richard Leather of Hale, William Leighe of Oughtrington, John Partington of Partington, Thomas Shawe of Millington, Hugh Ashton of Wolstoncroft & William Morrice of Groppenhall, gentlemen.

They say that the said John Ireland, long before his death, was seised in fee of the manor of Croton & of

¹ As this Inq. is very torn, the abstract has been made from Court of Wards Inq. p.m. 53/262.

40 mess., 50 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 50 a. of pasture, 40 a. of wood, 1000 a. of moor, 250 a. of moss, 1000 a. of furze & heath & 20s. free rent in Croton, Cuddington, Norley, Kingsley, Brinne, Frodsham, Weverham, Stanthorne, Hunsterton & Hatherton ; & of 3 mess., 100 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 100 a. of moor, 100 a. of marsh, 50 a. of furze & heath in Nether Bebington within the Hundred of Wirrall & of a saltwork in Northwich ; of all tithes in Darresburie ; & of a mess., 20 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 100 a. of furze & heath & free rent of 2s. 4*d.* in Bradley ; & of 2 mess., 40 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow & 20 a. of pasture in Milton ; & of 2 mess., 40 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture in Newton by Bradley ; & of 1 mess., 3 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow & 3 a. of pasture in Acton by Weverham ; & of 1 mess., 2 a. of land, 1 a. of meadow, 2 a. of pasture in Leigh by Dutton ; & of 1 mess., 1 cottage, 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 14 a. of pasture in Alvandley ; & of 4 mess., 1 a. of land in the Castlegate by Chester Castle ; & of 1 mess., 10 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow & 16 a. of pasture in Clutton ; & of the rent of 13s. issuing from a saltwork in Namptwich of the heritage of William Hassall ; & of 4 mess., a garden, 2 a. of land & 4s. rent in Chester, Handbridge & Claverton ; & of a mess., a garden, 6 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture in Harden *alias* Hawarden, co. Flint.

So being seised, in consideration of the marriage of his brother & heir apparent, Gilbert Ireland, with Barbara, daughter of George Leigh of High Leigh, esq., the same afterwards solemnised, it was agreed by indenture of 1 September, 42 Eliz. [1600] made between the said John Ireland & Katherine, his wife, & Gilbert, his brother, of the 1st part, the said George Leigh of the 2nd part & Thomas Ireland of Bewsey, Henry Byrome of Byrome, co. Lancs., esq., John Massye of Puddington, esq., & Thomas Leigh gent., son & heir apparent of the said

George Leigh, of the 3rd part, that a fine should be levied of the said manor & premises & it was levied 29 September, 42 Eliz. [1600] by the names of the manors of Croton, Kingsley & Bradley & premises (as before described) conveying the same to the said John Ireland, for life, with contingent remainders to his male issue in tail male, to said Gilbert Ireland in tail male, the right heirs of John Ireland aforesaid.

They say the said Gilbert & Barbara Ireland have issue, John, Thomas, Peter, George, Adam & Gilbert.

They say the said John Ireland died at Croton 17 October last past without male issue & his wife, Katherine, survives him & dwells at Croton.

The said manor of Croton is held of John Done esq., in socage, by fealty & is worth yearly (clear) £13 16s. 8d.

The premises in Hunsterton, Hatherton & Stanthorne held of Peter Venables esq., as of his barony of Kinderton, in socage & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Those in Frodesham held of Sir Thomas Savage kt. & bart., by fealty only, as of his manor of Frodsham, & worth yearly (clear) 6s.

Those in Bebington held of the heirs of William Lansley in socage by fealty & rent of 4d. & worth yearly (clear) 21s. 9d.

The tenement in Northwich held of William, Earl of Derby, in free socage, by fealty, as of his manor of Northwich & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The premises in Kingsley, Brinne, Newton & Norley held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in chief, by 40th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £6 6s. 5d.

Those in Bradley held of the said Sir Thomas Savage, as of his manor of Frodsham, by rent of 6s. 4d. a year & worth yearly (clear) 19s. 6d.

Those in Cuddington held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in chief, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 43s. 4d.

Those in Acton held of Sir Gilbert Gerrard, K.B., & Eleanor, his wife, daughter & heir of Thomas Dutton esq., deceased, in socage, by fealty & worth yearly (clear) 4s.

Those in Leigh held of Thomas Dutton esq., deceased, & now of Sir Gilbert Gerrard & Eleanor, his wife, by fealty, & worth yearly (clear) 4s.

Those in Alvandley held of the King in free socage by fealty, as of the late dissolved Priory of St. John of Jerusalem in England & worth yearly (clear) 15s. 4d.

Those in Clutton held of the heirs of Philip Butler, in common socage by fealty & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The tithes in Darresburie held of the Dean & Fellows of Christ's College, Oxford, by fealty & worth yearly (clear) 30s.

The premises in Harden *alias* Hawarden held of the Earl of Derby in free socage, as of his manor of Harden *alias* Hawarden & worth yearly (clear) 3s. 4d.

Those in Chester, Handbridge & Claverton held of the mayor, sheriffs & commonalty of Chester in free burgage, by fealty & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Castlegate held of the King in free socage, as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Those in Milton & Weverham held of Sir Thomas Holcrofte kt., as of his manor of Weverham, by fealty & rent of 2d. a year & worth yearly (clear) 18s.

They say that Gilbert Ireland esq. is brother & next heir of said John & is now aged 55 years & more.

JAMES KILLSALL OF BRADSHAW, GENT.

(File 103. No. 9.)¹

Inquisition taken at Sandbach, 19 January, 12 Charles I [1636-7] before Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of James Kellsall of Bradshawe, gent.,

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by the oath of George Bradford of Shipbrooke, John Mosse of Sandbach, George Whittacres of the same, William Berrington of the same, William Shawe of Betchton, Edward Shawe of the same, Thomas Shawe, Thomas Chortley, William Gallamore sen., William Gallamore jun., John Somerfeild, John Furnivall, John Turnor of the same, John Kennerley of Tetton, & Arthur Jeynson of Wareton, gentlemen.

They say that long before the said James Kellsall's death, William Newton, late of Pownall, esq., was seised in fee of the manor of Newton by Butley & of 4 cottages, a watermill, 100 a. of land, 50 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 6 a. of wood & 100 a. of heath, waste & turbarry in Newton by Butley; & of 10 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow & 6 a. of pasture in Mottram Andrew; & of a capital mess. called Pownall Hall in Pownall Fee & 18 mess., 60 a. of land, 30 a. of meadow, & 60 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood, 100 a. of common in Pownall & Pownall Fee, Bollin & Bollin Fee & Wymeslowe; & of 100 a. of land called the Great Wood in Wrenbury *alias* Wrenbury Fryth; so being seised, by indenture of 20 August, 11 James I [1622] between the said William Newton of the 1st part, Margaret Wright, widow of Laurence Wright, late of Nantwich, gent., deceased, of the 2nd part, & William Meare of Moreton, esq., John Meare esq., his son & heir apparent, John Figes of Twemlowe, co. Salop, gents., & Robert Wright of Nantwich, gent., son of said Laurence, of the 3rd part, the said premises were settled on the said William Newton, for life, with contingent remainders to his male issue in tail male, to John Newton, brother of said William, to his male issue in tail male, to Edward Fitton of Gowesworth, esq., William Davenport of Henbury, esq., Laurence Wright of Offerton, son & heir of the said Laurence Wright & Thomas Clutton of Nantwich, gent., during the lives of the male issue of William & John Newton, to Margaret & Margery Newton,

daughters of said William, or any other daughter of him & his wife, Margery, & their issue, to the right heirs of the said William Newton.

So being seised, William Newton died at Pownall, 1 March, 18 James I [1620-1] & Humphrey Newton, his eldest son, entered into the said premises & died at Pownall 26 May, 19 James I [1621] & his brother, William Newton, 2nd son of said William, entered into the same & died at Pownall 26 May, 19 James I [1621]. After the death of William, the father, Margery, his wife, died at Pownall, 3 April, 2 Charles I [1626]. John Newton, brother of William, the father, entered into the premises immediately after the death of William, the son, & died, without male issue, at Pownall, 7 July, 6 Charles I [1630].

They say that Margaret, Margery, Anne & Katherine Newton were sisters & next heirs of William Newton, the son & daughters of William the father & Margery, his wife & Margery married Reginald Kellsall of Bradshawe, gent., & had issue the said James Kellsall & the said Margery, Margaret, Anne & Katherine entered into the premises & were seised thereof & so being seised, Margery died at Bradshawe 14 March, 11 Charles I [1635-6] & the said James Kellsall died 4 June, 12 Charles I [1636] at Bradshawe without issue & Margaret, Anne & Katherine aforesaid are his heirs & next of kin, being sisters of his mother, Margery, & the said Margaret is now aged 25 years, Anne 21 years & Katherine 17 years & all dwell at Sandbach.

They say the manor of Newton & premises there are held of Hamnett Hyde esq., as of his manor of Norbury, by fealty & rent of a pair of gloves yearly at Christmas & a fourth of the same is worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The premises in Mottram Andrew held of the King, as Earl of Chester in chief, by 11th part of a knight's fee & the fourth part is worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Pownall held of Sir George Booth kt. & bart.,

& Sir Cecil Trafford kt., in socage, by rent of 3s. 10d. a year & the fourth part worth yearly (clear) 15s.

Those in Wrenbury *alias* Wrenbury Fryth held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by 100th part of a knight's fee & the fourth part worth yearly (clear) 12s. 6d.

HENRY KENT GENT. OF TRANMERE (1).

(File 97. No. 8.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 15 January, 20 James I [1622-3] before Hugh Mainwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, & Peter Daniell esq., feodary there, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of Henry Kent, gentleman, by the oath of Thomas Ball of Boughton, William Rosengreeve of the same, William Helye of Neuton, John Ashbrooke of Tattenhall, Robert Davyes of Ashton, Robert Hinton of Rushton, William Crewe of Elton, John Crewe & William Wright of the same, Thomas Hallwood of Sutton, John Doe of Saughall, James Doe of the same, Henry Phillippis of Christleton & Thomas Gregorie of the same, gentlemen.

They say the said Henry Kent was seised in fee of a mess., 5 cottages, 50 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture in Tranmole *alias* Tranmore, late the heritage of William Hulme gent.; & of 4 cottages, 10 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture in Rudheath, Stublach & Lache Dennis in the parishes of Middlewich & Davenham, called Nunheys; & of a mess., 2 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 1 a. of pasture in Warton *alias* Waverton in the parishes of Middlewich & Davenham & lately bought of Sir Richard Egerton kt.; & of another mess., burgage or tenement, called "the Swanne" in Congleton; & of 2 carucates of arable land in Congleton, in the tenure of Edward Drakeforde, late bought of Bartholomew Stubbs gent.

The said premises in Tranmole *alias* Tranmore held of the King in the right of his Duchy of Lancaster, as of his

castle & honor of Halton, part of the possessions of the Duchy of Lancaster by 9th part of a knight's fee & suit of court at the honor of Halton, & rendering yearly to Thomas Powell jun. of Birkenhead, esq., 2s. & worth yearly (clear) 26s. 8d.

The premises in Rudheath, Stublach & Lachdennis called the Nunheyes held of the King, but the jurors know not by what tenure, & are worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Those in Warton *alias* Waverton held of the King as of his crown of England by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

The Swanne & land in Congleton held of the King in free burgage & rent of 9d. & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

The said Henry Kent died 11 November last past & Robert Kent is his son & heir & on 10 March last past was aged 17 years.

HENRY KENT GENT. (2).

(File 103. No. 6.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 29 March, 12 Charles I [1636] before Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ, *de melius inquirendo*, to enquire after the death of Henry Kent, by the oath of Humfrey Page of Yeardshawe, Randall Wrench of Moulton, Andrew Burton of Over, Ralph Maddockes, John Bosier & Thomas Barker of the same, John Kinsey of Wimbaldesley, William Tomlinson of Wareton, Arthur Jeynson of the same, Ralph Blease of Shipbrooke, John Wynnington of Leftwich & Philip Bostocke of Bostocke, gentlemen.

They say that an inquisition was taken at Chester Castle 15 January, 20 James I [1622-3] to enquire after the death of the said Henry Kent & it was found he was seised of 4 cottages, 10 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow & 20 a. of pasture in Rudheath, Stublach & Lach Dennys in the several parishes of Middlewich & Davenham,

commonly called Nunheyes, late bought of Sir Richard Egerton kt., & held of the King, the service unknown to the jurors; they now say the said premises were held at Henry's death of King James & now of King Charles, as of the manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, by fealty only & not in chief nor by knight service & are worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The said Henry Kent died 5 January, 20 James I [1622-3] & Robert Kent is his son & next heir & at his father's death was aged 17 years.

ROBERT KENT OF TRANMERE.

(File 104. No. 8.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 29 March, 14 Charles I [1638] before Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Robert Kent, by oath of George Bostocke of Churton, esq., John Robinson of Charleton, Henry Phillipps of Christleton, Ralph Sellers of the same, Richard Edge of Tatnall, William Ashton of Chorleton, James Halwood of Whitby, William Johnson of Great Mollington, George Walker of Churton, John Dawson the younger of Tussingham, Randall Banbury of Broxon, Randall Maddocks of Edge, Randall Bathoe of Kiddington & Randall Polyn of Bykerton, gentlemen.

They say the said Robert Kent was seised in fee of a mess., 5 cottages, 50 a. of land in Tranmole *alias* Tranmore; of 4 cottages, 10 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture in Rudheath, Stublach & Lach Dennys in the parishes of Middlewich & Davenham, commonly called Nunhayes; of a mess. or cottage in Congleton, late in the tenure of Randall Harden. So being seised, by indenture of 14 May, 6 Charles I [1630] made between the said Robert Kent of London, haberdasher, of the one part & Sir Phillip Oldfeild of Somerford, kt., Edward Whitby of Chester, esq., John Aldersey of Chester, gent.,

& Charles Wally of Chester, alderman, on the marriage of the said Robert with Anne, sister of the said John Aldersey, the said premises in Tranmole were settled on said Robert & Anne as her jointure & the longer liver of them, with remainder to their issue & in default to the right heirs of said Robert, notwithstanding any fines or acknowledgments had by said Robert or by his father Henry & his mother Frances Kent or any other.

A fine was afterwards levied at Chester, 4 October, 6 Charles I [1630].

The said Robert Kent made his will 5 September 1636 & a codicil on 13 May 1637, & in the said codicil he gave to his three daughters £100 each out of the land which was his wife's jointure, she now being dead.

The said Robert died 18 May 1637, & John Kent is his son & heir & at his father's death was aged 1 year, 11 months, 19 days.

The premises in Tranmole are held by the King, as of his honor of Halton by the ninth part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 26s. 8d.

Those in Rudheath, Stublach & Lach Dennys held of the King as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, by fealty only & are worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The cottage in Congleton, tenure unknown, worth yearly (clear) 5s.

ROBERT NEEDHAM KT., VISCOUNT KILMOREY.

(File 104. No. 12.)¹

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle 8 October . . .²
Charles I [before] . . . & Richard Wilbraham kts. & barts., George Cotton esq., Andrew Corbett kt., Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator in co. Chester, & Edward Parkinson esq., feodary there, by virtue of the King's com-

¹ This Inquisition very torn; there is no Court of Wards or other Inq.

² Torn. In the Calendar this is given as 7 Chas. I, but the tag on the Inq. gives 14 Chas. I [1638], which is perhaps correct, as the other Inqs. in this file are of that date.

mission to enquire after the death of Sir Robert Nedham kt., Viscount Kilmorey within the kingdom of Ireland, by the oath of Th . . . Hurleston of Pickton, Richard Griffin of Bartherton, William Massie of Mossehouse, George Bostocke of Churton, John Grimsdich of Grimsdich, esqs., Richard Grimsdich of Appleton, . . . John Cheswys of Mickley, Paul Winnington of Birches, Hugh Ampson of Cranage, Robert Hinton of Rushton, John Farrar of Acton, Gilbert Gerrard of Cruewood, . . . of . . . , Thomas Maddocke of the same [?], & John Middlehurst of Groppenhall, gentlemen.

They say the said Viscount was seised in fee of the several manors of Badington, Bromhall, Austaston, Cranage, Titley & Hulme *alias* Church Hulme, with all their members . . . & of a yearly rent of a pair of gloves issuing from the lands & tenements late of Edward Cotton esq. in Hulme ; of a yearly rent of a pair of gloves issuing from the lands of Hugh . . . ; of a farm or mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture commonly called Hallome by Newton, late in the occupation of John Grimsdich ; of 3 . . . with appurtenances in Lees by Cranage in the tenures of Samuel Royle & John Amson ; of a mess. & 1 a. of land to the same mess. belonging in Middlewych & Ne . . . & 4 a. of land in Sprouston, late in the tenure of Richard Beamont esq. ; 4 a. of land in Soonde ; all that part of the great waste of R[udheath] which is set forth [*exposit' est*] by metes & bounds, by virtue of a commission from the Court of Exchequer of Chester to Sir William Brereton kt., late Baron of . . . [left blank] deceased ; of the tithes of grain & sheaves yearly issuing . . . Wrenbury ; of 6 saltworks of 22 leads in Middlewych ; of the manor of Shaynton *alias* Shavington & Milne Heath . . . ; of 5 mess., 40 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow & 40 a. of pasture in Puilston *alias* Puelston, co. Salop ; of a mess., 10 a. of land . . . in Longford, co Salop ; of 20 a. of land in

Prees, co. Salop; of a mess., a cottage & 20 a. of land in Adderley . . . in the occupations of Richard Mullocke & William Meakyn; of a close of 4 a. called Hayotes in Woodlands, co. Salop; . . . called the Hanch, the Running Stream, the Coniegree, & Cloverley Dole in Woodlands within the manor of Stoke upon Terne, co. Salop; of 3 other parcels of land or pasture . . . Grobmarshe Hill in Woodlands within the said manor of Stoke; of 8 a. of land in Elliswood & 4 other a. of land there within the said manor; . . . Sheffordes *alias* Shepheardes in Tirley, co. Staff., containing 10 a. & 30 a. of heath; & of a mess. & lands in Butt . . . in the occupation of Palyn & Swynerton; of the 3rd part of a mess. & 5 a. of land in Drayton in Hales, co. Salop, in the several tenures of . . . Samuel Egerton.

So being seised, by indenture of 4 June, 4 James I [1606] made between the said Robert, by the name of . . . co. Salop, kt. & Dame Anne his [second] wife, of the 1st part, Robert Nedham, his son & heir apparent, of the 2nd part & Robert Lord Spencer of Wormeleighton . . . co. Salop, kt., William Bowyer of Denham, co. Bucks., kt., Roger Owen of Condovery, co. Salop, kt., Richard Anderson of London, esq., Thomas Garraway, citizen & merchant & G . . . London, of the 3rd part, it was agreed that the said Robert Nedham of Shavington, kt., should grant to the said feoffees, & that a fine should be levied settling, the said manor of Shavington & the premises in . . . & Titley, cos. Salop & Chester, to the use of the said Robert, Viscount Kilmorey, with contingent remainders to his son & heir apparent Robert, now Viscount Kilmorey, for life, to Anne Nedham, late the wife of the said Robert, late Viscount Kilmorey, named in the writ, for life & to the male issue of Robert now Viscount by Frances, late his wife, to his male issue, to Thomas Nedham gent., brother of the late Viscount in tail male, to the . . . of Robert, late

Viscount ; & as to the manor of Baddington & garden & orchard thereunto belonging & lands there called the Conigree, Cookes Croftes, Bawthorne, Harrowardes Meadow, Cowe Heyes, Wall Meadowe, Bricke field, the Four Long Croftes, Great Catf . . . holding of James Skelton, Little Catford, Shawefeild, Great & Little Rough Fields, Great & Little Hill Fields, Poole Meadow, one of the Birchen Crofts, the Three Birchen Fields, Ferny C . . . Parke Field & the Lodge Bank, a tenement in Hulme in the tenure of Thomas Sandylands esq., tenements in Austaston & Baddington called the Great & Little Hatchett Fields, the Stocke Peice, Justice Meadow & the Broad Field . . . to the use of Robert, now Viscount & Robert, late Viscount, mentioned in the commission, with contingent remainders to his wife Anne, Frances late the wife of the now Viscount, the heirs male of the bodies of Robert & Frances, the heirs male of Robert, late Viscount, of Robert, now Viscount, to Thomas Nedham & his male issue, the right heirs of Robert, late Viscount ; & as to the residue to the use of Robert, late Viscount, with contingent remainders to Robert, now Viscount, his male issue by Frances, late his wife, the male issue of Robert, late Viscount, the male issue of Robert, now Viscount, to Thomas Nedham & his male issue, to the right heirs of Robert, late Viscount. A fine was levied in Michaelmas Term, 4 Charles I.

The said Robert was also seised of the manor of Pialston *alias* Pilston *alias* Puleston, co. Salop, & of a mess. called the Tylehouse & woods in Woodlands within the lordship of Stoke upon Tearne, co. Salop, late in the tenure of Roger Cloverley & of a yearly rent of 4½*d.* issuing from lands . . . gent. & George Pixley gent., in Willaston, co. Salop ; also of a mess. or cottage in the occupation of Cecily Greeneley & 3 a. of land called the Acres in Hatherton, co. Chester, late in the occupation of Laurence Jackson.

They say the close called Hayots is held of the King in chief by 60th part of a knight's fee & is worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The manors of Badington, Bromhall, Titley & Austaston held of . . . Nantwich as of his barony of Nantwich by knight service & worth yearly (clear) £14.

The premises in Soonde held of Sir Richard Wilbraham kt. & bart., as of his manor of Prestland, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

. . . Hallome & other premises in Hallome, tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The manor of Hulme *alias* Church Hulme & premises there held of . . . as of his barony of Halton, by 20th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £5.

The manor of Cranage & premises in Lees held of Henry Maynwaring of Barnshawe, esq., by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) £3 11s.

The said part of Rudheath held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by fealty & rent of 4*d.* & worth yearly (clear) 2s.

The premises in Middlewych & Newton held of the King, as of his manor of Middlewych, in socage . . . & worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4*d.*

Those in Sprouston held of Peter Venables esq., Baron of Kinderton, as of his manor . . . by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 2s. 8*d.*

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

The premises in Hatherton held of Sir Thomas Smyth kt., as of his manor of Hatherton, . . . & worth yearly (clear) 2s.

The manor of Shavington & premises in Adderley held of . . . Corbett bart., as of his manor of Adderley, co. Salop, tenure unknown, & worth yearly (clear) . . .

The premises in Longford held of Sir Robert Vernon kt.,

as of his manor of . . . , co. Salop, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

The manor of Milneheath & premises there & in Prees held of the Bishop of Lichfield & Coventry by fealty only as of his manor of Prees, co. Salop, & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The manor of Puelston held of Walter Pigott esq., as of his manor of Chetwyne, co. Salop, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear)

The premises in Drayton held of Sir John Corbett bart., as of his manor of Drayton, co. Salop, by fealty & rent of 3s. 4d. & worth yearly (clear) 4d.

Those in Woodlands in the tenure of Roger Cloverley held of Sir John Corbett, as above, & by rent of 14s. 4d. a year & worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4d.

The parcels of land called the Hanch, the Running . . . & Cloverle Dole held of Sir John Corbett bart., as of his manor of Stoke, by fealty, suit of court & yearly rent of 17s. 3d., a barbed arrow, . . . with feathers of a peacock, to wit, 6d. for the Hanch, 16s. 9d. for the Conigree & Cloverle Dole, a red rose & the best animal as heriot & the barbed arrow for the Running Stream, & worth yearly (clear)

The 8 a. in Kelliswood held of said Sir John by rent of 8s., suit of court, . . . & worth yearly (clear) 12d.

The 4 a. in Elliswood held of said Sir John . . . rent of 4s., suit of court & 30s. as heriot & worth yearly (clear) 6d.

The pastures called the Lees *alias* Storkeyes Lees & Grobmarshe Hill held of said Sir John, by homage, fealty, suit of court, rent of 26s. 8d. & worth yearly (clear) 3s.

The premises called Sheffords *alias* Shepherds Grange & other premises there held of the King, in free socage & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Those in Butterton, tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear) 4d.

The said Robert died at Shavington 24 November 1631, & Anne his wife & Frances, wife of the now Viscount, both died before the said Robert & Robert Nedham, now Viscount Kilmorey, is his son & heir & is aged 40 years & has taken the issues & profits of the said premises since his father's death.

WILLIAM LANGTON GENT.

(File 87. No. 3.)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 1 February, 1 James I [1603-4] before Henry Mainwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, & Ralph Wilbraham, feodary there, & Thomas Smyth, late esq., now kt., by virtue of the King's commission to enquire whether William Langton gent. is a lunatic or not, by oath of Richard Brereton of Wettehall, esq., John Hockenhull of Hockenhull, Ralph Leftwich of Leftwich, George Bostocke of Churton, esqs., Richard Wilbraham of Worlaston, Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Alexander Hulme of Strethill, James Trevis of Horton, Ralph Litlor of Oughtrington, Edmund Swettenham of Somerford, John Battriche of Barrowe, John Horton of Aldersey, Thomas Smyth of Checkley, George Cudworth of Broomehall & William Forshawe of Chorlton, gentlemen.

They say that William Langton is not a lunatic, but is sane & has been so for more than 29 years & that during that time he has had sufficient control of his goods & chattels; he has no lands or tenements or ever had as far as they can tell. They say that Anne Ireland, widow, is his sister & next heir & is now aged 70 years & more.

SIR RICHARD LEE OF LEE, KT.

(File 100. No. 6.)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 12 September, 4 Charles I [1628], before Sir Richard Wilbraham kt. & bart., Sir Thomas Delves kt. & bart., George Cotton esq.,

Hugh Mainwaring esq., escheator, & Thomas Browne esq., feodary of co. Chester, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Sir Richard Lee, late of Lee, kt., by the oath of Thomas Brooke of Leighton, John Cheswis of Mickley, Laurence Cawton of Bircher, John Cartwright of Aston, Robert Meakyn of Hatherton, Thomas Scott of Checkley, Thomas Smith of the same, William Waste of Hunsterston, Richard Kettle of Betchton, Oliver Pollett of Faddiley, John Moulton of the same, Francis Betteley of Burland, John Knight of Hankelow, John Booth of the same, Richard Podmore of Little Hassall, William Gallimore of Betchton & Richard Sare of Little Hassall, gentlemen.

They say on oath that the said Sir Richard Lee long before his death was seised of the manor of Lee by Wybunburie & of 9 mess., one watermill, one dovecote, 200 a. of land, 60 a. of meadow, 300 a. of pasture, 50 a. of wood, 10 a. of water-covered land, 40 a. of heath, 30 a. of moor & 20 a. of marsh in Lee, Walgherton *alias* Walkerton & Waverton by Clive; & of the manor of Dernhall *alias* Darnall, & of 30 mess., 6 cottages, 2 watermills, a dovecote, 40 gardens, 600 a. of land, 140 a. of meadow, 300 a. of pasture, 200 a. of wood, 12 a. of water-covered land in Dernhall & Whitegate. So being seised, by indenture bearing date 18 March, 28 Elizabeth [1585-6] made between the said Sir Richard, then Richard Lee of Lee, esq., of the one part & Edward Coppinger of Buxhall, co. Suffolk, esq., & Ralph Egerton of Bridge End, co. Staff., esq., of the other, on the marriage of the said Richard with Elizabeth Copinger, daughter of Agnes Copinger of Buxhall, mother of the said Edward Copinger, the said manor of Lee & all thereunto appertaining & two tenements in Waverton by Clyve in the tenures of William Horton & Robert Weaver were settled on the said Richard Lee & Elizabeth & their male issue (except a mess. in Lee & land there in the tenure of Thomas

Colley), in default of such issue, to the heirs male of the body of Richard, with contingent remainders, in default, to Laurence, brother of Richard & the heirs male of his body, to William, brother of said Richard & the heirs male of his body, the right heirs of said Richard, & on 18 April, 28 Elizabeth [1586] a fine was levied at Chester concerning the same.

By indenture of 1 September, 9 James I [1611] between the said Sir Richard Lee kt., of one part & Sir Robert Cholmondley of Cholmondley, bart., Sir George Leycester of Tofte, kt., George Calverley of Ley, Randall Crewe of Crewe, George Cotton of Combermeire, Edward Dutton of Hatton, esqs., & John Wodenoth the younger of Shavinton, gent., of the other, in consideration of a marriage before had between Henry Lee, son & heir apparent of the said Sir Richard, & Eleanor his wife, sister of the said George Calverley, & £1000 paid to Sir Richard, the tenement & grange called Dernhall Grange & the appurtenances in Dernhall *alias* Darnall, late belonging to the dissolved monastery of Vale Royal, & the park called Darnall Park in Dernhall & Whitegate & all the mess., lands, mills, fisheries, &c., to the said tenement belonging, & the manor of Lee by Wybunburie & all the mess., lands, &c., thereunto belonging as aforesaid were settled on Sir Richard for life, & Dernhall Hall, the demesne lands thereof & all other lands there, viz. the Rose Meadow, the Poolestedd, the Fardingsdale, Pease Crofte, Cowe Pasture wherein the mill stands, containing Sueannes Green, the Brickyard, part of the Monkeshay, the Hall Court, the Dove House Court, the Stable Court, the Poolestedd, the Dovehouse Meadow, the Barnyard & Clough, the Hauxflatt & the Lyersleys, in the tenure of John Lyndopp, the Great Heathfield in three parts divided, the Neerer Hersley in the tenure of Thomas Conway (excepting the water-cornmill & the Walke Mill or Fulling Mill in Dernhall & Whitegate & all

to the same appertaining) to the use of Eleanor, wife of Henry Lee aforesaid, for life, as jointure, with contingent remainders to the said Henry Lee & the heirs male of his body, to the said Richard Lee for life, to Isaac Lee, 2nd son of said Richard & the heirs male of his body, to Edward Lee, youngest son of said Richard & the heirs male of his body, to the said Richard Lee & the heirs male of his body, to Laurence Lee, brother of said Richard & the heirs male of his body, to the right heirs of said Richard, for ever; & the manor of Lee & all thereunto belonging to the use of the said Richard for life, with contingent remainders to his wife Elizabeth for life, to Henry Lee aforesaid & the heirs male of his body, &c. [as in last]; & all other lands there, the great Stockoe Meadow, a mess. in Derhall in the tenure of Edward Cappur to the use of the said Henry & Eleanor his wife during the life of Richard Barnfield jun. of Newport, co. Salop, son & heir apparent of Richard Barnfield sen., gent., & after his decease, the same & the residue of all the aforesaid premises to the use of the said Sir Richard for life, with contingent remainders to the said Henry & the heirs male of his body, the said Isaac Lee, &c. [as before], & a fine thereof was levied 14 James I [1616].

By his will made 6 March 1619[-20], Sir Richard bequeathed two tenements in Waverton, in the tenures of Widow Weever & John Horton to his feoffees to sell the former & to confirm the latter to his (Sir Richard's) son-in-law, Thomas Lawton of Gorstiehill, gent., & Anne, his wife, & bequeathed to his daughter Susan £200, to his sons Isaac & Edward £50 each, to his daughter Anne Lawton £30, to his daughter Katherine Lee £450.

They say the said manor of Lee & premises there are held of Peter Venables of Kynderton, esq., as of his manor or barony of Kynderton by the 4th part of a

knight's fee & 2s. free yearly rent & worth yearly (clear) after the said Elizabeth's death, £4.

The premises in Walgherton *alias* Walkerton are held of Sir George Vernon, a Baron of the Exchequer, as of his manor of Walgherton, in free socage, by fealty only & rent of 1*d.* a year & worth yearly (clear) 6*d.*

Those in Waverton by Clive held of Thomas Lord Savage, as of his manor of Bostocke, in free socage, by fealty & rent of 13*d.* & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The manor of Dernhall & premises there & in Whitegate held of the King in chief by service of a tenth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £10, during the raising of £1200 as prescribed in Sir Richard's will, & after that worth yearly £13 6s. 8*d.*

The said Sir Richard died at Dernhall, seised of the said premises, 13 April, 3 Charles I [1627] & Henry Lee is his son & next heir & is now aged 44 years, 2 months. Elizabeth Lee, widow of Sir Richard, survives & occupies the said manor of Lee & the premises there.

PETER LEGH OF RIDGE, ESQ.

(File 100. No. 14.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 10 March, 5 Charles I [1629-30] before Hugh Cholmondley esq., Hugh Mainwaring esq., escheator of co. Chester, & Thomas Browne esq., feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Peter Leighe of Ridge, esq., deceased, by the oath of Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Humfrey Page of Yearshawe, John Eaton of Blackden, Philip Downes of Tofte, George Bradford of Shipbrooke, Hugh Venables of Wymboldesley, William Ravenscrofte of Occleston, John Kinsey of Wymboldesley, Ralph Bostocke of Moulton, Arthur Joynson of Wareton, Thomas Burrowes of Clyve, Randall Wrench of Moulton & Thomas Streete of Occleston, gentlemen.

They say that the said Peter, long before his death,

was seised in fee tail, to him & his heirs male by Katherine, his wife, with remainder to the heirs of the said Peter, of a capital mess. or grange, commonly called Wyncull *alias* Wyncle Grange in Sutton & Wyncle, & of 70 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture & 15 a. of wood in Sutton & Wyncle to the same belonging ; & of another mess. in Wyncle & 30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 15 a. of pasture & 8 a. of wood in Wyncle to the same belonging, in the tenure of John Arnett, commonly called Nettlebedes ; & of a cottage, parcel of the last-named premises, in the tenure of Thomas Leeke & of 4 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 3 a. of pasture in Sutton & Wyncle ; & also of a close of land in Heaton, parish of Leeke, co. Staff., late in the tenure of John Jackson ; & of a burgage, a barn, & a garden in Macclesfield, late in the tenure of James Hotchkinson ; & of a field & meadow called Gorstye Knowle & Eaton Field in Macclesfield, late in the tenure of Thomas Pierson ; & of a mess. called Mossehowse in Macclesfield & lands thereunto belonging, late in the tenure of John Brodhurst ; & of 2 closes called the Rowe Woods in Macclesfield & Hurdesfield, late in the tenure of Henry Jackson ; & of a mess. or burgage in Macclesfield & of a yearly rent charge of 8s. issuing from a burgage in Macclesfield, late in the tenure of Leonard Parsons ; & of a yearly rent charge of 3s. 4d. issuing from a burgage in Macclesfield, late in the tenure of Christopher Greaves ; & of 2 burgages, a garden & a parcel of land called Teynter Banks in Macclesfield, late in the tenure of Humfrey Doseon ; & of a parcel of land called Hollin Knowle in Sutton, late in the tenure of John Brundrett ; & of 2 closes of land called Horsley Knowle & Horsley Meadow in Broken Crosse, late in the tenure of Reginald Booth ; & of a yearly rent of 4s. issuing from a mess. & lands in Priestbury, late in the tenure of John Daye ; & of a mess. & lands in Haighe, co. Derby, late in the tenure of Henry Clayton & Robert Clayton ; & of another mess. & lands in Haighe, late in

the tenure of Ralph Bradley ; & of another mess. & lands called Mosseley Bothome in Haighe, in the tenure of Jervase Haighe ; & of a parcel of land in Haighe, late in the tenure of one Clayton ; & of another parcel of land there & another at Wheathill in Bodon, co. Derby ; & of a mess., a fulling mill & a parcel of land in Haighe in the tenure of John Warrington ; & of the manor of Swiftling, co. Suffolk ; & of a capital mess. called Hawkers & lands thereunto belonging in Great Glemham, co. Suffolk, & the advowson of Swiftling Church.

So being seised, by indenture of 1 October, 18 James I [1620] between the said Peter Leighe of one part & Sir Urian Leigh of Adlington, co. Chester, kt., Sir Peter Leigh of Lyme, kt., Sir Benjamin Rudyard of Westminster, co. Middlesex, kt., Surveyor of the Court of Wards & Liveries, Thomas Marburye of Marburye, esq., & Hugh Wynnyngton of the Armitage, esq., of the other, on the marriage before had of the said Peter with Elizabeth, daughter of the said Hugh Wynnyngton, the said Peter conveyed to the said trustees 12 mess., 200 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 40 a. of wood, 300 a. of furze & heath & 8s. rent in Wincle, Wincle Grange, Sutton & Macclesfield, co. Chester, & 3 mess., 1 cottage, a fulling mill, 5 gardens, 50 a. of land, 30 a. of meadow, 50 a. of pasture, 5 a. of wood, 20 a. of furze & heath & 40 a. of moor in Haigh, co. Derby, & the manor of Swyftlynge & 4 mess., 4 gardens, 200 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 40 a. of wood & 30s. rent in Swyftlynge & Great Glemham *alias* North Glemham & the advowson of Swyftlyng Church, co. Suffolk, to the use of himself & Elizabeth his wife & the heirs of Peter for ever & as to the residue of the said manor, mess. & lands in cos. Derby & Suffolk to the use of himself for ever. Whereof a fine was levied at Westminster in the morrow of All Souls, 18 James I [1620.]

Another fine was levied in confirmation of an indenture made 1 April, 21 James I [1623] between the same parties

whereby the said Peter conveyed to the said trustees Wyncle Grange situate in Sutton & Wyncle, & all the lands thereunto belonging & the mess. in Wyncle called Nettlebedes & a cottage in the tenure of Thomas Leeke & a parcel of ground in Heaton, parish of Leeke, co. Staff., to his own use & after his death to the use of Elizabeth aforesaid, for life, with contingent remainders to Peter Leigh, the son, & the heirs male of his body, to William Leigh, his brother, & the heirs male of his body, to the right heirs of Peter Leigh, the father.

They say all the said premises, except certain lands late the jointure of Katherine, late wife of said Peter, now deceased, were charged with a yearly rent of £10 during the life of John Leigh gent., brother of said Peter, & the said John survives & dwells at Macclesfield.

They say the premises in Wincle are held of the King in chief by 20th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 53s. 4d.

Hollen Knowles in Sutton held of the King, the service unknown to the jurors & worth yearly (clear) 20d.

A burgage & premises in Macclesfield late in the tenure of James Hotchkinson held of the King, as of his borough of Macclesfield, & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Gorstye Knowle & Eaton Field in Macclesfield held of the King by fealty & 3s. rent in free burgage, as of his borough of Macclesfield, & worth yearly (clear) 4s.

Mosse House in Macclesfield & premises in tenure of John Brodhurst held of the King in free burgage, as of his borough of Macclesfield, & worth yearly (clear) 12s. 8d.

The Rowe Woods in Macclesfield & Hurdesfield late in the tenure of Henry Jackson, held of the King in free burgage, as of his borough of Macclesfield, by fealty & yearly rent of 8s. 8d. & worth yearly (clear) 5s. 4d.

Teynter Bankes in Macclesfield & premises late in the tenure of Humfrey Doson held of the King by fealty &

8s. 8*d.* rent in free burgage, as of his said borough, & worth yearly (clear) 14s. 4*d.*

Horsley Knowle & Horsley Meadow in Broken Cross & a cottage & premises in Broken Cross, the tenure & services thereof unknown to the jurors & worth yearly (clear) 8s. 6*d.*

The yearly rent of 4s. in Prestbury, tenure unknown, worth yearly (clear) 8s.

The premises in Haigh, co. Derby, & those at Wheat-hill in Bodon, tenure & services thereof unknown to the jurors & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Those in Heaton, parish of Leeke, co. Staff., tenure thereof unknown to the jurors & worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4*d.*

The manor of Swyftlyng, co. Suff., tenure thereof unknown to the jurors & worth yearly (clear) £6 16s.

Hawkers in Great Glemham, co. Suff., & the advowson of Swyftlyng held of the King in chief by 50th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 12s.

The said Peter Leigh died at Ridge 22 October last past & John Leigh esq., son of the said Peter & Katherine his wife, is his next heir & is now aged 17 years, 6 months, 4 weeks.

Elizabeth, late the wife of the said Peter Leigh & William Leigh, his son, survive & dwell at Ridge.

SIR URIAN LEGH OF ADLINGTON, KT.

(File 100. No. 17.)¹

Inquisition taken at Nether Knottesford, 17 April, 6 Charles I [1630] before Hugh Mainwaring esq., escheator, Thomas Browne esq., feodary of co. Chester, & John Davenport gent., by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Sir Urian Leigh, late of Adlington, kt., by the oath of . . . Page of Yearshawe, John Eaton of Blackden, John Kynsey of the same,

¹ MS. torn, no duplicate.

Henry Pickmeyre of Hulse, Robert Holford of Lostock Gramam, Francis Acton of Alderley, John Birtles of Hill, Edward Barl . . . of F[alli]broome, Francis . . ., John Snelson of Astle, Thomas Gleave of High Leighe, Edward Harpur of the same, Richard Steele of Reddishe, Philip Antrobus of Peever, Randall Wright of Ashley, & John Wynyngton of Leftwich, gentlemen.

They say the said Sir Urian was seised in fee of the manor of Adlington & of a capital mess. called Adlington Hall there & of 500 a. of land, 100 a. . . . of pasture, 12 a. of wood, 200 a. of moor & turbary called the Demesne of Adlington in Adlington & of 21s. yearly rent in Adlington; of the manor of Prestbury & of 24 mess., 8 gardens . . . a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 4 a. of wood, 100 a. of moor, heath, moss & turbary in Prestbury & of 8s. yearly rent there & of the rectory of Prestbury & the tithes, &c., thereunto belonging; & of 20*d*. yearly rent issuing from a certain mess. in the tenure of Thomas Bateman of Macclesfield; & of 2 mess. called Heybridge . . . 10 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 12 a. of pasture in Butlegh, late in the tenure of Thomas Leigh esq., father of said Urian; of the manor of Butlegh & of 40 mess., 200 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 250 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood, 30 a. of heath, moor & marsh & 10 a. of turbary in Butlegh, late in the tenure of the said Thomas Leigh deceased; of the manor of Foxwist in Butlegh & of 7 mess., 60 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture in Foxwist; of . . . a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture in Mottram Andrewe; & of 1 mess., 10 a. of land, 10 a. of pasture in Bollington; & of a cottage & 1 a. of land in Ranowe; & of a burgage & 1 a. of land in Stockport; & of 4 mess., 4 gardens in the city of Chester.

So being seised, on 30 September, 9 James I [1611] a fine was levied at Chester, between Sir Edmund Trafford kt., Sir Henry Leghe kt., Calcott Chambre & Richard

Estwicke esqs., plaintiffs, & the said Sir Urian & Margaret his wife, deforciant, of the said premises & by indenture of 20 July, 8 James I [1610] to the use of the said Sir Urian until 1 December 1612, & then the capital mess. called the Milne House, the Two Ushers Fields, the Two Little Meadows, the Two Long Crofts, the Mylne Field, the Barn Croft, the Sheepe Crofte, the Acres, the Great Coltersey, the Little Coltersey, the Kylne Croft, the Meadow Green Croft, the Two Green Crofts, the Mazehey, the Calfecroft & all the tithes of grain, hay, wool, &c., to the same belonging to the use of Thomas Leigh esq., son & heir of the said Sir Urian & Anne Gobert, daughter of John Gobert esq., during the life of the said Sir Urian & after his death to Dame Margaret his wife, with contingent remainders to said Thomas & Anne; the premises belonging to Adlington Hall, to wit . . . the Whiteley Hey, with barn, the Whiteley Hey Wood, the tithes thereunto belonging, the Walters Field, & all the tithes issuing therefrom & from . . . Bollington, Ranowe, Saltersford, Potshrigley, Marton, Hurdesfield, Swainscowe Park, Lyme Hanley, Kettlesholme, Paynton, Worth, Woodford, Henbury Pexull, Birtles & Mottram Andrewe, being part of the rectory of . . . & all rents &c., the water grain mill in Adlington called Adlington Milne & all suits, multures, &c., thereunto belonging, to the use of the said Thomas & Anne; the capital mess. called Adlington Hall & all the buildings &c. thereunto belonging, the . . . Field, the Calf Croft, Wydford Eyes, Butfield, Crochinhey, Broad Meadow, all tithes issuing therefrom to the use of the said Sir Urian, for life, with contingent remainders to the said Thomas & the said Margaret; Nicholas Hyles, Wett Hyles, Wheate Hyles, Allen Hyles, Gibson Field, Marled Field, Gorsty Hyles, Poole Field Patch & Lane & Crosse Lache belonging to Adlington Hall, all the closes in Foxwist & in Adlington Park & all tithes therefrom issuing & all the premises in

Butley, Prestbury, Mottram Andrewe & the tithes therefrom, the water grain mill in Prestbury called Prestbury Milne, the capital mess. called Sutton Hall, late the heritage of Richard Sutton esq., deceased, all the tithes therefrom, the capital mess. called the Ridge, the heritage of Peter Leigh esq., Winckle Grange & mess. & lands in Sutton & Winckle, to the use of the said Sir Urian & Margaret & the longer liver of them, with contingent remainders to the said Thomas Leigh & Anne, the heirs male of the body of the said Thomas, the heirs male of the body of Sir Urian, his right heirs.

They say the manor of Adlington, Adlington Hall & the demesne lands of Adlington & the premises there are held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by knight service & are worth yearly (clear) £20.

The rectory of Prestbury, the manors, mills, lands, &c., there, the mess. called Heybridge & Heywoods & the lands in Butlegh are held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, in socage, by fealty only & are worth yearly (clear) £5.

The premises in Bollington are held of the King, as of his manor of Macclesfield, by 20th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 3s.

Those in Stockport held of Edward Warren esq., as of his manor of Stockport, service unknown to the jurors & worth yearly (clear) 12*d*.

Those in the city of Chester held of the King by fealty in free burgage & worth yearly (clear) 8s.

The rent in Macclesfield held of the King, as of his manor of Macclesfield, by fealty only.

The manor of Butlegh & premises there held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by 20th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £6 13s. 4*d*.

The manor of Foxwist & premises there, the tenure unknown to the jurors & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The premises in Ranowe held of the King, as of his

manor of Macclesfield, by 200th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 3s.

Those in Mottram Andrewe held of Hugh Calveley esq., as of his manor of Mottram Andrewe, by what service the priors know not & worth yearly (clear) 2s. 6d.

They say Sir Urian died at Prestbury 2 June, 3 Charles I [1627] & Thomas Leigh is his son & heir & is now aged 36 years & more. Margaret, late the wife of Sir Urian & the said Anne, wife of Thomas Leigh, survive & dwell at Adlington.

GEORGE LEIGH OF HIGH LEIGH, ESQ.

(File 94. No. 12.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, Chester, 24 September, 17 James I [1619] before Hugh Mainwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, & Henry Delves gent., feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of George Leighe, late of High Leighe, esq., deceased, by the oath of Ralph Leceister of Tofte, esq., Alexander Walthall of Wistaton, Thomas Mainwaringe of Marton, Ralph Litler of Wallescourte, Edward Mouldsworth of Wymincham, William Malbone of Broadlane, Ralph Bostocke of Bostocke, William Leighe of Oughtrington, Humphrey Page of Yearshawe, George Bowdon of Bowdon, John Middlehurst of Lacheford, Thomas Whitley of Whitley, Gilbert Midleton of Lachford, Thomas Shawe of High Leighe, Edward Harpur of the same, John Allen of Over Whitley, James Grantham of Hartford, & Thomas Halwood of Sutton, gentlemen.

They say that the said George Leighe, long before his death, was seised in fee tail, to him & the heirs male of his body, of the manors of High Leighe & Northwoode, & of 50 mess., 60 gardens, 60 orchards, 300 a. of land, 60 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood, 200 a. of moss & turbary, 40s. rent in High Leighe, Northwood,

Swynehead, Swarton in High Leighe & in Lower Knottesford ; & of 4 mess., 20 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 14 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood & rents of 5*d.* & 5*d.* in Alpram ; of a rent of 2*s.* a year for a watercourse in Leighe running to a certain water mill of Lyme, in the tenure of Thomas Greege gent. ; of a rent of 12*d.* yearly issued from a turbary in Leighe Mosse in High Leighe, a certain mess. in Agdon late the heritage of Sir John Savage kt., in tenure of Thomas Wirrall.

They say the day the said George died, Richard Leighe of Swynehead in High Leighe, gent., now deceased, held a mess. & land in Swynehead of the said George by fealty & yearly rent of 6*d.*, & now Mathew Leighe, son & heir of the said Richard, holds the same of Thomas Leighe, son & heir of the said George.

The said Richard also held of the said George a plot of land in Houldfoulde in High Leighe, parcel of the manor of High Leighe by fealty & rent of a red rose yearly at the feast of St. John the Baptist & now the said Mathew holds the same of the said Thomas.

Thomas Gleave of High Leighe, gent., held of the said George a capital mess. in High Leighe, wherein the said Thomas dwells, with lands in Southbrooke in High Leighe belonging to the said capital mess., by rent of $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. of cummin ; he also held other lands in High Leighe called Mydleshewe in Southbrooke of the said George, by fealty & rent of a pair of spurs yearly.

Peter Leighe of High Leighe, esq., held a mess. & land in High Leighe, called Byrchenhead, now in the tenure of William & Roger Brachgirdle, by fealty & rent of 1*d.* yearly.

Thomas Pownall of Northwyche, gent., at the day of the said George's death, held a mess. & lands in High Leighe, in the tenure of Thomas Leighe, by fealty & rent of 4*d.* yearly.

Thomas Shawe held lands in Hulgreave in High Leighe

by fealty & rent of 6*d.* a year ; & also lands & tenements in High Leighe belonging to a mess. of the heritage of John Wilkinson of Millington, by fealty & rent of 12*d.* yearly.

Richard Sworton of Sworton in High Leighe held a tenement there of said George, by fealty & rent of 1*d.* yearly.

The said George Leighe was also seised long before his death in fee of 4 mess., 4 gardens, 20 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood in High Leighe & Northwood & of 4 mess., 6 a. of land, 1 a. of meadow & 3 a. of pasture in Lyme ; & of 100 a. of land, 100 a. of pasture, 200 a. of heath, 200 a. of moor in Tacksall, within the liberty of the Forest of Macclesfield, late bought by a certain Thomas Leighe, grandfather of the said George, to him & his heirs, of divers persons.

So being seised, a fine was levied at Chester, 4 April, 39 Elizabeth [1597] between Thomas Broocke esq., plaintiff, & the said George Leighe, deforciant, of the said manors & premises confirming an indenture of 10 March, 39 Elizabeth [1596-7] & conveying the same to the use of the said George, for life, with contingent remainders to his said son & heir apparent, Thomas & the heirs male of his body, to his 2nd son George & the heirs male of his body, the heirs male of the body of the said George Leigh.

They say the manors & premises in High Leighe, Northwood, Swynehead & Sworton in High Leighe are held of Peter Venables esq., Baron of Kinderton, as of his barony of Kinderton, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) £20.

The premises in Lyme held of said Venables by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 10*s.*

Those in Alpram held of same by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 40*s.*

The burgage in Nether Knottesford held of John,

Earl of Bridgwater, by fealty & rent of 2s. a year & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The premises in Tacksall held of the Prince, as Earl of Chester, in chief, by grand sergeanty, but by what part thereof the jurors know not, & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The said George died at High Leighe 24 March, 15 James I [1616-17] & Thomas Leigh is his son & next heir & is now aged 35 years & more. Elizabeth Leigh, late the wife of the said George, & George Leigh, the son, survive & dwell at Norton.

JOHN LEIGH OF NORBURY BOOTHES, ESQ.

(File 92. No. 13.)

Inquisition taken at Sandbach, 16 September, 16 James I [1618] before Hugh Wynnington esq., Hugh Maynwaring esq., escheator in the said county, & Ralph Wilbraham esq., feodary of the same, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of John Leighe of Norburie Boothes, esq., by the oath of Humfrey Page of Yerdshawe, Richard Steele of Sandbach, Thomas Woodcocke of Church Hulme, Randall Wrench of Moulton, Hugh Venables of Wymbaldesley, William Austen of Stanthorn, John Ravenscrofte of Occleston, Arthur Joynson of Warton, Hugh Furnivall of Betchton, Thomas Somervyle & Hugh Broome of the same, John Podmore of Little Hassall, William Shawe of Sandbach, Richard Shawe of Betchton & Thomas Dale of Wythington.

They say the said John, long before his death, was seised in fee of the manors of Knottesford Boothes *alias* Overknottesford & Norbury Boothes & of 3 watermills in Norbury Boothes & a mess. & divers lands in Knottesford Boothes & Norbury Boothes in the tenure of Geoffrey Aldcroft, of the yearly rent of 6s. 9d. & of a mess. & divers lands in Knottesford Boothes in the tenure of John Stanway, of the yearly rent of 12s. & of a mess. & lands there in the tenure of John Clarke of the yearly

rent of 9s. 8d., & of a mess. & lands there in that of Peter Wakefeld of the yearly value of 5s., & a mess. & lands there in that of Hugh Edge, of the yearly rent of 6s., & of a mess. & lands there in that of John Tofte, of the yearly value of 6s., & of a mess. & lands there in that of William Yarwood, of the yearly rent of 8s. 10d., & of a mess. & lands there in that of Richard Yarwood, of the yearly rent of 12s., & of a mess. & lands there in the tenure of Peter Stubbe, of the yearly rent of 5s., & of a mess. & lands there in the tenure of Edward Ridgeway, of the yearly rent of 7s., & of the like there in that of John Strettell, of the yearly rent of 5s. ; & of the manor of Torkinton & of 9 mess. & divers lands thereunto belonging, & of a mess. & lands in Olerton in the tenure of John Ridgeway of the yearly rent of 12s. ; & of the like there in that of Edward Hughett of the yearly rent of 16s., & of 3 mess. & lands there & of a mess. & lands in Moberley in the tenure of Ellen Bowe of the yearly rent of 9s. & of the like there in that of John Strettell, of the yearly rent of 9s., & of other mess. & lands there in the tenures of Thomas Darbishire & John Baxter of the respective yearly rents of 2s. 4d. & 6s. & of divers other mess. in Moberley ; & of the manor of Marsh, & lands in Rawsthorne which are the moiety of the vill of Rawsthorne, & of 23 mess. or cottages in Marsh & Rawsthorne ; & of a mess. & lands in Bollington in the tenure of Ellen Eaton, widow, of the yearly rent of 21s. 8d., & of a mess. & lands in Over Tabley, & of a mess. & lands in Sudlowe, in the tenure of Richard Neild of the yearly rent of 7s. 4d. ; & of divers lands there, & of a mess. & lands in Nether Knottesford in the tenure of John Ancars, of the yearly rent of 9s., & of other mess. & lands there in the tenure of Henry Deplich, John Yarwood, Elizabeth Cranich & William Syndrells of the respective yearly rents of 7s., 12s., 5s., & 5s. ; & of divers other mess., burgages or cottages there.

So being seised, by fine levied at Chester 26 April, 26 Elizabeth [1584] between Sir Hugh Cholmondeley kt., Wm. Brereton, Thomas Smyth & Thomas Stanley esqs., plaintiffs, & the said John Leigh & Jane, his wife, deforciant, to carry out an indenture of 4 September, 26 Elizabeth [1584] made on the marriage of William Leigh, son & heir apparent of said John & Dorothy, daughter of Geoffrey Shakerley esq., the manor house of Norbury Booths & all thereunto belonging & the moiety of all the demesne lands there of the 3 water corn mills called Booth Mills & the moiety of the closes in Norbury Booths in the several tenures of Margery Strongitharme, widow, John Ancars & Thomas Crowther, the manor or lordship of Marshe & the moiety of the manor of Rawstorne & the mess. & lands in Marsh & Rawstorne & 4 mess. in Olerton in the tenures of John Clarke, Joan Cragge, widow, Roger Hill & Hugh Smythe & all lands, &c., thereunto belonging, were settled on said John, for life, with contingent remainders to said Jane, his wife, for life, to said William & his male issue by said Dorothy ; to the heirs male of the body of William, to Thomas Leigh, 2nd son of said John & his male issue, to his 3rd son, Richard Leigh & his male issue, to his 4th son, John Leigh & his male issue, to the heirs male of the said John, the father, to the right heirs of the said William, for ever ; the manor of Torkinton & the lands there & in Heppales & the mess. & lands in Knottesford Booths, Nether Knottesford, Meyre, Millington & Sudlow in the tenures of Margery Strongitharme, widow, William Burges, William Henshawe, Godfrey Swynton, John Bromhall, Beatrice Worsley, widow, & Henry Hunt, to the use of the said John Leigh until his son William attains the age of 21 & then with contingent remainders to said William, the said Dorothy, the male issue of William by Dorothy, &c. [as above].

They say the said Jane survived her husband & still

survives ; the said marriage between William & Dorothy took place on 14 December, 27 Elizabeth [1584] at Byveley in the parish of Middlewich, the said William being then 9 years of age, & after on 10 August, 31 Elizabeth [1589], the marriage was consummated, William being then more than 14 years old & he attained the full age of 21 years on 27 July, 38 Elizabeth [1596].

At the time of his death, John had one daughter surviving, Anne, wife of Thomas Fairefax, his other daughter, Margaret, late the wife of Thomas Coach kt., dying before him.

By deed of 25 May, 1 James I [1603] the said John settled all the premises in Moberley, Olerton, Bollington, & Knottesford Boothes in the several tenures of Ellen Bowe, widow, John Strettell, Margaret Strettell, widow, Thomas Darbishire, John Baxter, John Ridgeway, Edward Howett, Ellen Eaton, widow, Randell Humfry, Geoffrey Aldcroft & John Stanway on his son, Thomas, & the said Thomas survives & dwells at Norbury Boothes ; & by indenture of 10 April, 12 James I [1614] the said John demised to his son, Francis, all the mess. & lands in Knottesford Boothes & Nether Knottesford in the several tenures of John Ankars, Henry Depplich, John Yerwood, John Clarke, Peter Wakefeld, Hugh Edge & John Toft & also granted him several yearly rents for life.

They say the said manors of Knottesford Boothes & Norbury Boothes, the mills, &c., there are held of the King, as of his crown, as of his barony of Halton, in socage, by 4*d.* yearly rent & "markett gilt" & worth yearly (clear) £35 18*s.* 9*d.* The manor of Torkinton & lands there held of the King, in chief, by knight service & those in Olerton & Moberley held of the heirs of Sir John Arderne kt., in socage, by rent service of 8*s.* 0½*d.* & worth yearly (clear) 12*s.* 4*d.*, 1 a. in Moberley being held of the Prince, as Earl of Chester, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 12*d.* The manor

of Marsh & premises in Rosterne & those in Bollington held of Peter Venables of Kinderton, esq. in socage, by service & rent of 12*d.* yearly & worth yearly (clear) £16 16*s.* 8*d.* The premises in Overtabley, Sudlowe, Overknottesford & Netherknottesford held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, by fealty & rent of £5 6*s.* 8*d.* a year to be paid to a schoolmaster to teach grammar at Nether Knottesford in the free school there & worth yearly beyond the said rent nothing.

The said John died 23 February last past & William Leighe is his son & heir & is now aged 42 years & more.

MATHEW LEIGH OF SWINYARD, GENT.

(File 97. No. 9.)

Inquisition taken at Knottesford, 27 March, 21 James I [1623] before Hugh Maynwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, & Peter Danyell esq., feodary there, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of Mathew Leigh of Swynehead, gent., by the oath of James Massie of Sale, esq., Humfrey Page of Eardshaw, William Leigh of Oughtrington, Thomas Gleave of High Leigh, Edward Harper of the same, Philip Downes of Tofte, Alexander Duncalf of Mobberley, Edmund Howe of Ollerton, Anthony Furnivall of Mylnehouse, Philip Antrobus of Peever, Robert Worsley of Ashley, John Acton of Owlerton, Robert Webster of Nether Knottesford & Ralph Spragge of the same, gentlemen.

They say that, long before his death, the said Mathew Leigh was seised in fee of a capital mess. in Swynehead in the manor of Highleigh & of 100 a. of land, 30 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 30 a. of turbary in Swynehead, usually occupied; & of the moiety of the vill of Sworton in the manor of Highleigh & of 7 mess. with common of pasture & other liberties to the same vill belonging, usually occupied, in Sworton; & of 3 mess., one cottage, 40 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture, 10 a. of

wood & 30 a. of furze, heath & turbary in Barneton ; & of 2 mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture & 20 a. of furze, heath & turbary in Comberbach ; & of a mess., a toft called Leigh of Pole, 40 a. of land, 30 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood in High Leigh with all commons & other liberties in High Leigh, Swynehead & Sworton, late bought of Sir Urian Leigh of Adlington, kt. ; & of a free fishery with a boat upon the water called Budworth Meyre in Budworth.

They say that the premises in Swynehead are held of Thomas Leigh of Highleigh, esq., by fealty & rent of one red rose & half a pound of cummin at the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist for all services & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The moiety of the vill of Sworton & premises there held of Richard Leigh of Highleigh, now deceased, by fealty & rent of 12*d.* & worth yearly (clear) £5.

The premises in Barneton held of the heirs of Ralph Starkie of Symenswood, co. Lancs., gent., by fealty & rent of 6*d.* a year & worth yearly (clear) £3.

Those in Cumberbach & Budworth held of the heirs of Sir Richard Brereton kt., & Joan, his wife, now deceased, as of the right of Joan, by fealty & rent of 6*d.* a year & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The mess. called Leigh of Pole & premises in Highleigh, Swynehead & Sworton held of Thomas Leigh of Highleigh, esq., by fealty & rent of 6*d.* a year & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The said Mathew Leigh died 24 December last past & Lawrence Leigh is his brother & heir & is now aged 22 years & more.

PETER LEIGH OF HIGH LEIGH, ESQ.

(File 90. No. 18.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 20 July, 12 James I
[1614] before Henry Mainwaring esq., escheator of co.

Chester, Ralph Wilbraham esq., feodary, & Hugh Wynington esq., by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Peter Legh, late of High Leigh, esq., by the oath of Humfrey Page of Yeardshawe, Edmund Mouldsworth of Wymincham, Edward Harper of High Leigh, Thomas Gleave of High Leigh, William Foxley of Pickmeyre, James Trevett of Sproston, William Venables of the same, Thomas Hall of Budworth, Hugh Venables of Winbaldesley, Randall Phitheon of Tetton, William Austen of Stanthorne, Arthur Joynson of Warton, Richard Steele of Sandbach, Hugh Broome of Betchton, John Shawe of the same, Richard Shawe of the same, & Henry Bradshawe of Allostock, gentlemen.

They say that long before his death the said Peter Legh was seised in fee of the manor of High Leigh in High Leigh & of a capital mess. there & of 30 mess., 10 cottages, 40 gardens, 500 a. of land, 140 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood, 200 a. of heath, 140 a. of moss & 100 a. of moor in High Leigh, parcel of the said manor, & of the advowson of the moiety of Lyme Church & of the homage, fealty, service & rent of 1*d.* of Thomas Gleave of High Leigh for his lands there called Gleaves Land, parcel of the said manor.

They say that Richard Leigh of Swinhead, in High Leigh, at the time of the said Peter's death, held a mess. & lands adjoining in High Leigh, late the lands of Thomas Leigh of Adlington, esq., deceased, of Peter Leigh, as of his said manor in socage. And that William Millington of Millington, gent., held a certain parcel of land in High Leigh called Birchenhey Wood *alias* Millington Wood by Millington of the said Peter as of his said manor by fealty only & that the said Richard Leigh of Swinhead held the moiety of the vill of Sworton of the said Peter as of his said manor by homage, fealty & rent of 12*d.* a year; & that Alexander Standishe of Wols[t]on, co. Lancs., esq., held lands in Stathom & Lyme of the said Peter by

homage, fealty & rent of a rose yearly ; & that George Reddish gent. held lands & tenements in Stathom of the said Peter by homage, fealty & rent of a peppercorn ; & that Randall Drinkwater held lands & tenements in Stathom of the said Peter by homage, fealty & rent of a rose yearly ; & that John Venables of Agdon, gent., held a mess. with land adjacent in Stathom of the said Peter by fealty & yearly rent of a rose.

So being seised, the said Peter levied a fine in the court at Chester, 15 April, 30 Elizabeth [1588] between Henry Seckford esq., Francis Castilian gent. & Valentine Castilian gent., plaintiffs & himself deforciant of the said premises to the use of himself & his heirs for ever & by indenture of 11 March, 11 James I [1613-14] conveyed the said capital mess. & all thereunto belonging to William Brereton of Ashley & Thomas Marburie of Marburie for 21 years after his death for certain trusts as in the same appears.

The said Peter died at Arley 14 March last past & Peter Leigh esq. is his son & heir, now aged 18 years, 7 months & more.

The manor of High Leigh & premises there & in Sworton in High Leigh are held of Peter Venables of Kynderton, esq., by fealty & suit of his court of Kynderton twice a year & worth yearly (clear) 40 marks ; the moiety of the advowson held of said Peter Venables by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 20*d*.

The premises in Stathom held of said Peter Venables by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 1*d*.

RICHARD LEIGH OF SWINYARD, ESQ.

(File 94. No. 13.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich 26 August, 17 James I [1619] before Hugh Maynwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, & Henry Delves gent., feodary there, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of

Richard Leighe, late of Swynhead, esq., deceased, by the oath of John Birtles of Birtles, Edward Moulesworth of Wymincham, Humphrey Page of Yearshawe, Richard Steele of Sandbach, James Trevett of Sprouston, William Venables of the same, Richard Davenport of Wheltroughe, John Reade of Wallhill, Reginald Finlowe of Hulme Walfield, Thomas Hotchkinson of Smalwoode, Hugh Venables of Wimboldesley, Randall Wrenche of Moulton, Peter Warde of Somerford, Arthur Jenisone of Waretton, William Austen of Stanthorne, & James Bradshawe of Allostocke, gentlemen.

They say the said Richard Leighe was seised in fee of a capital mess. in Swynehead in the parish of Rosthorne & of 100 a. of land, 30 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 30 a. of turbary in Swynehead ; & of the moiety of the vill of Sworton & of 7 mess., a cottage, 200 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture, 30 a. of wood, 30 a. of turbary & 100 a. of furze & heath in Sworton ; of 3 mess., a cottage, 40 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood, 30 a. of furze & heath & turbary in Barneton ; of 2 mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture & 20 a. of furze, heath & turbary in Comberbatch, & of a mess., a toft, 40 a. of land, 30 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood, 30 a. of furze, heath & turbary in Highe Leighe, Swynehead & Sworton ; of a free fishery with a boat upon the water called Budworth Meire in Budworth.

They say the premises in Swynehead are held of the heirs of Robert Leigh of Northwood, by fealty & rent of a rose at the feast of St. John the Baptist yearly & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The moiety of the vill of Sworton & the premises there held of the heirs of Richard Leighe of High Leighe now deceased by fealty & rent of 12*d.* a year & worth yearly (clear) £5.

The premises in Barneton held of the heirs of Ralph

Starkie of Symonswood, co. Lancs., gent., by fealty & yearly rent of 6*d.* & worth yearly (clear) £3.

Those in Comberbatch & Budworth held of the heirs of Richard Brerton kt. & Joan his wife, in right of said Joan, by fealty & rent of 6*d.* a year & worth yearly (clear) 20*s.*

Those in High Leighe, Swynehead & Sworton held of Thomas Leighe of High Leighe, esq., by fealty & rent of 6*d.* & worth yearly (clear) 10*s.*

The said Richard Leighe died 25 July, 16 James I [1618] & Mathew Leighe is his son & heir & is now aged 27 years & more.

THOMAS LEIGH OF NORTHWOOD, GENT.

(File 94. No. 14.)

Inquisition taken at Nether Knottesford, 13 January, 17 James I [1619-20] before Hugh Maynwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, & Henry Delves gent., feodary there, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of Thomas Leighe, late of Northwood, gent., by the oath of William Leighe of Oughtrington, Edward Harper of Highleighe, Thomas Shawe of Millington, James Broughton of Allostocke, Thomas Gleave of High Leighe, John Grantham of Hale, Philip Antrobus of Peever, Philip Downes of Toft, Richard Steele of Reddishe, John Middlehurst of Groppenhall, Thomas Middlehurst of Latchford, John Larkshawe of the same, John Hatton of the same, Richard Hill of Appleton, Randall Wright of Ashley, Ralph Barlowe of Hale, gentlemen.

They say the said Thomas Leighe long before his death was seised in fee of 1 mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture in Northwood; & of a mess., 6 a. of land in Pickmeire; & of a mess., 3 a. of land in Aston; & of a mess., 6 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture in Over Tabley; & $\frac{1}{2}$ a. there late bought of Thomas Daniell esq.

They say the premises in Northwood are held of Peter Venables esq., in socage, by fealty & are worth yearly (clear) £3 3s.

Those in Pickmeire held of the said Peter in like manner & 8s. rent yearly & worth yearly (clear) 4s. 8d.

Those in Over Tabley held of Peter Daniell esq., by fealty & a red rose at feast of St. John Baptist & worth yearly (clear) 22s.

The half a. there held of the Prince as Earl of Chester in chief & worth yearly (clear) 6d.

The said Thomas Leighe died 12 November, 15 James I [1617] & Thomas Leighe is his son & next heir & at his father's death was aged 20 years, 9 months, 10 days.

THOMAS LEIGH OF NORTHWOOD, GENT.

(File 98. No. 17.)

Inquisition taken at Nether Knottesford, 25 March, 22 James I [1624] before Sir George Boothe kt. & bart., Hugh Maynwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, Peter Danyell esq., feodary there, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of Thomas Leighe, late of Northwood, gentleman, by the oath of Edward Harpur of High Leighe, George Massye of Hale, Robert Worseley of Ashley, Edward Thornicrofte of Thornicrofte, John Snelson of Snelson, John Acton of Ollerton, Alexander Duncalfe of Mobberley, Thomas Grastie of Warford, Edmund Howe of Ollerton, Edmund Holme of Mobberley, Randall Blackeshaw of Hollinges, James Bradshaw of Allostock, Thomas Shawe of Millington & Ralph Barlowe of Hale, gentlemen.

They say that long before the death of the said Thomas Leigh, his father Thomas Leigh, late of Northwood, deceased, was seised in fee in 6 mess., 6 gardens, 200 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood, 20 a. of furze & heath in High Leigh, Northwood, Aston by Budworth, Pickmeire & Over Tabley, & on 17 December,

3 James I [1605] a fine was levied at Chester between John Venables gent. & George Swynton, plaintiffs, & Thomas Leighe, the father, deforciant, to the uses of an indenture made 2 April, 4 James I [1606] made between the said Thomas & the said George Swynton of Nether Knottesford, mercer, upon the marriage already had between the said Thomas & Alice, sister of said George, settling the said premises with the Marled Field, the Newhey, the Old Acre & the Meadow Butts on the said Thomas, for life, with contingent remainders to his wife, Alice, for life, to Thomas Leigh the younger, son & heir apparent of the said Thomas, in tail male, to Richard Leigh, younger son of said Thomas, the elder, in tail male, to the heirs of the body of Thomas, the father, of Thomas, the son, of Richard aforesaid, the right heirs of Thomas, the father.

By deed of 20 June, 4 James I [1606] Thomas Leighe, the father, enfeoffed the said Venables & Swynton of the said premises to the uses of the former indenture.

By indenture of 31 January, 45 Elizabeth [1602-3] made between Thomas Leigh sen. & William Gleave he granted farm to said William a mess. in Over Tabley, in the tenure of the said William & his mother, Elizabeth Gleave, with all thereunto belonging & the Foxlovehey containing 2 great a. [*magnas acras*] of land, during the life of the said William, Ellen, his wife & Thomas Gleave their son; the said Thomas Gleave, son of William, survives & dwells at Nether Knottesford.

By indenture of 17 March, 1 James I [1603-4] the said Thomas Leighe sen. granted to farm to John Antrobus of Over Tabley pasture in Over Tabley called the Ringe fields in the tenure of a certain Richard Gleave during the life of the said John, Ellen his wife & Ellen Antrobus, their daughter; John & Ellen the daughter survive & dwell at Nether Knottesford.

By indenture of 17 March, 1 James I [1603-4] the said

Thomas Leighe sen. granted to farm to Humfrey Pearson of Sudlow, in the lordship of Over Tabley, 2 closes in Over Tabley called the Ringefields, of 4 a., late in the tenure of Gavin Deplich, together with a mess., wherein the said Humfrey dwelt in Sudlow, during the life of the said Humfrey, Joan, his wife & Dorothy Pearson, their daughter ; they all three survive & dwell at Nether Knottesford.

By indenture of 14 July, 6 James I [1608] the said Thomas Leighe sen. granted to farm to John Harper of Northwood a mess. in Northwood & all thereunto belonging, formerly in the tenures of the said John Harper & Mary Harper, widow, deceased, during the life of the said John, Margaret, his wife, & Ellen Harper, their daughter, & they all three survive & dwell at Nether Knottesford.

The said Thomas Leighe sen. died 12 November, 15 James I [1617] at Northwood & Alice, his wife, survived and now dwells at Northwood, & Thomas Leighe, the younger, was his son & next heir & the latter on 23 September, 20 James I [1622] levied a fine at Chester between Richard Leigh & Robert Warburton, plaintiffs, & said Thomas, defendant, of 6 mess., 10 gardens, 16 orchards, 100 a. of land, 30 a. of meadow & 50 a. of pasture in Northwood, Pickmeyre, Aston & Over Tabley, conveying the same to said Richard & Robert & the heirs of Richard.

The said Thomas Leighe jun. died 3 August, 21 James I [1623] at Northwood, without male issue, having issue only one daughter Margaret Leighe & she is his next heir & at her father's death was aged 4 months, 12 days, & now dwells at Northwood.

They say the said premises in Northwood are held of Peter Venables esq., in socage, by fealty only & are worth yearly (clear) £3 3s.

Those in Pickmeire are held of said Peter, in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4d.

Those in Aston held of Peter Warburton esq., in socage by fealty & rent of 8s. yearly & are worth yearly (clear) 14s. 8d.

Those in Overtabley held of Peter Danyell esq., in socage by fealty & one red rose at the feast of St. John the Baptist & worth yearly (clear) 22s.

The $\frac{1}{2}$ a. in Overtabley held of the Prince, as Earl of Chester, in chief & worth yearly (clear) 6d.

Richard Leigh, younger son of Thomas Leigh sen. & brother of said Thomas jun., is now aged 17 years & dwells at Northwood.

THOMAS LEIGH OF HIGH LEIGH, ESQ.

(Ct. of Wards 7, No. 76/154.)¹

Inquisition taken at Nether Knottesford, 10 April, 4 Charles I [1628] before Hugh Maynwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, Thomas Browne esq., feodary there, & Thomas Marburie esq., by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Thomas Leighe of High Leighe, esq., deceased, by the oath of William Millington of Millington, Ralph Litler of Wallescote, Paul Winnington of Birches, Humfrey Page of Yearshawe, Henry Pickmeare of Hoolse, George Bowden of Bowden, Robert Holford of Lostocke Gralum, Edward Mouldsworth of Wincham, Philip Downes of Tofte, Alexander Duncalfe of Mobley, Francis Newton of the same, Richard Steele of Reddishe, William Morris of Gropenhall, John Acton of Owlerton, Thomas Hall of Brounslayne, Thomas Lanckshawe of Lachford, John Benteley of Meire, Robert Hesketh of Rycrofte, & John Hutton of Lachford, gentlemen.

They say that long before his death the said Thomas Leigh was seised in fee tail, to him & the heirs male of his body, of the manor of High Leigh & Northwood & of a windmill, a horse-mill & 2 dovescotes in High Leighe ;

¹ There is no Inq. in the Chester Series for this man.

of 50 mess., 60 gardens, 60 orchards, 300 a. of land, 60 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood, 200 a. of moss & turbary & 40s. rent in High Leighe, Northwood, Swynhead, Sworton within High Leighe & Nether Knottesford ; of 4 mess., 20 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 14 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood & the several yearly rents of 5*d.* & 5*d.* in Alpram ; of the yearly rent of 2s. for a watercourse in Leighe running to the said water mill of Lim in the tenure of Thomas Gregge gent. ; of a rent of 2*d.* yearly issuing from a certain turbary in Leighe Mosse in High Leighe, a mess. in Agdon late the heritage of Sir John Savage kt., & now of Thomas Warall.

They say that Lawrence Leigh of Swynehead in High Leighe, gent., at Thomas Leigh's death held a mess. & land in Swynhead of the said Thomas by fealty & yearly rent of 6*d.* ; that he also held a plot of land in Houldfield, High Leighe, by rent of a red rose & $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of cummin yearly at the feast of St. John the Baptist ; that Thomas Gleave of Higheleighe, gent., held a capital mess. in Highe Leighe, wherein he now dwells, with certain lands thereunto belonging in Southbrooke in Higheleighe, by fealty & rent of $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. of cummin & also other lands in High Leighe called Midleshewe in Southbrooke, by fealty & rent of a pair of spurs yearly ; & that Peter Leighe of Highe Leighe, esq., held a mess. & land called Birchenhead, now in the tenure of William & Roger Brachgirdle by fealty & rent of 1*d.* a year ; & that Thomas Pownall of Barneton held a mess., & land in High Leighe by fealty & annual rent of 4*d.* ; & that Thomas Shawe held lands & tenements in Hulgreave in High Leighe, by fealty & annual rent of 6*d.* & also other lands there, of the heritage of John Wilkinson of Millington by fealty & annual rent of 12*d.* ; & that Richard Sworton of Sworton held a tenement in Sworton in High Leighe by fealty & yearly rent of 1*d.*, all of which were held of said Thomas Leigh at the time of his death.

They say the said Thomas Leigh was also seised in fee of 4 mess., 4 gardens, 20 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood in High Leighe & Northwood & of 4 mess., 6 a. of land, 1 a. of meadow & 3 a. of pasture in Lim [*sic*], & of a capital mess., 100 a. of pasture, 200 a. of heath, 200 a. of moor in Castid *alias* Castwiche, parish of Taksall, within the liberty of the Forest of Macclesfield, & of a capital mess. called Strethills & 3 cottages, 20 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture in Meire, late bought of Sir George Boothe kt. & bart. ; & of the third part of the manor of Colwiche, co. Staff., & of 9 mess. in Culwiche, Bishton, Wosley, Colton, Heywood & Little Heywood, co. Staff., & a third part of common of pasture in the Forest of Kuncke *alias* Kanocke & Oldeholt, co. Staff.

So being seised, by indenture of 7 July, 3 Charles I [1627] he conveyed for £1500 to Dame Thomasine Carewe of the city of Westminster, widow, the capital mess. of High Leighe & all the lands thereunto belonging in High Leighe & the parish of Rosthorne, with the windmill & horse mill in Rotherstone & 2 pigeon-houses & the fields called the Neerer Sandfield, the Further Sandfield, the Oxhey Meadow, the Cow pasture, Fishersfield, the Milne Field, the Little Hough, the Heywood, the Bente, the Corne heyes, the Longe Field, the Neerer & the Further Finche Fields, the Further Horse Copp, the Old Marled Field, the High Field, the Wheat Hey, Sharpes Field, Sharpes Field Meadow, Cookes Field, Haltons Field, the Brook Heyes, Breretons Flatt, Breretons Meadow, Hasellhurst Meadow, the Flacke Field, the Green Meadowe, the Turnehurst, the Lesser & the Greater Flatts, Hewetts Meadow, Gannesley with the weir therein, Devies ground, the Nearer Horse Copp, the Okenhead, Allens Croft & the Calver Croft, containing altogether about 300 a. free of any charges except that of £30 a year to George Leighe gent., brother of the said Thomas, for

life & a lease for the life of Margaret Wilkinson of the herbage & pasture of Okenhead, of the yearly value of 10s. ; the said Thomas undertook also to levy a fine together with his wife Townesend within the next three years of the said premises & that on payment of £1980 [at divers dates given] by the said Thomas to the said Dame Thomasine Carew, the said conveyance shall be void & of none effect. The said fine was levied 10 September, 3 Charles I [1627] at Chester.

They say that George Leighe, father of said Thomas, by indenture of 2 November 1616, granted to his son, George, £30 a year out of the demesne lands of High Leighe & Northwood for life, to be paid at Rosthorne Church, & the said George, the father, died long before the said Thomas & George, the son, survives & dwells at High Leighe.

By his indenture of 27 May, 2 Charles I [1626] the said Thomas Leighe, on payment of £100, granted to John Shalcrosse of Shalcrosse, co. Derby, esq., the capital mess. with lands in Casteeds *alias* Castwich, parish of Tacksall, for a term of 8 years, at a yearly rental of 6*d.*

The said George Leighe, the father, by indenture of 18 January, 14 James I [1616-17] together with said Thomas, granted to Thomas Leighe, younger son of the said Thomas, a yearly rent of £6 13*s.* 4*d.* issuing from the demesne lands of High Leighe & Northwood, for life. The said Thomas, the younger, still survives & dwells at High Leighe.

The said manors & premises of & in Highleighe, Northwood, Swynhead & Sworton in High Leighe are held of Peter Venables esq., Baron of Kinderton, as of his barony of Kinderton, by fealty only & are worth (except the premises conveyed to Dame Thomasine Carewe) in all issues yearly (clear) £10.

The premises in Lym held of said Venables, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 10*s.*

Those in Alpram held of said Venables as of his said barony & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Those in Nether Knottesford held of John, Earl Bridgewater by fealty & rent of 2s. yearly & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Casteed *alias* Castwiche, in Taksall, held of the King as Earl of Chester, in chief, by grand serjeanty, but by what part of grand serjeanty the jurors know not, & are worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The capital mess. called Strethill & cottages in Meire, the jurors know not of whom or how held, & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The third part of Colwiche manor, co. Staff., & premises there & elsewhere in co. Staff., the tenure, &c., also unknown to the jurors, & worth yearly (clear) £3.

The said Thomas Leighe died 26 January last past & Townesend, his wife, survives & dwells at Highleighe. Henry Leighe is son & heir of said Thomas & was aged 16 years on 23 November last past.

SIR GEORGE LEYCESTER OF TOFT, KT.

(File 94. No. 11.)

Inquisition taken at Northwych 7 January, 17 James I [1619-20] before Hugh Maynwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, & Henry Delves gent., feodary there, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of Sir George Leycester of Tofte, kt., deceased, by the oath of William Leigh of Oughtrington, Edward Harper of High Leigh, Thomas Hall of Budworth, Roger Simcocke of Mobberley, Thomas Shawe of Millington, John Edwards of Cheaveley, Thomas Ball of Boughton, Humfrey Page of Yeardshawe, William Davenport of Boughton, Ranulph Wrenche of Moulton, William Helye of Newton, Edward Hoole of Ollerton, Thomas Gleave of High Leigh & John Grantham of Hale, gentlemen.

They say that the said Sir George the day he died was

seised in fee tail, to him & the heirs male of his body, of the manor of Tofte & of 40 mess., 500 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 500 a. of pasture, 60 a. of wood, 500 a. of furze & heath & turbary, 200 a. of moor & marsh in Tofte, Mobberley & Chorley; of 7 mess., 7 gardens, 60 a. of land, 30 a. of meadow, 80 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood & 100 a. of furze & heath in Warford & Chorley; of another mess., with houses & lands to the said mess. belonging in Chorley, lately bought of Sir Edward Phitton kt.; of another mess. in Warford, lately bought of Edward Warren esq.

Also of certain closes, lands, &c., in the vill & fields of Mobberley & of a "mosse roome" or parcel of moss & turbary of about 10 virgates in Mobberley, called the Higher Mosse; & of another parcel of land there called Copthorne Heath & of 3 mess., 3 gardens, 3 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 3 a. of pasture & 5s. 3d. rent & common of pasture for all beasts in Nether Knottesford, Knottesford Boothes & Boothslade; & of 2 mess., 2 gardens, a cottage, 2 saltworks in Northwich; & of a mess., a garden, 20 a. of land, 3 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture in Newall; & of a mess., 30 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow in Hulse & Lostocke Grallam; & of 2 mess., 45 a. of land, 10 a. of pasture, 40 a. of heath, moor & moss with common of pasture & turbary in Bexton & Plumley, & of a mess., a cottage, 16 a. of land in Peever, Lostocke & Allostocke; & of a mess., a garden, a horse-mill in Nether Knottesford.

By indenture bearing date 7 June, 38 Elizabeth [1596] between the said Sir George of one part & John Ireland gent. & Katherine, his wife, of the other, the said Sir George granted the said John & Katherine 40 marks yearly, issuing from the manor & lordship of Tofte & premises in Tofte, Mobberley, Chorley & Warford, co. Chester, & Colwyche, co. Staff., for the term of their lives, with power to distrain in case of non-payment; the said Katherine survives & dwells at Tofte.

They say a moiety of the manor of Tofte & all the premises there are held of the King, as of his barony of Halton, by what service the jurors know not, & are worth yearly (clear) 20 marks; & the other moiety held of Sir George Bouth of Dunham, kt. & bart., as of his manor of Dunham Massie, in socage, by yearly rent of 5s. & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The premises in Warford are held of Sir William Massey kt., in socage, by fealty & rent of 1*d.* for all services & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Those in Mobberley, except Copthorne Heath, held of the King in socage & rent of 7s. a year, as of his barony of Halton, & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Copthorne Heath held of the Prince, as Earl of Chester, in chief, by 20th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The premises in Chorley, the tenure unknown to the jurors & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Nether Knottesford, Knottesford Boothes & Boothslade held in socage, by fealty & suit of court of Hugh Hulse esq., & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Northwych held of William, Earl of Derby, in common & free socage, by yearly rent of 4*d.* & a pair of white gloves & worth yearly (clear) £5.

Those in Newall held at Sir George's death of Sir John Savage kt., & now of Sir Thomas Savage kt. & bart., by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 7s.

Those in Hulse held of Henry Maynwaringe of Kermyncham, esq., by fealty & yearly rent of 3*d.* & worth yearly (clear) 26s. 8*d.*

Those in Lostock Grallam held of the King, as of his barony of Halton, in free & common socage & worth yearly (clear) 15s.

Those in Plumley held of Henry Maynwaringe esq., by fealty & worth yearly (clear) 15s.

Those in Bexton held of the lords of Bexton, by

what service the jurors know not, & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Nether Knottesford held of the heirs of Hugh Hulse esq., by fealty & suit of court of Nether Knottesford & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Those in Peever, Lostocke & Allostocke held of Sir Thomas Holcrofte kt., by fealty & rent of 3*d.* a year & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

They say the said Sir George died 28 March, 10 James I [1612] & Ralph Leycester esq. is his son & heir & at his father's death was aged 19 years & not more.

WILLIAM LEYCESTER OF TABLEY, GENT.

(File 87. No. 12.)

Inquisition taken at Sandbache 27 March, 3 James I [1605] before Henry Mainwaring esq., escheator of co. Chester, to enquire after the death of William Leycester, late of Nether Tabley, gentleman, by the oath of Humfrey Page of Yeardeshawe, John Eaton of Goostree, Robert Adderton of Warton, John Ravenscrofte of Occleston, John Piggott of Somerforde, Robert Pickmeyre of Hulse, John Rane [Raven] of Elesworth, Hamnet Stockley of Newhall, Henry Bradshawe of Allostocke, Hugh Furnivall of Bechton, Richard Shawe of the same, Peter Warde of Somerford, & Thomas Somervile of Bechton, gentlemen.

They say that William Leycester was seised, the day he died, in fee of the moiety of 2 mess., 5 saltworks, 2 shops, a room above the said shops, a stable & another small room in Northwich & of the moiety of 10 a. of land in Shurlache & of the moiety of a mess. & 10 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow & 20 a. of pasture in Marston & Wyncham; & of the moiety of another saltwork of 8 leads in Northwich; & of the moiety of a mess. in Tabley & Sudlow.

The said moiety of the mess., saltworks & tenements in Northwich, Marston, Wyncham & Shurlache are worth

yearly (clear) 40s. & the moiety of the mess. in Tabley & Sudlow 3s.

The moiety of the 3 saltworks are held of the King in chief by 40th part of a knight's fee, the premises in Northwich of William Earl of Derby in free burgage by rent of 16*d.* a year, as of his manor of Northwich, the mess. in Shurlache of Sir John Savage kt., as of his barony of Shipbrooke, by what service the jurors know not.

The said William Leycester died seised of the said premises 1 January last past at Nether Tabley & William Leycester is his son & heir & is now aged 15 years, 11 months, 27 days.

RALPH LINGARD GENT.

(File 89. No. 7.)

Inquisition taken at Northwyche, 27 August, 8 James I [1610], before Henry Mainwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, Thomas Marburie esq., Ralph Wilbraham esq., feodary there, & William Moreton esq., by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Ralph Lingard gentleman, by the oath of Ralph Horton of Coole, Edmund Swettenham of Somerford, Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Edward Bressye of Aldlem, Humphry Page of Yardshawe, Oliver Vernon of Middlewich, Hugh Amson of Cranage, William Shawe sen. of Lovelane in Bechton, William Shawe jun. of the same, John Rode of Walhill, John Pigott of Somerford, Henry Bradshawe of Allostocke & Hugh Furnivall of Bechton, gentlemen.

They say that the said Ralph Lingard was seised in fee of a mess. in Middlewich bought of John Anderton gent. ; of a saltwork in Middlewich & of another mess. or cottage situated at the head of Whelock Street in Middlewich ; of a croft, with a barn built thereon, in Middlewich containing about 1 a. ; of another croft without Middlewich in Newton, adjoining Middlewich & by a little watercourse between Middlewich & Newton,

containing about 1 a.; of another cottage & croft in Newton, containing about 1 a. in occupation of Joan Horton widow, which saltwork, mess. at the head of Whelock Street & other premises in Middlewich & Newton were bought of . . . Stanley kt., deceased.

So being seised, the said Ralph made his will 9 March, 4 James I [1606-7] & bequeathed the said premises to Anne, his wife, for ever, & he died 23 March, 4 James I [1606-7] & Anne entered into the same & has ever since taken the profits of the same; Katherine, daughter of Anthony Lingard, elder brother of said Ralph, is next of kin & heir of the said Ralph & is now aged 28 years & more.

They say the tenements in Middlewich are held of the King in free burgage, by fealty only, as of his manor of Middlewich & worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4d.

Those in Newton held of the assigns of Robert Fullehurst esq., in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

THOMAS LIVERSEDGE GENT.

(File 95. No. 9.)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 9 October, 18 James I [1620] before William Moreton esq. & Hugh Maynwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the Prince's commission, to enquire after the death of Thomas Liversage gent., by the oath of Humfrey Page of Yeardshaw, Robert Venables of Antrobus, Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Richard Steele of Sandbach, Robert Poole of Auger, James Trevett of Sproston, Richard Wiche of Alderley, Richard Davenport of Wheltrough, Richard Kettle of Betchton, John Piggott of Somerford, William Venables of Sproston, William Austen of Stanthorne, Thomas Woodcocke of Churchhulme, Thomas Shawe of Betchton, John Kinsey of Wimbosley, William Shawe of Sandbach, Randall Wrench of Moulton & George Harrison of Newton, gentlemen.

They say the said Thomas Leversage was seised in fee of the tithes of grain growing yearly in Wheelock in the pasture, closes & land called Bidnalls in Little Hassall, in the closes & land called Heigh in Sandbach & in the pasture called Brindley Moor in Bradwell.

He died seised of the same 21 July last past & William Leversage is his son & heir & on 31 March last past was aged 7 years.

They say the said tithes are held of the King in chief by rooth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 4s. 2d.

MATHEW LOWNDES YEO.

(File 105. No. 6.)

Inquisition taken at Northwich, 12 September, 16 Charles I [1640] before Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator of co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Mathew Lownes, late of Eaton, yeoman, by the oath of Paul Winington of Birches, George Bradford of Shivbrooke, John Blease of the same, William Ravenscroft of Occleston, William Tomlinson of Waverton, Robert Whittingham of Over, Robert Tottye of the same, Thomas Maddocke of the same, Thomas Barker of Galegreene, Thomas Lownes of Moulton, John Winington of Leftwich, Thomas Neild of Shurlach, Thomas Fryth of Barnton, Christopher Basnett of Barnton & James Wright of Stanthorne, gentlemen.

They say the said Mathew Lownes the day he died was seised in fee of a mess. wherein he dwelt & of divers lands to the same belonging in Eaton *alias* Yeaton; & of a mess. & lands in Eaton, late bought by him of Bartholomew Moreton of Eaton.

The said Mathew, so being seised, died 12 April, 11 Charles I [1635] & Mathew Lownes is his son & next heir & on 30 July last past was aged 15 years.

All the said premises are held of the King as of his county of Chester in chief by knight service; the premises

inhabited by the said Mathew are worth yearly (clear) 14s. ; those bought of Bartholomew Moreton 16s.

Margery Lownes, relict of Edward Lownes, father of said Mathew & Margaret Lownes, relict of said Mathew, have taken the issues since Mathew's death & they still survive & dwell at Eaton *alias* Yeaton.

ROWLAND LITHERLAND OF POULTON, GENT.

(File 103. No. 10.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, in the Common Hall of Pleas there, on Tuesday, 6 September, 12 Charles I [1636] before Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator in co. Chester, George Parker esq., feodary there, George Snell, S.T.P., John Minshull esq. & Henry Harpur gent., by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Rowland Litherland, late of Poulton with Secum, in Wyrrall Hundred, gentleman, by the oath of Ralph Bostocke of Moulton, Robert Bennett of Brombroe, John Clarke of Saughall, Thomas Hickocke of Woodbanke, Nicholas Greene of Willaston, Thomas Bennet of the same, John Fletcher of the same, William Wilson of the same, John Woods of the same, Thomas Forshawe of Mollington, Robert Leene of Woodchurch, Robert Phillipps of Newton, James Halwood of Sutton, John Francis of Childerthornton & Thomas Bennet of Barneston.

They say the said Roland was seised the day he died in fee of the capital mess. of Pulton with Secum & of a windmill, 40 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 18 a. of pasture & 6 a. of heath in Pulton with Secum ; also of a mess., 7 a. of land, 1 a. of meadow, 7 a. of pasture in the tenure of Thomas Sampson in Liscard.

They say the said capital mess. & premises in Pulton with Secum & Liscard are held of the King, as of the honor & lordship of Halton, by rooth part of a knight's fee & by rent of 2s. 1d. yearly & the same are worth yearly (clear) 26s. 8d.

They say the said Roland Litherland died 25 October last past & Edward Litherland gent. is his son & next heir & is now aged one year, three weeks.

WILLIAM LIVERSEDGE ESQ. OF WHEELOCK.

(File 104. No. 16.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 8 January, 5 Charles I [1629-30] before Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator of co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of William Leversage esq., by oath of John Baskerville of Withington, William Harcourte of Wincham, esqs., John Kinsey of Wimboldsley, William Ravenscroft of Occleston, Philip Downes of Tofte, William Rowe of Hartforde, Thomas Turner of Bollington, Thomas Grastye of Wareford, Edward Mouldsworth of Wincham, John Cottingham of Frodesham, Richard Whittingham of Over, Thomas Gleave of Highleigh & Francis Acton of Over Alderley, gentlemen.

They say that the said William Leversage long before his death was seised in fee of the manor of Whelocke & the manor of Hassall & of 2 mess., 40 a. of land, 7 a. of meadow & 20 a. of pasture in Hassall & of 10 a. of land, 8 a. of pasture, 4 a. of wood in Haslington; of 3 mess., 50 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture in Bechton; of 16 a. of land & 16 a. of pasture in Bradwall; of 3 a. of meadow, 8 a. of pasture in Sandbach; of 10 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 3 a. of pasture, 2s. rent in Rode *alias* Oddrode; of a burgage & 5 a. of land & pasture in Congleton; of a mess., 10 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 6 a. of pasture in Buglawton; of 2 mess., 28 a. of land, 3 a. of meadow, 6 a. of pasture in Newbold Astbury; of 4 mess., 30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture in Alcomeloe; of 2 mess., 14 a. of land, 3 a. of pasture in Lawton *alias* Church Lawton; & of 40 a. of land, 14 a. of meadow & 14 a. of pasture in Tanston, co. Stafford.

So being seised a fine was levied in the Common Hall of Pleas, Chester, on 9 April, 8 Charles I [1632] between Richard Wilbraham & Thomas Delves kts. & barts., Peter Venables, Thomas Wilbraham, Henry Delves, Randall Ashenhurst & Ralph Hassall esqs., plaintiffs, & the said William Leversage, deforciant, of all the said premises, confirming an indenture made 30 September, 7 Charles I [1631] between the said parties on the marriage of Thomas Leversage, late son & heir apparent of the said William, with Dorothy, now his widow, & for the love the said William bore to William, son & heir of the said Thomas, & to Randall Liversege, younger son of said Thomas, & to William, William Savage [*sic*], Richard & Edward Leversage, sons of the said William, party to the indenture, & to Eleanor, wife of John Weld gent., & Douglas Leversage, daughters of said William, settling the same on himself, for life, & after his death the capital mess. of Whelocke & Oaklesefield, Oakelesemeadow, the Lower Oakelesse, the Highfield, Brickfield, the wood called Rough Crofts, Poole Field, pasture called The Alnes, the Hayhouse Crofts, the Pickneyth, the Ryle, the new piece, the Great Ryle, the Barn Croft, two water corn-mills called Whelocke Mills & the multure & tolls thereunto belonging on Eleanor, his wife, with contingent remainders, after her death, to William, son & heir of the said Thomas Leversage, in tail male, to Randall Leversage, to William, son of said William, to William Leversage, Savage, Richard & Edward Leversage, all in tail male, to the use of the right heirs of the said William.

He made his will 29 March [no year given] & died 30 March, 14 Charles I [1638] & William Leversage, son of Thomas, is his next heir & grandson & at the time of William's death was aged 24 years & more; Eleanor, late wife of said William, died 20 May 1634. William Leversage, 2nd son of said William, survives & dwells at Whelocke & is aged 40 years & more.

They say the manor of Whelocke is held of Peter Venables esq., Baron of Kinderton, as of his manor of Moston, by knight service & 10s. a year rent & is worth yearly (clear) 20 marks.

The manor of Hassall & the premises there held of the Viscount Cholmondeley as of his barony of Nantwich & worth yearly (clear) £5.

The premises in Haslington held of the heirs of Sir George Vernon kt., deceased, in socage & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Those in Bechton held of the lord of Bechton in socage & worth yearly (clear) 60s.

Those in Bradwall held of the said Sir Peter Venables as of his barony of Kinderton in socage & 10*d.* rent & suit of the court of the manor, fee & barony of Kinderton & worth yearly (clear) 26s. 8*d.*

Those in Sandbach held of Sir Randall Crew kt., as of his manor of Sandbach in socage & worth yearly (clear) 12s.

Those in Rode *alias* Oddrode held of Randall Rode esq., as of his manor of Odrode, in socage & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Congleton held of the King, as of his honor of Halton, in free burgage & worth yearly (clear) 4s.

Those in Buglawton held of Philip Mainwaring esq., in socage & worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4*d.*

Those in Newbold Astbury held of the said Sir Peter Venables in socage & by suit of court & worth yearly (clear) 26s.

Those in Alcomeloe held of said Sir Peter in free socage & by suit of court & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Those in Lawton *alias* Churchlawton held of John Lawton esq., as of his manor of Lawton in common socage & worth yearly (clear) 24s.

Those in Tonston, co. Staff., held of Sir William Bowyer kt., in free & common socage & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

RALPH MADDOCKE OF OVER, YEO.

(File 104. No. 9.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 28 September, 14 Charles I [1638] before Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Ralph Maddocke, late of Over, yeoman, by the oath of Humfrey Newton of Moberley, Thomas Barker of Over, John Cottingham of Frodsham, William Carrington of Elton, John Denson & John Crewe of the same, Oliver Pollet of Fadiley, Thomas Moores of Oscroft, Philip Bostocke of Bostocke, Henry Philipps of Christleton, William Ravenscroft of Occleston, William Tomlinson of Wareton, Thomas Lownds of Moulton, Thomas Neild of Shurlach, John Aldersey of Agden & Randall Banbury of Broxon, gentlemen.

They say that long before his death the said Ralph Maddocke was seised in fee of a mess. & tenement, with the appurtenances in Over & also of 2 gardens, an orchard, 4 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow & 8 a. of pasture in Over belonging to the said mess. & tenement.

So being seised, the said Ralph died at Over 11 November last past & John Maddocke is his son & heir & at the time of his father's death was unborn in the womb of his mother, Margery Maddocke, now widow, & at the time of holding this inquisition is aged 7 months, 24 days & not more & Margery survives & dwells at Over.

The said premises are held of the King in chief, by 100th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 14s.

HUGH MAINWARING OF NANTWICH, GENT.

(File 96. No. 3.)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 28 September, 19 James I [1621] before Hugh Maynwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, & Peter Danyell esq., feodary there, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the

death of Hugh Maynwaringe of Nantwich, gent., by the oath of John Aston of Aston, Edward Bressie of Aldlem, John Cartwright of Shipnall, John Cheswis of Mickley, Henry Malbon of Copnall, George Cudworth of Newhall, Thomas Adams of Hatherton, Robert Meakin of the same, Richard Grafton of Worleston, John Moulton of Faddiley, Oliver Pollett of the same, Francis Betteley of Burland, Thomas Smyth of Checkley, Richard Shawe of Betchton, William Gallimore of the same, & John Wright of Willaston, gentlemen.

They say the said Hugh Maynwaringe, at the time of his death, was seised in fee of a burgage, barn & garden in Nantwich; of 3 a. land & 3 a. pasture called the Browne Hills in Nantwich.

They say the burgage, barn & garden in Nantwich are held of the Barons of Nantwich in socage by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 2s., & the other premises there held of the Prince, as Earl of Chester, by the rooth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

The said Hugh died at Nantwich 2 April last past & George Maynwaringe is his son & heir & on 19 June last past was aged 13 years.

RANDALL MAINWARING GENT.

(File 89. No. 22.)¹

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 23 September, 9 James I [1611] before Henry Maynwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, Ralph Wilbraham esq., feodary there, John Kenricke gent. & Thomas Maynwaringe gent., by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Randall Maynwaringe gent., by the oath of Thomas Brooke, Richard Wilbraham, William Pratchet, William Salmon of Coole Lane, William Salmon of Wyldheath, George Cudworth, Laurence C . . . , Robert Massey, John Podmore, Robert Sare [?], Richard Kettle, John Butler,

¹ A good deal of this Inq. is illegible & torn. There is no duplicate.

William Ga . . . , . . . Gallimore, Thomas . . . , Robert Burgess, Peter Walton, gentlemen.

They say that the said Randall Maynwaring was seised in fee of a saltworks of 6 leads in Nantwich with all the profits, &c., lying between Great Wood Street on the E. & Little Wood Street on the W. By indenture dated 11 March, 6 James I [1608-9] he enfeoffed Alexander Elcocke, Thomas Manwaring of Nantwich, Roger Manwaring of the same & others, to the use of himself for life, with contingent remainders to Thomas, one of his younger sons, & the heirs male of his body, . . . Manwaringe, John Manwaring, his son & heir apparent, & William Manwaring, another son, or his issue for a term of years, to the use of Roger Manwaring, another son & the heirs male of his body, to the said Randall's heirs male by his now wife, Anne, to his right heirs.

They say he was seised in fee of 2 mess. or burgages in Nantwich in . . . Street in the tenures of Miles Edwards & John Browe & of a small garden there & of another saltworks there formerly in the tenure of Thomas Gibbons & by indenture of 14 March, 6 James I [1608-9] he enfeoffed the said feoffees thereof, to the use of himself for life, with contingent remainders to his sons, Roger, Thomas, William, & the heirs male of their bodies, &c. [as before].

He was also seised of a mess. in Nantwich wherein he dwelt, lying between the land of Thomas Wilbraham esq. on the E. & that of Richard Walhall gent. & Edmund Bicker . . . on the W., & . . . in the tenure of Hugh Prees; of a pasture in Nantwich called Peartree Field & of a [saltworks] of 6 leads, with all thereunto belonging lying between . . . late Edmund Atherton's on the W., & of the moiety of all tithes of grain & hay & all other tithes in the vill of . . . aston & also in the vill & fields of Wolstonwood & the moiety of the tithes of hay, &c., in the vill & fields of . . . & on 4 March, 6 James I [1608-9]

together with his sons John & Randall he enfeofed the said feoffees of the same to the uses given in the indenture of 14 March.

He was also seised of a burgage & yards thereunto belonging in Nantwich in Hospell Street, in the tenure of William Ince & by indenture of 17 December, 8 James I [1610] he enfeofed Roger Manwaring of Nantwich & William Walton to the use of himself for life, with contingent remainders to his sons, Thomas, Roger & William & the heirs of their bodies.

He was also seised of a mess. in Woolstonwood, late in the tenure of John Lyndopp & now of Mathew Johnson & of divers lands there to the said mess. belonging & of another mess. there in the tenure of Thomas Ince & by indenture of 7 December, 8 James I [1610] he enfeofed the feoffees, named in the last, of the same, to the use of himself for life, with contingent remainders to his sons, William, Thomas & Roger & the heirs male of their bodies.

The said Randall died 18 February last past at Nantwich & John is his son & next heir & now aged 40 years & more & Anne Manwaring, & Randall, William, Roger & Thomas Manwaring, the sons of deceased, survive & dwell at Nantwich & Anne is unmarried.

They say the saltworks of 6 leads in Nantwich, & the premises thereunto belonging, between Great & Little Wood Street are held of the barons of Nantwich in free socage & are worth yearly (clear) 3s. 4d.

The two burgages in Nantwich in the tenure of Miles Edwardes & John Brow, the small garden, & the saltworks late in the tenure of Thomas Gibbons are held of the said barons, in free socage & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8d.

The mess. there, wherein the said Randall dwelt, that there late in the tenure of Hugh Prees & the saltworks lying between the lands of Thomas Wilbraham & William Hassall are held of the said barons, in free socage & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8d.

The tithes in Willaston & Alvaston are held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, in free socage & not in chief & are worth yearly (clear) 2s. 6*d*.

The moiety of the tithes in Woostonwood held in like manner of the King & are worth yearly (clear) 2s.

The moiety of those in Nantwich held in like manner of the King & worth yearly (clear) 2s. 6*d*.

The mess. in the tenure of William Ince held of the said barons in free socage & worth yearly (clear) 2s. 6*d*.

The 2 mess. in Woolstonwood held of Randall Church in free socage, by fealty & rent of 16s. 8*d*. & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Land called Pearetree Field held of the King in chief by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8*d*.

SIR RANDALL MAINWARING OF PEOVER, KT. (1).
(File 95. No. 10.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 17 April, 18 James I [1620] before Sir William Brereton kt., Hugh Maynwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, & Henry Delves gent., feodary there, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of Sir Randall Maynwaring, late of Overpeever, kt., by the oath of Thomas Baskerville of Ould Withington, Richard Witch of Alderley, Ralph Horton of Coolelane, Robert Venables of Antrobus, Thomas Brook of Leighton, Richard Steele of Sandbach, Humfrey Page of Yearshaw, George Cudworth of Newhall, Philip Antrobus of Peever, John Eaton of Blackden, Richard Davenport of Wheltrought, Richard Kettle of Betchton, Philip Downes of Tofte, James Trevitt of Sproston, Hugh Venables of Wymbosley, John Rode of Walehill, Hugh Wardle of Eaton, John Burges of the same, Thomas Grastie of Warford, Arthur Joynson of Warton, Thomas Hodgkinson of Smalwood, Thomas Addams of Hatherton, Nicholas Hussie of Baddeley, & Randall Grafton of Worleston, gentlemen.

They say that long before his death the said Randall was seised for life, with remainder after his death to his son Sir Randall Maynwaringe kt., in fee tail, of the manor of Overpeever, & of a dovecote, 2 water-mills, 30 mess., 10 cottages, 5 tofts, 700 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 350 a. of pasture, 60 a. of wood, 100 a. of common & turbary in Overpeever, & of 20s. free rent of one pair of capons issuing yearly from lands & tenements in the tenure of Thomas Stapleton & Joan his wife & late the heritage of Robert Burgis gent., of Overpeever, deceased, in Overpeever, & of 2s. free rent yearly issuing from certain lands & tenements in the tenure of Philip Downes in Overpeever ; also of the manor of Baddeley & of a dovecote, a water-mill, 33 mess., 8 cottages, 3 tofts, 550 a. of land, 50 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 100 a. of wood, 800 a. of common & turbary in Baddeley, Faduley, Burland, Brindley & Stoneley, & of 2*d.* free rent yearly issuing from certain lands & tenements in the tenure of Randall Suckly ; of 14*d.* free rent yearly issuing from certain lands & tenements called Woodhey in the tenure of Sir Richard Wilbraham kt., & of 1s. free rent yearly issuing from the lands & tenements called Ridley Land in the tenure of the said Sir Richard ; of 2s. free rent from lands & tenements called Suttons Land in the tenure of the said Sir Richard ; of 4s. free rent from lands called Cheynyes Land, 6*d.* from those called Leighes Land, 3s. 6*d.* from Raness Land, 2s. 1*d.* from Haughtons Land all in the tenure of the said Sir Richard ; 3s. free rent from lands & tenements in the tenure of William Allen gent. ; 16*d.* free rent from Bartens Land ; 4*d.* from lands & tenements in the tenure of Richard Wilbraham of Wardeley, gent., & ¼*d.* free rent yearly from lands in the tenure of the said Richard ; 6*d.* from Bryndleys Land in the tenure of John Brayne ; 6*d.* from Bromeleys Land in the tenure of William Allen ; 6*d.* from lands & tenements in the tenure of William Hassall gent. ; 6*d.* from Mynshalls Land in

the tenure of Francis Betteley ; 1s. rent & a barbed arrow yearly issuing from lands in the tenure of Richard Breynne ; a barbed arrow for certain lands in the tenure of Sir Richard Wilbraham kt. ; a barbed arrow for lands in the tenure of Richard Mynshall gent., all which lands are in the manor of Baddeley ; of £4 14s. rent yearly issuing from certain lands & tenements in Swanley, in the tenure of Elizabeth Maynwaring widow ; of a mess., 8 a. of land, 4 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow & 8 a. of pasture in Lostock *alias* Allostock ; of 4 a. of land in Baguley ; of a mess., 2 a. of land in Nether Knottesford.

They say the said manor of Overpeever & the premises there are held of Sir Randall Crew kt., by fealty & rent of 2s. or a sorehawk yearly & worth yearly (clear) £30.

The manor of Baddeley, with premises in Baddeley, Fadely, Burland, Brindley, Stoneley & Swanley was held of the Prince & now of the King, as Earl of Chester, by fourth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £37.

The premises in Lostock *alias* Allostock held of William Earl of Derby by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

The land in Baguley held of Richard Leigh esq., by fealty & rent of a red rose at the Nativity of St. John the Baptist yearly & worth yearly (clear) 1s.

The premises in Nether Knottesford held of the Earl of Bridgwater in free burgage by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

So seised the said Randall died 27 May 1612 at Overpeever & Sir Randall Maynwaring kt. is his son & next heir & at his father's death was aged 36 years & more.

The said son has taken the profits of the manor of Overpeever & premises in Lostock, Nether Knottesford & 100 a. of wood in Baddeley since his father's death & Katherine Maynwaring, now deceased, widow of the said Randall, has taken the residue in Baddeley, &c., & the said Katherine died 2 April 1618.

SIR RANDALL MAINWARING KT. (2).

(File 95. No. 11.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 19 October, 18 James I [1620] before Edmund Maynwaringe esq., Hugh Maynwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the Prince's commission in the nature of a writ *de melius inquirendo* to enquire after the death of Sir Randall Maynwaringe kt., inquisition having already been taken 17 April [see above], by the oath of Thomas Baskervyle of Old Withington, Humfrey Page of Yearshaw, Richard Davenport of Wheltrough, Richard Wych of Alderley, Richard Steele of Sandbach, John Rode of Walehill, Hugh Wardley of Eaton, John Burges of Eaton, James Trevet of Sproston, William Venables of the same, William Austen of Stanthorne, John Kinsey of Wymbosley, Hugh Venables of the same, Randall Wrench of Moulton, Thomas Woodcock of Churchhulme, John Blease of Shipbrook, George Harrison of Newton, & Randall Phithion of Tetton, gentlemen.

They say on oath that the said Randall Maynwaringe, long before his death, was seised in demesne, as of fee tail, of the manor of Over Peever [*&c. &c. as in 95/10 above, down to the rent issuing yearly from lands & tenements in Swanley in the tenure of Elizabeth Maynwaringe, widow*]; also of a barbed arrow for certain lands in the tenure of Sir Richard Wilbraham kt., of a barbed arrow for lands in the tenure of Richard Mynshall gent., all in the manor of Baddeley [*& then as in 95/10*].

So being seised, by indenture of 1 August, 26 Elizabeth [1584] made between the said Randall & Margaret, his wife, of one part, Charles Maynwaringe of Croxton, esq., Edmund Maynwaringe of Springe, gent., brother of the said Randall, Lawrence Leicester gent., younger son of Sir Ralph Leicester kt., deceased, Ralph Maynwaringe gent., son & heir apparent of Robert Maynwaringe, Richard Davenport of Wheltrough, gent., Thomas

Baskervyle of Blackden, gent., John Caldwell, clerk, rector of the parish church of Mobberley, & William Willymot, clerk, vicar of Rothstorne, of the other part, the said premises were settled on the said Randall for life, with remainder to his son & heir apparent, Randall Maynwaringe, in fee tail & a fine thereof was levied at Chester 26 April, 27 Elizabeth [1585].

Another fine was levied at Chester, 12 June, 1 James I [1603] between Geoffrey Shakerley esq., William Meyre esq., Robert Hyde esq., & Alexander Barlow esq., plaintiffs, & the said Randall Maynwaringe, Randall his son & heir apparent, then esq., now kt., & Jane, wife of Randall, the son, of 70 mess., a mill, 70 gardens, 2000 a. of land, 600 a. of meadow, 2000 a. of pasture, 40 a. of wood, 2000 a. of moor & £5 rent in Badeley, Fadeley, Burland, Brinley, Stoneley, Sound & Nantwich, settling the same on the said Randall for life, with remainder to Katherine, his wife, by name of Katherine Brereton, for life, as her jointure, with remainder, after her death, to Randall the son, as by indenture made 2 March, 45 Elizabeth [1602-3]. [*Death & heir as in 95/10.*]

SIR RANDALL MAINWARING OF PEEVER, KT.

(File 102. No. 5.)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 12 September, 9 Charles I [1633] before Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Sir Randall Mainwaringe, late of Peever, kt., by the oath of William Hassall of Hankelow, Alexander Elcocke of Poole, esqs., Thomas Brooke of Leghton, John Cheswys of Mickley, Robert Meakin of Hatherton, John Knighte of Hankelow, William Waste of Hunsterston, Randall Grafton of Willeston, Oliver Pollett of Faddeley, Richard Dare of Little Hassall, George Salmon of Wildheath, William Moulton of Poole, Ralph Bostocke of Willaston & John Finney of Minshull, gentlemen.

They say that the said Randall Mainwaringe, long before his death, was seised in fee tail, viz. to him & the male heirs of his body, with divers remainders as by a certain indenture made, of the manor of Over Peover, with all its rights, members, &c., & of a dovecote, 2 water mills, 30 mess., 10 cottages, 5 tofts, 700 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 350 a. of pasture, 60 a. of wood, 100 a. of common & turbary in Over Peover, & of 20s. free rent & a pair of gloves yearly issuing from certain lands in the tenure of Joan Stapleton widow, & late the heritage of Robert Burgess of Over Peover, gent., deceased, in Over Peover ; of the services due for the same lands ; of 2s. free rent yearly issuing from lands in the tenure of Phillip Downes gent., in Over Peover & of the services due for the same ; of the manor of Badeley with all rights, members, &c., of a dovecote, a watermill, 33 mess., 8 cottages, 3 tofts, 550 a. of land, 50 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 100 a. of wood, 80 a. of common & turbary in Badeley, Fadeley, Burland, Brindley & Stoneley ; of 2*d*. free rent yearly issuing from lands, &c., in the manor of Badeley, in the tenure of Randall Suckley & the services due for the same ; of 14*d*. free rent yearly issuing from lands called Woodhey within the said manor in the tenure of Sir Richard Wilbraham kt. & bart., & the services due for the same ; of 2s. free rent yearly issuing from lands called Ridley Land in the manor of Badeley in the tenure of the said Sir Richard, & of the services due for the same ; of one shilling free rent yearly issuing from lands, &c., called Suttons Land, within the said manor, in the tenure of the said Richard & of the services due for the same ; of 4*d*. free rent & 1 lb. of pepper yearly issuing from lands, &c., called Cheney's Land in the said manor in the tenure of the said Sir Richard & of the services due for the same ; of 6*d*. free rent yearly issuing from lands, &c., called Leighes Land within the said manor, in the tenure of the said Sir Richard & of the services due for the same ; of

3s. 6d. free rent yearly issuing from lands, &c., called Raynes Land, in the said manor & tenure, & the services due for same ; of 2s. 1d. free rent issuing from lands, &c., called Haughtons Land in the same manor & tenure & of the services due for same ; of 3s. free rent in same manor in the tenure of William Allen gent., & of the services due for the same ; of 16d. free rent issuing from lands called Breretons Land in said manor & tenure & the services due for the same ; of 4d. free rent issuing from lands, &c., in the said manor in the tenure of Richard Wilbraham of Worleston, gent., & of the services due for the same ; of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. free rent issuing from lands in the same manor in the tenure of Richard Wilbraham gent., & of the services due for the same ; of 6d. free rent issuing from lands & tenements called Brindleys Land in the tenure of Thomas French ; 6d. free rent from Bromley's Land in the tenure of William Allen gent. ; 6d. free rent from lands & tenements in the said manor in the tenure of Margaret Hassall widow ; of 6d. free rent issuing from Minshull's Land in the tenure of the said Margaret ; of 1s. & one barbed arrow free rent from lands & tenements in the said manor in the tenure of Thomas Breane ; of one barbed arrow for Sparkes land in the tenure of Sir Richard Wilbraham kt. & bart. ; of a barbed arrow from lands in the said manor in the tenure of Richard Minshull gent. ; of 2s. 2d. free rent from Botteleys land in the tenure of the said Sir Richard Wilbraham ; of all tithes issuing in Badeley ; of £4 14s. from lands & tenements in Swanley within the same manor in the tenure of Henry Mainwaringe esq., & of the services due for all the aforesaid ; of 2 mess., 3 a. of land in Nether Knutsford & of a mess., 8 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow & 10 a. of pasture in Lostocke *alias* Allostocke ; of 4 a. of land in Bagaley.

He was also seised of the manor of Withington & of 6 mess., 10 cottages, 70 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood, 500 a. of common & turbary

in Withington ; of the manor of Buglawton *alias* Buglaughton, with all members & appurtenances there & of 2 mess., 20 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture & 400 a. of common & turbary in Buglawton ; & of the services of all & singular tenants within that manor ; of 4 mess., 30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture in Warford ; of 3 mess., 1 cottage in Warton ; of a mess., 10 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture in Lostocke *alias* Allostocke ; of 2 mess., 10 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture in Congleton.

They say the said manor of Over Peover & the premises there are held of Sir Randell Crewe kt., in socage, by fealty & rent of 2s. or a sorehawk yearly & are worth yearly (clear) £30.

The manor of Badeley & the premises in Badeley, Fadeley, Burland, Brindeley, Stoneley & Swanley (except the tithes there) held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in chief, by the 4th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) £37, & the tithes of Badeley are held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, by fealty, in free & common socage, & rent of 2s. 6d. a year.

The manor of Withington & premises there held of the King by rent of 4s. a year, by what service the jurors know not & are worth yearly (clear) 2s. 8d.

The premises in Warford, Lostocke *alias* Allostocke, held of William Earl of Derby in socage, by fealty only, & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

The 4 a. of land in Bagaley held of Henry Leighe esq., in socage, by fealty & rent of a red rose at St. John the Baptist's Feast & worth yearly (clear) 1s.

The premises in Nether Knutsford held of John Earl of Bridgewater in free burgage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 3s. 4d.

Those in Congleton held of the King, as of his manor of Congleton, in free burgage, by fealty & 5s. rent yearly & worth yearly (clear) 2s. 6d.

The manor of Buglaughton & premises there held of Sir Thomas Crewe kt., in free socage, by rent of £22 7s. 2d. & worth yearly (clear) nothing.

The premises in Warton *alias* Waverton held of Thomas Viscount Savage in free socage as of his manor of Bostocke [*no value given*].

The said Randall Mainwaringe died 12 January, 8 Charles I [1632-3] & Philip Mainwaringe esq. is his son & heir & at his father's death was aged 36 years & more.

They say that Jane Mainwaring, widow of the said Randall & mother of the said Philip, survives & dwells at Chester & is dowerable out of the said premises.

WILLIAM MAINWARING GENT.

(File 103. No. 17.)

Inquisition taken at Sandbach, 19 September, 13 Charles I [1637], before Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of William Maynwaringe gentleman, by the oath of Robert Alsager of Alsager, Richard Steele of Sandbach, Randall Furnival of Bradwall, George Whittakers of Sandbach, William Whittakers & John Wright of the same, William Gallamore sen. of Betchton, John Somerfeild of the same, William Lyngham of Arclyd, Hugh Goodhynd of the same, Thomas Cliffe of Sandbach, Richard Saer of Hassall, Richard Podmore of the same, William Turnor of Betchton & William Gallamore of the same, gentlemen.

They say that Randall Manwaringe gent., late the father of the said William, was seised in fee of a burgage in Nantwich late in the tenure of Hugh Preece & now of John Maynwaringe, brother of said William & son & heir of the said Randall, deceased; & of a toft or the site of a saltwork of 6 leads in Nantwich, between the lands of Thomas Wilbraham esq. & those late of the heritage

of Hugh Hassall esq., on the East, & those of the heritage of Edward Adderton, on the West ; & of the moiety of the tithes of grain yearly issuing & growing in the vills & fields of Willaston & Alvaston & the moiety of the third of the tithes of grain yearly growing in the vill & fields of Woolstanwood.

So being seised, together with his sons John & Randall Maynwaringe, the said Randall, the father, on 14 March, 6 James I [1608-9] by indenture enfeoffed Alexander Elcocke, Thomas Maynwaringe of Nantwich, gent., & William Walton of the premises, to the use of himself for life, with contingent remainders to the said John, for life, to the said William & his heirs.

They say the said William, before his death, was seised in fee of 2 mess., 2 gardens, 10 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 3 a. of wood in Woolstanton & on 25 March, 3 Charles I [1628] on his marriage with Martha, daughter of the said Thomas Maynwaringe, enfeoffed the said Thomas Maynwaringe & Thomas Walthall gents. of the said premises, to the use of the said William & Martha & the longer liver of them & Martha is now seised of the same for life.

The said William was also seised in fee of 4 mess. in Nantwich, in the tenures of the said Martha Maynwaringe, Thomas Poole, Thomas Tench & John Wright, & of a toft or site of a saltwork of 6 leads in Nantwich, between Great Wood Street on the East & Little Wood Street on the West & of another toft or site of a saltwork of 6 leads there between the land of Robert Earl Cholmeley on the South & the land late of the heritage of Henry Bickerton on the North, Great Wood Street on the East & Little Wood Street on the West ; & of a garden there late in his own tenure ; & of 3 a. of land in Stapeley ; & of 2 a. of land in Willaston ; & of the moiety of all tithes of sheaves in Willaston & Alvaston & of the moiety of the third part of the tithes of sheaves in Woolstonwood.

The said William died 22 April last past & Anne &

Martha are his daughters & next heirs & at their father's death were aged 7 years, 10 months, 4 weeks, 2 days & 5 years, 3 months, 8 days respectively. The said John Maynwardinge & Martha, relict of William, survive & dwell at Nantwich.

They say the premises in Nantwich are held of the barons of Nantwich in free socage & those in the tenure of John Maynwardinge worth yearly (clear) 3s. & the others worth yearly (clear) 18s. 4*d*.

The 3 a. in Stapeley held of the King in chief by 200th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8*d*.; the premises in Woolstonwood held of Randall Church gent., by fealty & yearly rent of 6s. 8*d*. & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The land in Willaston held of Ralph Sneyd esq., by fealty & worth yearly (clear) 3s. & the tithes there & in Alvaston & Woolstonwood held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, in free socage & not in chief & worth yearly (clear) 4s.

WILLIAM MALBONE OF BUDWORTH, GENT.

(File 94. No. 23.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 17 April, 18 James I [1620] before Hugh Manwaring esq., escheator of co. Chester, & Henry Delves gent., feodary there, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of William Malbone, gentleman, by the oath of Thomas Baskerville of Withington, Richard Witche of Alderley, Ralph Horton of Coolelane, Robert Vennables of Antrobus, Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Richard Steele of Sandbache, Humfrey Page of Yearshawe, George Cudworth of Newhall, Philip Antrobus of Peever, John Eaton of Blackden, Richard Davenport of Wheltroughe, Richard Kettle of Betchton, Philip Downes of Tofte, James Trevitt of Sproston, Hugh Venables of Wymboldesley, John Rode of Walehill, Hugh Wardhull of Eaton, John Burges of the same, Thomas Grestie of

Warford, Arthur Joynson of Wareton, Thomas Hodgkinson of Smalwood, Thomas Addams of Hatherton, Nicholas Hussie of Badiley & Randall Grafton of Whorleston, gentlemen.

They say that the said William Malbone was seised in fee of a mess., a garden, 20 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 14 a. of pasture in Great Budworth, of his heritage, & of a mess., a garden, 4 a. of land, 1 a. of meadow in the tenure of John Anderton, late bought of the said John Anderton.

The said premises in Great Budworth are held of the King in chief by 100th part of a knight's fee & 4s. 4d. annual rent & are worth yearly (clear) 30s.

They say the said William died at the Marsh in Great Budworth parish 2 May last past & William Malbone gent. is his son & heir & is now aged 37 years & more.

WILLIAM MALBON OF BUDWORTH, GENT.

(File 101. No. 9.)

Inquisition taken at Nether Knottesford, 10 October, 7 Charles I [1631] before Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of William Malbon of Budworth, gent., by the oath of John Grimesdiche of Grimesdiche, esq., Humfrey Page of Yerdshawe, Paul Wynington of Birches, Henry Pickmere of Hulse, Philip Downes of Tofte, George Bradford of Shipbrooke, Alexander Duncalfe of Mobberley, Francis Newton of the same, Edward Harpur of High Leighe, William Middleton of Stocton, Randall Blackshawe of Mobberley, Philip Antrobus of Peever, Richard Steele of Reddishe, John Middlehurst of Gropnall & Edmund Hood of Ollerton, gentlemen.

They say that long before his death, the said William Malbon was seised in fee of a mess., a garden, 24 a. of land, 7 a. of meadow, 14 a. of pasture in Great Budworth, and so being seised by his deed of 9 October, 19 James I

[1621] enfeoffed Thomas Marburie esq. & Robert Warburton, gentlemen of the same, by the name of his mansion house in Browns lane in Great Budworth, wherein the said William then dwelt & all thereunto belonging, to the use of himself for life & after his death to his wife Elizabeth, for life, with remainder to his right heirs.

He was also seised of a mess. called the Crownehouse, a garden, an orchard, 5 a. of land & 4 a. of pasture in Great Budworth lately bought of William Anderton.

The said premises bought of William Anderton are held of the King in chief, by 200th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 5s. ; the other premises in Great Budworth held of the King in chief by 100th part of a knight's fee & yearly rent of 4s. 4d. & worth yearly (clear) 30s.

The said William Malbon died 14 July last past & Elizabeth survived him & now dwells at Great Budworth. William Malbon is his son & heir & is now aged 18 years 13 days.

RICHARD MARBURY OF OVER WALTON, GENT.

(File 99. No. 3.)

Inquisition taken at Northwich, 22 March, 2 Charles I [1626-7] before Thomas Marbury esq., Hugh Maynwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, & John Pickering gent., by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Richard Marbury gent., by the oath of John Grimesdich of Grimesdich, esq., John Allen of Nether Whitley, Richard Grimesdich of Congleton, Henry Porter of Moore, Peter Pickton of Acton Grange, John Hatton of Lachford, John Hatton of Nether Walton, Richard Steele of Reddish, John Newhall of Over Whitley, William Middleton of Stockton, Thomas Longshaw of Lachford, John Middlehurst of Gropenhall, Nicholas Byrom of Moore, Thomas Whitley of Merrivall [?], Thomas Barker of Preston & Christopher Basnet of Barneton, gentlemen.

They say that long before his death, the said Richard Marbury was seised in fee of the manor or lordship of Over Walton & of 10 mess., 4 cottages, a dovecote, 100 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture & 40 a. of furze & heath in Over Walton ; of 4 mess., 3 cottages, 30 a. of land, 30 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 4 a. of furze & heath in Nether Walton ; of a windmill in Nether Walton ; of 5 mess., 2 cottages, a water grain mill, 40 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 10 a. of furze & heath in Hatton by Daresbury ; of 4 mess., 3 cottages, 20 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture, & 5 a. of furze & heath in Stockton within Hull & Appleton.

So being seised, on 9 September, 20 James I [1622] by indenture made between the said Richard Marbury, of the 1st part, William Newhall of Chester, gent., of the 2nd & Sir Richard Brooke kt., & others of the 3rd part on the marriage of Thomas Marbury, son & heir apparent of the said Richard, with Elizabeth Newhall, daughter of the said William, it was agreed a fine should be levied of the said premises to the use as to a moiety to the said Richard, for life, with contingent remainders to the said Thomas, in tail male, to Richard Marbury, 2nd son of said Richard, John, 3rd son, William, 4th son, all in tail male, to the right heirs of said Richard & as to the other moiety to the use of the said Elizabeth Newhall, with remainder after her death to the said Thomas Marbury [*&c. as before*], & a fine was levied 23 September, 20 James I [1622] at Chester.

Long before his death, he was seised of a barn with buildings adjoining, 20 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 2 a. of wood called Capensley in Stretton Heyes in Stretton, now in the tenure of Richard Symcock & lately bought of Thomas Gregge, Edward Gregge, Richard Grimesdich & Richard Sworton ; of 2 mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 10 a. of furze & heath in Nether

Walton & Over Walton in the tenure of Thomas Hunt & John Ford ; of an annual rent of 13s. 4*d.* late bought of James Massie esq. ; of the moiety of a mess., 20 a. of land, 12 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture, 3 a. of wood & 20 a. of furze & heath in Lymme, in the tenure of Maud Taylior widow ; of the moiety of closes called the Breeches in the Mylne Field, containing by estimation 25 a. of pasture, in Lymme, late the heritage of the said Thomas & Edward Gregge.

So being seised, the said Richard Marbury made his will 20 May, 1 Charles I [1625] at Over Walton bequeathing the said yearly rent to his son, Thomas, & the premises in Stretton bought of the said Richard's cousin, Thomas Gregge & Edward Gregge, his son, to be sold. He bequeathed a suit of clothes to his brother, Peter Marbury, & £4.

The said Richard Marbury died at Over Walton 25 September, 1 Charles I [1625] & Thomas Marbury is his son & next heir & at his father's death was aged 18 years, 5 days & not more. The said Thomas, in his father's lifetime, on 24 September, 20 James I [1622] at Chester married the said Elizabeth, daughter of William Newall. John & William Marbury, sons of the said Richard, survive & dwell at Over Walton.

They say the said manor of Over Walton & premises there are held of the King as of his honor of Halton, by the fourth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The premises in Nether Walton held of Peter Warburton, late of Arley, esq., by 20th part of a knight's fee & now held of his heirs, & worth yearly (clear) 5s. The premises in Hatton by Daresbury held of the heirs of the said Peter in free & pure socage, by yearly rent of 6*d.* & suit of court at Halton & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

Those in Stockton within Hull & Appleton, held of the heirs of the said Peter, as of the manor of Hull &

Appleton, in socage, by yearly rent of 3s. 4*d.* & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

The moiety of the mess. in Lymme & the other premises there held of the King as of his honor of Halton in pure socage & not in chief & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

The premises in Stretton held of Thomas Starkie esq., as of his manor of Stretton, by 50th part of a knight's fee, worth yearly (clear) 5s.

John Grimesdich & Thomas Dunbabin, executors of the will of the said Richard Marburie, have taken the profits, &c., since his death.

THOMAS MARBURY OF WESTMINSTER, GENT.

(File 95. No. 12.)

Inquisition taken at Northwych, 6 October, 18 James I [1622] before Peter Danyell esq. & Hugh Maynwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Thomas Marbury, late of the city of Westminster, deceased, by the oath of Ralph Litler of Wallerscote, Thomas Maynwaringe of Marton, Robert Venables of Antrobus, William Malbon of Budworth, Humfrey Page of Yearshaw, Richard Grimsdytch of Appleton, John Allen of Whitley, Thomas Whitley of the same, Thomas Hall of Budworth, William Morris of Gropenhall, Ralph Bostock of Bostock, James Roe of Acton, James Trevet of Sproston, John Kinsey of Wymboldesley, William Venables of Sproston, William Awsten of Stanthorne, Randall Wrench of Moulton & Philip Downes of Tofte, gentlemen.

They say the said Thomas Marbury the day he died was seised in fee of a capital mess., called the Nunhouse situated in Warton *alias* Waverton, parish of Davenham, & of 30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture & 10 a. of wood in Warton *alias* Waverton to the said capital mess. belonging; & of 30 mess., 16 cottages, 200 a. of land, 50 a. of meadow, 300 a. of pasture & 60 a. of wood

in Gorstitch, Sandyway & Weverham ; & of a pasture or parcel of land called Mickley, containing by estimation 5 a. of land in Barneton ; & of a mess., 4 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow & 6 a. of pasture in Hatton by Daresbury ; of 2 mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow & 20 a. of pasture in Pyckmeyre ; of a mess., 10 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow & 10 a. of pasture in Aston by Budworth ; of 2 mess., 10 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow & 10 a. of pasture in Wyncham *alias* Wymyncham.

And thus being seised, he died, without issue.

They also say that before the said Thomas Marbury had any estate in the premises in Weverham, Gorstitch & Sandyway, a certain Sir Thomas Holcrofte kt. & Thomas Holcroft esq., then his son & heir apparent, were seised of the same, in fee & acknowledged a recognisance, in the nature of a statute staple of £1,000, to a certain Charles Bostock, citizen & scrivener of London & the said Charles Bostock was seised of the same until the said sum be paid & now William Brereton esq. is seised of the same.

They say the Nunhouse & the premises in Warton *alias* Waverton are held of the King, in chief, by rooth part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) £4.

The mess. & premises in Weverham, Gorstitch & Sandyway are held of the King, in chief, by 40th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 5s. & after the determination of the said recognisance, £6 13s. 4d.

The premises in Barneton, tenure & service unknown to the jurors & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Hatton held of Peter Warburton of Arley, esq., as of his manor of Hatton, in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) £3.

Those in Aston by Budworth held of said Peter, as of his manor of Budworth, in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Pickmeyre held of the heirs of Sir Ralph

Egerton, late of Wrynehill, in cos. Chester & Staff., kt., deceased, in socage, by fealty & rent of 3s. 4d. yearly & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Those in Wyncham *alias* Wymincham held of Peter Venables esq., as of his barony of Kynderton, by what service the jurors know not & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The said Thomas Marbury died 4 July last past & Thomas Marbury of Marbury, esq., is next of kin & heir of the said deceased, being son & heir of William Marbury esq., deceased, late eldest brother of said Thomas & is now aged 51 years & more.

THOMAS MARBURY OF MARBURY, ESQ.

(File 104. No. 10.)¹

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 3 January, 14 Charles I [1638-9] before Thomas Aldersey, escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Thomas Marburie, late of Marbury esq., by the oath of Edward Gregge of Bradley, . . . Tarbucke of Witton, Peter Hatton of Quistibirches, John Middlehurst of Groppen-hall, Thomas Barker of Over, Robert Whittingham & Thomas Baker of the same, William Ravenscroft of Occleston, Ralph Bostocke of Moulton, Thomas Marbury of Over Walton, Hugh Venables of Wimboldestley, Thomas Barker of Galegreene, Thomas Maddocke of Over, George Whittakers of Sandbach, William Whitakers of the same, John Locket of the same & Richard Saer of Little Hassall, gentlemen.

They say that long before his death, the said Thomas Marbury was seised in fee of the manor of Marbury, with members & appurtenances, & of a watermill there & of 4 "boateroomes in Budworth Mere"; & of 100 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 50 a. of pasture, 100 a. of wood in Marbury; & of a mess., 30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 6 a. of wood in Anderton; & of 5 mess., 50 a. of land,

¹ MS. torn. There is no Court of Wards Inq. p.m.

10 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture & 4*d.* free rent issuing from the land of Thomas Starkee of Stretton, esq., in Hatton; of a mess., 12 a. of land in Leigh by Acton; of . . . , 50 a. of land, . . . a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood in Cogshall; of a mess., a cottage, 30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture in Over Whitley; of 1 a. of land, 1 a. of meadow & £3 13*s.* rent in fee farm issuing from the lands and tenements of Thomas Pownall, Thomas Fryth & Randall Wrench, which were before the lands & tenements of John Hayes . . . [in] Barneton; of 3 mess., a cottage, 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood in Wymincham; of a mess., 10 a. of land in Thelwall; of . . . mess., 10 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture in Aston by Budworth; of 2 mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture in Pickmeere; . . . saltworks, 3 burgages in Northwich; of 40*s.* rent issuing from the lands of Edward Ashton esq., in Godley; of 20*s.* rent issuing from tenements in . . . Weverham, & of 66 mess., 3 saltworks, 17 cottages, 95 gardens, 700 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 100 a. of wood . . . in Gorstich, Sandyway & Weverham; & of £10 4*s.* 4*d.* rent in fee farm issuing from lands & tenements in Weverham; & of 19*s.* 3*d.* . . . lands in Weverham & Milton; & of 4 mess., 4 gardens, 30 a. of land, 10 a. of pasture, 3 a. of wood, 800 a. of furze & heath in Brynne *alias* Brands; & of . . . in Groppenhall; & of 11 mess., 7 cottages, 18 gardens, a watermill, 120 a. of land, 80 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood, 50 a. of . . . & 12*d.* free rent in Groppenhall, Caterich *alias* Reddish & Thelwall, & of the moiety of the manor of Lachford; & of 7 mess., 2 cottages, a watermill, 40 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture & 6*d.* free rent in Lachford.

So being seised, by indenture of 10 April, 21 James I [1623] he conveyed the said premises to Sir Richard

Wilbraham kt. & baron, Sir Peter Leigh kt., William Booth esq., George Vernon esq., William Brereton esq., & William Malbon gent., to the use, as concerning the capital mess. of Caterich *alias* Reddish & the premises there of William Marbury, son & heir apparent of the said Thomas, for life, with contingent remainders to Frances, wife of the said William as her jointure, & as to the capital mess. of Marbury & the premises there to the use of the said Thomas, for life, with remainder to the said William & as to the residue, to the said Thomas, for life, with contingent remainders to the said William & his male issue by the said Frances, in tail male, to the right heirs of the said Thomas.

The said Thomas was also seised of the manor of Orton *alias* Horton *alias* Hertford *alias* Hartford & of 20 mess., 7 cottages, 160 a. of land, 30 a. of meadow, 110 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood, 50 a. of furze & heath in Hertford & 1s. $\frac{1}{2}$ d. free rent issuing from the lands of William Raven gent., & of 19s. rent in fee farm issuing from the lands of Ottiwell Kent, & of the whole water & mere called Okemeyre in Whitegate parish & the Forest of the Meyre; & of 23s. rent issuing from the manors of Witton & Crosse; & of 3s. rent issuing from the lands late Peter Warburton's esq., deceased, in Appleton; & of 2s. rent issuing from the lands of John Davenport esq., in Withington & Swetenham.

They say the manor of Marbury & the premises in Budworth Mere & Marbury are held of John, Viscount Savage, by 7th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £6 13s. 4d.

The premises in Anderton held of Thomas Stanley esq. by fealty & rent of 6d. & worth yearly (clear) 30s.

Those in Hatton held of the heirs of Peter Warburton esq., in socage, by the service of a fish-hawk or 6d. a year & worth yearly (clear) 5 marks.

Those in Legh by Acton held of the heirs of Thomas

Dutton esq., deceased, by fealty & yearly rent of 2s. & worth yearly (clear) 12s.

Those in Over Whitley held of the King, as of his honor of Halton, by fealty & rent of 40s. & suit of court twice a year at Halton & worth yearly (clear) 50s. ; those in Barneton held of John Starkie esq. by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Wymincham held of Peter Venables esq., as of his barony of Kinderton, by 200th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Those in Thelwall, held of the King, as of his honor of Halton, service unknown & worth yearly (clear) 7s.

Those in Aston by Budworth held of the heirs of Peter Warburton esq., as of the manor of Great Budworth, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Pickmeyre, tenure & service unknown & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Those in Northwich held of William Earl of Derby, by fealty & rent of 21*d.* & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The manor of Weverham & premises in Gorstich, Sandyway, Weverham & the parish of Whitegate held of the King in chief by 40th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The moiety of the manors of Groppenhall & Lachford & premises there & in Caterych *alias* Reddish held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in chief, by 8th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £5.

The manor of Hartford & premises there held of Peter Venables esq., as of his barony of Kinderton, by service of one knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £10.

The said Thomas Marbury died at Marbury 14 May, 12 Charles I [1636] & William Marbury esq. is his son & heir & was aged 40 years on 1 May last past & now dwells at Marbury.

HUGH MASSIE OF DENFIELD, GENT.

(File 95. No. 13.)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 4 January, 18 James I [1620-1] before George Cotton esq., Ralph Hassall esq., Peter Danyell esq., & Hugh Maynwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of Hugh Massie gent., by the oath of Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Edward Bressie of Aldlem, Ralph Horton of Coolelane, John Cheswis of Mickley, Humfrey Page of Yeardshaw, Hugh Amson of Cranage, Lawrence Cotton of Birches, William Boulton of Hankelow, George Cudworth of Newhall, Henry Malbone of Monkescoppenhall, Thomas Adams of Hather-ton, Robert Meakin of the same, William Pratchet of Worleston, Thomas Smith of Checkley & Francis Betteley of Burland, gentlemen.

They say the said Hugh Massie, long before his death, was seised in fee of a capital mess. called Denfeild Hall with appurtenances in Rothstorne *alias* Rostorne ; of a toft called the Ditch House there ; of 3 other mess. there ; of two parts, in three divided, of the moiety of the manor of Aldlem ; of a mess. called the Mossehouse in Aldlem ; of a mess. in Wrenbury & Wrenbury Frith in the tenure of Ralph Twisse ; of 7 gardens, 7 orchards, 200 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 40 a. of wood, 200 a. of furze & heath in Rothstorne *alias* Rostorne, Denfield, Aldlem, Wrenbury & Wrenbury Fryth & of the free fishery with one boat upon Rothstorne Meyre in Rothstorne.

Thus being seised, by fine levied at Chester, 26 September, 5 James I [1607] between Hugh Whitney gent., & Richard Massie gent., plaintiffs, & the said Hugh Massie, deforciant, the said Denfield Hall & premises in Rothstorne & Denfield were settled on the said Hugh for life & after his death, on his wife Elizabeth, for life, in name of her jointure. The residue of the premises

was settled by fine of 15 March, 6 James I [1608-9] on said Hugh & his heirs.

By indenture of 16 May, 16 James I [1618] the said Hugh demised to his brothers, Richard & Geoffrey Massye the Mossehouse in Aldlem with all the premises thereunto belonging for 16 years after his death, to provide his daughters Jane, Mary & Anne Massye with £200 each ; the said Jane, Mary & Anne still survive.

By indenture of 6 March, 17 James I [1619-20] he demised the mess. in Wrenbury or Wrenbury Frith, in the tenure of Ralph Twisse & all thereunto belonging, to his daughter, Barbara Massye, for 62 years, at a yearly rental of 26s. & Barbara still survives.

Long before his death, the said Hugh Massye was seised in fee of a mess. in Wrenburie & Wrenburie Fryth in the tenure of James Croxon esq., & of a garden, an orchard, 10 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture & 2 a. of wood thereunto belonging, & by indenture of 16 May, 16 James I [1618] he demised the same to Richard & Geoffrey Massye for 79 years to the use of his daughter, Barbara Massye if she lived so long, unmarried, & she still survives at the Mosse house, unmarried.

He was also seised of 7 other mess., 10 gardens, 10 orchards, 40 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 5 a. of wood, 12 a. of furze & heath, 5 a. of marsh & 5s. 4d. rent in Rothstorne *alias* Rostorne ; & of 3 a. of land there in the tenure of William Harpur ; & of the reversion of a mess. called Blowres House & 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture & 6 a. of wood, in the tenure of the said Richard Massye, in Aldelem, who holds the same for 60 years by indenture of William Massye, his father, & the said Richard survives & dwells at Aldlem.

He was also seised in fee of a yearly rent of 5s. 4d. issuing from the lands of Sir Thomas Smyth kt., in Aldelim & of another of 13s. 0½d. & other services issuing

from lands & tenements of a certain Hugh Sutton, deceased, & another of 3*d.* & other services issuing from lands & tenements of Richard Davyson, deceased, in Aldelim.

They say the said premises in Rothstorne & Denfield are held of Peter Venables esq. by fealty only & are worth yearly (clear) £4.

The two parts, in three divided, of Aldelem Manor & the premises there held of Sir Thomas Savage kt. & bart., by fealty & rent of 16*d.* a year & worth yearly (clear) £9 os. 10*d.*

The premises in Wrenburie & Wrenburie Fryth held of the said Sir Thomas, in free socage, by fealty only, & worth yearly (clear) £4 1*s.* 4*d.*

The said Hugh died 15 April last past & his wife, Elizabeth, survives him & dwells at Mosse house ; William Massie is his son & heir & at his father's death was aged 19 years, 10 months, 9 days.

JOHN MASSYE OF PUDDINGTON, ESQ.

(File 90. No. 4.)

Inquisition taken at Chester, 24 September, 10 James I [1612] before Sir George Bouth kt. & bart., Sir Thomas Aston kt., Henry Mainwaring esq., & Hugh Mainwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, Ralph Wilbraham esq., feodary there, & John Venables gent., by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of John Massye esq., deceased, by the oath of John Golborn of Golborne, William Davenport of Boughton, James Doe of Saughall, Richard Ashton of Chorlton, Thomas Barlowe of Saughall, John Doe of the same, Humphrey Page of Yearshawe, John Rode of Wallhill, John Hollinshed of Buglawton, John Robinson of Stockport, Julius Wynington of Birches, Roger Neild of Sharlache, Reginald Finlowe of Hulme Walfield, John Eaton of Sandiwaie & Thomas Browne of Boughton, gentlemen.

They say that the said John Massye, the day he died, was seised in fee tail, to the heirs male of his body, with remainder to the right heirs of George Massye esq., deceased, of the manors of Puddington, Ledsham & Werford, & of 110 mess., 2000 a. of land, 340 a. of meadow, 2020 a. of pasture, 200 a. of wood, 500 a. of furze & heath, & 30s. rent in Puddington, Ledsham, Werford, Somerford, Clelowe, Hulme Walfield, Haytley, Shanwicke, Tidnacke, Tidnacke Boothes, Buglawton, Nether Bebington, Nessehead, Burton, Caughall, Newton in Wyrrall, Merton by Siddington, & Mutlowe.

They say the said manor of Puddington & the premises there are held of Sir George Bouth kt. & bart. in socage, by fealty & by service of a pair of gloves & worth yearly (clear) £27 8s. 4d.

The manor of Ledsham & the premises there were held of the King as Earl of Chester & now of Henry Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall & Earl of Chester by the moiety of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £4.

The manor of Wareford & premises there held of the King as Earl of Chester & now of the said Prince Henry in chief by 20th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £10.

The moiety of the manor of Coghall ¹ & premises there are also held of the said Prince by 100th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) £3 6s. 8d.

The premises in Mutlowe, Tidnacke, Shanwicke, & Somerford are held of the heirs of Thomas Somerford by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) £5.

Those in Clelowe & Buglawton held of Randall Mainwaringe kt., as of his manor of Buglawton, in free & common socage by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Those in Hulme Walfield held of the said Prince by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 33s. 4d.

Those in Nether Bebington held of Edward Greene

¹ This is not mentioned earlier.

gent., in free & common socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Those in Nessehead & Burton held of the Bishop of Coventry & Lichfield in socage by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4d.

Those in Newton held of the said Prince by knight service & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

They say the said John Massye died 21 April, 8 James I [1610] & after his death the said manors & premises descended to his son & heir male, William Massye esq., who entered into the same & is seised thereof in tail male. The said William is now aged 29 years & more & has taken the issues &c. of the premises since his father's death.

RICHARD MASSYE OF SALE, ESQ.

(File 87. No. 4.)

Inquisition taken at Sandbach, 14 October, 1 James I [1603] before Henry Mainwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ, to enquire after the death of Richard Massye esq., by the oath of Ralph Leftwiche of Leftwiche esq., Edmund Swettenham of Somerford, Thomas Baskerville of Withington, Ralph Litlor of Wallerscott, John Wrenche of Shurlache, Humfrey Page of Yeardeshawe, Randall Hulse of Clyve, James Roe of Acton, Robert Pickmeyre of Hulse, Oliver Vernon of Midlewiche, Thomas Harpur of Highleighe, Henry Bradshawe of Allostocke & William Byrtles of Byrtles, gentlemen.

They say that the said Richard Massye, before his death, was seised in fee of 8 mess., a cottage, 100 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood & 40 a. of moor & moss in Sale, Walton, Northerden, & Ringhey, which Reginald Massye, Richard Hatton, Richard Pickton, John Percyvall, Nicholas Johnson, Richard Percyvall, John Sonkye, Edward Tatton, James

Rainshawe, Ralph Ryle, Ralph Dogge, William Leighe, Alice Kelsall, Cecily Pygott & Richard Hobson late or before this held conjointly or severally at will or by term of years.

He was also seised in fee tail of the moiety of the manor of Sale & 39 mess., 200 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 100 a. of wood, 500 a. of moor & moss & one fishery with the appurtenances in Sale, Walton & Northerden; of the moiety of the manor of Godley & 11 mess., a water-mill, 80 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 40 a. of wood, 200 a. of moor, 100 a. of furze & heath & 4*d.* rent in Godley; of the fourth part of the manor of Matley & the sixth part of the manor of Newton & of 7 mess., 100 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood, 100 a. of moor & 100 a. of furze & heath in Matley, Newton & Mottram in Longdendale; of a mess., 40 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 3 a. of wood in Hale.

They say the moiety of the manor of Sale & the premises there & in Walton are held of Peter Warburton of Arley, esq., in socage & are worth yearly (clear) £19 9*s.* 5*d.*

The premises in Northerden are held of the Dean & Chapter of the Church of Christ & the Blessed Mary, Chester, in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 17*s.* 8*d.*

The moiety of the manor of Godley, the $\frac{1}{4}$ part of the manor of Matley, the premises in Godley, Matley, & Mottram held of Thomas Wilbraham of Woodhey esq., as of his manor of Tingtwisell, by 20th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £10.

The 6th part of the manor of Newton & the premises there held of the heirs of the lords of Staveley, in socage & worth yearly (clear) £3 14*s.* 4*d.*

The premises in Ringhey & Hale, held of Sir Edward Stanley, K.G., in socage & worth yearly (clear) 5*s.*

They say the said Richard Massye died at Sale, 16 January last past & James Massye is his next of kin & heir, being son & heir of James Massye, deceased, son of the said Richard & was aged 10 years on 18 June last past.

ROBERT MASSIE

(File 94. No. 15.)¹

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 31 March, 17 James I [1619] before Hugh Maneringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Robert Massie, by the oath of Thomas Broocke of Leighton, Edward Bressie of Audlem, George Cudworth of Newall, Robert Auger of Auger, John Cheswis of Mickley, Lawrence Cotton of Berchall, Randall Grafton of Worleston, Thomas Sheaton of Ibette [?], Nicholas Hussie of Badeley, Francis Beteley of Fadeley, Robert Poole of Auger, John Scot of Checkley, Thomas Smith of the same, Thomas Shawe of Betchen, Richard Shawe & William Galamore of the same, & John Wright of Willaston, gentlemen.

They say the said Robert Massie was seised in fee of a mess. & 20 a. of land in Coolane & so being seised on 15 June, 16 James I [1618] in consideration of a marriage before then had between him & Joan, his wife, & made between him & Richard Davenport of Blackhurst, gent., Richard Colly of Aldelem, gent., & Robert Higson of Weston, yeoman, the said premises were settled on the said Robert Massie for life & after his death, a third part of the same on the said Joan, for life, with remainder to Jane, Bridget, Elizabeth, Margaret & Alice Massie, daughters of the said Robert & Joan, until Robert Massie, son & heir apparent of the said Robert, attains the age of 21, & another third part, immediately after his death, to his

¹ This being in a bad condition, the abstract has been made from Court of Wards Inq. p.m., Wards 7, File 65, No. 78.

said daughters to provide for their jointures & after to the said Robert the son.

They say the premises are held of the Prince, as Earl of Chester, by 20th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 46s. 8d.

The said Robert Massie died 29 June, 16 James I [1618] & Robert Massie is his son & next heir & is now aged 12 years, 8 months.

Joan, wife of said Robert, survives & dwells at Coolane.

Before his father's death, Robert Massie the son, with consent of his father, married Anne, daughter of Richard . . .¹ of Dodcott & the said Anne still survives & dwells at Coolane.

THOMAS MASSIE GENT.

(File 97. No. 10.)

Inquisition taken at Knottesford, 31 January, 20 James I [1622-3] before Hugh Maynwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of his office, to enquire after the death of Thomas Massie gent., by the oath of William Leigh of Oughtrington, Hugh Crosbie of Over Whitley, Philip Downes of Tofte, Edmund Mouldsworth of Wyncham, Thomas Gleave of Highleigh, Edward Harper of the same, Alexander Duncalfe of Mobberley, Randall Wright of Ashley, Richard Steele of Reddish, Edmund Hood of Ollerton, Philip Antrobus of Over Peever, Edward Holme of Mobberley & James Bradshawe of Allostock, gentlemen.

They say, that long before his death the said Thomas Massie was seised in fee of a mess., 6 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 12 a. of pasture & heath in Cheadle.

The said premises are held of the Prince, by reason of the minority of Richard Buckley esq., as of his manor of Cheadle by 10th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 10s.

¹ Illegible, looks like *Tinsbor*.

The said Thomas died 4 December last past & Roger Massie is his brother & heir & was aged 18 years on 18 January last past.

RICHARD MASTERSON GENT.

(File 103. No. 18.)

Inquisition taken at Sandbach, 19 September, 13 Charles I [1637] before Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Richard Maisteron gentleman, son & heir of Frances Maisteron, now deceased, late the wife of Thomas Maysterson esq., father of said Richard & sister & co-heir of John Done, late of Utkinton, esq., deceased, by the oath of Robert Alsager of Alsager, Richard Steele of Sandbach, Randall Furnival of Bradwall, George Whittakers of Sandbach, William Whittakers & John Wright of the same, William Gallamore sen. of Betchton, John Somerfeild of the same, William Lyngham of Arclyd, Hugh Goodhind of the same, Thomas Cliffe of Sandbach, Richard Saer of Hassall, Richard Podmore of the same, William Turnor of Betchton & William Gallamore jun. of the same, gentlemen.

They say the said Richard the day he died was seised in fee of a fourth part of the manor of Utkinton, of the fourth part of the manor of Torpurley & of the fourth part of 31 mess., 2 cottages, 6 tofts, 320 a. of land, 204 a. of meadow, 220 a. of pasture, 100 a. of wood, 200 a. of furze & heath & £8 8s. rent in Torpurley & of the fourth part of the sixth part of 20 a. of land covered with water there & of the fourth part of 30 a. of land, 30 a. of pasture, 20 a. of furze & heath in Torpurley & of the fourth part of the advowson of the church & rectory of Torpurley & of the fourth part of the manor of Kellsall & all liberties in the forest of Mara & Mondrem to the said manor belonging, & of the fourth part of 3 mess., 11 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow & 10 a. of pasture in Kellsall & of the

fourth part of 20 a. of wood called Longleighe Wood in Kellsall & of the fourth part of the 3rd part of the manor of Clotton & of an acre of land there ; & of the fourth part of the fourth part of the manor of Kingsley, Norley & Cudington & of the fourth part of 4 a. of land in Kingsley & of the fourth part of a cottage & 8 a. of meadow in Norley & of the fourth part of the office of Bailiff of the forests or the office of Master of the Forests of Mara & Mondrem ; & of the fourth part of 8 mess., 4 tofts, 112 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow & 4 a. of pasture in Newton by Kingsley & of the fourth part of 3 mess., 2 tofts, 100 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture & 2 a. of wood in Duddon ; & of the fourth part of a capital mess., 40 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow in Hulfeild *alias* Clotton Hulfeild ; & of the fourth part of 21 a. of land & 1 a. of waste in Manley ; & of the fourth part of the manor of Willerton *alias* Willington & 3 mess., 100 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 80 a. of wood & 100 a. of furze & heath in Willerton [Willington].

He was also seised of the reversion of the fourth part of the moiety of the manor of Eaton & Rushton, 25 mess., 8 cottages, 3 tofts, 482 a. of land, 116 a. of meadow, 310 a. of pasture, 60 a. of wood, 110 a. of furze & heath & £8 5s. 3d. rent in Eaton & Rushton & of the reversion of the fourth part of three parts of the manor of Alpram in 7 parts divided & of the reversion of the fourth part of 10 a. of meadow in Torpurley called Bolemere Meadow, after the death of Mary Done, widow of John Done esq., deceased, she now holding the same in dower, for life as by indenture made by Sir John Done kt., deceased, Dorothy, his wife, also deceased, & John Done esq., deceased, with Dame Elizabeth Standley widow, deceased, 10 November, 20 James I [1622].

The said Dame Dorothy Done died 2 February, 11 Charles I [1635-6] & Mary Done then entered into the said premises & still survives & dwells at Alderley.

They say the said 4th part of the manor of Utkinton is held of Peter Venables esq., Baron of Kinderton, as of that barony by the fourth part of a half of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The 4th part of the manor of Torpurley, & premises there held in like manner & worth yearly (clear) 52s. 6d.

The 4th part of Kellsall Manor & premises there & in the said forest, Longleighe Wood, Clotton Manor & Clotton held of the King, as Earl of Chester by the 8th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 6d.

The 4th part of Willerton [Willington] manor & premises there held of the King as of his crown of England, in chief, by 400th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The 4th part of the manors of Kingsley, Norley & Cudington & premises there & said part of the said office held of the King, as Earl of Chester by 16th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 25s.

The 4th part of the premises in Newton by Kingsley held likewise of the King by 16th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 15s.

The 4th part of the premises in Duddon held likewise of the King by 32nd part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The 4th part of the premises in Hulfield held of the King in like wise by 32nd part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

The 4th part of the premises in Manley, tenure & service unknown & worth yearly (clear) 6d.

The reversion of part of the manor of Eaton & Rushton & premises there held of the King as Earl of Chester by knight service and after Mary's death worth yearly (clear) 40s. & the reversion of part of Alpram manor & premises there held of Sir Richard Wilbraham kt. & bart., & Roger Wilbraham esq., as of their manor of Wettenhall, in socage, by service of a rose yearly &, after Mary's death, worth yearly (clear) 15s.

The said Richard died at Torpurley, 17 January last past without issue & Jane Done, Mary, now the wife of John Crue esq., and Eleanor, now the wife of Ralph Arderne esq., are aunts & co-heirs of said Richard, being sisters of Frances, mother of Richard, & Jane Done is aged 36 years & more, Mary 32 & Eleanor, 31 years.

THOMAS MASTERSON OF NANTWICH, GENT. (1).

(File 88. No. 4.)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 14 June, 4 James I [1606] before Thomas Wilbraham, Hugh Beeston & John Done esqs. & escheators [*sic*] in co. Chester & Ralph Wilbraham gent., feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Thomas Maister-son of Nantwich, gent., by the oath of Thomas Minshall of Eardswike, esq., Thomas Brooke of Leighton, William Salmon of Coole Lane, Robert Whitney of Coole, George Cudworth of Bromehall, Robert Lawton of Gorstie Hill, George Rutter of Kingsley, James Trevis of Horton, John Bressie of Tiverton, Richard Jonson of Ashton, John Eaton of Sandiwaie, David Hinton of Rushton, Richard Wilbraham of Rease Heath, & James Roe of Acton, gentlemen.

They say that Richard Maister-son, father of the said Thomas, was seised in fee tail, to him & the heirs male of his body of 47 mess., 8 saltworks, one mill, one dovecote, 56 gardens, 200 a. of land, 80 a. of meadow, 140 a. of pasture & £7 18s. 8d. rent in Nantwich & of the reversion of a croft called Lodge Croft in Nantwich after the death of Lawrence Maysterson gent.; of a mess., a garden, 50 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture & 4 a. of wood in Oldcastle & Stockton; of 3 a. of meadow & 11s. 4d. rent in Wigstaston & Willaston; of the 4th part of a mess., garden, 50 a. of land, 7 a. of meadow, & 30 a. of pasture in Worleston; of 29s. 8d. rent in the city of Chester.

So being seised, by indenture bearing date 1 July, 39 Elizabeth [1597], made between Richard Maysterson of Wych Malbank [Nantwich], esq., of 1st part, William Grosvenor of Belloporte, co. Salop, esq., Thomas Chitwood of Warleston, esq., of the 2nd part & Richard Grosvenor of Eyton, esq., & Lawrence Rope of Stapeley, esq., of 3rd part it was agreed that Thomas Maysterson, son & heir apparent of the said Richard, should before 31 August then next following marry Katherine, daughter of Anthony Dorrington, & that the said Richard Maysterson should convey to Richard Grosvenor & Lawrence Rope the said premises, parcels whereof are the Great Preston field in Nantwich, Preston Meadow, Lodge Croft, Shrowbridge [croft] & Shrowbridge Meadow, in the tenure of John Rutter, two gardens in the tenure of Robert Sparke & Hamnett Beckett, land in the tenure of Philip Sparke, 24 leads for making salt on land called Snore Hill & the wychehouse thereunto belonging, 16 mess. in the tenures of John Browe, Thomas Croxton, Roger Swetman, Hugh Maynwaringe, John Wright, William Cartwright, Roger Mosse, James Simcockes, Henry Rockett, Richard Meaneley, Lawrence Swetnam, Margt. Colclough widow, John Pereson, Edmund Brindelye, Margaret Wilson widow, & Widow Whitticars & of a mess. & land also in Nantwich in the tenure of John Minshall & John Shore, a yearly rent of 11s. 4d. issuing out of lands there in the tenure of Margaret Maynwaringe & 2s. rent there out of lands in the tenure of Richard Walthall, yearly rent of 11s. 4d. out of lands there in the tenure of Robert Crockett, another of 15s. out of land there in the tenure of Jasper Rutter, another of 4s. out of land there in the tenure of Randle Scarrett's heirs, another of 5s. out of land there in the tenure of John Ridley, others of 3s. 6d., 3s. 4d., 6s. 4d., 3s. 8d., 6s. 8d., 5s., all in Nantwich in the respective holdings of Robert Blagge, Lawrence Wright, Ric. Wilbram gent., Margaret Lovatt, Richard Maynwaring

gent., & Thomas Smith *alias* Bowyer & 29s. 4*d.* issuing out of lands & tenements in the city of Chester in the tenure of Harper, gent., to the use of the said Thomas Maysterson & Katherine & their issue, & a mess. called the Lower House in Nantwich, in the tenure of Jeffrey Minshall, a mess. & lands there in the tenure of Mathew Clarke, seven gardens there in the several tenures of George Maysterson, Richard Wilkes, Mathew Clarke, Roger Swetnam, Henry Rockett, Widow Colcloughe & Alice Brooke widow, & another garden there in the tenure of John Shore & John Minshall, another there in that of Roger Mosse & William Soerton, 2 others there in that of Roger Mosse & James Simcocke, another there in that of James Simcocke & John Gravenor, land there adjoining the river Weever in the tenure of Thomas Tencke & James Blagge, & Hill Field & Horse Meadow in Nantwich, to the use of the said Richard Maysterson with remainder to the said Thomas & Katherine & their issue, the said Katherine, within a year after attaining the age of 21, to convey the lands, &c., in her possession to the said Thomas & their issue.

By indenture bearing date 14 July, 2 James I [1604] the said Richard Maysterson confirmed the payment of £100 each to his daughters, Bridget Thrushe & Frances, wife of Robert Cooke gent.

They say the said Lawrence Rope was seised in fee of the moiety of the manor of Stapeley & of 4 mess., 200 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 60 a. of wood, 100 a. of furze & heath at Stapeley, which he held of Sir Thomas Egerton kt., then keeper of the great seal of England, as of his manor of Newhall by fealty & rent of 12*d.* a year, & so being seised made his will 22 July, 44 Elizabeth [1602] & bequeathed the Wallfield, the Clayfields & the Clayfield Meadow in the several tenures of Randall Maynwarding, Roger & Margery Maynwarding & the Great Wich Field in the tenure of Richard Wright,

all in Stapeley & all the moiety of his lands, &c., before demised to Richard Walthall gent., after the decease of Mary, then the wife of the said Lawrence Rope, to the said Thomas Maysterson, in tail male with remainder, in default, to Thomas Greene, in tail male, he being the son of Cecily Greene, late sister of the said Lawrence ; Thomas Maysterson being brother-in-law of the said Lawrence. [Abstract of Lawrence Rope's will appears in Inq. of Thomas Greene 97/6 *ante*.]

The said Lawrence died at Nantwich & the said Thomas Maysterson was seised of the reversion of the said lands after the death of Mary, widow of the said Lawrence & the said Mary still survives & dwells at Nantwich.

The said Thomas Maysterson was also seised in fee of 2 mess. in London in Colmans Street & of a mess. in Westminster, co. Middx., & so being seised made his will 16 April, 1 James I [1603], bequeathing the same to his father, Richard Maysterson.

They say Showebridge & Showebridge Meadow in Nantwich were late bought by Roger Maysterson, father of the said Richard, of Robert Fullehurste esq., now deceased, & are held of the King as of his earldom of Chester by 100th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 12*d*.

The mess., &c., in Nantwich limited to Thomas Maysterson & Katherine, his wife, are held of the barons of Nantwich, as of their manor of Nantwich, in free burgage & worth yearly (clear) 40*s*.

A capital mess. wherein Richard Maysterson now dwells, the mill, dovecote, 90 a. of land, 26 a. of meadow & 90 a. of pasture in Preseham in Nantwich, held of the King, as of the dissolved Priory of Trentham, co. Staff., in socage, by fealty & worth yearly (clear) 40*s*.

The residue of the premises in Nantwich held of the said barons & worth yearly (clear) 20*s*.

The premises in Oldcastle held of Sir Randall Brereton

kt., as of his barony of Malpas, in socage, by fealty & yearly rent of 8*d.* & worth yearly (clear) 6*s.* 8*d.*

Those in Wigstaston & Willaston held of Ralph Sneade esq., as of his manor of Willaston, in free socage, by fealty & worth yearly (clear) 5*s.*

Those in Worleston held of the said barons & worth yearly (clear) 2*s.*

The said Thomas Maysterson died at Nantwich 19 April, 1 James I [1603] & Thomas Maysterson is his son & next heir & was born after the death of his father, that is on 8 December, 1 James I [1603]. The said Richard Maysterson survives at Nantwich & occupies all the said premises & has taken the issues &c. of the same.

THOMAS MASTERSON OF NANTWICH, GENT. (2).

(File 92. No. 9.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 8 January, 15 James I [1617-18] before Hugh Maynwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, Ralph Wilbraham esq., feodary there, & George Spurstowe esq., by virtue of the King's commission to enquire further as to the death of Thomas Masterson, late of Nantwich, gent., by the oath of Edward Tannatt of Broxton, esq., John Edwards of Cheveley, John Cotton of Huntington, William Davenport of Boughton, Thomas Ball of the same, Henry Phillipps of Barrowe, William Crewe of Elton, Thomas Richardson of Ince, Thomas Rutter of Netherton, Edward Nangreave of Woodhowse, John Woode of Manley, Richard Bridde of Broxton, William Rosingreve of Wareton, Christopher Haselwall of Aldford, Thomas Heath of Egerton & John Ashbrooke of Tattnall, gentlemen.

[*This Inquisition is exactly the same as 88/4 above on the said Thomas, until the end.*] The jurors say that Richard Masterson, father of said Thomas, died 20 October last past & Sir John Done kt., since his death, has taken the profits &c. of the said premises.

THOMAS MEOLES OF MEOLES, ESQ.

(File 104. No. 17.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, in the Common Hall of Pleas there, 21 November, 15 Charles I [1639] before Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator there, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Thomas Meoles esq., deceased, by the oath of Richard Edge of Tattenhall, John Kelsall of Wimboldestrafford, John Cotgreave of Christleton, Richard Penkett of Bridge Trafford, Thomas Hynde of Elton, John Crew of the same, William Bennett, John Sparke & Thomas Browne of the same, Thomas Lyttlemore of Lyttlemore, Richard Nangreave of Woodhouses, Richard Carter of Aldersey, Ralph Sellers of Christleton & Thomas Hall of Frodesham, gentlemen.

They say that the said Thomas Meoles was seised in fee of the manor of Great Meoles & of 11 mess., 45 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow & 40 a. of pasture there, together with all liberties & free customs of the said manor; & of 3 mess. & 7 bovates of land in Kirkby Walley *alias* Walleyseye; & of another mess. & 30 a. of land there; & of 8 mess., 60 a. of land, 40 a. of pasture in Lyscurge *alias* Lyscard & 16*d.* rent issuing yearly from a mess. & lands of the heirs of Thomas Walley of Lyscarge; & of another mess. there & 14. a. of land, 13 a. of pasture & 10 a. of meadow there in the tenure of Richard Yonge; & of 2 bovates of land in Poulton Field in Walley *alias* Walleyseye & Poulton; & of a yearly rent of 2*s.* 8*d.* issuing from the premises of Sir George Booth kt. & bart., in the city of Chester; & of a yearly rent of 18*d.* issuing from the premises of Thomas Barbones in Liverpool, co. Lancs.

The said manor of Great Meoles & the premises there are held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by the 5th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 26*s.* 8*d.*

The premises in Kirkby Walley held of Sir Thomas

Powell of Berkheved, co. Chester, bart., as of the late dissolved Monastery of Berkheved, in socage, & worth yearly (clear) £4, & the other premises there held of the heirs of John Lytherland esq., in socage & worth yearly (clear) 8s.

The premises in Luscurge held of the King, as of his honor of Halton, by 40th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £5 18s.

The land in Poulton Field in Walley & Poulton held of William Whitmore of Leighton, esq., in socage, by rent of 17*d.* a year & worth yearly (clear) 3s.

The yearly rent from Sir George Booth's premises held of the mayor & citizens of Chester in common burgage & worth yearly (clear) 2s. 8*d.* & that in Liverpool held of John Moore of Bankhall, esq., in socage & worth yearly (clear) 18*d.*

The said Thomas Meoles died 8 September last past & Margery, his wife, survives & dwells at Walleyseye; Thomas Meoles is his son & heir & is now aged 11½ years & 2 days.

WILLIAM MEOLES OF MEOLES, ESQ.

(File 100. No. 7.)

Inquisition taken at Northwich, 16 October, 4 Charles I [1628] before Hugh Mainwaring esq., escheator there, Thomas Browne esq., feodary, & John Letherland esq., by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of William Meoles of Meoles, esq., deceased, by the oath of John Anderton of Croxton, George Bradforde of Shibbrocke, Randall Wrenche of Moulton, Robert Whittingham of Over, Richard Whittingham, Andrew Burton & Ralph Maddocke of the same, Ralph Blease of Shibbrooke, Thomas Barker of Over, William Ravenscrofte of Occleston, William Tomlinson of Warton, Arthur Jeynson of the same, John Wynnyngton of Leftwiche & Thomas Neilde of Shurlache, gentlemen.

They say that the said William Meoles was seised in fee of the manor of Great Meoles & of 11 mess., 45 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow & 40 a. of pasture in Great Meoles, together with all the liberties & free customs of the same ; & of 3 mess., 7 bovates of land in Kerkby Walley ; & of another mess. & 30 a. of land in Kerkby Walley ; of 8 mess., 60 a. of land, 40 a. of pasture in Liscarie [Liscard] & rent of 16*d.* yearly issuing from a mess. & lands of the heirs of Thomas Walley in Liscarie ; of another mess. in Liscarie & 14 a. of land, 13 a. of pasture & 10 a. of meadow in Liscarie in the tenure of Richard Yonge ; of 2 bovates of land in Poulton Field by the " Rabia Milne " in Walley ; of a yearly rent of 2*s.* 8*d.* issuing from lands of Sir George Boothe kt. & bart., in the city of Chester & of a yearly rent of 18*d.* issuing from premises of the heirs of Thomas Barbons in Liverpool, co. Lancs.

They say the manor of Great Meoles & the premises there are held of the King as Earl of Chester, by 5th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 26*s.* 8*d.*

The premises in Kerkbye Walley held of Thomas Powell of Berkenhead, esq., as parcel of the Monastery of Berkenhead, late dissolved, in socage & worth yearly (clear) £4.

Those in Kerkbye Walley held of John Letherland esq., in socage & worth yearly (clear) 8*s.*

Those in Liscarie held of the King, as of his honor of Halton, by 40th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £5 18*s.*

Land in Poulton Field in Walley held of William Whitmore of Leighton, esq., in socage & by 7*d.* yearly rent & worth yearly (clear) 3*s.*

The yearly rent from Sir George Booth's tenement in Chester held of the mayor & burgesses of Chester in common burgage & worth yearly (clear) 2*s.* 8*d.* ; that in Liverpool held of Edward More of Banckhall, esq., in socage & worth yearly (clear) 18*d.*

The said William Meoles died 25 October last past & Thomas Meoles is his son & heir & is now aged 26 years & more.

GEOFFREY MINSHULL GENT.

(File 87. No. 9.)

Inquisition taken at Sandbache, 4 September, 2 James I [1604] before Henry Mainwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, Ralph Wilbraham gent., feodary there, & William Hassall gent., by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Geoffrey Mynshull gent., by the oath of Thomas Brooke of Leighton, William Fulleshurst of Copenhall, Richard Wilbraham of Worleston, William Pratchett of the same, George Cudworth of Bromhall, Robert Whitney of Coole, William Salmon of Wildheath, Edward Bressy of Aldlem, John Cawton of Burchier, John Scotte of Checkley, Thomas Smythe of the same, John Wheelocke of Bechton, Robert Rowley of Lawton & John Wearam of the same, gentlemen.

They say that the said Geoffrey was seised in fee of a mess. & a shop in Nantwich in the High Town there ; & of 2 other mess. & 2 gardens in Nantwich in the Welsh [*or West*] Rowe ; & of a saltwork of 12 leads there in the Little Wood Street ; & of 6 a. of land, & 6. a. of meadow, called the Peartree Field & Peartree Meadow in Nantwich ; of a yearly rent of 12s. issuing from a mess. of Nicholas Goldsmythe in the Hospell Street in Nantwich ; of another yearly rent of 6s. issuing from a burgage called the Sign of the Cock, of the heritage of Thomas Bromley gent., near the Corn market in Nantwich ; & also of a mess. or cottage, a garden, 20 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow & 20 a. of pasture in Wistaston.

They say the premises in the West Row are held of Sir Christopher Hatton kt., in free burgage & are worth yearly (clear) 10s. ; those in Peartree Field & Meadow

are held of the King, as Earl of Chester in chief by rooth part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 3s. ; the mess., shop & saltwork are held of the barons of Nantwich as of their manor of Nantwich in free burgage & are worth yearly (clear) 27s. ; the premises in Wistaston are held of the King in free socage, as of his manor of Stanton Lacye, co. Salop, by fealty only & are worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The said Geoffrey died 26 December last past at Nantwich & Edward Mynshull is his son & next heir & is now aged 40 years & more.

JOHN MINSHULL ESQ.

(File 104. No. 11.)

Inquisition taken at Sandbach, 11 September, 14 Charles I [1638] before Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of John Minshull esq., by the oath of Robert Alsager of Alsager, Randall Furnivall of Bradwall, John Mosse of Sandbach, George Whittakers & John Wright of the same, John Somerfeild of Betchton, John Locket of Toskmeare, William Lyngham of Arclyd, George Bradford of Shipbrooke, Thomas Clyffe of Sandbach, William Tomlinson of Warton, Philip Bostocke of Bostocke, Thomas Lownds of Moulton & John Kennerley of Tetton, gentlemen.

They say that the said John Minshull long before his death was seised in fee of a mess., with the appurtenances, in Nantwich & of 2 a. of pasture thereunto belonging, called Beamebridge Feild & Duneley Hill, containing together 8 a. of land ; of 3 cottages in Nantwich & of a saltwork of 12 leads there, & of a toft or place of one saltwork of 12 leads there, whereon 4 cottages were lately built ; of 2 barns, 30 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture in Alvaston ; of 2 cottages, 1 barn, 10 a. of land in Willaston ; of 3 mess., 20 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow,

20 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood in Wareton *alias* Waverton by Bostocke.

So being seised, on 28 November, 7 Charles I [1631] he enfeofed Philip Maynwaringe esq., Thomas Wilbraham esq., & Hugh Allen of the said premises, to the use of himself, for life, & after his death the premises in Wareton to the use of his second son, Thomas, in tail male & the residue to the use of his son & heir apparent, Geoffrey, in tail male.

The said John died at Nantwich 27 February, 10 Charles I [1634-5] & Geoffrey Minshull is his son & heir & at his father's death was aged 30 years & more & the said Thomas has taken the profits of the premises in Wareton since John's death & Geoffrey has taken the profits of the residue of the premises mentioned.

They say the toft or place of a saltwork & the said four cottages are held of Robert, Earl of Cholmondeley, in free burgage & are worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The mess. & two pastures in Nantwich are held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The premises in Alvaston held of the heirs of Adam de Burton in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 15s.

Those in Willaston held of Ralph Sneyd esq., as of his manor of Willaston in socage, by fealty only, & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

Those in Wareton held of Thomas, Viscount Savage & now of John, Viscount Savage, in socage, by fealty & rent of 12*d.* a year & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

THOMAS MINSHULL GENT.

(File 87. No. 10.)

Inquisition taken at Sandbach, 4 September, 2 James I [1604] before Henry Mainwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, Ralph Wilbraham gent., feodary there, & William Hassall gent., by virtue of the King's commission to

enquire after the death of Thomas Mynshull gent., by the oath of Thomas Brooke of Leighton, William Fulleshurst of Coppenhall, Richard Wilbraham of Worleston, William Pratchett of the same, George Cudworthe of Bromhall, Robert Whitney of Coole, William Salmon of Wildheath, Edward Bressy of Aldlem, John Cawton of Burchier, John Scotte of Checkley, Thomas Smythe of the same, John Wheelocke of Bechton, Robert Rowley of Lawton, & John [*sic*] of the same, gentlemen.

They say that the said Thomas Mynshull was seised in fee of a mess. & a shop in Nantwich in a street called the Highe Towne; of 3 other mess. & 3 gardens in Nantwich in Pepper Street; of an annual rent of 4s. issuing from lands late Arthur Mynshull's, deceased, in Pepper Streete there; of a mess., a garden, 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow & 10 a. of pasture in Burlande, late the heritage of Edward Ithell; of 2 other mess., 2 gardens, 60 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture in Burland; of 10 a. of land, 3 a. of meadow & 10 a. of pasture in Faddeley.

They say the said mess., rents, &c., in Nantwich are held of the barons of Nantwich, as of their manor of Nantwich in free burgage & are worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4d.

A mess. &c. the heritage of Edward Ithell in Burlande held of the heirs of William Brereton, late of Hanford, deceased, as of his manor of Faddeley in socage, by fealty & rent of 5s. a year & suit of court of Faddeley & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The premises in Burlande & Faddeley held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in chief, by 40th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 30s.

The said Thomas Mynshull died 13 January, 45 Elizabeth [1602-3] at Nantwich & Richard Mynshull is his son & next heir & was aged 21 years on 26 December last past, & was married in his father's lifetime.

Elizabeth Mynshull, widow of the said Thomas, has had

the premises the heritage of Edward Ithell in Burlande & the premises in Faddeley as her dower & taken the profits thereof.

THOMAS MINSHULL OF ERDSWICK, ESQ.

(File 91. No. 11.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 27 September, 14 James I [1616] before Geoffrey Shakerley esq., Henry Maynwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, Hugh Wynnyngton esq. & Ralph Wilbraham esq., feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Thomas Minshull of Erdeswick, esq., by the oath of Thomas Baskerville of Withington, John B . . .¹ of Aston, Alexander Elcoke of Poole, Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Humfrey Page of Yearshawe, John Rode of Wahill, Richard Steele of Sandbach, Thomas Hodgkinson of Smallwood, Hugh Wardle of Eaton, Edward Lownes of the same, Lea Henshaw of Henshaw, Hugh Venables of Wimbaldesley, Thomas Woodcocke of Churcholme, John Kinsey of Wimbaldesley, William Austen of Stanthorne, Arthur Joynton of Wareton, Reginald Finlowe of Hulme Walfield, & John Burges of Eaton, gentlemen.

They say that the said Thomas Mynshall long before his death was seised in fee of the manor or capital mess. of Erdeswicke in Mynshull Vernon & of 15 a. of land in Mynshull Vernon, & of a cottage & 4 a. of land in Erdeswicke in the tenure of Humfrey Carter; of 80 a. of wood called Wrenbury Park in Wrenbury; of 8 mess., 13 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 300 a. of pasture & 30 a. of wood in Wrenbury in the several tenures of Robert Wade, Anne Tench widow, Valentine Woodrich, Thomas Massye, Henry Griffith, Hugh Croxton & John Wilkinson; of cottages in Wrenbury in the tenures of Randall Bradshawe, John Wilkinson, Elizabeth Spencer widow, James Pemberton & John Clarcke; of a mess., 3 a. of land, 2 a.

¹ Illegible, & also in Court of Wards 7, 51/19.

of meadow, 3 a. of pasture & an acre of wood in Worleston ; of 3 mess., 40 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow & 15 a. of pasture in Wimbaldesley in the tenure of Thomas Bostocke, Ralph Ravenscrofte & Thomas Wood ; of 4 cottages, 8 a. of land in Wimbaldesley in the tenure of Hugh Snelson, Thomas Ingram, Robert Dunbelowe & Ralph Roston esq. ; of 1 mess., . . . a. of land, 26 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture & 6 a. of wood in Church Mynshull ; of a cottage in Church Mynshull ; of a mess., 20 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow in Bunbury ; of a mess. called the Mowe House, 80 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood, 60 a. of furze & heath in Little Stanthorne ; the reversion of 3 mess., 2 cottages in Madeley, co. Staff. ; the reversion of 100 a. of land, meadow, pasture, common & wood in Madeley, co. Staff., now in the tenure of William Minshull gent., who holds the same for life & still survives at Madeley.

By fine levied at Chester, 1 April, 9 James I [1611] between Ralph Egerton of Ridley, esq., Geoffrey Shakerley of Hulme, esq., Peter Leicester of Nether Tabley, esq., & Hugh Wynnyngton of the "Ermitage," gent., plaintiffs, & the said Thomas Mynshull, deforciant, & by indenture of 30 June following, the said premises were settled, as to one half, after the death of the said Thomas, on his wife Eleanor, with reversion to his son and heir apparent Peter, & the other half, after Thomas's death, to the said Peter & the heirs male of his body by his wife Mary.

They say that the said Eleanor survives & dwells at Erdeswick.

The said manor or capital mess. of Erdeswicke & the premises in Erdeswick in Mynshull Vernon are held of the King as Earl of Chester, in chief, by service of a tenth part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) £3 17s. 10d. ; 80 a. of wood called Wrenbury Park & the premises in Wrenbury held of Sir Thomas Savage kt. & bart. by the moiety of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £10 14s.

The premises in Worleston held of the King as Earl of Chester by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 8s.

Those in Wymbaldesley are held of the King by knight service & are worth yearly (clear) 50s.

Those in Church Mynshull, held of the King, by what service the jurors know not & are worth yearly (clear) £5 6s. 8d.

Those in Bunbury held of the King, by what service the jurors know not & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8d.

Those in Little Stanthorne held of Sir William Brereton kt., in free socage, by fealty & 4d. rent & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Those in Madeley held of Sir John Offeley kt., in free socage by rent of 15s. a year & after the death of William Mynshull will be worth yearly (clear) 30s.

They say the said Thomas Mynshull died at Erdeswick 9 October last past & Peter Mynshull esq. is his son & heir & at his father's death was aged 29 years & more.

RANDALL MOORE GENT.

(File 98. No. 8.)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 3 September, 21 James I [1623] before Hugh Maynwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester & Peter Daniell esq., feodary there, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of Randall Moore gent., by the oath of Alexander Elcock of Poole, William Allen of Brynley, George Davenport of Cleys, John Aldersey of Spurstowe, William Dod of High Fields, Thomas Shenton of Stoke, Randall Grafton of Worleston, Francis Betteley of Burland, Nicholas Hussey of Baddeley, Thomas Smith of Checkley, William Wast of Hunsterton, John Cheswis of Mickley, John Cartwright of Shipnall & Henry Malbon of Munks Copnall, gentlemen.

They say that long before his death, the said Randall

Moore was seised in fee, for life, with remainder to Alexander, son & heir apparent of Richard Walthall of Wistaston & Cecily, his wife, daughter of the said Randall & the heirs of Cecily by the said Alexander, of a capital mess. called Heath Hall in Haslington & of 130 a. of land, 60 a. of meadow, 120 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood, 40 a. of moor, furze & heath & common of pasture & turbary in Haslington ; of another mess., 16 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 15 a. of pasture in Haslington ; of 12 a. of pasture in Haslington ; of 2 mess., 60 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 56 a. of pasture, 10 a. of moor & common of pasture & turbary in Crue ; & of 2 mess., a cottage, 80 a. of land, 16 a. of meadow, 70 a. of pasture & 6 a. of moor & turbary & common of pasture in Copenhall *alias* Church Copenhall ; of 8 mess., a cottage, 300 a. of land, 80 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood, 50 a. of turbary, furze & common of pasture in Hunsterton ; of a meadow in Hassall *alias* Little Hassall ; of a yearly rent of 8s. yearly issuing from land of Richard Maister-son esq. in Nantwich ; of 2 mess., 70 a. of land, 12 a. of meadow, 54 a. of pasture, 20 a. of turbary, furze & heath & common of pasture in Baddileigh & Baulterley, co. Staff.

So being seised, he levied a fine at Chester, 13 April, 16 James I [1618] between Sir Randall Crewe kt., sergeant-at-law, Sir William Bowyer kt., George Vernon, William Skeffington, John Wodnothe esqs. & Michael Biddulphe gent., plaintiffs, & Richard Walthall esq., Alexander Walthall & Cecily his wife, the said Randall Moore, John Walthall & Robert Walthall, gents., deforciant, settling the said premises & a moiety of the manor & advowson of the church of Wistaston after the death of the said Randall Moore on the said Alexander Walthall & Cecily, his wife, & after their deaths, contingent remainders to Alexander Walthall jun., son & heir apparent of the said Alexander & Cecily, & his male issue by his wife

Alice, daughter of William Skeffington, in tail male, to the male issue of said Alexander sen. & jun., to Margaret Walthall, daughter of Alexander Walthall sen., & her issue, & a further fine was levied in Easter in 15 days, same year at Westminster.

They say the premises in Haslington are held of George Vernon esq., in socage, by fealty & rent of 6s. 6*d.* a year & worth yearly (clear) £3 6s. 8*d.*

The premises in Crue are held of Sir Randall Crew kt., sergeant-at-law, by fealty & suit of court at Crew, & yearly rent of 6s. & are worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8*d.*

Those in Copenhall held of said George Vernon, in socage, by fealty & yearly rent of 18s., & two appearances at the court of Walgherton & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Hassall held of the heirs of Richard de Hassall, in socage, by fealty & rent of a barbed arrow yearly & worth yearly (clear) 6*d.*

Those in Hunsterton held of Peter Venables of Kynder-ton, esq., by a quarter part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 33s. 4*d.*

The yearly rent in Nantwich worth yearly (clear) 8s.

The premises in Baddileigh & Baulterley held of John Lawton esq., as of his manor of Baulterley in socage, by fealty & yearly rent of 7*d.* & worth yearly 13s. 4*d.*

The said Randall Moore died 21 February, 17 James I (1619-20) & Cecily, wife of Alexander Walthall the elder, is daughter & next heir & at her father's death was aged 42 years, 10 months & more.

EDMUND MORDAUNT ESQ.

(File 92. No. 12.)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 30 March, 16 James I [1618] before Hugh Manwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the Prince's writ to enquire after the death of Edmund Mordant esq., by the oath of Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Edward Bressie of Aldlem,

William Boulton of Hancklowe, George Cudworth of Newhall, Robert Massye of Coole, Robert Meakin of Hatherton, William Pratchett of Worleston, Randall Grafton of the same, Lawrence Weld of Wistanston, John Edgley of Aston, John Scott of Checkley, Thomas Smith of the same, Nicholas Hussey of Baddeley & Thomas Shenton of Stoke, gentlemen.

They say that the said Edmund Mordant esq. long before his death was seised in fee of two parts of the manor of Little Neston with Hargrave, with the appurtenances, in five parts divided ; also of the manor of Molinton Tor[an]t *alias* Molynton Tyrrold, also of 12 mess., 13 bovates of land, 9 a. of meadow, 8 a. of wood in Molington.

So being seised, on 21 September, 6 James I [1608] by indenture made between the said Edmund, of one part, & Thomas Snagge kt., John Rotheram kt., & Thomas Staveley esq., of the other part, the said 2 parts of the manor of Little Neston with Hargrave were settled on the said Edmund & Elizabeth, then his wife & the longer liver of them, with remainder to Sir Charles Mordant kt., eldest son & heir of the said Edmund & the said manor of Molinton Tor[ant] & the premises in Molington after the said Edmund's death on the said Sir Charles & the heirs male of his body.

The said 2 parts of the manor of Little Neston & Hargrave are held of the Prince as Earl of Chester by two parts of a moiety of a knight's fee in five parts divided & worth yearly (clear) £3 6s. 8d.

The manor of Molington Tor[an]t & premises are held of Edward Glegge esq., as heir of John Glegge esq., in socage & are worth (yearly) £6 13s. 4d.

The said Edmund Mordant died 9 September last past & Elizabeth survives him & Sir Charles Mordant kt. is his son & heir & is now aged 34 years & more.

JAMES NEEDHAM YEO.

(File 101. No. 10.)¹

Inquisition taken at Middlewick, 14 April, 7 Charles I [1631] before the escheator of co. Chester to enquire after the death of James Needham of Ringstones, yeoman, by the oath of Humphrey Page of Yeardshawe, Hugh Amson of Cranage, Andrew Burton of Over, Ralph Bostocke of Moulton, Hugh Venables of Wimbosley, Randall Wrench of Moulton, Thomas Burrowes of Clyve, Richard Whittingham of Over, William Ravenscroft of Occleston, Thomas Barker of Over, John Bossier, Ralph Maddocke, Thomas Maddocke, Richard Maddocke of the same, William Tomlinson of Warton & Arthur Jonison of the same, gentlemen.

They say that a certain Reginald Downes of Overton, gent., deceased, was in his lifetime seised in fee of a mess. called Cowper House & of 10 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture thereunto belonging in Overton & Taxall, in the parish of Taxall &, so being seised, by indenture bearing date 10 December, 2 James I [1604] made between the said Reginald of the 1st part, the said James Needham of Ringstones, parish of Taxall, yeoman, of the 2nd & Randall Cooke & Ellis Needham of the Peak Forest, yeoman, of the 3rd, the said premises were conveyed to the said James Needham, his heirs & assigns; & a fine of the same was levied at Chester, 8 April, 3 James I [1605].

The said Reginald Downes & Anne, his wife, were also seised in fee of 2 other mess. & a cottage in Taxall in the several tenures of Leonard Warrington, Elizabeth Pownall widow, & Reginald Jepson & by deed of 1 September, 7 James I [1609] sold the same for £100 to the said James Needham & a fine was levied about the same at Chester, 18 September, 7 James I [1609].

¹ This Inq. being very faint, the abstract has been made from Court of Wards 7, 80/1.

They say the said premises in Taxall & Overton are held of the King, in chief, by great sergeanty & are worth yearly (clear) 3s. 8d.

The said James Needham died at Ringstones, 23 January, 6 Charles I [1630-1] & Peter Needham is his son & heir & was aged 17 years on 23 October last past.

WILLIAM NEWTON ESQ.

(File 96. No. 4.)

Inquisition taken at Knottesford, 17 July, 19 James I [1621] before Hugh Maynwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, Peter Danyell, feodary there, & John Slade, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of William Newton esq., by the oath of Humfrey Page of Yearshaw, Reginald Mottram of Mottram, Henry Hough of Chorley, Edward Riley of same, Thomas Grastye of Warford, Lea Henshawe of Henshawe, John Davenport of Butley, Anthony Furnivall of Mylnehouse, Philip Downes of Tofte, Edmund Howe of Ollerton, John Swinton of Over Alderley, & Richard Burges of Houghe, gentlemen.

They say that the said William Newton was seised in fee of the manor of Newton by Butley & of 10 mess., 4 cottages, a water-mill, 100 a. of land, 500 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 6 a. of wood, 100 a. of heath, waste & turbary in Newton; of 10 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 6 a. of pasture in Mottram Andrew; of a capital mess., called Pawnall Hall & Pawnall Fee, 18 mess., 60 a. of land, 30 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood, 100 a. of common in Pawnall & Pawnall Fee, Bollyn & Bollyn Fee & Wilmeslowe; of a certain parcel of land called the Great Wood in Wrenbury *alias* Wrenbury Frith containing by estimation 60 a. of land.

So being seised, by indenture of 13 November, 7 James I [1609] made between the said William Newton, of one part & Thomas Clutton, son & heir apparent of Richard

Clutton of Nantwich, gent., John Figes of Ash, co. Salop, gent., & Roger & Robert Wright, sons of Lawrence Wright, late of Nantwich, gent., deceased, of the other part, on the marriage of the said William Newton & Margery his wife, the said Pawnall Hall & the premises there & in Pawnall Fee were settled on the said William, for life, & after his death on the said Margery, as her jointure.

By another indenture of 20 August, 11 James I [1613] made between the said William Newton, of the 1st part, Margaret Wright widow of Lawrence Wright, late of Nantwich, gent., deceased, of the 2nd part & William Moreton of Moreton, esq., John Meyre, son & heir apparent of William Meyre esq., John Figes of Twemlowe, co. Salop, gent., & Robert Wright of Nantwich, gent., son of the said Lawrence, of the 3rd part, the said premises were settled on the said William Newton for life, with contingent remainders to his 1st, 2nd, 3rd., &c., sons, in tail male, to John Newton, brother of said William, in tail male, to Edward Fitton, late of Gawsorth, esq., deceased, William Davenport of Henbury, esq., Lawrence Wright of Offerton, gent., son & heir of Lawrence Wright, & Thomas Clutton of Nantwich, & their several heirs, to the use of Margaret & Margery Newton, daughters of said William & any other daughter he may have by his wife, Margery, to the right heirs of the said William Newton.

By indenture of 1 April, 12 James I [1614] between the said William Newton, of one part & Thomas Malbon gent., & Thomas Boroughs yeoman, of the other, it was agreed to levy a recovery of the said premises & the same was done 2 May, 12 James I [1614] to the aforesaid uses.

The said manor of Newton & the premises there are held of Hamnet Hyde esq., as of his manor of Norbury in socage by fealty & rent of a pair of gloves yearly at Christmas & the same is worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The premises in Mottram Andrew are held of the Prince,

as Earl of Chester, in chief, by 11th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Pawnall Hall & the premises in Pawnall held of Sir George Booth kt. & bart., & the heirs of Sir Edward Trafford kt., in socage, by fealty & rent of 3s. 10d. & worth yearly (clear) £3.

The premises in Wrenbury & Wrenbury Fryth held of the Prince, as Earl of Chester, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 50s.

The said William Newton died 21 March last past & had issue by Margery, his wife, Humfrey, William, Margaret, Margery, Anne & Katherine Newton. The said Humfrey, then son & heir apparent of said William, died 3 May last past without issue & William, the son of the said William died 21 May last past, without issue. The said Margaret, Margery, Anne & Katherine are daughters & next heirs of said William ; & Margaret is now aged 10 years, 6 months, 17 days ; Margery is now aged 8 years, 6 months, 16 days, Anne 5 years, 3 months, 12 days, & Katherine one year, 3 months, 18 days & all survive & dwell at Pawnall. Margery, the wife of the said William Newton, survives & dwells at Pawnall. John Newton, brother of said William, survives & dwells at Pawnall.

WILLIAM NEWTON GENT.

(File 101. No. 3.)

Inquisition taken at Knottesford, 8 March, 6 Charles I [1630-1] before Hugh Mainwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the writ to enquire after the death of William Newton gent., by the oath of John Kinsey of Blakeden, John Eaton of the same, George Bodon of Bodon, Lea Henshawe of Henshawe, Edmond Lathome of Hawethorne, Anthony Furnivall of Milhouse, Randall Blackshawe of Mobberley, Richard Steele of Reddishe, Edward Barlowe of Fallibrome, Randall Barlowe of the

same, Francis Barlowe of the same, Reginald Mottram of Mottram Andrewe, John Massey of the same, Edward Harpur of Heighleighe, Thomas Turner of Bollinton, Ralph Wright of Asheley & Edmund Hooe of Ollerton, gentlemen.

They say that William Newton, father of the said William, was seised in fee of the manor of Newton by Butley & of 10 mess., 4 cottages, a watermill, 100 a. of land, 50 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 6 a. of wood, 100 a. of heath, waste & turbary in Newton; of 10 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 6 a. of pasture in Mottram Andrew; of a capital mess. called Pownall Hall & Pownall Fee & 18 mess., 60 a. of land, 30 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood, 100 a. of common in Pownall & Pownall Fee, Bollin & Bollin Fee & Wilmeslow; of 100 a. of land called the Great Wood in Wrenbury *alias* Wrenbury Frith.

By indenture bearing date 20 August, 11 James I [1613] made between the said William Newton, the father, of 1st part, Margaret Wright widow of Lawrence Wright, late of Nantwich, gent., deceased, of the 2nd & William Moreton of Moreton, esq., John Meare, son & heir apparent of William Meare of Meire, esq., John Figes of Twemlowe, co. Salop, gent., & Robert Wright of Nantwich, gent., son of Lawrence Wrighte, of 3rd part, the said premises were settled on William Newton, the father, in tail male, with contingent remainders, in default of male issue, to his brother, John Newton, in tail male, to Edward Fitton of Gowseworth, esq., William Davenport of Henbury, esq., Lawrence Wright of Offerton, gent., son & heir of the said Lawrence Wright, & Thomas Clutton of Nantwich, gent., in trust for Margaret & Margery Newton, daughters of William, the father & any other daughter of him by Margery, his wife, & their issue, to the right heirs of William the father.

On the death of William the father, the premises

descended to his eldest son & heir, Humphrey Newton, who died seised thereof at Pownall, 5 May, 19 James I [1621], after whose death his brother, the said William Newton, 2nd son of William, the father, entered into the same & died at Pownall, seised of the same, 26 May, 19 James I [1621] & Margaret, Margery, Anne & Katherine are his sisters & next heirs, & daughters of William, the father, by his wife, Margery, & Margaret is now aged 20 years, 3 months, Margery 18 years, 3 months, Anne 15 years, 5 months, Katherine 12 years, 1 month, 3 days. After the said William's death, Margery, wife of William, the father, died at Pownall, 3 April, 2 Charles I [1626] & John Newton, brother of William, the father, took the issues, &c., of the said premises after William's death & died, without issue male, at Pownall 7 July, 6 Charles I [1630].

They say the manor of Newton & the premises there are held of Hamnett Hyde esq., as of his manor of Norbury in socage, by fealty & rent of a pair of gloves yearly at Christmas & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The premises in Mottram Andrewe are held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in chief, by 11th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Pownall Hall & premises in Pownall held of Sir George Boothe kt. & bart., & Sir Cecil Trafford kt., in socage by fealty & yearly rent of 3s. 4d. & worth yearly (clear) £3.

The land in Wrenbury & Wrenbury Frith held of the King in chief, as Earl of Chester, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 50s.

THOMAS NORCOTT GENT.

(File 89. No. 8.)¹

Inquisition taken at Knottesford, 2 April, 8 James I [1610] before Henry Mainwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, Thomas Marburie esq. & Hugh Wynington gent.,

¹ MS. torn. No duplicate Inq.

by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Thomas Norcot gent., by the oath of Peter Leighe of Oughtrington, Alexander Hulme of Strethill, John Eaton of Sandiwaye, Thomas Crosse of Happesford, Philip Antrobus of P . . . , . . . of High Leighe, John Bentley of Meare, Hugh Crosbie of Nether Whitley, James Downes of Tofte, Robert Atherton of Warton, Oliver Vernon of Middlewich & William Allen of Rothsthorne, gentlemen.

They say that before the death of the said Thomas Norcott, Dame Mary Egerton, widow of Sir Richard Egerton kt., was seised (among other things) in fee of a mess., a garden, 20 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 15 a. of pasture in Wyncham *alias* Wymincham & so being seised by indenture of 24 February, 39 Elizabeth [1596-7] demised the same for the term of their lives to the said Thomas Norcott, Elizabeth, his wife, now deceased & John Frenche still surviving & the longer liver of them, with reversion to the said Dame Mary & her heirs & so being seised the said Thomas on 16 December, 3 James I [1605] demised the same to Alice, wife of Thomas Heyward of Wyncham, husbandman for 60 years if the said Thomas Norcott, Elizabeth & John so long lived.

They say a deed was produced to them translated from Dutch, wherein the "boroughmasters," aldermen & counsel of Dort certified on 28 June 1607, that at the request of David Gibson, Englishman, woollen-draper dwelling at Delft, they have taken the testimony of Derick Geeritson, aged 40, John Jenenson, aged 48, "of this town," Thomas Skynner, dwelling at Delft, aged 21, Jeffry Darling, aged 27, & Walter Longe, aged 33, both soldiers in the company of Colonel Horatio Par, that in December 1606 the said deponents were in the house of Derick Geeritson with Thomas Norcott of London, there sick in bed, but of good memory, who then made his will, bequeathing to the poor of Delft 20 "carolus gilderens," to his brother, Laurence Norcott & his heirs, his house &

grounds, provided the said Laurence allowed his youngest sister to enjoy the profits thereof & bequeathed the residue of his estate among all his sisters, & nominated the said David Gibson executor.

They say the said Thomas Norcott died in the same year, 1606, & Richard Leighe is his next of kin & heir, being son & heir of Ellen, deceased, late the wife of John Leighe & sister of Richard Norcott, father of the said Thomas, & the said Richard is now aged 23 years, 3 months, 1 day.

They say the said premises are held of Peter Venables esq., as of his manor or barony of Kynderton now in the King's custody, owing to Peter's minority, by knight service & suit of court at the said manor or barony & worth yearly (clear) 21s. 8*d*.

PHILIP OLDFIELD OF BRADWALL, ESQ.

(File 91. No. 13.)¹

Inquisition taken at Sandbach, 13 June, 15 James I [1617] before Henry Maynwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, Ralph Wilbraham esq., feodary there, & William Leversage esq., by virtue of the Prince's commission, to enquire after the death of Philip Oldfeld of Bradwall, esq., by the oath of Humfrey Page of Yardshawe, Richard Steele of Sandbach, John Rode of Walhill, Thomas Hodgkinson of Smalwood, Reginald Finlowe of Holme Walford, John Wereham of Lawton, William Venables of Sproston, John Kinsey of Wimbaldesley, Hugh Furnivall of Betchton, Thomas Somerville, Richard Kettell, John & William Shawe & Hugh Broome of the same, gentlemen.

They say that the said Philip was seised in fee tail, to him & his issue by Helen, his wife, deceased, of 10 mess., 100 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 50 a. of wood in Bradwall; also of another mess., in the tenure of Eleanor Minshall in Bradwall & all thereunto belonging;

¹ Chester 3, 92/10 is a duplicate of this.

of 10 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture in Sproston ; of 8 mess., 8 gardens, 10 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow & 10 a. of pasture in Middelwich & Newton by Middlewich.

So being seised, by indenture bearing date 30 November, 5 James I [1607] made between Henry Maynwaring of Kermyncham, esq. & Philip Oldfield the elder of Bradwall, esq., of one part & Michael Oldfield, son of the said Philip, of the other, the premises in Middelwich & Newton by Middlewich were conveyed to the said Michael & Eleanor his wife in tail male, having been bought by said Philip of Sir Thomas Egerton kt., then Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of England & now Lord Chancellor of England & of John Egerton then esq., now kt., in return for an indenture made 20 November, 5 James I [1607] whereby the said Michael demised to Henry Maynwaringe & Philip Oldfield the manor of Croxton & mess., lands, &c., in Croxton, Stanthorne, Bostock, Middlewich, Newton near Middlewich, Morberly, Warford, Churchholme, Christleton, Knottesford, & Wiche Malbanke, which were the inheritance of James Maynwaringe esq., deceased, & whereunto the said Michael has any right, to hold that part of the same heretofore conveyed to Elizabeth, now wife of John Warde gent., for life, for 69 years after the said Elizabeth's death & the residue for 69 years after demises thereof made to Charles Maynwaringe esq., deceased, or for the preferment of his daughters Julian & Elizabeth Maynwaringe.

He was also seised of 12th part of the manor of Shippbrooke & of the moiety of 6 mess., 60 a. of land, 30 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture, 4 a. of wood in Shippbrooke, Leftwich & Davenham *alias* Danam, & of all the tithes of grain, &c., issuing from the lordships or manors of Bradwall, Hollens *alias* Hollenges in the parishes or fields of Sanbage *alias* Sanbache, late in the tenure of Philip Oldfield aforesaid, Thomas Whittingham, Katherine

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They say that the premises in Bradwall & Sproston, except those in the tenure of Eleanor Mynshall & except the tithes are held of Peter Venables esq., by knight service & a pair of white gloves & suit of court of Kinderton & are worth yearly (clear) £5.

The premises in the tenure of Eleanor Minshall in Bradwall are held of the said Venables in socage, by fealty & peppercorn rent & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Those in Middlewich & Newton by Middlewich, tenure unknown to jurors & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The 12th part of Shippbrook Manor & premises there & in Davenham & Leftwich, held of the Prince, as of his earldom of Chester by 80th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 17s.

The said tithes are held of the King in chief by 100th part of a knight's fee & yearly rent of 10s. 3d. & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The said Philip Oldfeld died 15 December, 14 James I [1616] & Thomas Oldfeld gent. is his son & heir by Helen, wife of the said Philip, & now aged 40 years & more.

SIR PHILIP OLDFIELD KT.

(File 104. No. 18.)

Inquisition taken at Sandbach, 1 October, 15 Charles I [1639] before Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator there, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of

Sir Philip Oldfield kt., by the oath of Ralph Hulse of Clive, Randall Wrench of Moulton, William Yorke of Sandbach, Randall Furnivall of Bradwall, John Mosse of Sandbach, Hugh Goodyve of Arclet, William Gallimore sen. of Bechton, Richard Podmore of Hassall, Richard Sares of the same, John Wright of Sandbach, William Whittakers & George Whittakers of the same, John Somerfeild of Bechton, William Stanners of Sandbach, William Lingham of Arclet, William Gallimore jun. of Bechton, William Ravenscroft of Occleston, Hugh Venables of Wimbaldsley, gentlemen.

They say that the said Philip Oldfield was seised in fee of 15 mess., 8 burgages, 2 saltworks, 2 mills, 15 gardens, 10 orchards, 300 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 300 a. of pasture, 40 a. of wood, 300 a. of furze & heath & 3s. 3d. rent in Astbury *alias* Astbury Newbold *alias* Newbold Astbury, Somerford by Merton, Midgbrooke, Radnor *alias* Somerford Radnor, Knottesford, Middlewich & Congleton.

They say that the said Philip & Mary, late his wife (now deceased), were seised in fee, in right of the said Mary, of the manors of Somerford & Astburye, with the members & appurtenances & of 14 mess., 3 cottages, 2 watermills, 100 a. of land, 40 of meadow, 200 of pasture, 12 of wood & 500 of furze & heath in Somerford, & also of 14 mess., 6 cottages, 200 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 150 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood & 300 a. of furze & heath in Astburye. So being seised they in 20 James I [1622] conveyed the said premises by deed to Edward Domvill & Edward Hawkins esqs., Ralph Bostocke & Lawrence Lomax gents., to the use of the said Philip, for life, & to the said Mary, for life, with contingent remainders to their son & heir apparent, Somerford Oldfield esq., to the heirs of his body, to his right heirs for ever, with provision of 3000 marks for Elizabeth, Mary & Margaret (still surviving) daughters of said Philip.

They say that the tenure of the said manor of Somerford & premises there are unknown to the jurors & are worth yearly (clear) £8 6s. 8d.

The manor of Astburye & premises there are held of the King in chief, as of the right of his crown & are worth yearly £8.

The premises in Somerford by Merton & Midgbrooke are held of the lord of Somerford Boothes, by what service the jurors know not & are worth yearly (clear) 50s.

Those in Radnor held of Sir Peter Venables, baron of Kinderton, by the service of 8 barbed arrows at the Nativity of St. John the Baptist yearly for all services & are worth yearly (clear) 50s.

Those in Congleton held of the King, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, in free burgage, by fealty & rent of 10s. yearly & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Knottesford held of John, Earl of Bridgewater, in free burgage, by fealty only, & worth yearly (clear) 6d.

Those in Middlewich held of the King in free burgage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 6d.

The said Sir Philip died 28 October, 7 Charles I [1631] & Somerford Oldfield is his next heir & now aged 34 years & has taken the profits, &c., since Sir Philip's death.

A further Inquisition [File 104, No. 19] taken at Middlewich, 5 August, 16 Charles I [1640] before the said escheator by the oath of John Baskerville of Wythington, esq., John Kinsey of Blagden, Hugh Broome of Bechton, John Kinsey of Wimboldsley, John Kinnerley of Tetton, Thomas Shaw of Bechton, Thomas Chartley of the same, Thomas Borroughs of Waverton, Gabriel Hodgson of Mynshull Vernon, Thomas Barker of Over, Thomas Lownes of Moulton, Richard Whittingham of Over, Thomas Barker of Galegreene & John Bleas of Shipbrooke, gentlemen, as to the tenure of the manor of

Somerford & the premises there. The said jurors say the same are held of Peter Venables esq. as of his barony of Kinderton, by knight service & suit of court.

SOMERFORD OLDFIELD esq.

(File 105. No. 12.)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 18 May, 17 Charles I [1641] before William Moreton esq., Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator in co. Chester, & John Yonge gent., feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Somerford Oldfeld esq., by the oath of William Yorke of Sandbach, John Furnivall of Bradwell, William Whittakers of Sandbach, Randall Furnivall of Sandbach, William Jackson of Acton, Thomas Cooper of Coole, James Rowley of Coppenhall, Hugh Boulton of Hankeloe, Randall Grafton of Worleston, Randall Smyth of Underwood, Robert Massie of Coole, John Knight of Hankeloe, Thomas Scott of Checkley, John Waste of Hunsterson, & Edward Hamnett of Burland, gentlemen.

They say that the said Somerford Oldfeld long before his death was seised in tail male, to him & the heirs of his body, by the gift of his parents, Sir Philip Oldfeld kt., & Mary, his wife, deceased, of the manor of Astbury, 29 mess., 8 burgages, 6 cottages, 2 saltworks, 2 watermills, 14 gardens, 10 orchards, 450 a. of land, 180 a. of meadow, 330 a. of pasture, 60 a. of wood, 60 a. of furze & heath, 3s. 3d. rent in Astbury *alias* Astbury Newbold *alias* Newbold Astbury, Somerford by Merton, Midgebrooke, Radnor *alias* Somerford Radnor, Knottesford, Middlewich, Newton by Middlewich, & Congleton.

He was also, long before his death, seised to him & the heirs of his body, by the gift of his said parents, of the manor of Somerford, 14 mess., 3 cottages, 2 watermills, 100 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 12 a. of wood, 500 a. of furze & heath in Somerford.

So being seised a fine was levied at Chester, 3 October, 12 Charles I [1636] between the said Somerford Oldfeld of Somerford, esq., & Elizabeth his wife, deforciants, & Sir Thomas Delves of Doddington, kt. & bart., John Bellott of Moreton, esq., Edward Domvill of Lymme, esq., & Edmund Swetenham of Somerford Booth, gent., settling the moiety of the capital mess. of Somerford, called Somerford Hall, & all thereunto belonging on the said Elizabeth as well as the mess. called Reeves Farm in Newbold Astbury in the tenure of Henry Hancocke & all thereunto belonging & Fryer Fields there in the tenure of Richard Brooke & Lyngards Acres & Astbury Fields there in the tenure of Richard Passe sen., & his sons John Passe & Richard Passe jun., & the mess. & lands in Congleton in the tenures of Elizabeth Molton widow, William Newton, William Okes, Alexander Greene, Richard Passe the elder, William Greene, John Higinson, Randle Chell, Richard Huett & John Lowe, & after the said Elizabeth's death to the said Somerford Oldfeld & the heirs of his body, to him & his heirs for ever.

Afterwards, by indenture dated 8 September 1638, made between said Somerford Oldfeld of the one part & Sir Richard Lee of Langley, co. Salop, bart., & John Bradshawe of Congleton, esq., the said Somerford Oldfeld settled £70 a year out of the aforesaid premises on the said Elizabeth, for life; & also charged the premises in Astbury, in the tenure of Philip Slater with the payment of £300 each to Elizabeth Eaton & Mary Mallorye, sisters of the said Somerford Oldfeld.

By his indenture of 20 November, 15 Charles I [1639] made between him, of the one part, & Henry Brooke & John Bradshawe esqs. of the other, he demised the manors of Somerford & Newbold Astbury & all lands, &c., there to the said Henry & John for 21 years, on condition that if the said Somerford paid a certain Francis Watson

£208 on 20 May then next following, the said indenture to be void.

By indenture of 5 October 1640 he demised to Edmund Swetenham of Somerford Ultra, gent., William Vernon of Hulme, gent., Christopher Byron the younger of Buglawton, gent., & Richard Hulme of Somerford Citra, yeoman, two parts, in three divided, of his manors, mess., lands, &c., in Somerford Radnor, Congleton, Astbury, Newbold Astbury, Over Knottesford, Nether Knottesford, Middlewich, Kinderton & Newton near Middlewich for 21 years, for the payment of his debts & to provide 1000 marks for his daughter Lucy & £200 each for his younger sons & if after his death he has a daughter by his wife Elizabeth, then the said daughter to have £500 & if a son, £200.

They say he was also seised in fee of 3 cottages, 5 a. of land in Bagelt *alias* Bagehill, co. Flint.

They say the manor of Somerford & the premises there are held of Peter Venables esq., as of his barony of Kinderton by knight service & suit of court & are worth yearly (clear) £8 6s. 8d.

The manor of Astbury & premises in Astbury *alias* Astbury Newbold *alias* Newbold Astbury held of the King in chief by knight service as of the right of his crown of England & worth yearly (clear) £6.

The premises in Somerford by Merton & Midgebrooke are held of the lord of Somerford Boothes, by what service the jurors know not & are worth yearly (clear) 50s.

Those in Radnor *alias* Somerford Radnor are held of the said Peter Venables, as of his barony of Kinderton, by the service of 8 barbed arrows paid yearly on the Nativity of St. John the Baptist & worth yearly (clear) 50s.

Those in Congleton held of the King as of his Duchy of Lancaster in free burgage, by fealty & 10s. yearly rent & are worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Knottesford are held of John, Earl of Bridgewater, in free burgage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 6*d*.

Those in Midlewich held of the King in free burgage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 6*d*.

Those in Newton by Midlewich held of the King as of the late dissolved Priory of St. John of Jerusalem in England by fealty only for all services & are worth yearly (clear) 2*s*.

Those in Bagelt, tenure & service unknown to the jurors & worth yearly (clear) 2*s*.

They say the said Somerford Oldfeld died 26 October, 16 Charles I [1640] at Somerford & Elizabeth, his wife, survives him & dwells at Somerford & Lucy & William, Edward & John Oldfeld, his children, survive & dwell at Somerford.

Somerford Oldfeld is his son & next heir & on 20 August last past was aged 12 years & not more.

THOMAS OLDFIELD OF BRADWALL, GENT.

(File 100. No. 15.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 20 January, 5 Charles I [1629-30] before William Leversage esq., Hugh Mainwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, Thomas Browne esq., feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Thomas Oldfield of Bradwall, gent., by the oath of Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Humphry Page of Yardshaw, Henry Malbon of Munckes Copnall, John Eaton of Blackden, John Kinsey of Gousetree, Henry Pickmeire of Hulse, Robert Holford of Allostocke, Randall Furnival of Bradwall, William Yorke of Sandbach, Edward Shawe of Betchton, Richard Whittingham of Over, Robert Whittingham of the same, William Shawe of Betchton, Thomas Barker of Over, Ralph Maddocke of the same, John Wynnyngton of Leftwich, Hugh Venables of Wimboldesley, William Ravenscroft of Occleston, William Tomlinson of Wareton,

Ralph Bostock jun. of Moulton, Arthur Jeynson of Wareton & Ralph Blease of Shipbrooke, gentlemen.

They say a fine was levied at Chester, 16 April, 8 James I [1610] between Sir William Hamner kt., Geoffrey Shakerley & Phillipp Oldfeilde, then the younger, esq. & now kt., & Christopher Byron gent., plaintiffs, & a certain Phillip Oldfeild the elder, esq., now deceased, deforciant, of the manor of Bradwall & of 12 mess., a mill, a dovecote, 12 gardens, 500 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 500 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood, 100 a. of heath, 100 a. of moor, 6s. 10d. rent in Bradwall, Moresbarrow & Sproston & of all tithes of grain & sheaves in Bradwall & Hollins to the uses of an indenture made 4 April, 8 James I [1610] between the said parties, whereby the said Thomas Oldfeilde was seised in fee, for life, of 10 mess., 100 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 50 a. of wood in Bradwall, being late the heritage of William Berrington gent., deceased, with remainder to his, the said Thomas's son, John Oldfeilde, now of Bradwall, gent., & the heirs of his body, with contingent remainders, in default of such issue, to the heirs of the body of the said Thomas, to John Wettenhall, son of John Wettenhall sen., by Elizabeth Oldfeilde, daughter of the said Philip Oldfeilde sen., deceased, in tail male, his female issue, to Mary Wettenhall, daughter of the said Elizabeth, in tail male, her female issue, to the said Thomas Oldfeilde & his heirs; & by virtue of the said fine, he was also seised of another mess., late the heritage of John Poole esq., now in the tenure of Eleanor Mynshall, in Bradwall, & all thereunto belonging in Bradwall, Hollins & Sandbache in the tenure of the said Thomas, Thomas Whittingham, Peter Venables esq., Katherine Sutton widow, Randall Wharton, William Hope, Helen Podmore widow, William Kent, Robert Hatton, Robert Slatter, Joan Slater widow, Alice Hatton widow, John Hodgkinson, William Raven, Randall Royle, John Hatton, Thomas Baylie, Randall Bostocke, Henry

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They say the premises in Bradwall are held of Peter Venables esq. by a pair of white gloves in socage & suit of court at Kinderton twice a year & worth yearly (clear) £4.

Those in Sproston held of said Venables by knight service & suit of said court & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The premises, late the heritage of John Poole, in Bradwall held of said Venables in free socage by fealty & yearly rent of a peppercorn & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Those in Morresborrowe held of said Venables by fealty in free socage & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The tithes aforesaid held of the King, in chief, by 100th part of a knight's fee & 10s. 3d. yearly rent & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

They say the said Thomas Oldfielde died 14 January 1626, & John Oldfielde, now of Bradwall, is his son & next heir & at his father's death was aged 21 years & more.

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