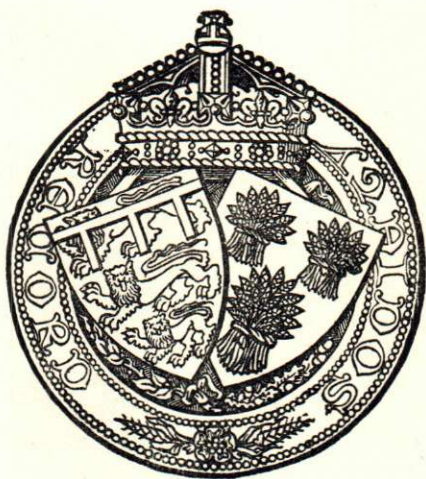


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INTRODUCTION.

This volume is a third and final instalment, covering surnames P to Y, of the Cheshire Inquisitions *post mortem* during "the Stuart Period." The first portion, covering surnames A to D, with an Introduction to which readers are referred, formed volume 84, and the second portion, covering surnames E to O, formed volume 86, of the Society's publications.

The *Escheators*, and their approximate dates, during the period covered by these three volumes (1603 onwards), were the following, who supplement Ormerod's list of names (vol. i, 78) :—

Henry Mainwaring,	1603-1617.
Hugh	„ 1617-1631.
Thos. Aldersey,	1630-1642.

The first two occur jointly in 1612. Wm. Raven occurs as deputy escheator in 1632.

The *Feodaries*, and their approximate dates, were :—

Ralph Wilbraham,	1603-1619.
Henry Delves,	1619-1620.
Peter Daniell,	1621-1626.
Thomas Browne,	1628-1632.
Edward Parkinson,	1633-1638.
George Parker,	1636-1638.
John Yonge,	1638-1641.

Some documents illustrating the duties and work of a feodary of Cheshire in 1578, with his accounts, have been

printed by Hall, from the Earwaker MSS., in volume 17 (N.S.), *Journal Chester Archaeological Society*.

The Mayor of Chester acted as City Escheator for his year of office.

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Cheshire Inquisitions Post Mortem

STUART PERIOD

1603—1660.

VOL. III.

P—Y.

PETER PAVER.

(Chester 3. File 89. No. 23.)

INQUISITION taken at Northwich, 9 September, 9 James I [1611] before Henry Mainwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Peter Paver by the oath of Richard Gerrard of Crewewood, George Rutter of Kingsley, James Trevys of Horton, John Eaton of Sandiwaie, Ralph Bostocke of Moulton, Peter Hall of Norley, David Hinton of Rushton, Thomas Deane of Church Hulme, James Trevett of Sproston, John Ravenscroft of Occleston, Roger Neild of Shurlache, John Blease of Shipbrooke & Randall Wrenche of Moulton, gentlemen.

They say that long before his death, the said Peter Paver was seised in fee of a mess. in Stanthorne & Bostocke in the tenure of William Farrington & Hugh Farrington, his son ; of a saltworks of 4 leads (in English one wyche-house of foure leades wallinge) in Northwich in the tenure of Robert Aynsworth ; of a mess., a horse mill in Northwich, in the tenure of Helen Paver, widow, late wife of said Peter.

So being seised, an indenture was made 10 May, 7 James I [1609] between the said Peter Paver of one part & Dorothy Leycester, widow of Adam Leycester esq., & Margaret Shakerley, late the daughter of Peter Shakerley esq., deceased, of the other, whereby on payment of £77 10s. *od.* the said Peter Paver demised the said premises to the said Dorothy & Margaret for 21 years, at a peppercorn rent, with condition that on payment of £137 10s. *od.* to the said Dorothy & Margaret within the next 5 years the same demise to be void.

They say the premises in Stanthorne & Bostocke are held of the Prince as Earl of Chester by knight service & are worth yearly (clear) 30s.

The saltworks, mess. & horse mill in Northwych are held of William, Earl of Derby, as of his manor of Northwich in burgage & by suit of court & worth yearly (clear) 53s. 4*d.*

The said Peter Paver died at Northwich, 21 January, 7 James I [1609-10] & Roger Paver is his son & next heir & was aged 15 years on 2 October last past.

The said Dorothy Leycester & Margaret Shakerley have taken the issues of the lands demised to them since Peter's death & William & Hugh Farrington those in Bostock.

JAMES PERCEVALL OF LYMM, GENT.

(File 98. No. 9.)

Inquisition taken at Nether Knottesford, 18 October, 21 James I [1623] before Hugh Maynwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, & Peter Daniell esq., feodary there, by virtue of the Prince's writ to enquire after the death of James Percevall, late of Lymm, gent., by the oath of William Leigh of Owtrington, William Morris of Groppenhall, William Millington of Stretton, Peter Picton of Grange, Henry Porter of Moore, John Hatton of Latchford, John Lankshawe of the same, Richard Steele

of Reddish, Thomas Shawe of Millington, Philip Antrobus of Peever, Alexander Duncalfe of Mobberley, Randall Blackshaw of the same, Randall Wright of Ashley, Ralph Barlow of Hale, Hugh Ashton of Bowdon, Alexander Vawdrey of the same, Thomas Perrin of Hale & George Massie of the same, gentlemen.

They say the said James Percevall was seised in fee of 3 mess., 3 gardens, 40 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 6 a. of wood in Lymme, Lymbooths & Owtrington, late parcel of the lands, &c., of John Boydell, gent.

The said premises are held of Peter Warburton of Arley, esq., by 20th part of a knight's fee & yearly rent of 2*d.* & are worth yearly (clear) 40*s.*

The said James Percevall died at Islington, co. Middlesex, 2 April last past & James Percevall is his son & heir & on 21 September last past was aged 17 years.

EDMUND PESHALL OF OVER, GENT.

(File 103. No. 11.)

Inquisition taken at Northwich, 6 April, 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 Edmund Peshall gent., by the oath of Edward Moldesworth of Wyncham, Thomas Bromfield of Wytton, John Kinsey of Wimbaldesley, Andrew Burton of Over, Thomas Barker, Thomas Baker, Thomas Maddocke & Ralph Maddocke of the same, Arthur Jeynson of Warton, Nicholas Wilcockson of Over, Robert Totty of the same, John Hall of Norley, Thomas Burroughes of Warton, Randall Wrench of Moulton & Thomas Lownds of Moulton, gentlemen.

They say that long before his death, the said Edmund was seised in fee of the manor of Over & of 80 mess., 20 cottages, 4 water-mills, one horse-mill, 1000 a. of land, 500 a. of meadow, 1000 a. of pasture, 20 a. of

wood, 2000 a. of furze & heath, 100 a. of moor, 30 a. of water-covered land within the said manor in the several tenures of John Rutter, John Fletcher, Randall Foster, John Kettle, Ralph Bowden of the Oake in Over, Ralph Ratcliffe, Thomas Barker, tanner, John Bostocke, Arthur Barker, clerk, John Allatt, Thomas Harrison of Gale in Over, Richard Frodsham, Richard Bower, Robert Maddocke, Thomas Cholmondeley esq., Thomas Gresty, John Dikes, John Williamson, Anne Holbrooke, widow, Thomas Bowden, William Whalley, William Gardener, Roger Hickson, Richard Holland, Richard Cookeson, Thomas Darlington of Over Merton in Over, Robert Yonge, John Darlington of Over Merton, John Hickson, John Bosyer, John Hayward, Thomas Leigh, Edward Bowden, William Maddocke, Anne Nickson, Jane Hitchensen, Ralph Yowood, Richard Wilcockson, William Holbrooke, Richard Barker, Ralph Kettle, Roger Terry, Elizabeth Gardyner, widow, Hugh Briscoe, Ralph Bulkeley, Robert Tommy, William Williamson, John Maddocke of Housegate in Over, Richard Briscoe, Ralph Darlington of Brooke Houses in Over, Thomas Woodward, John Nickson of Witas in Over, Andrew Barker, John Dekins, William Tillesley, Ralph Holbrooke of the Crosse, Richard Nickson, John Seton, Nicholas Darlington & Ellen his wife, Katherine Nightingale, William Darlington, smith, Edward Billington, William Hickson, Edward Carter, Margaret Grounds, widow, Maud Hayes, widow, John Percivall, Richard Newall, John Woodward, Thomas Billington, Richard Terry, Ralph Maddocke of Lidyat in Over, Edward Roby, John Barker of Foxwiste, Anne Foster, widow, Thomas Yowood, Richard Barker, Jane Hickson, widow, Parnell Barker, John Charver, Thomas Leigh & Thomas Jackson ; & of 16s. rent yearly issuing from 8 burgages in Over in the several tenures of Thomas Barker, tanner, Arthur Blacamore, Robert Whittingham, John Bowdon &

Thomas Maddocke ; of £4 16s. 2d. rent of fee farm issuing yearly from certain tenements in Over, in the several tenures of Thomas Mainwaring gent., Thomas Maister-son esq., Henry Lee esq., Ralph Walley of Stanthorne, gent., Robert Manwaring, gent., John Kinsey, Andrew Burton, Arthur Blacamore, Edward Roby, Thomas Baker, Ralph Maddocke, Robert Whitingham, Abraham Darlington, Nicholas Wilcockson, John Wilcockson, William Alexander, John Bosyer, Thomas Throppe, Thomas Maddocke, Richard Maddocke, Robert Totly, Henry Codell, John Darlington & Thomas Barker of Gale ; & of the court leet & view of frankpledge in Over.

The said manor & premises are held of the King as of his county of Cheshire in chief by half a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 20 marks.

The said Edmund Peshall died in the city of London, 26 March, 4 Charles I [1628-9] & Edmund Peshall gent. is his son & heir & at his father's death was aged 22 years & more.

Thomas Peshall & Christopher Ayres, executors of the will of the said Edmund & John Pepys & John Wallinger, his creditors, the said Edmund Peshall the son, Thomas Cholmondeley esq., Henry Lee esq., & Ralph Bostocke have taken the issues & profits of the premises since the death of the said Edmund.

THOMAS PESHALL ESQ.

(File 96. No. 5.)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 21 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 Thomas Peshall esq., by the oath of Edward Bressie of Audlem, William Dod of Highfields, John Cheswis of Mickley, Robert Alsager of Alsager, Thomas

Knight & Robert Poole of the same, Lawrence Cotton of Bircher, Thomas Adams of Hatherton, Robert Meakin of the same, John Scot of Checkley, Thomas Smith of the same, John Gallimore of Betchton, William Gallimore of the same, John Furnivall of the same, John Wright of Willaston & Richard Kettle of Betchton, gentlemen.

They say that the said Thomas Peshall, long before his death, was seised of the moiety of the manor of Wistaston & of the moiety of the advowson of Wistaston Church, of the capital mess. or farm called Checkley Hall in Checkley ; of 6 cottages, 7 gardens, 7 orchards, 100 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 100 a. of wood, 20 a. of moor, 20 a. of moss in Checkley, belonging to the said capital mess. ; of a mess., a garden, an orchard, 20 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture with common of pasture & turbary belonging to the said mess. in Stapleford, in the tenure of Thomas Partington gent. ; of a mess., a garden, an orchard, 2 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 3 a. of pasture & common to the same mess. belonging in Cotton Edmunds, in the tenure of Ralph Finchett ; of a mess., a garden, an orchard, in Malpas, in the tenure of John Heyne ; of a mess., a garden, an orchard, 2 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow in Malpas, called Deppenbach, in the tenure of Henry Brow ; of a mess., a garden, an orchard, 10 a. of land, 1 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture & common of pasture & turbary to the said mess., belonging in Hauton, called Bobberhill, in the tenure of Randall Stokes, & of a saltworks in Droitwich, in the tenure of John Lewis.

The said moiety of Wistaston manor, & the advowson there are held of the heirs of Bressie [*sic*] by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 53s. 4d.

Checkley Hall & the premises in Checkley held of Sir Thomas Delves kt. & bart., as of his manor of Blakenhall, by fealty & rent of 1d. a year & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The premises in Stapleford held of John Bruyn esq., as of his manor of Bruyn Stapleford by fealty & rent of *1d.* a year or a pair of gloves, worth yearly (clear) *10s.*

The premises in Cotton Edmunds held of Peter Venables esq., by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) *5s.*

Those in Malpas held of Sir William Brereton kt., as of his manor of Malpas, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) *2s.*

Deppenbach in Malpas & the other premises there held of the said Sir William in like manner & worth yearly (clear) *2s.*

Those in Hanton held of Sir Rowland Egerton kt. & bart., & at Thomas Peshall's death held of Sir John, father of Rowland, as of his manor of Hanton, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) *2s. 6d.*

The saltworks in Droitwich held of the said Sir William Brereton, as of his manor of Malpas, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) *2s.*

The said Thomas Peshall died at Horsley, co. Staff., 23 November, 7 James I [1609] & Sir John Peshall bart. is his son & next heir & at the time of his father's death was aged 30 years & more.

JOHN PICKERING YEO.

(File 88. No. 9.)

Inquisition taken at Budworth in the Water, 24 April, 5 James I [1607] before Henry Maynwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of John Pickeryn yeoman, by the oath of James Roe of Acton, Julius Wynington of Byrches, Edward Mouldsworth of Wymyncham, William Malbone of Budworth, John Allen of Nether Whitley, John Crosbie of Over Whitley, Thomas Hall of Budworth, Robert Pickmere of Hulse, Richard Wright of Ashley, Thomas Harper of High Leighe, William Foxley of Pickmeire, Gilbert Middleton of Stockton, Henry Heskyth

of Rye Croft, Thomas Anderton of Budworth, & John Langeshawe of Latchford, gentlemen.

They say that the said John Pickeryn the day he died, was seised in fee, of a mess., 6 a. of land, 1 a. of meadow & 8 a. of pasture, with common of pasture in Great Budworth.

The said premises are held of the King in chief by 30th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 11s.

So being seised, the said John Pickerin made his will at Budworth 24 February, 1602[-3], bequeathing a moiety of his lands, &c., to his wife Joan, for life, with remainder after her death & of the residue to his son, William & the heirs of his body, in default of such issue, to testator's daughter, Katherine Pickerin & her issue.

The said John Pickerin died 15 March, 1602[-3] & William Pickerin is his son & next heir & is aged 28 years & more.

Joan Pickerin, widow of the said John, survives & dwells at Budworth & has taken the issues, &c., of the moiety of the said premises since her husband's death; the said William Pickerin, in October, 1603, at Middlewich married [name of wife not given].

JOHN POOLE OF POOLE, ESQ.

(File 90. No. 20.)¹

Inquisition taken at Sandbach, 19 April, 12 James I [1614] before Henry Manwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, Ralph Wilbraham esq., feodary there, John Minshall, & Thomas Trafford esq., by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of John Poole of Poole, esq., by the oath of Edward Swettenham of Somerford, esq., Richard Steele of Sandbach, John Rode of Walhill, Humphrey Page of Yearshawe, Hugh Venables of Wimbo . . ., John Ravenscroft of Eccleston, Ralph Bostock of Moulton, Oliver Vernon of Middlewich,

¹ Torn in places. No other Inq. extant.

Hugh Furnivall of Bechton, Richard Kettle & Richard Shawe of the same, William Salmon of Wyldheath & Randall Smith of Brinley, gentlemen.

They say that long before his death the said John Poole was seised in fee of the manors of Buerton, Poole *alias* Nether Poole, Capenhurst & Stanlowe *alias* Stanlowe Grange & of . . . 2 watermills, a windmill, 2000 a. of land, 500 a. of meadow, 2000 a. of pasture, 600 a. of marsh, 1000 a. of furze & heath & 10s. rent in Buerton, Poole *alias* Nether Poole, Capenhurst, Stanlowe *alias* Stanlowe Grange, Great Neston, Liscard, Kirkeby, Wallesey, Thingwall, Leighton, & Chester city.

He was also seised in fee of mess. in Nether Bebbington in the several tenures of John Bretter, William Hogson, Roger Irby, John Platt & John Janyon & of the lands, &c., thereunto belonging, & of 2 mess. in Great Neston in the several tenures of Richard Madock & John Sharpe & of the lands, &c., thereunto belonging ; & of 2 mess. in Wallezey in the tenures of Elizabeth Hill & Ellen Gill ; & of a mess. in Backford late in the tenure of Richard Lacy.

So being seised, by his deed of 24 January, 3 [*sic*] [? 30] Elizabeth, on account of a marriage had between his son & heir apparent, John Poole esq. & Mary, then his wife, daughter of Sir Roland Stanley kt., he conveyed the said premises to Sir Lawrence Smith kt., William Moston, Robert Fulleshurst esqrs., & William Stanley esq., to the use of the said Mary & her husband, John Poole & their male issue, with remainders as declared in the marriage settlement & a fine was levied at Chester, 15 April, 30 [*sic*] Elizabeth [1588] settling the same as abovesaid, with remainders to the heirs male of the body of John Poole the son, the heirs male of the body of John Poole sen. & his right heirs, as by indenture made 10 January, 29 Eliz. [1586-7] between Sir Roland Stanley & John Poole sen.

They say he was also seised, with remainder to his said son, of 4 mess. in Buerton in the several tenures of Richard Pickfocks, John Seville, Thomas Dikes & Robert Hill & all thereunto belonging & of a parcel of land in Buerton called Buerton Park, late in the tenure of John Seville ; & a parcel of meadow in Buerton called the Parke Poole, in the tenure of Richard Browade, a mess. in Woodhowse Lane in Buerton & all thereunto belonging in the tenure of William Gamull ; a close of pasture in Buerton called the High Bridge Hill, a croft there called Calvercroft, late in the tenure of Thomas Gamull, deceased ; the new park in Buerton in the tenure of the said John Poole esq., & of Collman's Meadow, Trotone More, Ashmore with meadow adjoining, the Great Stockings, the Little Stockings, Stockings, the Syde Field, with meadow adjoining, the Conygree, the High Bridge Hill, the Wall Meadow, the Wall Croft, Pigge Croft, & 2 other crofts, in Buerton, late in the tenure of Thomas Gamull, also of 3 mess. in Buerton in the several tenures of John Gamull gent., Roger Tewe & Thomas Whittingham & of a parcel of common land called Accalfes in Buerton & his said son, John, stands seised of the remainder.

By indenture of 28 March, 39 Eliz. [1597] made between John Poole of Poole, gent., son & heir apparent of John Poole aforesaid, esq., & John Morgell & Richard Frogge of Chester, gents., the tenement in Woodhouse Lane, lordship of Buerton & all thereunto belonging & the closes called Highbridge Hill, Calver Close, the New Park of Buerton, Calman's Meadow, Twelve More, Ashe More & meadow, Great & Little Stockings, the Stockings, Syde Field & meadow, the Mastocke, Conynges, Wall Meadow, Wall Croft, Pigs Croft & two other crofts in Buerton & the tenements in the occupation of Richard Pickstockes of Buerton & John Seville of Buerton & Thomas Dykes & Robert Hill of Buerton, were conveyed

to the said Morgell & Frogge, in trust for Elianor Poole, natural daughter of the said John Poole the younger, she paying the old rent, & for his sons John, George, Francis & Edward Poole; the grant to said Elianor to be void on payment of 1000 marks, that is, 200 marks a year for 5 years after the death of John Poole the elder & Katherine his wife, & a fine was levied to this effect 4 April following.

The said Elianor married John Bowes esq. & they sold the said premises to Thomas Gamull esq. for £40 & he died seised thereof.

By indenture of 20 February, 41 Eliz. [1598-9] made between John Poole the son, described as of Capenhurst, gent., & Edmund Gamull of Chester, alderman, the mess. within Buerton Manor in the tenure of Richard Pickstocks & that in the tenure of Robert Hill, lands called Roughe Ground, Buerton Park, Park Pool & all thereunto belonging in Buerton were sold to the said Edmund Gamull for £383.

By indenture of 28 September, 41 Elizabeth [1599] made between the said John Poole the younger, by the name of John Poole of Capenhurst, esq., & Thomas Bunbury of Stanney, esq., & Edward Dutton of Chester, gent., the manors & lands, &c., in Poole, Stanlowe, Capenhurst, Great & Little Neston, Buerton, Hurlston, Ashfield, Backford, Bebbington, Wallezy, Thingwall, Handbridge, Oscroft, Moreton, Leighton & Frodsham were conveyed to the said Bunbury & Dutton to the uses of a fine, which fine was levied 1 October, 41 Eliz. [1599].

By indenture of 2 June, 43 Eliz. [1601] between the said John Poole of Capenhurst & Thomas Gamull of Inner Temple, London, gent., he mortgaged to said Gamull, for £190, 3 mess. in Buerton.

An indenture was made 25 Sept., 43 Eliz. [1601] between John Poole, now living, son & heir of John Poole,

late of Capenhurst, deceased, & the said Thomas Gamull, agreeing that whereas certain premises were conveyed to Elianor Bowes, sister of said John, which he had power to redeem, the said redemption shall be made over to the said Gamull.

They say that John Poole, the son, was seised in fee of a close called the Wallisey & closes called the Warled Hay & the Roughhey in Capenhurst & by fine levied 20 April, 43 Eliz. [1601] conveyed the same to William Brooke esq., to hold during the lives of the said John Poole & Mary, his wife ; John died & Mary survives him & dwells at Oldfeld.

They say that John Poole, late the son & heir apparent of the said John Poole sen., died long before his father & that John Poole sen., the father, died 5 December last past.

They say the said manor of Buerton & the premises there are held of the heirs of Richard Corbett esq., in socage, by rent of a rose yearly & are worth yearly (clear) £33 9s. 11d.

The manor of Poole *alias* Nether Poole held of Jasper Worth esq., in socage, by fealty & yearly rent of 1d. & worth yearly (clear) 20 marks.

The manor of Capenhurst & premises there held of the King, as of his barony of Halton, by 20th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 5 marks.

The manor of Stanlowe *alias* Stanlowe Grange & premises there held of the King in chief by knight service & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The premises in Great Neston held of William Whitmore esq., in socage & by rent of 12d. yearly & worth yearly (clear) 26s. 8d.

Those in Liscard & Kirkeby Wallesey held of the heirs of Thomas Meoles in socage, by fealty & rent of a red rose yearly & worth yearly 20s.

Those in Thingewall held of the heirs of Sir Thomas

Fulleshurst kt. in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Leighton held of William Whitmore esq., in socage & by fealty & rent of a rose & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

Those in Chester city, tenure unknown, worth yearly (clear) 20s.

John Poole esq. is next of kin to the said John Poole esq., being son & heir of John Poole, gent., deceased, & Mary, his wife, the said John Poole, gent., having been son & heir apparent of said John Poole esq., & is now aged 30 years & more.

JOHN POVALL OF LONDON.

(File 105. No. 17.)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 1 September, 18 Charles I [1642] before Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of John Povall of London, by the oath of Thomas Chester of Coolelane, Thomas Scott of Checkley, Randall Grafton of Worleston, John Waste of Hunster-son, Thomas Bromhall of Springlane, William Jackson of Little Acton, John Smith of Checkley, Randall Smith of Underwood, John Barnett of Hill, Thomas Shoare of Nantwich, William Wilbraham of Brindley, Hugh Ankers of Wichehaugh & John Harobin of Nantwich, gentlemen.

They say on oath that John Povall, long before his death, was seised in fee of a mess. in Eaton, called Rowlinson's Tenement in the tenure of Phillip Wilson ; of a cottage in Eaton in the tenure of Ralph Brooke ; of a mess. there in that of Ralph Minshall ; of a cottage there in that of Robert Jeynson & another cottage there in that of John Jeynson ; & of a half part of a cottage in Rushton in that of John Freer & of all his part of a mess. there in that of William White & Richard Cane ; of 20 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture, 5 a. of

wood & 30 a. of heath & moor belonging to the said cottages ; of the 6th part of the manors of Rishton, Eaton and Torpurley & all lands, courts, privileges, customs, &c., thereunto belonging.

So being seised, on the marriage of his son & heir, John with Hannah Manby, daughter of William Manby, gent., by indenture made 4 August, 14 Charles I [1638] between the said John Povall the elder & the said William Manby & James Povall of London, gent., the said premises were settled on the said John & Elizabeth, his wife, & the longer liver of them, with contingent remainders to the said John Povall the younger & Hannah & the longer liver of them & the heirs of their bodies, the right heirs of John the younger. Afterwards on 21 August, 1638, the marriage between John Povall the younger & Hannah took place & they had issue one daughter & the said Hannah died in the lifetime of John the elder.

The said premises are held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by knight service, in chief & are worth yearly (clear) 36s.

The said John Povall died 24 October last past, & John Povall the younger is his son & heir & at his father's death was aged 32 years & more.

Elizabeth Povall, late the wife of the said John & Hannah Povall, daughter of John the younger & Hannah, survive.

THOMAS POWELL OF HORSLEY, ESQ.

(File 103. No. 3.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle in the Common Hall of Pleas, 10 September, 11 Charles I [1635] before Henry Birkhened esq., John Sparke esq., Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator of the County Palatine of Chester, & Edward Parkinson esq., feodary, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Thomas Powell, late of Horseley, co. Flint, esq., by the oath of Edward

Tannatt of Broxton, esq., Thomas Meoles of Wallezey, esq., George Langford of Tranmore, Thomas Bennett of Willeston, John Bennett sen. of the same, John Fletcher, John Wood, & William Wilson of the same, Henry Phillipps of Christleton, James Halwood of Sutton, John Francis of Childerthornton, Thomas Bennett of Barnston, William Ball of Irby, John Clarke of Saughall, John Robinson of Chorlton, William Ashton of the same, & George Hutchins of Handley, gentlemen.

They say on oath that the said Thomas Powell, long before his death, was seised in fee of the manors of Birkenhead, Claughton & Wolton *alias* Wotton & of 30 mess., 12 tofts, 6 cottages, a watermill, a dovecote, 20 gardens, 1000 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 1000 a. of pasture, 60 a. of wood & 20s. rent in Birkenhead, Claughton, Wolton *alias* Wotton, Buddeston, Wallezey & Tranmore & a ferry [*passagio*] over the Mersey in Birkenhead, a free fishery in the waters of the Mersey & of the views of frankpledge of Birkenhead, Claughton, Wolton *alias* Wotton, Buddeston, Wallezey & Tranmore & Moreton; he was also seised of 12 mess., 100 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 50 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood & 20s. rent in Burton, Allington & Gresford, co. Denbigh, & of 2 mess., 2 gardens, a dovecote, 10 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow & 10 a. of pasture in Horseley, co. Flint.

So being seised, he died seised of the same.

They say the manors of Birkenhead, Claughton, Wolton *alias* Wotton, Buddeston, Wallezey & Tranmore & premises there are held of the King, as of his Crown of England, in chief, by service of 20th part of a knight's fee & 59s. 5d. yearly rent & are worth yearly (clear) £29 13s. 11d.

The premises in co. Denbigh worth yearly (clear) £10, and those in co. Flint, £3 6s. 8d.; tenures of those in cos. Denbigh & Flint are unknown to the jurors.

The said Thomas Powell died 18 September, 5 Charles I

[1629] & Sir Thomas Powell bart. is his son & next heir & on the day of holding the inquisition is aged 52 years & 2 days & not more. The said Sir Thomas has taken the issues, &c., of the premises since the death of the said Thomas Powell.

FERDINAND PULFORD GENT.

(File 105. No. 7.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 9 September, 16 Charles I [1640] before Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Ferdinand Pulford, gent., by the oath of John Golborne of Christleton, John Maddocke of Rowton, Henry Phillips of Christleton, Ralph Seller of Christleton, Thomas Baker of Over, John Palyn of Farndon, George Walker of Churton, John Johnson of Farndon, James Ashton of Churton, Thomas Spencer of Farndon, John Shocklach of Aldford, Thomas Moores of Oscroft, John Crewe of Elton, John Kelsall of Wimboldstrafford, & John Thomason of Hapesford, gentlemen.

They say that Richard Pulford, gent.; deceased, late the father of the said Ferdinand, long before his death was seised in fee of 4 mess., 130 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 50 a. of pasture & 5 a. of wood in Over Marsh *alias* King's Leyes *alias* King's Marsh in Farndon, Aldford, Coddington, Tilston & Shocklach; 4 mess., 4 gardens, 10 a. of land, 10 a. of pasture, 7 a. of meadow, 7 a. of wood in Farndon & Churton; 2 mess., 3 burgages, 5 a. of land, 5 a. of pasture & 5 a. of meadow in the vill of Holt *alias* Lyons, co. Denbigh; 2 closes of land & pasture called Kay Hikes containing about 8 a. of land within the franchise of Holte *alias* Lyons, co. Denbigh; 6 mess. in Bucklersbury, parish of St. Mary Colechurch, London, called Charltons Lands.

So being seised, the said Richard Pulford made his will 11 March, 5 Charles I [1629-30] bequeathing his

freehold lands in Farndon, Tilston, Codrington & Aldford & his freehold lands in London, &c., to Richard William-son of London, Richard Fisher, of Ipswich, co. Suffolk, gents., & Charles Yeoman of London, scrivener, to the use as to two-thirds thereof of his wife Anne, during widowhood to bring up their children, with remainder to his eldest son & the said Anne to have dwelling at his then dwelling house in London.

The said Richard died so seised the last day of February, 6 Charles I [1630-31] & the said Ferdinand was his son & next heir & on 14 December, 6 Charles I [1630] was aged 14 years, & the third part of the premises came into the King's hands by reason of said Ferdinand's minority ; on 14 December, 13 Charles I [1637] the said Ferdinand became of age & entered into the said premises & on 28 November, 14 Charles I [1638] an indenture was made between the said Ferdinand Pulford of Tattenham High Cross, co. Middx., gent., & Thomas Pulford, the younger, of Farndon, co. Chester, for the love the said Ferdinand bore to Thomas & his children, conveying to Thomas & his heirs all the burgages & other the premises in Lyons *alias* Holte, co. Denbigh, in the holding of John Browne, clerk, Elizabeth Sefton, widow, Mary Edge, widow, & Thomas Pulford of Wrexham & the mess. in tenure of Alice Batho, widow & land called Oldfields near Common Wood, closes called Key Hickee in the tenure of Lancelot Malby in the said town. The said Ferdinand has made Thomas Pulford of Wrexham & John Palyn, the elder, of Farndon, his attorneys, to give the said Thomas Pulford of Farndon seisin thereof.

Being seised as aforesaid, the said Ferdinand on 19 April, 16 Charles I [1640] made his will bequeathing to his mother, Anne Pulford, all his lands, &c., in Farndon & his freehold lands near Bucklersbury, St. Mary Colechurch, ward of Cheape, London, for life, with contingent remainders, to his brother, John Pulford & his issue, to

his sister Hannah Pulford & her heirs ; he bequeathed to his sister, Hannah Pulford, £1000 at her age of 21.

They say the premises in Overmarsh *alias* King's Leyes *alias* King's Marsh in Farndon, Aldford, Coddington, Tilston & Shocklach are held of the King by 160th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £4.

Those in Farndon & Churton held of the Bishop of Coventry & Lichfield as of his manor of Farndon in socage, by fealty, suit of court & 3s. 6d. rent & are worth yearly (clear) 2s. 6d.

The premises in Bucklersbury, London, held of the King, by fealty only & are worth yearly (clear) £6 13s. 4d.

The said Ferdinand died at Tattenham, co. Middlesex, 12 July last past & John Pulford is his brother & heir & on 8 November last was aged 13 years.

Anne Pulford, relict of said Richard survives & dwells at Tattenham High Cross as does Hannah Pulford, sister of said Ferdinand.

RICHARD PULFORD GENT.

(File 101. No. 11.)¹

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 17 May, 7 Charles I [1631] before Hugh Mainwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Richard Pulford, gent., by the oath of Henry . . . of Hulse, . . . Ralph Bostocke of Moulton, Hugh Venables of Wymboldsley, Thomas Burrowes of Clyve, William Tomlinson of Warton, George Bradford of Shipbrooke, Ralph Maddocke of Over, Thomas Maddocke of the same, Roger Maddock of the same, John Bosier & Richard Baker of the same, Randall Wrench of Moulton, William Ravenscroft of Occleston, John Wynington of Leftwich, Arthur Joynson of Warton, Arthur Symcock of Leftwich & John Darlington of Over, gentlemen.

They say that the said Richard Pulford, before his

¹ Very torn. Abstract made from Court of Wards Inq. p.m. 80/7.

death, was seised in fee of a mess., 130 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 50 a. of pasture, & 5 a. of wood in Over Marshe *alias* Kinges Leyes *alias* Kinges Marshe in Farndon, Aldford, Coddington, Tilston, & Shocklache; & of 4 mess., 4 gardens, 10 a. of land, 10 a. of pasture, 7 a. of meadow, 7 a. of wood in Farndon & Churton; & of 2 mess., 3 burgages, 5 a. of land, 5 a. of pasture & 5 a. of meadow within the vill of Holt *alias* Lyons, co. Denbigh; of 2 closes of land & pasture called Kayhuks, containing 8 a. in Holt *alias* Lyons; of 6 mess. in Bucklersbury, parish of St. Mary Colechurch, London, called Charltons Lands.

So being seised the said Richard Pulford made his will 11 March, 1629 [-30], bequeathing the third part of his freehold lands, &c., in Farndon & Aldford, co. Chester, & his freehold lands in London to his friends, Richard Williamson of London, Richard Fisher of Ipswich, Suffolk, gent., & Charles Yeoman of London, scrivener, to the use of his wife, Anne, during the minority of his heir, for the maintenance of her & of their children & also all the profits of his copyhold lands.

They say the premises in Over Marshe *alias* King's Leyes *alias* King's Marsh, Farndon, Aldford, Coddington, Tilston & Shocklache are held of the King in chief by service of 160th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) £4.

Those in Farndon & Churton are held of Thomas, Bishop of Coventry & Lichfield, as of his manor of Farndon, in socage, by fealty & rent of 3s. 6d. a year & worth yearly (clear) 2s. 6d.

Those in Holt *alias* Lyons, co. Denbigh, held of the King, as of his manor of Bromfield & Yale, co. Denbigh, by yearly rent of 29s. 9d. & worth yearly (clear) 2s.

The mess. in Bucklersbury, London, held of the King by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) £6 13s. 4d.

The said Richard Pulford died the last day of February last past & Ferdinand is his son & heir & on 14 December last past was aged 14 years.

GEOFFREY RADFORD OF MOBBERLEY, GENT.

(File 94. No. 19.)

Inquisition taken at Nether Knottesford, 14 January, 17 James I [1619-20] before Hugh Maynwaring esq., escheator, & Henry Delves, gent., feodary, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Geoffrey Radford, late of Mobberley, gent., by the oath of George Bowdon of Bowdon, James Bradshawe of Allstocke, Philip Antrobus of Peever, Richard Steele of Reddishe, James Percivall of Lyme, John Middlehurst of Groppenhall, Thomas Middlehurst of Lachford, John Lankshawe & John Hatton of the same, Richard Hill of Apleton, Randall Wright of Ashley, Thomas Dale of Withington, William Fedon of the same, James Leighe of Oughtrington & Richard Bentley of Meyre, gentlemen.

They say that long before his death, the said Geoffrey Radford was seised in fee of a mess., 10 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture & 10 a. of moss & turbary in Mobberley & so being seised, by indenture bearing date 12 December, 15 James I [1617] made between the said Geoffrey of one part & Geoffrey, John & Joan Aldcroft, children of John Aldcrofte, the elder, of Knottesford, shoemaker, he conveyed to the said Geoffrey, John & Joan Aldcrofte the closes called Smithfield, Acre Croft, the Little Meadow, Kiln Croft, Barn Croft, Little Marled Field, Gorstie Knowe, all in Mobberley & all to the same belonging for 21 years from the day of his death, but, on condition, that if his executors pay the said Geoffrey, John & Joan £60, then the same to be void.

The said premises are held of the Prince, as Earl of

Chester, in chief, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The said Geoffrey Radford died 25 June, 17 James I [1619] & John Radford is his son & next heir & is now aged 13 years, 3 weeks.

WILLIAM REYNOLDS OF MIDDLEWICH, GENT.

(File 103. No. 4.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, co. Chester, 22 September, 11 Charles I [1635] before Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of William Reynolds of Middlewich, gent., by the oath of Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Andrew Burton of Over, Robert Whittingham, Thomas Barker, Ralph Maddocke & John Bosyer of the same, Philip Bostocke of Bostocke, Ranulph Wrench of Moulton, John Kinsey of Wymbaldesley, James Trevett of Sproston, Ralph Bleas of Shipbrooke, Arthur Johnson of Wareton, William Tomlinson of same & John Wynnington of Leftwich, gentlemen.

They say that long before his death the said William Reynolds was seised in fee of a mess., a cottage, 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow in Newton by Middlewich & in Sutton by Newton & of 2 saltworks in Middlewich & of a garden, 4 saltworks in Kinderton; & of a mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture in Plumley late bought of Ralph Bostocke of Moulton.

So being seised, on 26 August, 19 Jas. I [1621] having received £100 from Robert Pickin, uncle of Mary, then the wife of the said William, he conveyed the said premises to Richard Wood, Charles Shalcrosse, Ottwell Shalcrosse, Robert Pickin, William Brooke & Roger Burges to the use of himself for life, with contingent remainders to William Reynolds, his eldest son by said Mary, in tail male & after divers other remainders to the use of the said Robert Pickin & his heirs for ever.

The said William died 9 May, 11 Charles I [1635] at Middlewich & Margaret & Eleanor Reynolds are his next of kin, being daughters of Geoffrey Reynolds, son of the said William, Margaret being now aged 11 & Eleanor 7 years.

Mary, late the wife of the said William, survives & dwells at Middlewich.

They say the premises in Newton & Sutton are held of Sir Thomas Smith kt., in free socage, by fealty & rent of 3s. 1d. & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The saltworks in Middlewich held of the King, as of the late Priory of St. John of Jerusalem in England, by fealty & suit of court & 12d. rent yearly & worth yearly (clear) 20s. & the other saltworks there held of the King as of his manor of Middlewich in burgage & worth yearly 20s.

Those in Kinderton held of Peter Venables esq., as of the barony of Kinderton in socage, by fealty & yearly rent of 5s. 2d. & worth yearly (clear) £4; the garden there held of same by 300th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 6d.

The premises in Plumley held of Henry Manwaringe esq., as of his manor of Barneshawe, in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4d.

RANDALL RODE ESQ.

(File 88. No. 22.)¹

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 18 April, 7 James I [1609] before William Leversage esq., Phillip Oldfeilde esq., & Ralph Wilbraham esq., feodary, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Randall Rode esq., deceased, by the oath of John Birtles, John Wrench, Alexander Hulme, John Crosbie, William Birtles, John Hollenshed, Geoffrey Mottershead, Richard Wright,

¹ Much of this is torn and illegible, so abstract made from Wards 7, 88/22.

Thomas Harper, Henry Bradshawe, John Middlehurst & Richard Sworton.

They say the said Randall was seised in fee of the moiety of the manor of Odde Rode & of 12 mess., 8 cottages, 4 tofts, a mill, a dovecote, 200 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 400 a. of pasture, 100 a. of wood, 300 a. of furze & heath in Odde Rode ; & of a capital mess., called Leigh Hall, 2 other mess., 2 cottages, 2 tofts, 800 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood, 40 a. of furze & heath in Church Lawton & of an acre & rood of land in Westonleyspon in Church Lawton.

So being seised he enfeoffed divers persons of the premises by divers deeds.

By indenture made 18 September, 39 Elizabeth [1597] he enfeoffed Rowland Barker of Haughmond & Andrew Charleton of Apley, co. Salop, esqs., Richard Barker of Shrewsbury, co. Salop, & Randall Rode of Wallhill, gent., of the manor & town of Rode *alias* Odderode & the capital mess. in Rode, wherein the said Randall Rode now dwells, called Rode Hall & all thereunto belonging, a water corn mill in Rode & all thereunto belonging, to the use as far as the capital mess., called Rode Hall, the closes called Ryefield, the Congrees, the Orchard Croft, the Leighes Pasture, the Wheatfield, the Ouldfeld, the Dawcroft, the Duns Field, the Barre, the Snell Acres, the Horse Pasture, the Rode Wood, & the Redland & Redland Meadow, the More Meadows, 4 parcels of ground below "Maister Rodes Mylne," the Little Leasowe upon Mole & all lands from Turnes Yate to Pevers Yate in Rode & the said water mill with all its liberties, lands & waters, fishponds & "conygrees," both the upper & lower in Rode, with free liberty to fish, fowl & hunt, &c., to the use of the said Randall Rode of Rode, for life, with remainder, as dower, to his wife, Jane, for life & after her death to the said feoffees to pay Alice, Anne, Dorothy & Ellen Rode, daughters of said Randall, £100

each, on marriage or age of 21, with remainder to Thomas Rode, son & heir apparent of said Randall, & his heirs male by his wife, Jane, in default to the heirs male of said Randall; & as to the manor & town of Rode to the use of the said Randall for life, to his wife, Jane, to the said feoffees to pay his said daughters £100 each, &c. [*as before*].

By indenture made 14 March, 2 James I [1604-5] the said Randall Rode conveyed to Jane Rode, widow, late the wife of Thomas Rode, gent., deceased, late son & heir of the said Randall the capital mess. in Lawton, called Leigh Hall, heretofore in the tenure of the said Thomas, & all thereunto belonging, & closes called the Knowles, the Poolfield, the Smethrope Spring, the Gorstie Knowle, Middleroughe, the Neerer Roughs with two crofts, the Ball Flatte, the Poole Meadow, Mossecroft, the Lees, the Sponne, the Woodland Fields, the Two Heyes, the Bowefield, all belonging to the said Hall, to have & to hold to the said Jane for her life.

By deed dated 14 March, 2 James I [1604-5] Randall granted to William Rode, younger son of his late son, Thomas, £5 a year out of lands in Rode & Lawton for life.

By indenture made 15 March, 2 James I [1604-5] between him, of the one part & Edward Beallotte of Moreton, esq., & John Rode of Wallhill, gent., he recites a fine levied at Chester 8 October, 35 Eliz. [1593] conveying to Sir Hugh Cholmondeley kt., the younger, now deceased, & William Liversage esq., the manor & lands in Odderode & Lawton & also recites the indenture of 18 September, 39 Eliz. [1597] (wherein Randall Rode of Wallhill, gent., deceased, father of the said John Rode of Walhall, was feoffee) confirming the jointure to his wife & the money to be paid his daughters Ann & Ellen & the residue to be conveyed to Randall Rode, son & heir of Thomas Rode, deceased, in tail male, with

contingent remainders to William Rode, another son of the said Thomas, in tail male, to Katherine, wife of Tristram Carlile, eldest daughter of the said Randall Rode, in tail male, to Margaret, wife of Francis Styringe, 2d daughter of said Randall, in tail male, to Alice, wife of John Lownes, another daughter, in tail male, to Anne Rode, another daughter, in tail male, to Dorothy, wife of Stephen Tewbeley, another daughter, in tail male, to Ellen Rode, another daughter, in tail male, to the right heirs of Randall Rode, the grandchild.

They say the moiety of the manor of Odde Rode is held of Henry Manwayringe of Caringcham, esq., as of his manor of Caringham by knight service & is worth (clear) £5.

Leigh Hall & the premises in Church Lawton are held of William Lawton esq., as of his manor of Church Lawton in socage & are worth (clear) 53s. 4d.

The said Randall held nothing more, except a burgage in Newcastle under Lyme, co. Stafford, held of the King, as of the Duchy of Lancaster in free burgage & worth yearly (clear) 12d.

The said Randall died 30 June last past & Randall Rode esq. is his next of kin & heir, being son of Thomas Rode, gent., deceased, son of the said Randall & is aged 6 years, 25 days the day of this inquisition.

THOMAS RODE, GENT.

(File 89. No. 6.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 18 April, 7 James I [1609] before Ralph Wilbraham, gent., feodary in co. Chester & Thomas Whitterings, gent., by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Thomas Roade of Roade, gent., by the oath of Edward Cotton of Cotton, esq., William Davenport esq., John Birtles, John Wrench, Francis Hobson, Alexander Hulme, John Crosbie, William Birtles, John Hollinshed, Geoffrey Mottershed, Richard

Wright, Thomas Harper, Henry Bradshawe, John Middlehurst & Richard Sworton, gentlemen.

They say the said Thomas Roade did not die seised of any lands, tenements, reversions, services or hereditaments whatsoever in co. Chester or elsewhere. [No death, date or heir given.]

LAURENCE ROPE OF STAPELEY, ESQ.

(File 97. No. II.)¹

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 23 July, 20 James I [1622] before Hugh Maynwaring esq., escheator, & Peter Daniel, feodary, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of Laurence Rope, late of Stapeley, esq., by the oath of Richard Davenport of Wheltrough, James Bradshaw of Allostock, John Eaton of Blackdon, John Roade of Walhill, Hugh Wardley of Eaton, Humfrey Page of Yeardshaw, Reginald Finlowe of Hulme Walfield, James Trevitt of Sproston, Hugh Venables of Wimbaldesley, William Ravenscroft of Occleston, Philip Downes of Tofte, Richard Wych of Alderley, John Kinsey of Goostree, & Thomas Dale of Withington, gents.

They say that the said Laurence Rope, long before his death, was seised in fee of a capital messuage called Stapley Hall & a dovecote in Stapley & 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 Stapley; 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; 40 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture, 10 a. of waste, in Wigsterston; 2 barns, 30 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture, 2 a. of waste in Saltersich; of one mess., a garden, 30 a.

¹ Torn and illegible in places. Wards 7, 72/5 is also illegible in places. Abstract made from both sources.

of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture & common of pasture & turbary in Hough ; of a yearly of 12*d.* issuing from the lands of Edmund Gamull, gent., in Buerton.

So being seised he made his will on 22 July, 1602. [This will is abstracted in Inq. on Thomas Greene 97/6.]

After the death of the said Laurence, his wife, Mary, by virtue of the said will, entered into the said premises & so being seised took to husband John Smith of Morveld, co. Salop, esq., & both survive & dwell at Middlewich & are seised of the said premises.

They say the premises in Stapley are held of the King by the moiety of a tenth part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) £6 & those in Rope are held of the King, as of the earldom of Chester, by fourth part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) £10.

Those in Willaston held of Sir John Peshall bart. & Richard Walthall esqs., by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 10*s.*

Those in Wigsterston held of the King, as of the earldom of Chester by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 6*s.* 8*d.*

Those in Saltersich held of the King, as of his crown of England by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 20*s.*

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

The said Laurence Rope died 15 December, 45 Elizabeth [1602] without issue & Richard Greene, son & heir of Thomas Greene, late deceased, is his next of kin & heir, being son & heir of Thomas Greene, son & heir of Cecily Greene, one of the sisters & heirs of said Laurence Rope, as well as next of kin & heir of Elizabeth Aston, the other sister & heir of the said Laurence ; & the said Richard is now aged 18 years, 18 months & not more & dwells at Middlewich.

KATHERINE ROSENGREAVE, WIDOW.

(File 105. No. 13.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle 19 April, 18 Charles I [1642] before Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Katherine Rosengreave, by the oath of John Robinson of Chorlton, Thomas Hickocke of Woodbanke, John Kelsall of Wimbaldstrafford, Richard Heath of Weston, William Tomlinson of Waverton, Thomas Borroughs of Clive, Randall Banbury of Broxton, Thomas Hynde of Elton, Henry Phillips of Christleton, William Forshall of Willaston, Thomas Bennett of Willaston, Richard Johnson of Mollington, & Robert Whittingham of Over, gentlemen.

They say that long before the death of the said Katherine, William Rosengreave & the said Katherine, his wife, were seised in fee, in right of the said Katherine, of a capital mess., 4 cottages, 20 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture, 6 a. of wood, 20 a. of furze & heath, & 4s. 4d. rent in Hargreave & Foulkestapleford & so being seised a deed was made between the said William & Katherine & John Rosengreave, their son & heir apparent, of the 1st part, Robert Farrar of Huxley, yeoman, of the 2d, & Henry Birkhened of Backford, esq., & John Tilston of Huxley, esq., of the 3d part, conveying the said capital mess. in Hargreave & closes called Steevens Field, the Cockshutt, Cuttings, Broadwood, Townley Field, Newfield, the Little Aldcroft, the Long Aldcroft, & the Wood in Hargreave & Foulkestapleford to the use of the said Robert Farrar, for 8 years, & conveying a close in Hargreave & Foulkestapleford called the Riddings to the said Robert Farrar, for 8 years for the payment to him of an annual rent of 40s. a year, & after the said 8 years to the use of the said William & Alice & the longer liver of them, with contingent remainders to their said son, John, in tail male, in default to his daughters &

their issue, to the right heirs of said Katherine, a fine to be levied to the purposes of the said indenture, so that £40 a year may be paid to Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary, Anne & Frances Rosengreave, daughters of the said William & Katherine.

The said premises are held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by 100th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4d.

They say that the said William Rosengreave died in the lifetime of his wife, & she, the said Katherine, was seised of the said premises & that John Rosengreave also died before the said Katherine, leaving his wife Dorothy great with child, to wit, John, born posthumously 8 November, 1640.

The said Katherine died 15 September, 1640, at Waverton & the said posthumous John Rosengreave is her next of kin & heir, being son & heir of John, deceased, son & heir of said Katherine & he is now aged 1 year, 5 months, 10 days.

GEORGE RUTTER OF KINGSLEY, GENT.

(File 98. No. 10.)

Inquisition taken at Knuttonesford, 11 August, 21 James I [1623] before Hugh Maynwaringe esq., escheator, Peter Danyel esq., feodary, & George Spurstowe esq., by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of George Rutter of Kingsley, gent., by the oath of Edmund Mouldsworth of Wyncham, William Leigh of Oughtrington, Thomas Gleave of Highleigh, Edward Harper of the same, Philip Downes of Tofte, Alexander Duncalf of Mobberley, Thomas Hall of Lachford, John Middlehurst of Lachford, William Morris of Croppenhall, William Middleton of Storkton, Richard Steele of Reddish, John Longshawe of Lachford, Randall Blackshawe of Hollingie, Edmund Hooe of Ollerton, Philip Antrobus of Peever, Thomas Shawe of Millington, Randall Wright of Ashley,

John Acton of Ollerton & George Massie of Hale; gents.

They say that long before his death, the said George Rutter was seised in fee of the 4th part of the manor or lordship of Kingsley & of 10 mess., 200 a. of land, 100 a. of pasture, 40 a. of meadow, 20 a. of wood, a watermill called Kyngsley Mill in Kingsley & of a fourth part of the waste, heath & moss in the whole fee of Kingsley with appurtenances in Kingsley, Norley, Newton, Lebrin & Cuddington within Kingsley Fee; of a mess., 6 a. of land, 1 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture in Acton by Weverham; of 2 mess., 20 a. of pasture, 6 a. of meadow in Frodesham & Bradley; of 2 mess., 20 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 5 a. of pasture in Helswall.

So being seised, the said George on 12 April, 11 James I [1613] levied a fine at Chester, to the uses of an indenture dated 12 September, 10 James I [1612] between the said George, of one part & Richard Harrison, late of Onston, yeoman, deceased of the other, concerning mess. in Norton, in the tenure of Mary Rutter, widow, late the wife of Richard Rutter, gent., deceased, and Ralph Rutter, their elder son & meadows called Redehey or Kingesleyredehey in Bradley & closes in Kingsley called the Moore *alias* Stamford Moore, the Laches Hey *alias* Hey by Laches of the yearly value of £10, to the use of John Rutter, son & heir of the said George, for life, & after his death to the use of Margaret Harrison, now the wife of the said John Rutter, as her jointure, with remainder to the use of the said George, with contingent remainders to the said John & his sons, in tail male, making provision for Thomas Rutter, younger son of said George & for Margaret, daughter of said George.

By another indenture made 9 November, 17 James I [1619] he granted to the said Thomas Rutter, his younger son, £25 a year & the like to Margaret Rutter, daughter of said George, until the sum of £100 each be paid.

The said George died at Kingsley 27 April last past & Dorothy, his wife, survives ; John Rutter is his son & heir & is now aged 30 years & more.

The fourth part of the manor of Kingsley, Norley, Newton, le Bryn & Cuddington & the premises there are held of Prince Charles as Earl of Chester, by the fourth part of a knight's fee & worth (clear) £6 13s. 4d.

The premises in Frodesham & Bradeley held of the said Prince by 2s. yearly rent & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Acton held of Gilbert, Lord Gerrard as of his manor of Acton & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8d.

Those in Heswall held of the heirs of Patrick de Heswall & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

JASPER RUTTER OF NANTWICH (1).

(File 88. No. 5.)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 14 June, 4 James I [1606], before Henry Maynwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, Ralph Wilbraham, gent., feodary there, Thomas Case, gent., & Richard Clutton, gent., by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Jasper Rutter of Nantwich, 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 Newhall, Robert Lawton of Gorstie Hill, George Rutter of Kingsley, James Trevis of Horton, John Bressie of Teverton, Richard Jonson of Ashton, John Eaton of Sandiwaie, David Hinton of Rushton, Richard Wilbraham of Rease Heath & James Roe of Acton, gentlemen.

They say the said Jasper Rutter was seised the day he died in fee of 15 mess., 15 gardens, 3 saltworks & 5 a. of land in Nantwich.

He was also seised in fee tail, to him & the heirs of the bodies of the said Jasper & Ursula, late his wife, of 2 mess., 2 gardens, 20 a. of land, 20 a. of pasture in Church

Christleton, Little Christleton & Rowe Christleton ; of 2 mess., 2 gardens, 20 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow & 20 a. of pasture in Cotton & Edmund's Cotton ; of a mess. & a garden in the city of Chester.

The premises in Nantwich are held of the barons of Nantwich, as of their manor of Nantwich in free burgage & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Those in Church, Little & Rowe Cristleton are held of Sir John Harper kt., as of his manor of Cristleton in socage, by fealty & rent of 3*d.* yearly & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8*d.*

The premises in Cotton & Edmunds, Cotton held of the heirs of Thomas Venables esq., now deceased, as of their manor of Cotton in socage, by fealty & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8*d.*

The mess. in Chester held of the mayor & citizens of Chester in free burgage & worth yearly (clear) 2s.

The said Jasper Rutter died 18 July, 2 James I [1604] & John Rutter is his next of kin & heir, being son & heir of John Rutter, son & heir of the said Jasper & is now aged 4 years, 9 months, 2 days.

Margaret Rutter, widow, mother of the said John, the heir, has taken the profits, &c., of the premises since the death of the said Jasper.

JASPER RUTTER OF NANTWICH (2).

(File 94. No. 24.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle in the Common Hall of Pleas, 20 April, 18 James I [1620] before Henry Maynwaringe esq., escheator, Henry Delves, gent., feodary, & Richard Hartley, gent., by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire better after the death of Jasper Rutter, late of Nantwich, gent. (a former inquisition having been taken at Nantwich, 14 June, 4 James I [1606]) by the oath of William Davenport of Boughton, John Edwards of Cheaveley, Richard Bride of Broxon,

John Ashbrooke of Tattenhall, William Tailor of Boughton, Francis Hardinge of the same, John Manley of Poulton, William Burgeany of Polford, William Rossengreave of Hardgreave, Ralph Astell of Golborne Bellewe, James Doe of Saughall, John Doe, Richard Chamberlaine, Thomas Barlowe of same, William Heyley of Newton, James Hancocke of same, Henry Phillippes of Christleton, John Crewe of Elton & Thomas Hallwoode of Sutton, gents.

[Continues exactly as the former inquisition 88/5.]

The said Jasper died 18 July, 2 James I [1604] & John Rutter is his next of kin & heir, being son of John, son of said Jasper & is now aged 18 years & more. Margaret Rutter, widow, mother of the said John, has taken the profits of the premises since Jasper's death. The said Jasper held no other lands, &c.

JOHN RUTTER OF KINGSLEY, GENT.

(File 101. No. 12.)¹

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 27 April, 7 Charles I [1631] before Hugh Mainwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of John Rutter, of Kyngsley, gent., by oath of John Nuthall of Cattenhall, Humfrey Page of Yeardshawe, Hugh Amson of Cranage, Ralph Bostock of Moulton, Hugh Venables of Wymboldesley, William Ravenscroft of Occleston, Randall Wrench of Moulton, Richard Whittingham of Over, Thomas Barker, John Bosier, Ralph Maddock, Thomas Maddock, Richard Maddock, Richard Baker, William Tomlynson, & Arthur Joynson of the same, John Wynyngton of Leftwich & Philip Bostock of Bostock, gentlemen.

They say that before the death of the same John, a certain George Rutter, father of the said John, was seised in fee of the 4th part of the manor or lordship of Kyngsley

¹ Where illegible, supplied from Court of Wards, 81/2.

& of 10 mess., 200 a. of land, 100 a. of pasture, 40 a. of meadow, 20 a. of wood & a watermill called Kyngsley Mylne in Kyngsley & of the 4th part of waste, heather & moss of the whole fee of Kyngsley in Kyngsley, Norley, Newton, le Bryn & Cuddington, within the fee of Kyngsley; & of a mess. & 6 a. of land, 1 a. of meadow & 10 a. of pasture in Acton by Weverham; & of 2 mess., 20 a. of pasture, 6 a. of meadow in Frodesham & Bradley; & of 2 mess., 20 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow & 5 a. of pasture in Heswall; so being seised the said George, long before his death, on 12 April, 11 James I [1613] in the Common Hall of Pleas in Chester levied a fine between John Nuttall, Richard Gerrard, James Roe & Richard Mercer, plaintiffs & himself, deforciant, to the use of an indenture made between the said George Rutter, of one part & Richard Harrison, late of Onston, yeoman, deceased, of the other, 12 September, 10 James I [1612] settling the premises in Norley in the tenure of Mary Rutter, widow, late wife of Richard Rutter, gent., deceased, & of Ralph Rutter, elder son of Richard & Mary aforesaid & the lands in the meadow called Rode Hey or Kingsley Rode Hey in Bradley, & the several closes & pastures in Kyngsley called the Moore *alias* Stamford Moore, the Laches Hey *alias* Hey per Laches, to the use of the said John Rutter, son & heir of the said George, for life, with remainder to Margaret Harrison, late wife of the said John Rutter, for life & as to Kingsley Hall & the other manors, premises, &c., in the said places to the use of the said George, for life, with contingent remainders to the said John Rutter & his male issue by said Margaret, to his male issue, in tail male, to his right heirs.

They say that long before John's death, Dorothy Rutter, late the wife of George Rutter, his father, with consent of the said John, entered into the third part of the said premises, as her dower & is still seised thereof.

They say the 4th part of the manor of Kingsley, Norley,

Newton, le Bryn & Cuddington, the capital mess. & premises in Kingsley & Norley are held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by 4th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) £6 13s. 4d.

The premises in Frodesham & Bradeley are held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in chief by rent of 2s. a year & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Acton held of Dutton, Lord Gerrard, as of his manor of Acton, by what service the jurors know not & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8d.

Those in Heswall held of the heirs of Patrick de Heswall, by what service the jurors know not & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The said John died at Kyngsley, 26 March last past & John Rutter is his son & heir & on 2 September last past was aged 17 years.

The said Dorothy & Margaret Rutter both survive & dwell at Kyngsley.

WILLIAM SALMON OF COOLE.

(File 96. No. 6.)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 28 September, 19 James I [1621], before Hugh Maynwardinge esq., escheator in co. Chester, & Peter Danyell esq., feodary there, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of William Salmon, late of Coole, gent., by the oath of John Aston of Aston, Edward Bressey 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, Randall Grafton of Worlston, John Moulton of Faddiley, Oliver Pollet of the same, Francis Betteley of Burland, Thomas Smith of Checkley, Richard Shaw of Betchton, William Gallimore of the same, & John Wright of Willaston, gentlemen.

They say that long before the said William Salmon's

death, his father, William Salmon, was seised in fee of a mess., 13 a. of land, 13 a. of meadow, 14 a. of pasture in Coole Lane, & by indenture bearing date 13 September, 40 Elizabeth [1598] agreed with John Roe of Bickley that within three years he would deliver the premises to Sir Hugh Cholmondeley kt., Richard Maisteron & Richard Salmon, gents., & their heirs to the use of himself & his wife Helen for their lives, with remainder to the said William Salmon in tail male & by indenture of 15 September then following carried out the same. So being seised, William, the father, died seised thereof & Helen, his wife, survived him & entered into the premises & died seised thereof, whereupon the said William entered into the same & died seised thereof 25 July, 15 James I [1617].

Cholmondeley Salmon is his eldest son & heir & is now aged 21 years 6 months & more, & on 25 June, 15 James I [1617] with the consent of his father, the said Cholmondeley Salmon married Elizabeth Whitney, daughter of Elizabeth Whitney, widow, & the said Elizabeth still survives & dwells at Coole Lane.

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

WILLIAM SALMON OF COOLE LANE.

(File 98. No. 18.)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 9 July, 22 James I [1624] before Hugh Maynwaringe esq., escheator, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of William Salmon of Coole Lane, by the oath of Robert Auger of Auger, Robert Poole of the same, Lawrence Cotton of Burcher, William Boulton of Hankelow, John Cartwright of Ashton, Robert Meakin of Hatherton, William Waste of Hunsterston, Randall Grafton of Worleston; Thomas Shenton of Stoke, Thomas Smith of

Checkley, Thomas Scott of the same, Francis Betteley of Burland, Nicholas Hussey of Baddeley, Oliver Pollet of Faddiley, John Moulton of the same, William Gallimore of Betchton, senior, William Gallimore of the same, junior, John Gallimore of the same, Hugh Wheelock of the same, gentlemen.

They say that, long before his death, the said William Salmon was seised in fee of a mess., a garden, 20 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow & 50 a. of pasture in Coole Lane & Newall & died seised of the same 17 January last past. George Salmon is his son & next heir & at his father's death was aged 27 years & more. The said premises are held of the King in chief by the 100th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8d.

ROBERT SARE OF HASSALL.

(File 92. No. 11.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 19 September, 15 James I [1617] before Hugh Maynwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Robert Sare of Hassall, yeoman, by the oath of John Birtles of Birtles, William Venables of Sproston, Reginald Finlowe of Hulmewalfield, Thomas Myddlehurst of Lachford, Arthur Jeynson of Warton, Oliver Lockett of Sandbach, William Boulton of Hancklow, Richard Hill of Appleton, William Taylor of Boughton, Robert Pearson of Lachforde, Thomas Chester of Coole, John Ravenscrofte of Occleston, gentlemen.

They say the said Robert Sare was seised in fee of a mess., 12 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 12 a. of pasture & 12 a. of wood, heath & moor in Hassall. The same were held of Ralph Hassall esq. in socage, by fealty only & are worth yearly (clear) 10s. The said Robert Sare died 8 May, 15 James I [1617] & Richard Sare is his son & heir & is now aged 20 years, 10 months, 10 days.

SIR JOHN SAVAGE KT. & BART.

(File 91. No. 7.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewych, 30 August, 13 James I [1615] before Sir Richard Wilbraham kt., Sir Thomas Delves kt., John Done esq., & Ralph Wilbraham, feodary, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Sir John Savage kt. & bart., by the oath of George Spurstowe of Spurstowe, Henry Arderne of Harden, John Poole of Poole, Edward Cotton of Cotton, Thomas Grimesditch of Grimesditch, esqs., William Allen of Brindley, John Aldersaye of Spurstowe, Alexander Elcocke of Poole, John Aston of Aston, John Nuttall of Cattenhall, Thomas Maynwaringe of Calveley, Edmund Swettenham of Somerford, Julius Wymington of Birches, John Allen of Over Whitley, Humphrey Page of Yearshawe, George Bodon of Bodon, James Trevett of Sproston, Randall Phitheon of Tetton & Hugh Venables of Wimboldesley, gentlemen.

They say that Sir John Savage kt. deceased, father of the said Sir John, was seised in tail male of the manors of Leftwiche, Bostock & Chedle, & the watermill belonging to Chedle Manor, the moiety of the manor of Agdon, 160 mess., 40 cottages, 4 mills, 2 dovecotes, 1100 a. of land, 620 a. of meadow, 1100 a. of pasture, 160 a. of wood, 100 a. of heath, 300 a. of moor, 100 a. of heath, 100 a. of marsh & £5 rent in Leftwich, Bostocke, Chedle, Etchells, Picton, Huxley, Hale, Sparrowegreave, Occleston, Norcrofte, Coole, Codington *alias* Cudington, Norley, Newton, Frodesham, Netherton, Macclesfield, Mottram Andrew, Ollerbarrowe, Poynton, Wydford, Lyme, Wolsencrofte, Stockporte *alias* Stopporte, Chorlton, Orton, Thelwall, Knottesford, Appleton, Grapenhull, Moulton, Warton *alias* Waverton, Davenham, Middlewich, Wichemalbanke, Poole, Aldlem, Wrenbury, Mouldesworth, Manley, Hurlston, Shurlach, Addeswood, Agdon & Ashley; of a yearly rent of £10 4s. 5d. issuing

from certain lands & tenements in Chedleholme in the tenure of Reginald Kelsall, of a mess., a garden & 47s. 8d. rent in the city of Chester.

So being seised, a fine was levied 30 July, 18 Eliz. [1576] at Chester between William Earl of Worcester, Edward Earl of Rutland, Robert Earl of Leicester, Sir Christopher Wray, Sir Giles Allington, Sir Hugh Cholmondeley, kts., John Talbott & George Carye, esqs., plaintiffs, & Sir John Savage kt., & the said John, his son, defendants, to the uses following:—as concerns the premises in Hurlston, Shurlach, Addeswood & Agdon to the use of Sir John Savage the father & Eleanor then his wife & the longer liver of them, with contingent remainders to the said Sir John Savage kt. & bart. & Mary, then his wife, in tail male, the male issue of Sir John, the father, his right heirs; as to the residue (except premises in Macclesfield, Macclesfield Park & Asheley) to the said Sir John kt. & bart. & Mary, his wife, in tail male, with remainders as before. By another fine the premises in Chester City were settled on Sir John & Mary in like manner. So being seised, Sir John, the father, died 5 December, 40 Eliz. [1597] at Rocksavage & Eleanor survived him & died 8 May, 10 James I [1612].

The said Sir John kt. & bart., before his death, was seised in tail male of the manor of Clifton & of the capital mess. of Rocksavage in Clifton, of Clifton Park & of 2 mess., a dovecote, a windmill, 100 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood, 30 a. of marsh, 40 a. of moor, 20 a. of furze & heath in Clifton, of the third part of the manor of Ronchorne & of 10 mess., 10 gardens, 10 orchards, 40 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 100 a. of moor, 20 a. of marsh & 10s. rent in Runckhorne, Over Ronckhorne, Nether Ronckhorne & Halton, of the manor of Chedleholme, & of 30 mess., 10 cottages, 40 gardens, 30 orchards, 400 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 500 a. of pasture, 40 a. of wood, 100 a. of

moor, 160 a. of moss & 10s. rent in Chedleholme, Hanford & Tymperley, & of 16 mess., 4 cottages, 20 gardens, 20 orchards, 100 a. of land, 30 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture in Raynowe, Hurdesfeld, Disley, Wincle, Angreave, Midgley, Sutton & Macclesfield Park, & of the herbage for 120 beasts, i.e. sheep, all the year round in a certain pasture within Macclesfield Forest called Wyldboreclough in the part thereof called the Blackeside of Wyldborecloughe; & of the office of bailiff of the manor & forest of Macclesfeild & of that of Constable or Keeper of the King's Gaol in Macclesfeild & of heriots accruing within the manor & forest of Macclesfeild, appertaining to that office & of all wages & fees thereunto appertaining.

In like manner he was seised of the manor of Shibbrooke & Henhull & of the moiety of the manor of Roade *alias* Odroade & of the 6th part of the manor of Namptwich (except the manor of Haslington & the advowson of that chapel, parcel of the said 6th part) & of 20 mess., 6 cottages, a watermill, 30 gardens, 200 a. of land, 60 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood, 100 a. of moor, 100 a. of moss, 100 a. of furze & heath, £4 rent & rent of 2 lbs. of pepper & 16 pairs of gloves & 20 barbed arrows & 5 roses & of 3 knights' fees in Shipbrooke, Henhull, Road *alias* Odroad, Bradford, Newhall, Coppenhall, Walkerton, Acton, Titley, Ashton, Hooton in Wirhall, Marbury, Stanthorne, Hoole, Baddeley, Newbold, Woadcoate *alias* Woddeck, Alsager, Bridge, Cliffe, Hankylowe, Calveley & Horton, & of a "wychhouse" in Namptwych, of the advowson of the parish church of Davenham; of the manors of Great & Little Barrowe & of 50 mess., 12 cottages, a dovecote, 2 watermills, 60 gardens, 60 orchards, 500 a. of land, 160 a. of meadow, 500 a. of pasture, 100 a. of wood, 100 a. of heath & furze & 20s. rent & rent of 2 roses in Great & Little Barrowe, & Bromhill & the advowson of Barrow Church & of free warren in Great & Little Barrowe & also of a certain

liberty to chase, take, kill & carry away deer, of whatever kind or sort found there ; & of the manor of Tarvyn & of the court baron & leet held there & of certain other liberties & franchises belonging of old to the said manor ; & of 40 mess., 20 cottages, 2 dovecotes, 2 watermills, 60 gardens, 60 orchards, 200 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 50 a. of wood, 300 a. of furze & heath in Tarvyn & of Tarvyn Park, & certain free warren there called Tarvyn Warren, rent of 100s. in Tarvyn, Stapleford & Hockenhull ; of 2 parts of the manor of Kingsley in 4 parts divided, of the manor of Bradley by Frodesham & of 10 mess., 4 cottages, 100 a. of land, 60 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 100 a. of wood, 20 a. of marsh, 1000 a. of moor, 200 a. of moss, 1000 a. of furze & heath, & 40s. rent in the manor of Kingsley, Bradley by Frodesham, Bradley Orchard, Catenhall, Croton & Overton & of the office of the bailiff of Frodesham Lordship, the office of sergeant & serving & making attachments & presentations within Frodesham Manor, the office of keeping the lord's gaol in Frodesham, with wages & fees to that office pertaining.

So being seised, by indenture of 10 September, 42 Eliz. [1600] the said premises in Macclesfield Park & Shipbrooke were settled to the use of Thomas Savage, then esq., now kt. & bart., son & heir of said Sir John kt. & bart., in tail male ; the premises assured to the use of Mary, wife of Sir John, were confirmed to her & the residue, after the death of Sir John, to said Thomas, in tail male, with contingent remainders to John, younger son of Sir John, Richard & William, his other sons, in tail male, Edward Savage esq., brother of Sir John in tail male, Sir Arthur Savage kt., in tail male, the male issue of Edmund Savage gent., deceased, the right heirs of Sir John.

They say the manor of Clifton & cap. mess. of Rock-savage & premises in Clifton are held of the King, as of

his manor of Halton, parcel of the Duchy of Lancaster by the moiety of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £11 5s. 4d.

The premises in Over Runckhorne held in like manner by 40th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Those in Nether Runckhorne & Halton held in like manner by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Appleton held of Peter Warburton esq. in free socage by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Gropenhull held of Peter Leighe esq. in free socage by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Those in Lyme & Thelwall held of the King, as of his Honor of Halton, in free socage by fealty & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The moiety of Agdon Manor & premises there & in Wolsoncroft held of the King, as of his Earldom of Chester, in free socage by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) £3.

The manor of Chedle & Chedleholme & premises in Chedle, Adeswood, Eccheles & Handford held in like manner by 20th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £23 6s. 8d.

The premises in Hale, Tymperley, Ollerbarrowe & Ashley held of Sir George Bouth kt. & bart., as of his manor of Dunham Massye, by fealty & 2s. 6d. rent yearly & worth yearly (clear) £3 10s. 0d.

Those in Poynton & Wydford held of William Davenport of Wydford, esq., in socage, by fealty & rent of 3s. a year & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Those in Mottram Andrew held of George Calvey esq., in free socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4d.

Those in Macclesfeild, except Macclesfeild Park, held of the King, as of his manor of Macclesfeild, in free bur-gage & worth yearly (clear) £3; the office of bailiff there held of the King, as of his Earldom of Chester, by the

service of being bailiff & collecting the rents & profits, worth nothing beyond the reprises; the office of Constable of Macclesfeild Gaol held in like manner & worth nothing beyond the reprises; Macclesfeild Park held in like manner by fealty & worth yearly roos.

The premises in Raynowe, Hurdesfeild, Sutton, Disley, Wincle, Angreave & Midgeley & Wyldboreclough held of the King, as of his manor of Macclesfeild, in free & common socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) £3 6s. 8d.

Those in Stockport, held of John Warren esq., as of his manor of Stopport in free burgage & worth yearly (clear) 15s.

Those in Knottesford held of John Leighe of Boothes, esq., in free burgage by fealty & 12d. yearly rent & worth yearly (clear) 2s.

The manors & premises in Shipbrooke, Hurleston, Shurlache, Bradford, Davenham, Warton, Aldelem, Moulton, Henhull, Pycton, Poole, Leftwych, Roade, &c., & the 6th part of Nantwich manor or barony & the advowson of Davenham Church held of the King, as of his Earldom of Chester, by half a knight's fee & those in Acton held of Ralph Wilbraham by fealty & worth yearly (clear) £23 7s. 8d.

The manor & premises in Bostock, &c. held in like manner, by half a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £20.

The manor of Great & Little Barrow, advowson, &c., held of the King, as of his Honor of Halton, by half a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £24.

The manor of Tarvyn & premises there, &c., held of the King, as of his Earldom of Chester, by half a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) roos.

Two parts of Kingsley Manor & premises there, &c., held in like manner, by 20th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £3.

The manor of Bradley by Frodesham & the premises there, &c. held of John Slade & Thomas Brooke, gents., as of their manor of Frodesham in free socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The premises in Frodesham held of the same of said manor, by fealty & worth yearly (clear) 40s., the office of bailiff held of same & worth nothing beyond reprises & the office of constable in likewise.

Those in Chester held of the Master of the Hospital of St. John without the North Gate of Chester, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) £3 4s. 8d.

The said Sir John Savage kt. & bart. died at Rocksavage 7 July, 13 James I [1615] & Thomas Savage, then kt. & now bart., is his son & next heir & aged 30 years & more.

Mary, late the wife of Sir John, survives & dwells at Rocksavage.

THOMAS, VISCOUNT SAVAGE.

(File 103. No. 12.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, in the Common Hall of Pleas, 7 October, 12 Charles I [1636] before Thomas Savage, William Whitmore, Henry Lee, Henry Birkenhead, esqs., Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator, & George Parker esq., feodary, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Thomas, Viscount Savage, by the oath of William Marbury of Marbury, John Hurleston of Picton, Somerford Oldfeild of Somerford, Henry Leigh of Highleigh, John Daniell of Darresbury, William Glegge of Geaton, Thomas Trafford of Bridgtrafford, Thomas Marbury of Over Walton, Thomas Meoles of Wallesey, esq., John Nuttall of Cattenhall, Robert Venables of Rudheath, William Harcott of Wyncham, Robert Davies of Ashton, John Travers of Horton, Peter Hatton of Quistbitch & John Kelsall of Bridgtrafford, gentlemen.

They say the said Thomas, Viscount Savage, was seised in tail male, with reversion to his right heirs, of the manor of Rocksavage *alias* Clifton & of the capital mess. of Rocksavage in Clifton & of the old park of Clifton called Clifton Park *alias* Rocksavage Park & of 2 other mess., a dovecote, 100 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood, 20 a. of marsh, 40 a. of moor & 20 a. of heath & furze in Clifton ; & of the 3rd part of the manor of Runckorne & of 10 mess., 10 gardens, 10 orchards, 40 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 100 a. of moor, 20 a. of marsh & 10s. rent in Runckorne, Over Runckorne, Nether Runckorne & Halton ; & of the manor of Great & Little Barrow & of 50 mess., 12 cottages, one dovecote, 2 watermills, 60 gardens, 60 orchards, 500 a. of land, 160 a. of meadow, 500 a. of pasture, 100 a. of wood, 100 a. of furze & heath & 20s. rent & the rent of 2 roses in Great & Little Barrow & Bromhill & of free warren in Great & Little Barrow & of a certain liberty to chase, take, kill & carry away deer of either sex found there ; of the manor of Tarvin, with members, & of the Court Baron & Leet held there & all other liberties, franchises & royalties to the same manor belonging ; of 40 mess., 20 cottages, 2 dovecotes, 2 watermills, 60 gardens, 60 orchards, 200 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 50 a. of wood & 300 a. of furze & heath in Tarvin & of a certain park in Tarvin called Tarvin Park & a free warren called Tarvin Warren, & of the rent of 100s. in Tarvin, Stapleford & Stockenhull ; of 2 parts of the manor of Kingsley, in four parts divided ; of the manor of Bradley by Frodsham ; of 10 mess., 4 cottages, 100 a. of land, 60 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 100 a. of wood, 20 a. of marsh, 1000 a. of moor, 200 a. of moss, 1000 a. of furze & heath & 40s. rent in the manor of Kingsley aforesaid & in Bradley by Frodsham, Bradley Orchard, Cattenhall, Crowton & Overton ; of the manor of Shipbrooke ; of the manor of

Bostocke ; of the manor of Leftwich ; of the manor of Huxley & the 6th part of the barony of Nantwich & of 60 mess., 10 tofts, 30 cottages, a windmill, 3 dovecotes, 40 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 300 a. of pasture, 100 a. of wood, 500 a. of furze & heath, 30 a. of moor, 60 a. of moss, 20 a. of marsh, 20 a. of alders, £4 rent, 2 lbs. of pepper & 1 lb. of cummin in Shipbrooke, Bostocke, Leftwich, Huxley, Nantwich, Henhull, Poole, Aldlem, Wrenbury, Netherton, Woodhouses, Halton Park, Cattenhall, Woodes, Macclesfeild, Macclesfeild Park, Shurlach, Davenham, Warton, Moulton, Occleston, Norcroft, Newton, Norley, Croton, Cuddington, Hale, Mottram Andrew, Ollerbarrow, Lym, Wolstencroft, Stockport, Chorleton, Orton, Tilston, Thelwall, Gropenhall, Appleton, Knottesford, Ashley, Sutton by Macclesfield, Raynow, Hurdesfeild, Dishley, Wildbore-Clough, Angreave, Midgley & Wyncle. He was also seised of the manor of Hellesby & of 4 mess., 3 cottages, 7 gardens, 7 orchards, 30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 3 a. of wood, 10 a. of marsh, 10 a. of moor, 10 a. of moss, 100 a. of furze & heath & 6s. rent in Hellesby.

So being seised, a fine was levied at Chester, 20 March, 1 Charles I [1625-6] before the King's justices there, between Francis Earl of Rutland & William Noy esq., plaintiffs, & said Thomas, Earl Savage, by the name of Sir Thomas Savage kt. & bart. & Elizabeth his wife & Sir John Savage kt., his son & heir apparent, deforciant, of the said premises, as by the said fine appears.

He was also seised, in fee, of the castle, manor & borough of Frodsham & of 30 mess., 10 cottages, 20 burghages, a windmill, a dovecote, 60 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture, 3 a. of wood, 100 a. of furze & heath, 20 a. of moor, 20 a. of marsh & 40s. rent in Frodsham ; & of 3 water grain-mills in Frodsham, all in co. Chester.

He was also seised of the manor of Melford, co. Suffolk &

lands, &c., in Melford, Alpheton, Shimplinge, Lavenham & Acton, co. Suff. & in Liston & Borley, co. Essex & conveyed the said manors of Frodsham & Melford, & the premises aforementioned to the said Earl of Rutland & William Noy.

The said fines settled the manors of Rocksavage, Frodsham, Hellesby, Huxley, the 3rd part of Over Runckorne Manor, Frodsham Mills, with mulcture, sok & services thereunto belonging, 2 wooded closes in Cattenhall, called Cattenhall Woods, the demesne lands of Bradley Orchard in Bradley in Frodsham Lordship & all the premises, &c., in Rocksavage, Clifton, Frodsham, Netherton, Overton, Woodhouses, Bradley, Over & Nether Runckorne, Halton, Halton Park, Hellesby, Huxley & Cattenhall Woodes, on the said Viscount Savage, with contingent remainders, after his death, on the said Sir John Savage kt., in tail male, the heirs male of the said Viscount, his right heirs; as concerning the manors of Barrow & Tarvin & the premises in Barrow, Tarvin, Maxfield & Macclesfield Park to the use of the said Viscount, to the said trustees to provide a marriage portion of £1500 to each of the said Viscount's unmarried daughters & after to the said Sir John Savage kt., in tail male, &c. [as before].

As concerning the manor of Melford & premises there, except Lynage Wood in Melford & Raymeadow in Aketon, to the use of the said Viscount, with contingent remainders to his wife Elizabeth, to Katherine, wife of the said Sir John, to the said Sir John, in tail male.

The said Viscount was also seised, in tail male, of a mess., garden & 47s. rent in Chester City & of the advowsons of Alpheton & Stansted, co. Suffolk.

He conveyed to John Minshull & others the manors of Kingsley, Shipbrooke, Bostocke, Leftwich & Occleston, the premises aforesaid in co. Chester & in the city of Chester, the advowsons in Stansted & Alpheton, co.

Suffolk, premises in Liston & Borley, co. Essex, in trust, to the uses of his will.

He was also seised in tail male of the office of Bailiff of the Manor & Forest of Macclesfield & of the office of Constable or Keeper of the King's Gaol in the town of Macclesfield & of the fees, &c., to the said offices appertaining ; & was also seised of the advowsons of Davenham Church & of the parish church of Barrow & of 2 mess. in Aunston & 20 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood, 12 a. of furze & heath in Aunston & of the court leet & view of frankpledge & all thereunto appertaining within the said manors, vills & hamlets of Kingesley, Newton, Croton, Onson, Cuddington & Hellesby, held twice a year.

He was also seised of a windmill in Wydnes, co. Lancs.

The jurors say that Elizabeth, late the wife of the said Viscount, survives & dwells at Rocksavage & Katherine, wife of Sir John, likewise ; & Dorothy, Anne, Katherine & Henrietta Savage are daughters of the late Viscount & survive & dwell at Rocksavage, & are still unmarried.

The said manor of Rocksavage & Clifton & the premises there are held of Henrietta Maria, Queen of England, as of her manor of Halton, co. Chester, parcel of the Duchy of Lancaster, by half a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £11 5s. 4d.

The premises in Over Runckorne held in like manner by 40th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Those in Nether Runckorne & Halton held of the Queen, as of her manor of Halton, in free socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Appleton held of the heirs of Peter Warburton esq., as of his manor of Appleton, in free socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Gropenhall held of the heirs of Sir Peter Leigh kt., as of his manor of Gropenhall, in free socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Those in Lym & Thelwall held of the Queen, as of her manor of Halton, in free socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Those in Wolstencroft held of the King as of his Earldom of Chester, in free socage, by fealty only, & worth yearly (clear) 2s.

Those in Hale, Ollerbarrow & Ashley held of Sir Thomas Booth kt. & bart., as of his manor of Dunham Massie, in socage, by fealty & 2s. 6*d.* rent yearly & worth yearly (clear) £3 5*s.* 0*d.*

Those in Mottram Andrew held of Hugh Calveley esq., in free socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 13*s.* 4*d.*

Those in Macclesfield, except Macclesfield Park, held of the King, as of his manor of Macclesfield in free burgage & worth yearly (clear) £3; the bailiwick of the manor & forest of Macclesfield & all thereunto pertaining, held of the King, as of his Earldom of Chester, by the service of being bailiff & collecting the rents & profits of the King there & worth nothing beyond reprises; the office of Constable of the Gaol there, held in like manner & also worth nothing; the tenements in Macclesfield Park held of the King in socage, by fealty & worth yearly (clear) £5.

The premises in Raynow, Hurdisfield, Sutton, Dishley, Wincle, Angreave, Midgeley & Wildbore Clough held of the King, as of his manor of Macclesfield in free & common socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) £3.

Those in Stockport held of Edward Warren esq., as of his manor of Stockport, in free socage & worth yearly (clear) 15*s.*

Those in Knottesford held of William Leigh of Booths, esq., in free burgage, by fealty & 12*d.* rent yearly & worth yearly (clear) 2*s.*

The manors & premises in Shipbrooke, Shirlach, Davenham, Wareton, Aldlem, Moulton, Henhull, Poole,

Leftwich, Nantwich, Wrenbury & Chorleton, the 6th part of the barony of Nantwich, the advowson of Davenham held of the King, as of his Earldom of Chester, by half a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £13.

The manors & premises in Bostocke, Huxley, Occleston, Norcroft & Orton held likewise & worth yearly (clear) £20.

The manors of Great & Little Barrow & premises there & in Bromhill & the advowson of Barrow Church held of the Queen, as of her Honor of Halton, by half a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £24.

The manor of Tarvin & premises there & in Stapleford & Hockenhull held of the King, as of his Earldom of Chester, by half a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £5.

Two parts of Kingesley Manor and premises there & in Cuddington, Norley, Newton, Cattenhall, Aunston & Croton held in like manner by 20th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £3.

The manors of Frodsham & Bradley by Frodsham & premises there (except Frodsham mills) & in Bradley Orchard, Netherton, Overton & Woodhouses held of the King in chief, by knight service & worth yearly (clear) roos. & the said mills held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, in free socage, by fealty & rent & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The premises in Chester city held of the Master of St. John's without the North Gate of that city in free socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) £3 4s. 8d.

The manor of Hellesby & premises there held of John, Earl of Shrewsbury, as of his manor of Dunham on the Hill, in free socage, by fealty & 2s. rent & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The premises in Tilston, tenure unknown, worth yearly (clear) 2s.

[Tenures of manors & premises in cos. Suffolk, Essex & Lancs.]

The said Thomas, Viscount Savage died at Rock-savage 20 November, 11 Charles I [1635] & the said Sir John Savage kt., now Viscount Savage, is his son & next heir & is now aged 24 years & more.

ROBERT SEFTON.

(File 87. No. 5.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich before Henry Manwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, Ralph Wilbraham gent., feodary there, & Edward Dodd esq., 25 October, 1 James I [1603] by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Robert Sefton, by the oath of Thomas Baskerville of Withington, Robert Rowley of Knoton, Randall Hulse of Clyve, Randall Poole of Auger, William Salmon of Wildheathe, Thomas Balle of Boughton, John Bradshawe of Golborne Bello, William Davenport of Boughton, Thomas Hanley of the same, Richard Ashton of Chorlton, John Bennet of Saughall Massie, Edward Bressie of Allyme, Hugh Furnivall of Bechton & Thomas Somerfelde of the same, gentlemen.

They say the said Robert Sefton was seised in fee of 4 mess., 4 gardens, 200 a. of land, 30 a. of meadow & 40 a. of pasture in Mollington Tor^t *alias* Mollington Torrold, Great Boughton, Lea by Backford, Moston, Long Meadowes & Lytleton *alias* Little Christleton; of a burgage & garden in Northgate Street, Chester; 2 mess., 2 gardens, 60 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture in Mancott & Rake, co. Flint. So being seised, the said Robert made his will 11 March, 44 Elizabeth [1601-2] at Mollington Tor^t *alias* Tourold, bequeathing to his daughter Jane, now wife of William Aldersey junr. of Chester, merchant, £300 & to his daughter Margery Sefton £300 & to his daughter Cecily Sefton £300 at her age of 18 & to his son, Thomas, all his lands in cos. Chester & Flint, to him & his issue.

They say the premises in Mollington Tor^t are held of Edmund Mordant esq., as of his manor of Mollington

Tor^t *alias* Mollington Torrold by fealty & rent of 1*d.* a year & worth yearly (clear) 19*s.* 4*d.*

Those in Great Boughton, Lea by Backford, Moston & Long Meadows held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich in socage by fealty & are worth yearly (clear) £6 10*s.* 6*d.*

Those in Lytleton *alias* Little Christleton held of Sir John Harpur kt., as of his manor of Churchchristleton in socage by fealty & worth yearly (clear) 3*s.* 4*d.*

Those in Chester city held of the mayor & citizens of that city in free burgage & worth yearly (clear) 6*s.* 8*d.*

Those in Mancott & Rake, co. Flint, held of Sir Thomas Egerton kt., Baron of Ellesmere, Lord Chancellor of England, & Alice, his wife, in the right of the said Alice, as of their Castle of Hawarden, in socage & worth yearly (clear) 20*s.*

The said Robert Sefton died 15 March, 44 Elizabeth [1601-2] & Thomas is his son & heir & at his father's death was aged 19 years, 6 months, 4 days.

GEOFFREY SHAKERLEY OF HULME, ESQ.

(File 92. No. 14.)¹

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 6 April, 17 James I [1619] before Sir Robert Cholmonley bart., Richard Wilbraham & Richard Grosvenor, kts., Hugh Mainwaringe esq., escheator, & Henry Delves gent., feodary, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Geoffrey Shakerley of Hulme, esq., by the oath of John Byrtles of Byrtles, Thomas Brooke of Leyton, Edward Bressy of Aulem, Thomas Swettenham of Swettenham, Edmund Mouldsworth of Wincham, Julius Winington of Byrtles, Humfrey Page of Yardshaw, Richard Steele of Sandbache, Thomas Chester of Coole, John Rode of Wallehill, Reginald Finlowe of Hulme

¹ Wards 7/65/41, being in better condition, has been used for this abstract.

Wallfield, John Weverham of Lawton, James Bradshawe of Allostocke, Robert Alcocke of Wimslow, Randal Wrench of Moulton, Arthur Joinson of Waverton & Edward Allcocke of Ashton, gentlemen.

They say that, long before his death, the said Geoffrey Shakerley was seised of fee of the manor of Allostocke & of a capital mess. in Allostock called Hulme Hall & of a watermill, 2 dovescotes, 20 mess., 4 cottages, 600 a. of land, 600 a. of land [*sic*], 200 a. of land [*sic*], 300 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood, 100 a. of furze & heath & 10s. rent & a pair of white gloves in Hulme, Allostocke, & Sendley Mosse ; & of 3 mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of land [*sic*], 20 a. of pasture in Lostocke Gram ; & of a mess., 10 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow & 10 a. of pasture in Nether Peever ; & of the manor of Byley *alias* Bivley ; & of 16 mess., 10 cottages, 300 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 40 a. of wood, 100 a. of furze & heath in Byley *alias* Bivley, Overvatehouses & Nethervatehouses ; of a capital mess., 100 a. of land, 30 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 20 a. of furze & heath in Lachdeanes ; of the capital mess. of Shakerley, 30 mess., a watermill, a dovescote, 600 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 300 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood, 500 a. of furze & heath & 13s. 4d. rent in Shakerley & Tildesley, co. Lancs. ; of 10 mess., 40 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood, 200 a. of furze & heath & 100 a. of moss & turbary in Lytle Hiltoun, co. Lancs. ; of 10 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture, 6 a. of wood, 20 a. of heath & 40 a. of moor & turbary in Westhoughton, co. Lancs.

So being seised, by indenture of 25 January, 16 James I [1618-19] he enfeofed Dame Mary de Cholmondeley, widow, Sir Hugh Beeston, Sir William Massy & Sir Richard Grosvenor, kts., & John Venables & Hugh Winington, gents., of the said premises to the use of Dorothy Leycester, widow of Adam Leycester esq., Eleanor Minshall, widow of Thomas Minshall esq., & Margaret Shakerley,

daughter of Peter Shakerley esq., deceased, for the term of 90 years, on condition that if Philip Oldfield of Somerford & Mary, his wife, at the next assizes convey their estate in Allostocke & Lostocke Gramam to the said Geoffrey, with power to make leases, with remainder to Peter Shakerley, son & heir of Hugh Shakerley, deceased, & his male issue by Margaret, his wife, with contingent remainders to Robert Shakerley, brother of Peter, in tail male, to their brother, John, in tail male, to their brother Francis, in tail male, to Peter Shakerley, son of said Geoffrey, in tail male, to Geoffrey, son of said Geoffrey, in tail male, to John, son of said Geoffrey, in tail male, to the right heirs of said Geoffrey, or if the said Philip Oldfield pay £1400, then the said premises to remain to Peter Shakerley, the grandson, & his wife Margaret, with remainders as aforesaid, as also the residue of the said premises.

They say that Philip Ouldfeld paid the said Geoffrey the money due on 8 February, 16 James I [1618-19] & levied a fine of the said lands.

They say that the premises in Allostocke, Hulme & Sandley Mosse are held of the heirs of Richard de Lostocke Gramam, in socage, by fealty only & are worth yearly (clear) £13 3s. 0d.

The premises in Allostocke held of the heirs of John de Lostocke, in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) £20 1s. 0d.

Those in Lostocke held of the heirs of Richard de Lostocke Gramam, in socage, by fealty only, & worth yearly (clear) 48s.

Those in Peever held of Nicholas de Peever in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 9s.

The said manor of Byley & premises there & in Over & Nether Yatehouses & Lachdenes held of the King in chief by 30th part of a knight's fee & rent of 22s. 2½d. yearly & worth yearly (clear) £14 9s. 3d.

The capital mess. of Shakerley & premises there & in Tyldsley held of the heirs of Thurstan Tildsley of Wardle, in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) £19 16s. 8d.

The premises in Little Hilton held of the heirs of Gilbert de Lymm in socage, by rent of $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of pepper, & by fealty & worth yearly (clear) £4 13s. 4d.

Those in West Haughton held of the heirs of Lord de la Ware in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 26s. 4d.

The said Geoffrey Shakerley died 11 February last past & Peter Shakerley is his next of kin & heir, being son & heir of Hugh Shakerley, deceased, eldest son of said Geoffrey & at Geoffrey's death was aged 23 years & more.

PETER SHAKERLEY OF HULME.

(File 98. No. 19.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 7 October, 22 James I [1624] before Hugh Mainwaringe, escheator, & Peter Danyell esq., feodary, by virtue of the Prince's writ to enquire after the death of Peter Shakerley, by the oath of Alexander Elcocke of Poole, Robert Poole of Auger, Hugh Whittney of Coole, John Cartwright of Aston, James Trevett of Sprowston, Randall Wrench of Moulton, George Bradford of Shipbrooke, Hugh Venables of Wimbalsley, Richard Kettell of Little Hassall, John Shawe of Bechton, Thomas Shenton of Stocke, Oliver Pollet of Fadiley, John Moulton of the same, Francis Bettiley of Burland, Ralph Blease of Shipbrooke & William Ravenscrofte of Occleston, gentlemen.

They say that Geoffrey Shakerley of Hulme, esq., deceased, grandfather of the said Peter, was seised, in his lifetime, of fee, of the manor of Allostocke, & of the capital mess. called Hulme Hall in Allostocke &c., &c. [as in the Inquisition on Geoffrey Shakerley, File 92, No. 14].

By indenture made 13 February, 16 James I [1618-19] between Philip Oldfield of Somerford, esq., & Mary, his

wife, of one part, Dame Mary Cholmonley, widow, late the wife of Sir Hugh Cholmondley kt., deceased, Sir Hugh Beston, Sir William Massie & Sir Richard Grosvenor kt., & John Venables & Hugh Winington, gents., of the other part [reciting the indenture made 25 January, 16 James I¹] it was agreed that it might be lawful for the said Peter Shackerley, son of Hugh Shackerley, deceased, son of said Geoffrey Shackerley, to demise, grant, lease & let to farm the said premises.

They say the said Peter was seised in fee of a mess., 10 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 6 a. of pasture in Alostocke, late in the tenure of John Maddocke & late bought of Henry Crosbie gent.

By his deed dated 12 January, 19 James I [1621-2] he granted to his daughters, Mary, Katherine & Elizabeth Shackerley, £1000, to be levied out of his lands, &c.

The said Peter Shackerley died 17 June last past & Geoffrey Shackerley is his son & heir & on 20 April last was 5 years old.

[Tenures as in File 92, No. 14.]

SIR THOMAS SMITH KT.

(File 97. No. 12.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 12 April, 20 James I [1622] before Hugh Maynwaring, escheator, & Peter Danyell esq., feodary, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of Sir Thomas Smith kt., by the oath of Thomas Baskerville of Oldwithington, John Birtles of Birtles, Humfrey Page of Yardshaw, John Eaton of Goostree, Edward Thornicroft of Thornicroft, Thomas Wardle of Eaton, John Rode of Wallhill, Reginald Finlowe of Hulme Wallfield, James Trevet of Sproston, John Kinsey of Blackden, Lea Henshawe of Henshawe, Anthony Furnivall of Oldwithington, Phillip Downes of Tofte, James Bradshaw of Allostock, Edmund

¹ See Inq. of Geoff. Shakerley.

Howe of Ollerton, John Kersey of Wymboldsley & Hugh Venables of the same, gentlemen.

They say that, long before his death, the said Sir Thomas Smith was seised in fee of the manor of Hough & Great Shavington *alias* Shenton & of 40 mess., a watermill, 40 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 300 a. of pasture, 40 a. of wood in Aldlem, of the moiety of Aldlem Manor ; & of 40 mess., 20 tofts, 2 watermills, 1000 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 100 a. of wood, 100 a. of heath, 100 a. of turbary, 20s. rent in Hough, Swanbach, Great Shavington *alias* Shenton & Wibbunbury ; of the manor of Weston & of 8 mess., 4 tofts, a watermill, 500 a. of land, 500 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 140 a. of wood, 200 a. of turbary, 200 a. of moor, 49s. 8d. rent in Weston & Chorleton.

Also of the manor of Grastie & of 8 mess., 2 cottages, 10 tofts, a watermill, 200 a. of land, 30 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 100 a. of wood, 10 a. of turbary, 10 a. of heath, 10 a. of moor in Grastie, Willaston & Nantwich ; of 3 cottages, 80 a. of land in Saltersich & of 10 mess., 4 gardens, 10 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 20 a. of moor & 21s. 8d. rent in Blakenhall, Godwensley & Heywood ; of 3 mess., 4 tofts, a watermill, 60 a. of land, 4 a. of wood & 4 a. of heath in Teverton ; of 2 mess., a toft, 60 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture, 4 a. of wood & 6 a. of moor in Duddon ; of 2 mess., 40 a. of land in Kelsall ; of 30 mess., 16 saltworks, 200 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 80 a. of pasture, 60 a. of heath & turbary in Nantwich ; of 5 mess., 6 saltworks, 40 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 60 a. of moor & turbary in Middlewich ; of 3 mess., 2 tofts, 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture, 4 a. of wood, 40 a. of moor & turbary in Walgherton ; of a mess., a toft, 30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 4 a. of wood, 60 a. of moor & turbary in Barneton *alias* Barnehill ; of 2 mess., 40 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow,

20 a. of pasture, 5 a. of wood, 30 a. of moor & turbary in Monkcoppenhall; of 2 mess., 20 a. of pasture, 24 a. of land in Aston in Mondrum; of 6 mess., 10 cottages, a toft, 60 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 11s. 2d. free rent in Newton by Middlewich; of a mess., 5 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 3 a. of moor in Little Acton; of 30 a. of land in Henhull; of 30 a. of land in Worleston; of a mess., a toft, 30 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 15 a. of pasture in Deares Smallwood; of a mess., a cottage, 10 a. of land called Flookersbrooke in Newton by Chester; of 10 a. of pasture in Cholmston; of the manor of Hatherton, the moiety whereof at said Sir Thos. Smith's death was held by Sir Thomas Vernon kt. & Dorothy his wife during the life of Dorothy; of 5 mess., 4 cottages, 60 a. of land, 50 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood, 100 a. of moor & turbary & 24s. 6d. rent in Hatherton; of the rectory impropriate of Aldlem, of the advowson of that vicarage; of 5 a. of land in Claverton & Handbridge.

So being seised, on 4 October, 44 Eliz. [1602] a fine was levied at Chester confirming an indenture made 6 August, 44 Elizabeth [1602] between the said Sir Thomas Smith, of one part & Sir William Brereton kt., Thomas Holcrofte, Randall Mainwaringe & Arthur Starkie esqs., settling the said premises on the said Sir Thomas, for life, with contingent remainders to Thomas Smith, son & heir apparent of Lawrence Smith, son & heir apparent of Sir Thomas, in tail male, to Stephen Smith, younger son of said Lawrence, in tail male, to the right heirs of Thomas son of Lawrence.

Sir Thomas was also seised, long before his death, of 60 mess., 40 cottages in the city of Chester & of 3 a. of land in Claverton, 2 a. of land in Handbridge & by his deed of 5 October, 44 Elizabeth [1602] enfeofed his said feoffees thereof to the use of the said Thomas, son of Lawrence.

They say the manor of Hough & premises there were held of Sir Randall Mainwaring of Peever, kt., as of his manor of Baddeley, by fealty & 1*d.* yearly rent & worth yearly (clear) £14.

The moiety of Aldlem Manor & lands there held of the heirs of Richard de Vernon, as of his barony of Nantwich, in pure socage & worth yearly (clear) £20, except 5 a. called Goosecroft *alias* Gorsecroft held of the Prince, as Earl of Chester, in chief, by 20th part of a knight's fee, & 2*s.* rent.

The manor of Great Shavington *alias* Shenton, tenure unknown, worth yearly (clear) £10.

The premises in Wibbunbury (except the Chauntry) held of the Bishop of Lichfield & Coventry in the right of his episcopate by fealty & rent of 1*d.* & the Chauntry held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, in socage, by fealty only & all the lands in Wibbunbury are worth yearly (clear) 40*s.*

The manor of Weston & premises there & in Choleton held of the King by fealty & 1*d.* rent & a pair of white gloves & worth yearly (clear) £5.

The manor of Grastie & premises there held of the Prince, as Earl of Chester by fealty & rent of a pair of white gloves yearly & worth yearly (clear) £10.

The premises in Willaston, Wistaston & Saltersich held of the King by fealty & 4*s.* rent & worth yearly (clear) £8.

Those in Blakenhall & Godwinsley held of the King by fealty & 1*d.* rent & worth yearly (clear) 33*s.* 4*d.*

Those in Teverton held of Robert Bressie by service of a rose yearly & worth yearly (clear) £3.

Those in Duddon held of the Prince, as Earl of Chester, by 40th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 18*s.*

Those in Aston in Mondrum held of Robert Davyes gent., by fealty & worth yearly (clear) 5*s.*

Those in Kelsall held of Sir John Done kt. in socage & worth yearly (clear) 20*s.*

Those in Nantwich held of the King & Sir Richard Egerton kt. & the heirs of Francis Menerell & of Henry Maynwaring esq., by fealty & are worth yearly (clear) £33.

Those in Middlewich held of Peter Venables esq., by fealty & 2s. rent & worth yearly (clear) £5.

Those in Walgherton held of George Vernon esq., by fealty & 4s. rent & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Barneton *alias* Barnehill held of William, Earl of Derby, by fealty & worth yearly (clear) 18s.

Those in Monks Coppenhall held of the King by fealty & 4s. rent & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Tenure of those in Newton by Middlewich unknown & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Those in Deares Smallwood held of the King, service unknown & worth yearly (clear) 50s.

Those in Henhull, Worlston & Little Acton held of Sir Thomas Savage kt. & bart., in socage & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The manor of Hatherton & premises there held of the King in chief, by knight service & worth yearly (clear) £10.

The premises in Flockersbrooke in Newton held of John Hurliston esq., as of his manor of Newton, except a cottage held of the King in socage, as of his manor of East Greenwich & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

Those in Cholmeston worth yearly (clear) 8s., tenure unknown.

Tenure of the rectory & advowson of Aldlem unknown.

Premises in Claverton & Hanbridge held of Thomas Dutton esq., in socage, worth yearly (clear) 5s.

Those in Chester city held of the mayor & citizens in free burgage & worth yearly (clear) £10.

The said Sir Thomas Smith died 21 December, 12 James I [1614] & Lawrence Smith was his son & heir & Thomas Smith beforenamed survives & at the time of Sir Thomas' death was aged 40 years.

Anne, wife of Sir Thomas Smith, survives & dwells at Hatherton & has taken the profits of the manors of Hatherton & Weston as her dower.

Lawrence Smith aforesaid died 19 January, 18 James I [1620-1] at Wybbunbury & Thomas Smith has taken the residue of all the profits, &c.

ROBERT SPARK.

(Wards 7. File 32. No. 155.)¹

Inquisition taken at Sandbache, 22 April, 4 James I [1606] before Henry Maynwaringe esq., escheator, George Vernon esq. & Ralph Wilbraham gent., feodary, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Robert Spark gent., by the oath of John Nuthall of Catnall, Richard Gerrarde of Crewe, Julius Wynington of Byrches, John Wrench of Shurlache, Ralph Bostock of Moulton, John Ravenscrofte of Occleston, Oliver Vernon of Midlewiche, John Pigott of Somerforde, Peter Worde of Somerforde, John Eaton of Goostree, William Hatton of Norley & Thomas Hatton of Kingsley, gentlemen.

They say the said Robert Spark was seised of fee of a mess. & a garden in Hospital Street in Nantwich late in the tenure of Thomas Maynwaringe & now of William Ince; of a mess. & garden in the same street late in the tenure of Oliver Prince & now of Edward Mynshall; of a mess. & garden in Welche Row there in the tenure of Edward Breane; of a mess. formerly a saltworks of 12 leads, in the High Street there, late in the tenure of Robert Reedes *alias* Rodes & now of Richard Wilbraham, blacksmith; of a saltwork of 13 leads in the tenure of Edward Breane; of another of 6 leads in Woodstreet there, under the same roof with that of William Hassall gent., in the tenure of said Edward Breane; of another of 6 leads between the High Street on the S. &

¹ This Inq. does not appear in the List of Inqs. in Chester 3.

the land of the late dissolved Priory of St. Thomas the Martyr, co. Staff. on N. & land late of William Egerton gent. on E. & of the dissolved Monastery of Cumbermeyre on W. late in the tenure of Thomas Wilkes ; of another of 6 leads on Snorehill there, late of the heritage of Margaret Loryman, now in tenure of Mathew Wright ; of another of 6 leads next the Heatinghouse Meadow Ende, late of the heritage of said Margaret, now in the tenure of Edward Breane ; of a yearly rent of 3s. issuing from 2 cottages in Beamebridge Street in Nantwich formerly in tenure of Michael Baker & now divided into 3 cottages in tenure of Robert Hall, John Cowper & Thomas Cowper ; of a mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 5 a. of wood in Wolstanswoodd in Nantwich, with herbage in a field there ; of a mess., 12 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, & 12 a. of pasture in Church Copenhall, now in tenure of Robert Lea ; of a cottage, 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture & 2 a. of wood in Brynley & Burlande, in tenure of Philip Sparke gent., Brian Richardson, Thomas Crewe & John Corson ; of 20 a. of land in Henhull, in the tenure of Philip Sparke ; of a cottage & barn & a pasture called Beanebridge field in Nantwich late in the tenure of Ralph Stooke & now of Edward Breane & Thomas Parker.

So being seised, the said Robert Sparke made his will, appointing his brother, Sir Robert Vernon kt. & his cousin, Mr. George Vernon, executors, desiring his lands should be sold & the proceeds divided among his wife & three daughters, Elizabeth Mynshall, Cecily & Katherine Sparke, the same being dated the last day of February 1603(-4).

By indenture of 20 June, 3 James I [1605] made between the said executors of 1st part & Elizabeth Mynshall, widow, Cecily & Katherine Sparke, of 2nd part & Simon Harvy & Stephen Brocton of 3rd part the said premises were sold to the said Simon & Stephen.

They say the tenement in Hospital Street was held of the King as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, by fealty & yearly rent of 2*d.* & worth yearly (clear) 6*s.* 8*d.* & the other premises there in tenure of Edward Mynshull held of Roger Wettenhall of Copenhull, gent., in free socage, by fealty & 2*s.* rent & worth yearly (clear) 8*s.*; those in Welch Row held of the heirs of Richard Wright, deceased, in free socage & 8*s.* rent & worth yearly (clear) 5*s.* 4*d.*; a moiety of the former saltworks of 12 leads held of Robert Cholmondly esq., in socage, by fealty & rent of 20*s.* yearly & the other moiety held of Henry Mainwaringe in free socage, by fealty only & the whole worth yearly 8*s.*; the saltworks in Wood Street held of Ralph Wilbraham gent., by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 20*s.*; that in High Street & the land of the late dissolved Priory of St. Thomas held of Robert Cholmondley esq., in free socage by fealty & rent of 6*s.* & worth yearly 20*s.* & the other late the heritage of Margaret Loryman held of Thomas Brooke of Leighton, gent., in free socage, by fealty & rent of 10*s.* & worth yearly (clear) 33*s.* 4*d.*; those in Wolstanswood held of Randall Church in free socage by fealty & rent of 16*s.* 8*d.* & worth yearly (clear) 40*s.*; those in Church Copenhall held of the King, as of the late hospital or priory of St. John of Jerusalem in England, in free socage, by fealty & rent of 6*d.* & worth yearly (clear) 12*s.* The premises in Bryndley & Burland held of Sir Randall Maynwaringe kt. in free socage, by fealty & rent of a barbed arrow, & worth yearly (clear) 26*s.* 8*d.* Those in Henhull held of the King by rooth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 13*s.* 4*d.* Those in Beamebridgfield held of the King, as of his purparty of the barony of Nantwich by the rooth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 13*s.* 4*d.*

The said Robert Sparke died 20 March, 1 James I [1603-4] & Elizabeth, late the wife of Thomas Mynshull,

the younger, gent., deceased, Anne, wife of George Ayer gent., Cecily & Katherine Sparke are daughters & next heirs of said Robert, & at their father's death, Elizabeth was aged 23 years, Anne 21, Cecily 20 & Katherine 19; & since the said Robert's death, Elizabeth, Cecily & Katherine have taken the profits & rents of the said premises.

SIR THOMAS STANLEY OF ALDERLEY.

(File 88. No. 6.)¹

Inquisition taken at Northwich, 23 April, 4 James I [1606] before Thomas Wilbraham esq., Hugh Beeston esq., Henry Maynwaring esq., escheator, & Ralph Wilbraham gent., feodary, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Sir Thomas Stanley kt., by the oath of Ralph Leftwiche of Leftwiche, Edward Cotton of Cotton, esqs., Edmund Swetenham of Somerford, John Wrench of Shurlach, William Allen of Rothestorne, Humfrey Page of Yardshaw, William Malbone of Budworth, Julius Wynington of Birches, George Bowdon of Bowdon, James Roe of Acton, Robert Pikmere of Houlse, John Pigott of Somerford, George Rutter of Kingsley, Peter Leighe of Oughtrington, David Hinton of Rushton, William Foxley of Pikmere & John Eaton of Sandiway, gentlemen.

They say that Thomas Stanley esq., deceased, grandfather of the said Thomas, was seised of fee (among other things) of 3 mess., a cottage, 100 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture & 10 a. of wood in Woodley & Bradbury & of a mess., 100 a. of land in Alderley in the tenure of Ralph Henshall & on 17 November, 16 Eliz. [1573] he granted by deed to his brother Randall Stanley gent., & Alice his wife £4 a year, to be paid out of the said premises, during their lives & the longer liver of them. The said Randall died, but Alice survives & dwells at

¹ Torn and faint; taken from Wards 7/32/165.

Wevor, & after the death of his grandfather, the said Sir Thomas entered into the said lands.

They say that Randall Stanley esq., father of the said Sir Thomas, was seised of fee of the manor of Wevor & of a capital mess. called Alderley Hall in Nether Alderley & of lands thereunto belonging & by deed bearing date 1 March, 35 Eliz. [1592-3] granted to Thomas Pott a yearly rent of 40s. out of his lordship of Wevor, for life ; the said Thomas Pott still survives & dwells at Wevor, & by another deed of 16 April, 36 Eliz. [1594] he enfeofed Henry Delves esq., Henry Maynwaringe of Carincham, esq., Roger Bromeley of Bagworth, esq., Richard Brereton esq., Richard Maisterson gent. & Edward Minshall gent. of Wevor Hall, with all thereunto belonging & of those mills & smithies in Wevor & all pools, waters & water-courses thereunto belonging, & closes there called the Milne Meadow, the 2 Barn Crofts, the "poolestid where the old house did stand as it is now inclosed," the Cheritree Crofts, the High Lees, Paddockes Moore, the Conigree & "the field wherein the new house standeth," the Clay Crofts, Nicksons Field, Lardens Field, the Woodfield, the Great Woodcock's Lake, Little Woodcocks Lake, Longley Flatte, Longley Flatte Meadow, Vicars Meadow, the Milne Field, "Hollands eye with the cowfold adjoining," Robinsons Meadow, the weare eye, Maynwarings Meadow, the great eye, the marled croft, the sande croft, the Chapell croft, How medow, Holden & Caringtons Meadow, all parcel of Wevor Manor, with the liberty of cutting, taking & carrying away sufficient underwood yearly in Wevor Woods & Holden Soutwoods, to be used yearly at the said capital mess. & not elsewhere, to the use of himself for life, with remainder to his wife, Margaret, who still survives & dwells at Wevor.

By his deed of 16 April, 36 Eliz. [1594] for the advancement of his daughters, Mary & Margaret Stanley, the said Randall conveyed to the said trustees all the woods

& wooded lands in Wevor called Wevor Woods, Holden, the Outwoods or Soutwoods, with liberty to cut & crop wood for making "wichewoodde," in co. Chester, for 60 years after his death, to pay his said daughters 40s. a year, but if his son & heir apparent Thomas will pay each of his said daughters £500 as marriage money, the same to be void.

The said Randall Stanley died 17 June, 37 Eliz. [1595] leaving Mary & Margaret unmarried, & no other daughter, & they survive & dwell at Wevor.

The said Randall was also seised of closes & lands in Nether Alderley appertaining to Alderley Hall, & by deed of 18 April, 36 Eliz. [1594] he granted to his younger son, Randall Stanley, a yearly rent of £20 out of the same during the lives of Ralph Duddesbery & Robert Chetam & they survive & dwell at Woodley.

The said Sir Thomas was seised of fee of the manors of Overalderley, Little Meales & Pulton Launcelyn, of the moiety of the manor of Clive *alias* Cliffe & of 6 mess., a windmill, 100 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood, 20 a. of moor & 20 a. of heath in Nether Alderley, & of a mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow & 20 a. of pasture called Fernehill in Nether Alderley & of 2 mess., 20 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, & 20 a. of pasture in Netheralderley, late parcel of the possessions of the dissolved monastery of Dienlacles, co. Staff. & of a bovaté of land in Rushton by Eaton, & of a yearly rent of 5s. in the vill of Barrettespoole & of a parcel of meadow of $\frac{1}{2}$ an a. in Wimballesley & of 1 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow in Stanthorne in a meadow called Mothers Mosse & of certain services & a yearly rent of 6d. in Spittle & of another yearly rent of 20d. in Middlewich.

So being seised, on his marriage with Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Peter Warburton kt., Justice of the Queen's Bench, by indenture bearing date 17 September, 43 Eliz. [1601], under the name of Thomas Stanley of

Alderley, esq., he enfeoffed Peter Warburton, Justice of the Bench & Henry Delves of Doddington, esq., with the manors of Wevor, Over Alderley & Pulton Launcelyn, the moiety of the manor of Clive & all other his mess., salt-houses, lands, &c., in Wevor, Over & Nether Alderley, Clive, Stanthorne, Wimbaldesley, Middle Wich, Newton near Middlewich, Rushton, Romeley, Bradbury, Upton near Macclesfield, Pulton Launcelyn, Bebington, Spittle, Little Meales, & Barretts Pool, to the following uses : as to Overalderley Manor & lands in Over & Nether Alderley to the use of the said Thomas & Elizabeth, in tail male, & as to the residue of the manors, &c., to him, in tail male, to his right heirs. A fine was thereof levied at Chester, 21 September, 43 Eliz. [1601].

They say a certain Francis Acton was seised of 2 mess., 2 gardens, 40 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood, 40 a. of furze & heath in Over Alderley & levied a fine 4 Oct., 44 Eliz. [1602] at Chester whereby the said Francis, Richard his son & Elizabeth, his wife, conveyed the same to the said Thomas & Elizabeth his wife & the heirs of said Thomas.

By indenture of 10 April, 1 Jas. I [1603] the said Thomas conveyed to Peter Frecheville, Henry Maynwaring esq., Richard Wilbraham & Thomas Delves, gents., Wevor Hall, his grain mill & lands in Wevor, Alderley Hall & lands, &c., there, the Brickfield, Poole Meadow, Sandfield, Higher & Lower Oxhey, Salt Meadows, Crookes Eye, now inclosed, for 15 years, to raise dowries of £200 each for his daughters, Mary, Margaret & Alice Stanley. They still survive, unmarried.

By indenture of 10 May, 3 Jas. I [1605] he made further provision for payment to his sisters, Mary & Margaret Stanley, of £320 a year.

They say that Sir Edward Fitton kt. was seised of fee of the manor of Alderley *alias* Nether Alderley, with view of frankpledge, & divers liberties & rents in Alderley,

Over Alderley, Chorley, Houghe, Warford, Chelford, Astley, Byrtles, Mobberley, Ollerton, Torkinton, Offerton, Norbury, Occleston & Sutton & the advowson of the church of Alderley *alias* Nether Alderley & with consent of his son & heir apparent, Edward Fitton esq., for £2000 sold the same to the said Thomas Stanley & Elizabeth his wife & their issue, with remainder to the right heirs of Thomas & the said Elizabeth being seised of divers mess. & lands in Barlowe, Dromfield & Beighton, co. Derby, the said Thomas & Elizabeth alienated the same for £1300 & the said Thomas raised the other £700 & paid the said £2000 to said Fitton.

They say the manor of Wevor was held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in grand serjeanty & the tenements in Wevor in jointure of the said Margaret Stanley widow, are worth yearly (clear) £4; the wooded lands there worth 40s. & the residue of lands, &c. in Wevor worth £6.

The manor of Over Alderley held of the King, as of his barony of Halton, parcel of his Duchy of Lancaster, by $\frac{1}{4}$ part of a knight's fee, worth yearly (clear) £10.

The manor of Little Meales held of Thomas Meales esq., by rent of a red rose, worth yearly (clear) £4.

The moiety of Clive Manor, tenure unknown, worth yearly (clear) 37s. 9d.

The premises in Nether Alderley & the tenement called Fernehill there held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £6.

The premises in Nether Alderley, late parcel of the possessions of the late monastery of Dieulacres, held of the King in chief by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 30s.

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

The yearly rent in Barrettes poole held of Robert Cholmeley esq., by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

Those in Wimbaldesley held of William Brereton of Ashley, esq., by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 3s.

Those in Stanthorne, tenure unknown, worth yearly 4s. 10d.

Those in Pulton Launcelyn held of Thomas Marbury esq., as of his manor of Dodelston & worth yearly (clear) 2s. 6d.

Those in Spittle held by fealty only, of whom unknown & worth yearly (clear) 6d.

Those in Middlewich, tenure unknown, worth yearly (clear) 20d.

Those in Over Alderley bought of Francis, Richard & Elizabeth Acton, held of the King, as of his barony of Halton, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The manor of Alderley *alias* Nether Alderley & premises in Over Alderley, &c., bought of Sir Edward Fitton kt., held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £5.

The said Thomas Stanley died 21 November last past & Thomas Stanley is his son & heir & on 31 May last was aged 8 years.

WILLIAM STANLEY ESQ.

(File 90. No. 13.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 3 June, 11 James I [1613] before Sir Richard Wilbraham kt., John Mynshull esq., Henry Maynwaryng esq., escheator, & Ralph Wilbraham, feodary, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of William Stanley esq., by the oath of Edward Cotton of Cotton, esq., Thomas Brooke of Leighton, John Aston of Aston, John Brayne of the same, Humphrey Page of Yeardshawe, Hugh Anson of Cranage, James Trevett of Sproston, William Pratchet of Worleston, Richard Wilbraham of Reaseheath, George Langford of Tranmore, Oliver Vernon of Middlewich,

Edward Bressye of Audlem, Robert Whitney of Coole, Hugh Venables of Wimbaldsley & Randall Phitheon of Tetton, gentlemen.

They say that Sir Roland Stanley kt., grandfather of said William, being father of Sir William Stanley kt., father of said William, was seised of fee of the manors of Hooton & Sturton & of 60 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 4 a. of wood, called Rove Acre, in Hooton ; of a mess., 40 a. of land & 2 a. of meadow in Chorleton by Backford ; of 3 mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow in Upton in Wyrhall ; of a mess., 6 a. of land in Thyngwall ; of a mess., 4 a. of land in Tranmore ; of a mess., 8 a. of land in Kyrkbey Walley *alias* Kyrkeby Wallesye ; of a mess., 14 a. of land & 4s. rent in Great Saghull ; of a mess., a bovate of land in Childerthornton in Wyrhall ; of a mess., a bovate of land in Moreton in Wyrhall ; of 2 a. of land & pasture in Pennesby in Wyrhall ; of 2 mess., 100 a. of land, 40 a. of pasture, 20 a. of meadow, 40 a. of moor & turbary in Mollyngton Banester ; of 4 mess., 50 a. of pasture, 10 a. of meadow in Meoles ; of 2 mess., 80 a. of land, called the Woodbank in Rogh Shotwick ; of 4 mess., 40 a. of land in Lower Bebbington ; of 40 a. of land in Pulton Launcelyn ; of a mess., 8 a. of land in Spytte ; of a mess., 30 a. of land in Brombrugh ; of 2 mess., 300 a. of land, 200 a. of meadow, 300 a. of pasture in Buerton by Audford.

So being seised, a fine was levied at Chester, 20 February, 18 Eliz. [1575-6] between Sir Thomas Gerrard kt., Randall Brereton, Robert Hesketh, esqs. & others, plaintiffs & the said Sir Roland Stanley kt., William Stanley esq., his son & heir apparent & Elizabeth, wife of said William, deforciant, of the said manors & premises, conveying the same to the said plaintiffs to the use of the said Sir Roland, for life, with contingent remainders to William, his son & heir apparent, to said William, named in the commission, in tail male, to Sir

Roland, 2nd son of William, son & heir apparent of Sir Roland, in tail male, to his 3rd, 4th, &c. sons, in tail male, to John Stanley, younger son of Sir Roland in tail male, heirs male of Sir Roland, to Edward, son of Sibyl, daughter of William Thomason, deceased, *alias* Edward Penleton, *alias* Edward Stanley, bastard son of said Sir Roland, & his male issue, to Edward Stanley, brother of Sir Roland, in tail male, his brother John Stanley, in tail male, the right heirs of William Stanley, son of William, son of Sir Roland, for ever, as more fully appears in an indenture of 10 November, 17 Eliz. [1575].

They say the manor of Sturton & premises are held of the King, as of his Earldom of Chester, in chief, by 10th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £4 13s. 0d.

The manor of Hooton held of Margaret, formerly the wife of Hamo le Strange by fealty only & worth (clear) yearly, £12, & the premises there held of John Whitmore esq., by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 30s.

The premises in Chorleton held of the Dean & Chapter of Christchurch & St. Mary, Chester, in socage, by fealty only, & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Those in Upton held of the heirs of John Warwyck in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 4 marks.

Those in Thyngwall held of the heirs of Robert Fulleshurst esq., in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

Those in Tranmore held of the heirs of Gilbert Salisbury in socage by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 4s.

Those in Kirkby Walley *alias* Kyrby Wallesey held of John Lytherland by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 6s.

Those in Salghall held of the heirs of John Parys in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 17s.

Those in Childerthornton held of the said Dean & Chapter of Chester Cathedral in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 9s.

Those in Moreton held of John Bruyn esq., in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 8s.

Those in Pennesbey held of the King, as in the right of the late dissolved Priory of St. John of Jerusalem in England, in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Those in Mollyngton Banester held of the King in socage, by the yearly rent of 1*d*. & worth yearly (clear) £4.

Those in Meoles held of the King as in the right of the late monastery of Basyngwork, in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Nether Bebbington held of John Ireland esq., in socage by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 23s.

Those in Pulton Launcelyn held of Edward Grene gent., in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Those in Rogh Shotwyck held of the heirs of John Parrys in socage by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 30s.

Those in Brombrugh held of the said Dean & Chapter by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 12s.

Those in Spittle held of the said Edward Greene, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 6s.

Those in Buerton held of Edward Fytton esq., as of his manor of Audford by fealty & suit of his court of Audford & worth yearly (clear) £33 13*s*. 4*d*.

The said William Stanley esq. died 4 January, 10 James I [1612-13] & William Stanley esq. is his son & next heir & on 26 April last past was aged 6 years.

WILLIAM STANLEY OF ASTLE, GENT.

(File 98. No. 11.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 16 January, 21 James I [1623-4] before Hugh Mainwaring esq., escheator, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of William Stanley, late of Astle, gent., by the

oath of Edward Thornicrofte of Thornicrofte, Lea Henshawe of Henshawe, Thomas Grastie of Warforde, William Parsons of Maxfield, Hugh Wardle of Eaton, Mathew Whitton of the same, Francis Acton of Alderley, Anthony Furnifall of Millhouse, John Birkles of Hill, Henry Hough of Chorley, Reginald Mottram of Mottram, John Snelson of Astle, Edward Barlow of Fallibrome, Francis Barlow of the same, Hugh Venables of Wimboldesley, Randall Barlow of Macclesfield, William Ravenscrofte of Occleston, Ralph Blease of Shipbrooke & Randall Wrench of Moulton, gentlemen.

They say that, long before his death, the said William Stanley was seised in fee & right & in reversion after the death of his father, Thomas Stanley gent., of a capital mess., 3 cottages, 4 gardens, 100 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 4 a. of wood, 4 a. of furze & heath & 11s. rent in Astle.

By indenture bearing date 8 November, 8 James I [1610] made between the said William, of one part & John Lowe, of Chelford, yeoman, of the other, in consideration of a marriage to be had between the said William Stanley & Ellen Lowe, one of the daughters of the said John (which marriage afterwards took place) it was agreed a fine should be levied conveying to George Lowe of Gawesworth, yeoman & James Baxter of Astle, husbandman, the capital mess. in Astle, wherein the said William Stanley & his mother, Elizabeth Stanley, dwelt, with all gardens, lands, &c., thereunto belonging & all mess. & lands in Chelford & Astle wherein the said Thomas, Elizabeth or William had any estate, to the uses as follows: the kitchen, the lesser middle chamber, the chamber next the kitchen door, the stable, one bay of the barn at the north end thereof in the said capital mess., the Flash Meadow, Brome Croft, New Hey, Little Buckley, Wood Feild, the Greater Intacke & a little croft called the Bottome & the moiety of land called the

Greene, to the use of Richard Lockett of Old Wythington & John Beche of Bentelee, co. Staff., yeoman & the longer liver of them during the life of the said Elizabeth Stanley, & the moiety of the residue of the capital mess., the Greater Highfield, the Howle Croft, the Spanks, the Great Buckley, the Rome Crofts, Foxley Heath, the Lesser Intacke, the Broad Meadow, belonging to the said capital mess., to the use of Ellen Lowe, afterwards Ellen Stanley, wife of the said William, for life, as dower ; & the residue of the capital mess., & of all other mess. & lands to the said William, as also the reversion after the deaths of Elizabeth & Ellen & his issue by the said Ellen, with contingent remainders to the heirs of the body of William, to the right heirs of Edward Astle, deceased.

The said mess., lands, &c., held of Henry Mainwaringe esq., in socage, by yearly rent of 6*d.* & worth yearly nothing to said William because Thomas Stanley, father of the said William, survives & dwells at Heywood, co. Staff., & Elizabeth survives & dwells at Old Withington & Ellen at Astles, & the premises are worth 10*s.* a year (clear).

The said William died 3 November last past & William is his son & heir & is now aged 5 years, 10 months.

WILLIAM STANLEY OF HOOTON, ESQ.

(File 105. No. 18.)

Inquisition taken at Chester, 8 September, 20 Charles I [1644] before John Werden esq., George Walker gent. & Thomas Berington gent., by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of William Stanley of Hooton, esq., by the oath of John Barkley of Little Saughalls, John Frogg of Whittby, John Brescie of Teverton, John Robinson of Chorleton, Thomas Littlemoore of Littlemoore, John Kelsall of Mickletrafford, Thomas Kirke of Mollington, James Hallwood of Sutton, William Huntington of Childerthornton, John Bennett

of Willaston, William Bennett & John Wood of the same, Richard Johnson of Molington & Thomas Bennett of Barnston, gentlemen.

They say the said William Stanley, long before his death, was seised in fee of the manor of Hooton & of 60 a. of land, 2. a. of meadow, 4 a. of wood called Rouvacre in Hooton ; of the manors of Great & Little Sturton ; of the manors of Estham, Plymyarde, Buerton *alias* Burton, & Churton Heath & the advowson & right of patronage of the vicarage of Estham & of the advowson of the rectory or church of Bebington, of the rectory appropriate of Upton & all tithes thereunto belonging ; of a mess., 40 a. of land, 2 a. of pasture in Chorleton ; of 3 mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, in Upton ; of a mess., 4 a. of land in Tranmore ; of a mess., a bovaté of land in Childer Thornton ; of 160 a. of land, 40 a. of pasture, in Penesbye ; of 2 mess., 100 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 40 a. of moor & turbary in Mollington Banester ; of 4 mess., 40 a. of land in Nether Bebington ; of a free fishery in Rough Shottwicke.

So being seised, by indenture bearing date 20 January, 17 Charles I [1641-2] made between the said William Stanley & John Barker of Newton, co. Staff., yeoman, on payment of £700, the said William demised to the said John the manors of Hooton, Great & Little Sturton, & all lands, &c., thereunto belonging for 21 years, at a yearly rental of £50.

By indenture of 21 January, 17 Charles I [1641-2] he demised to the said John Barker, his manors of Estham, Plymyarde, Buerton *alias* Burton, & Churton Heath & all other the premises for 31 years, at a peppercorn rent.

The said manor of Hooton is held of the heirs of Margaret, formerly wife of Hamon le Straunge by fealty only & is worth yearly (clear) £12.

The premises called Rouvacre held of Valentine Whittmoore by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 30s.

The manors of Gt. & Little Sturton held of the King, as of his county of Chester, in chief, by 10th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £4 13s. *od.*

The manors of Estham & Plymyarde, the advowson of Estham vicarage held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, by fealty only, in free & common socage & not in chief & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The manor & premises of Buerton *alias* Burton & Churton Heath held of the heirs of Edward Fitton bart., as of the manor of Audforde, by fealty & suit of court of Audforde & worth yearly (clear) £33 13s. 4*d.*

The premises in Chorlton held of the Dean & Chapter of Chester Cathedral in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Those in Upton held of the heirs of John Warwicke in socage by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 4 marks.

Those in Tranmore held of the heirs of Gilbert Salisburie in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 4s.

Those in Childerthornton held of the Dean & Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Chester, in socage, by fealty only & worth (clear) yearly 9s.

Those in Penesbye held of the King, as in right of the late dissolved Priory of St. John of Jerusalem in England, in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Those in Mollington Banister held of the King in socage by 1*d.* rent yearly & worth yearly (clear) £4.

Those in Nether Bebington held of John Minshall esq., in socage by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 23s.

The free fishery in Rough Shottwicke held of the heirs of John Parris in socage by fealty only & worth yearly 12*d.*

The advowson of Bebington Church held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, by fealty only in free & common socage & not in chief & worth yearly nothing.

The rectory impropriate of Upton held of the King as

of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, by fealty only, in free & common socage & not in chief & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The said William Stanley died at Hooton, 11 February, 19 Charles I [1643-4] & William Stanley esq. is his son & heir & is now aged 17 years, 14 days.

EDWIN STAPLETON OF UPTON, GENT.

(File 101. No. 17.)

Inquisition taken at Nether Knottesford, 17 April, 8 Charles I [1632], before Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Edwin Stapleton, late of Upton, gent., by the oath of William Morris of Copenhall, Edward Harpur of Highleigh, Randall Blackshawe of Mobberley, Philip Brommall of Knottesford, John Stubbs of Nether Knottesford, Ralph Spragg & John Bradborne of the same, George Bowden of Bowden, Thomas Longshawe of Lachford, Humfrey Newton of Mobberley, Philip Downes of Tofte, & John Taylor of Nether Knottesford, gentlemen.

They say that, long before his death, the said Edwin Stapleton was seised in fee of a capital mess., called Upton Hall & of 6 cottages, 150 a. of land, 50 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 40 a. of wood, 20 a. of heath & furze & 12 acres of moss in Upton & Whitfield in Upton; of a mess., 8 cottages, 4 a. of land in Macclesfield; of 3 cottages in the city of Coventry & lands thereunto belonging in the tenure of [*left blank in MS.*] Rowley.

So being seised, the said Edwin married Briget, daughter of Edward Davenport, late of Rode, gent., deceased, & by indenture bearing date 13 August, 7 Charles I [1631] made between himself of one part & Thomas Higginbotham of Macclesfeild, gent. & John Davenport, gent., son of the said Edward Davenport, of the other part, settled the said Hall & all thereunto belonging & closes

called Motteram Feilds, the Long & the Little Shuebread in the tenure of John Woodcocke, Two Hunger Knowles in the tenure of Randall Barlowe, the Hall Croft in that of Mary Norbury widow, & all other closes in Upton called the Mosse Fields & the Rotten Fields, on his said wife, as her jointure; by indenture of 17 August, 7 Charles I [1631] made between him & John Woodcocke & Edward Rowe of Macclesfield, gents., he conveyed the said premises, in his own occupation & that of Joan Stapleton, widow of Thomas Stapleton, deceased, to the said John & Edward, to provide for his sisters, Margaret, Katherine, Ann & Ursula Stapleton.

The premises in Upton & Whitfield are held of the King as Earl of Chester, by 50th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) £3 10s. *od.*

Those in Macclesfield are held of the King in free burgage & are worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Coventry, tenure unknown, are worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The said Edwin Stapleton died 18 August last past & Bridget survives him & dwells at Macclesfield & Robert Stapleton is his brother & next heir & at his brother's death was aged 15 years, 10 months.

Edward Stapleton, great uncle [*avavunculus*] of Edwin Stapleton, has taken the profits, &c., since the said Edwin's death.

THOMAS STAPLETON OF UPTON, GENT.

(File 98. No. 20.)

Inquisition taken at Nether Knottesford, 16 September, 22 James I [1624] before Sir George Booth kt. & bart., Sir Urian Leighe kt., Hugh Maynwaringe esq., escheator, & Peter Danyell esq., feodary, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of Thomas Stapleton of Upton, gent., by the oath of Edward Thornicrofte of Thornicrofte, Lea Henshaw of Henshaw, Francis Hobson

of Pasture, Anthony Furnivall of Mylnehouse, John Birtles of Hill, Thomas Grastie of Warford, William Parsons of the same, Francis Newton of Mobberley, Robert Alcock of Pownall Fee, Edward Barlowe of Fallibroune, Randall Barlowe of the same, Francis Barlow of the same, Thomas Titherington of Titherington, Thomas Scragge of Withington, Reginald Mottram of Mottram Andrew, Henry Hough of Chorley & Philip Downes of Tofte, gentlemen.

They say that, long before the death of the said Thomas Stappleton, his grandfather, Thomas Stappleton of Upton, gent., deceased, was seised of fee of the capital mess. called Upton Hall & of 6 cottages, 150 a. of land, 50 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 40 a. of wood, 200 a. of furze & heath, 12 a. of moss in Upton & Whitfield within Upton ; & of a mess., 8 cottages, 4 a. of land, in Macclesfield ; of 3 cottages, & all thereunto belonging, in the city of Coventry & of 3 other cottages & all thereunto belonging in Bedworth, co. Warwick.

So being seised, by indenture bearing date 9 October, 4 James I [1606] made between the said Thomas Stapleton the grandfather & his said grandson, on payment of £200 the said grandfather assured the said premises, after his death, to the said Thomas, the grandson in tail male. The grandfather died seised of the same, which then descended to said Thomas, who afterwards took to wife Joan, late the wife of Robert Burges of Peever, deceased. The said Joan survives & dwells at Peever.

On 29 April, 20 James I [1622] a fine was levied at Chester, between Robert Cryer, clerk, Edmund Kelsall & Richard Normansell, gents., plaintiffs & the said Thomas Stapleton & Joan, his wife, deforciant, of 7 mess., 10 burgages, 4 tofts, 15 gardens, 100 a. of land, 14 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood, 10 a. of furze & heath, 10 a. of moor & turbary in Upton & Macclesfield & common of pasture for all beasts in Macclesfield, &

Thomas & Joan acknowledged the same to be the right of the said Robert & granted to warrant him & his heirs therein against all men, for which grant, &c., he gave them £40.

The said Thomas had issue by his first wife, Ursula, Edwyn Stapleton, his eldest son & heir, who survives & dwells at Nether Knottesford.

The said Thomas died 6 August, 21 James I [1623] & Edwyn Stapleton is his son & heir & at his father's death was aged 14 years 7 months.

They say the premises in Upton & Whitfield within Upton are held of the Prince as Earl of Chester by the 50th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) £3 10s. 0d.

Those in Macclesfield held of the Prince in free burgage & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Coventry, tenure unknown, worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Bedworth, tenure unknown, worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8d.

They say that the said Thomas occupied, & took the profits of, the said premises until 1 May last past & since then Thomas Stapleton, father of the said Thomas, has taken the same.

ARTHUR STARKIE ESQ.

(File 98. No. 12.)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 1 April, 21 James I [1623] before Sir Richard Wilbraham kt. & bart., Hugh Mainwaringe esq., escheator & Peter Danyell esq., feodary, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of Arthur Starkie esq., by the oath of Edward Bressie of Audlem, John Cartwright of Shipnall, John Cheswes of Mickley, Nicholas Hussey of Badeley, Robert Poole of Auger, Oliver Pollett of Foaddeley, John Moulton of the same, William Boulton of Hankelowe, Robert

Meakin of Hatherton, Lawrence Coton of Burchawe, Thomas Adams of Hatherton, William Dod of Teverton, Richard Kettle of Betchton, John Edgley of Newhall, Francis Betteley of Burland, Oliver Lockett of Sandbache & Lawrence Welde of Wistaston, gentlemen.

They say that, long before his death, the said Arthur Starkie was seised in fee of the manor of Wrenburie & of 20 mess., a watermill, 200 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 100 a. of wood, 300 a. of turbary & 16*d.* rent in Wrenburie ; of 2 cottages, 20 a. of land, 20 a. of pasture in Woodcote ; of the manor of Stretton by Barton & of 3 mess., a cottage, a watermill, 200 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture in Stretton & a yearly rent of 108*s.* 4*d.* issuing from certain lands in Codington, Churton, Barton, Clutton, Farndon, Cardon, Hanley & Cudington.

By his deed dated 18 August, 15 James I [1617] he enfeoffed John Cartwright gent., of the premises in Woodcote, to be void on repayment of £300 on 1 September 1623 by the said Arthur.

Being seised of the said watermill & premises in Wrenburie, by his deed of 23 September, 15 James I [1617] he demised to Mary Starkie, widow, late the wife of Lawrence Starkie, late son & heir of the said Arthur, the said mill, a close in Wrenburie called the New Riddinge, & another there called the Little Casy meadow for 60 years & the said Mary survives & dwells in Wrenburie.

On 24 November, 17 James I [1619] he enfeoffed John Wicksteed of the said manor of Wrenburie & the other premises there, to be void on payment of £200 on 1 February, 1621 or 1624 or 1631.

By indenture of 29 September, last past, he granted the manor of Stretton & premises there to Roger Bellott & John Wicksteed for 1000 years.

The said manor of Wrenburie & premises there are held of Sir Thomas Savadge kt. & bart., by knight service & 12*d.* rent & worth yearly (clear) £5.

The premises in Woodcote are held of George Cotton esq., service unknown & worth nothing because of the said feoffment.

The manor of Stretton & premises there held of Sir William Brereton kt., in socage, by fealty only & worth nothing for 1000 years for the same reason, & after worth yearly 40s.

The said Arthur Starkie died 29 September last past & Arthur Starkie gent., is his next of kin & heir [*no relationship given*] & was aged 14 years on 12 August last past.

HUGH STARKEY ESQ. OF KNIGHT'S GRANGE.

(File 89. No. 24.)

Inquisition taken at Northwiche, 19 November, 9 James I [1611] before Richard Grosvenor esq., Henry Maynwaringe esq., escheator & Ralph Wilbraham, feodary, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Hugh Starkey of Knight's Grange, by the oath of John Wrench of Shurlach, Humfrey Page of Yardshawe, Henry Bradshawe of Allostock, Julius Wynnington of Byrches, James Trevett of Sproston, Hugh Amson of Cranach, William Venables of Sproston, Thomas Deane of Church Hulme, John Eaton of Sandiway, Ralph Bostocke of Moulton, Roger Neeld of Shurlach, David Hinton of Rushton, Thomas Walle of Great Budworth, gentlemen.

They say that John Starkey of Darley, father of said Hugh, was seised of fee (among other things) of a mess. or mansion house called Knight's Grange & lands, &c., thereunto belonging & of a mess. or mansion house called Woodford in parish of Over & all thereunto belonging, & so being seised, by indenture of 10 January, 38 Eliz. [1595-6] made between the said John, by name of John Starkey of Olton, esq., the said Hugh, his son & heir apparent, of one part, John Brooke of Madeley, co. Salop, esq. of 2nd part & Randall Brereton of Shocklache,

kt., Roland Hatton of Hatton & others, of the 3rd part, on a marriage to be had between the said Hugh & Dorothy Brooke, daughter of the said John Brooke & payment of £1200, the said premises were settled to the use of the said Hugh Starkey & Dorothy & the longer liver of them, with contingent remainders to their issue, to the right heirs of said John Starkey. A fine was levied at Chester, 30 August, 38 Eliz. [1596] between Randall Brereton kt. & others, plaintiffs & John Starkey esq. & Alice his wife & the said Hugh, deforciant, of the manors of Olton Low, Knight's Grange, Woodford & Hulmestreet & 24 mess., 6 cottages, 6 tofts, 30 barns, a watermill, 24 gardens, 30 orchards, 1600 a. of land, 300 a. of meadow, 3000 a. of pasture, 200 a. of wood, 300 a. of underwood, 100 a. of furze & heath, 20s. rent, common of turbary & estover & common of pasture for all beasts in Olton Low, Tarven *alias* Tarvyn, Rushton, Eaton, Torperley, Knight's Grange, Woodford, Hulmestreet, Over Whitgate *alias* Newchurch, Little Budworth *alias* Budworth in le Fryth, & in the forest of Mare & Mondren, settling the mansion house called Woodford on the said Hugh & Dorothy & their issue, with remainder to the right heirs of said John. Afterwards Hugh married the said Dorothy.

By indenture of 20 August, 7 James I [1609] the said Hugh leased Knight's Grange & lands in Woodford, Darnehall & Over to Thomas Wright & Randall Vernon for their lives at a peppercorn rent, who on 18 September, 7 James I [1609] made a recovery to said Hugh.

By indenture of 10 June, 9 James I [1609] the mess. called Woodford & lands, &c. in Over were settled on said Hugh, in tail male.

The said Hugh died without male issue on 21 June, 8 James I [1609] & Dorothy, his wife, survives.

Knight's *alias* Knight's Grange & the appurtenances were held of the King, in chief, by 20th part of a knight's fee & 12s. rent & worth yearly (clear) £24.

Woodford & lands, &c., thereunto belonging held of Sir Thomas Holcrofte kt., as of the late dissolved monastery of Vale Royal in socage, by fealty & rent of 6s. & worth yearly (clear) 46s. 8*d*.

Dorothy & Margaret Starkey, daughters of the said Hugh & Dorothy, are his daughters & heirs, Dorothy being aged 8 years, 9 months or thereabouts & Margaret, 6 years, 4 months or thereabouts.

JOHN STARKEY OF DARLEY.

(File 90. No. 14.)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 7 October, 11 James I [1613] before Henry Maynwaring esq., escheator, Ralph Wilbraham esq., feodary, & William Grosvenor, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of John Starkey of Darley, gent., by the oath of John Nuthall of Catnall, Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Robert Whitney of Coole, George Rutter of Kingsley, Humphrey Page of Yardshawe, Edward Bressie of Awdlem, Robert Awger of Awger, Ralph Bostock of Moulton, John Eaton of Sandiwaie, Roger Bickerton of Townley, Ralph Horton of Coole, John Cheswys of Mickley, William Salmon of Coole Lane, George Cudworth of . . .¹ & William Salmon of Wildheath, gentlemen.

They say on oath that the said John Starkey was seised of fee of the manors of Olton & Lowe, of a capital mess. called Darley Hall & lands, &c., thereunto belonging; of 8 mess., 100 a. of land, 200 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 300 a. of wood, 20 a. of turbary & moss & a yearly rent of 2s. in Olton & Lowe; of a mess., 7 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood in Torpurley; of a mess., 12 a. of land, 8 a. of meadows, 12 a. of pasture & 6 a. of wood in Rushton, in the tenure of Henry & James Yonge; of a mess., 6 a. of land, 2 a.

¹ Illegible. Wards 7/48/38 is only a fragment and the place does not appear there.

of meadow, 6 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood in Ayton, late in the tenure of Roger Kelsall ; of a parcel of land called Haugh Greene, in Ayton & Rushton ; of a mess. on Haugh Greene, late in the tenure of Roger Hardinge ; of a mess., 12 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 12 a. of pasture & 10 a. of wood called Fynny Wood in Little Budworth, in the tenure of Ralph Blackamore ; of a capital mess., within the manor of Tarvyn called Hulmestreete ; of divers tenements in Tarvyn.

By indenture bearing date 10 January, 38 Eliz. [1595-6] & by fine afterwards levied, the closes in Olton & Lowe, parcel of those manors, called The Four Long Fields, the Steanes Field, the Steanes Croft, the Steanes Meadow, the two Withen Fields, the Potters Croft, the Vicars Croft, the Kettles Croft "lying beyond the Crosse feild & that parte of the lowe feild now devyded into two, which doth lye and adioyne to the said Crosse feild," were settled to the use of Alice, wife of said John Starkie, for life, as her jointure, & the capital mess. in Hulmestreete & Tarvin called the Hulmestreete & all the premises thereunto appertaining were settled to the use of the said Alice & the said Alice survives & dwells at Olton.

A fine was levied 30 September, 9 James I [1611] to the uses of an indenture made 31 August, 9 James I [1611] of the said manors of Olton & Lowe & premises there, a mess. in Little Budworth called Fynny Wood, & other mess. & lands in Torperley, Eaton & Rushton, in the parish of Torporley, now or late in the tenures of John Walley, John Kelsall & John Younge, the capital mess. of Tarvyn, called Hulmestreete, conveying the same to the use of the said John, for life & after his death to the use of his youngest son, Henry & his male issue, with contingent remainders to another son, Ralph & his male issue, to John's younger brother, Hugh Starkey & his male issue, to Thomas Starkey of Stretton, esq. & his male issue, to Arthur Starkey of Wrenbury, esq. &

his male issue, to Amy, daughter of John Starkey & now wife of John Scudamore of Kenchurch, co. Hereford, esq., & her male issue, to her right heirs, for ever.

The said Alice, wife of John, survives & takes the issues, &c., of the premises settled on her with reversion as before stated.

They say the premises on Haugh Greene are held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in chief by knight service & are worth yearly (clear) 8s.

The manor of Olton is held of the heirs of Randall Kingesley, deceased, in free & common socage & the premises at Lowe of John Leigh of Boothes, esq., in free & common socage & worth yearly (clear) £5.

Those in Ayton & Rushton held of the heirs of Thomas Hinton in free & common socage & 22s. rent & worth yearly (clear) 26s.

Those in Torpurley, service unknown, worth yearly (clear) 16s.

Fynnywood in Budworth in le Fryth held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, in socage & worth yearly (clear) 35s. 4d.

The premises in Tarvyn & Hulme Street held of Sir John Savage kt. & bart. by the service of finding one footman with bow & arrows to serve in the war, whensoever such befall or to pay him & his heirs 40s. at such time as Sir John & his heirs go in person to serve the King, & to appear at their court of Tarvyn for that purpose & to render 118s. 8d. a year & the same worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The said John Starkye died 12 December, 9 James I [1611] & Dorothy & Margaret Starkye, daughters of Hugh Starkye, eldest son of said John, deceased, by Dorothy his wife, are next of kin & heirs of said John, Dorothy being aged 10 years on 18 February last past & Margaret 8 years on 10 June last past.

(Wards 7. File 65. No. 36.)¹

Inquisition taken at Sandbach, 26 March, 14 James I [1616] before Henry Mainwaring esq., escheator & Ralph Wilbraham esq., feodary, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of John Starkye gent., by the oath of Thomas Chester of Coole, John Bryne of Aston, Alexander Elcocke of Poole, John Batterick of Barrowe, Richard Shawe of Betchton, Thomas Adames of Atherton, Thomas Smith of Checkeley, John Scott of same, Oliver Pollett of Faddeley, Hugh Broome of Betchton, Thomas Somerfeild of the same, Richard Ketteley of the same, gentlemen.

They say that John Starkye died seised of no other lands, &c. in co. Chester but what appeared in the inquisition held 7 October, 11 James I [1613] after the death of the said John.

THOMAS STARKIE OF STRETTON, ESQ.

(File 98. No. 13.)

Inquisition taken at Nether Knottesford, 19 August 22 James II [1624] before Sir George Boothe kt. & bart., Hugh Maynwaringe esq., escheator & Peter Daniell esq., feodary & Robert Robinson, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of Thomas Starkie esq., by the oath of Lawrence Leigh of Swynehead, William Leigh of Oughtrington, Hugh Ashton of Bowdon, Edward Harpur of High Leigh, Thomas Gleave of the same, John Allen of Nether Whitley, Alexander Duncalfe of Mobberley, Edward Hulme of the same, Edmund Howe of Ollerton, John Acton of the same, John Grantham of Hale, Ralph Barlow of the same, Philip Downes of Tofte, James Leigh of Oughtrington, & William Gandy of Lyme, gentlemen.

They say that, long before his death, the said Thomas Starkie was seised in fee of the manor of Stretton & of

¹ Not in Chester List.

16 mess., 10 cottages, a windmill, a dovecote, 14 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture & 4 a. of furze & heath in Stretton ; of 4 mess., 2 cottages, 30 a. of land, 3 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture & 10 a. of furze & heath in Hatton ; 2 cottages, 10 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture & 10 a. of furze & heath in Appleton & Hull ; of a mess., 20 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 5 a. of furze & heath in Over Whitley in the several tenures of George Plumpton, widow Teelor, John Cocker & Richard Gerrard ; of one rood of land in Halton ; of 2 mess., 2 orchards, 2 gardens, 3 a. of land in the city of Chester in the tenures of Edward Poynton & John Ashbrooke.

So being seised, he levied a fine at Chester, 27 April, 32 Elizabeth [1590] with Thomas Wilbraham, Randall Maynwaringe, Richard Grosvenor & Thomas Tutchett, esqs., settling the capital mess., called Mossewood & all thereunto appertaining, parcel of Stretton Manor, to the use of Christian then the wife of Richard Starkie, then son & heir apparent of the said Thomas, with contingent remainders, after her death, to the use of said Thomas, for life, to said Richard & his male issue by said Christian, in tail male, & the residue on the said Thomas, for life, with contingent remainders to his son, Richard & his male issue by the said Christian.

The said Richard & Christian had issue Thomas, Richard & John & divers other sons ; & by deed of 17 Sept., 43 Elizabeth [1601] in consideration of a marriage to be had, & afterwards had, between Thomas Starkie, eldest son of Richard & Philippa Greseley, one of the daughters of Simon Greseley esq., Mossewood was settled, after Christian's death, on said Thomas Starkie, son of Richard, & his male issue by said Philippa, with remainders as in an indenture of 26 April, 32 Eliz. [1590] made between Thomas Brooke of Norton & Thomas Starkie, that is, after the death of said Thomas, the manor of

Stretton to the use of said Richard, to Thomas his son & his male issue by said Philippa, to Richard & John, sons of Richard in tail male, the heirs male of said Richard the elder. A fine was levied at Chester 21 September, 43 Eliz. [1601], between Thomas Greseley & Thomas Wolseley, plaintiffs & the said Thomas & Richard Starkie, deforciant, of the manor of Stretton, & 140 mess., 2 mills, a dovecote, 140 gardens, 500 a. of land, 200 a. of meadow, 300 a. of pasture, 30 a. of wood, 100 a. of furze & heath & 20s. rent in Stretton, Halton by Stretton, Over Whitley, Appleton, Hull & Halton, settling the same on said Richard & Christian with remainders as above.

The said manor of Stretton & premises there are held of Peter Warburton of Arley, esq., by 10th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £4.

The premises in Halton held of same by 50th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 26s. 8d.

Those in Appleton & Hull held of the same as of his manors of Appleton & Hull by yearly rent of 3s. & suit of court baron of the said manor & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Over Whitley held of the King as of his Honor of Halton, by fealty only in free & common burgage & worth yearly (clear) 1d.

Those in Chester held of the mayor & citizens of Chester by fealty only, in free burgage & worth yearly (clear) 2s.

The said Richard Starkie, senior died at Stretton, 1 January, 19 James I [1621-2] & his eldest son, Thomas, died at Stretton 1 May, 20 James I [1622].

Thomas Starkie died at Stretton 4 February last past & Thomas Starkie esq., son & heir of Thomas Starkie, deceased, eldest son of Richard Starkie, deceased, son & heir of said Thomas, is his next of kin & heir, being son & next heir male of Thomas Starkie by the said Philippa, & on 2 February last past was aged 9 years & not more. The said Thomas, grandson of Thomas named in the

commission, in the lifetime of the latter married Mary, one of the daughters of Sir Richard Brooke kt.

They say that Timothea, widow of said Thomas named in the writ, Christian, widow of said Richard & Philippa, widow of said Thomas, survive & dwell at Stretton.

HAMO ¹ STOCKLEY OF NEWHALL.

(File 89. No. 16.)

Inquisition taken at Knottesford, 2 April, 8 James I [1610] before Henry Mainwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, to enquire after the death of Hamo Stockley of Newhall, gent., by the oath of Peter Leighe of Oughtrington, George Rutter of Kingsley, Alexander Hulme of Strethill, Hugh Crosbie of Nether Whitley, John Eaton of Sandiwaye, Robert Atherton of Warton, Oliver Vernon of Middlewich, Thomas Harpur of High Leigh, Thomas Crosse of Happesford, Phillip Antrobus of Peevor, James Downes of Tofte & John Bentley of Meyre, gentlemen.

They say that the said Hamo Stockley, long before he died, was seised in fee of a mess., 30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture & 2 a. of wood in Newhall; so being seised, by indenture of 20 January, 40 Elizabeth [1597] he & his wife, Elizabeth, demised certain parcels of land in Newhall, parcel of the said premises to Charles Mainwaringe of Croxton, gent., on payment of £136, the parcels being Great Swanwyke, Little Swanwick, Swanwick Meadow, all in the tenure of Robert Carter, with liberty to fell & take timber for making new buildings on the premises, to have & to hold to the said Charles Mainwaring during the lives of his wife Elizabeth, of Thomas his son & heir apparent & of Charles, his younger son, at a yearly rental of 3s. 4d. & a fine thereof to be levied. The said Hamo & Elizabeth appointed Charles Mainwaringe of Midlewyche & Thomas Carter, their attorneys, to deliver the same.

¹ In the English indenture in the Inq. this is given as Hamnett.

By indenture of 10 June, 41 Elizabeth [1599] the said Hamo enfeofed Geoffrey Shakerley of Hulme, esq., Peter Leycester esq., son & heir of Adam Leycester, late of Tabley, esq., deceased & Ralph Leftwyche of Leftwyche, esq., of the said premises to the use of the said Hamo for life, with contingent remainders to his son & heir apparent, Julius Stockley, in tail male, to his other son, Robert Stockley, in tail male.

The said premises are held of Sir John Savage kt., as of his manor of Shipbrooke, by 100th part of a knight's fee & the yearly rent of 10*d.* & are worth yearly (clear) £4.

They say the said Hamo died 25 September last past & Julius Stockley is his son & next heir & was aged 18 years on 16 January last past.

ALLAN SWANWICK OF SWANWICKE.

(File 101. No. 13.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 18 May, 7 Charles I [1631] before Hugh Mainwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Allan Swanwick of Swanwicke, gent. by the oath of George Bradford of Shipbrooke, Andrew Burton of Over, Ralph Bostock junr. of Moulton, Randall Wrench of the same, Hugh Venables of Wymboldsley, William Ravenscroft of Occleston, Thomas Barker of Over, John Bosier of the same, Ralph Maddock & Thomas Maddock of the same, Philip Bostocke of Bostocke, John Wynnyngton of Leftwich, William Tomlynson of Warton, Arthur Johnson of the same, Arthur Symcock of Leftwich, Randall Furnivall of Bradwall & John Darlington of Over, gentlemen.

They say that the said Allan Swanwick, long before his death, was seised in fee tail, to him & the heirs of his body, of a mess., 20 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow & 12 a. of pasture in Werreswall; & of a mess., 24 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 12 a. of pasture & 6 a. of wood in Swanwick;

of a mess., the moiety of a mess., 30 a. of land, 8 a. of meadow, 16 a. of pasture, 4 a. of wood in Bickerton.

They say the premises in Wirreswall are held of the King as Earl of Chester, in chief, by 50th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The premises in Swanwick are held of William Lord Brereton, Baron Laughlyn, as of the barony of Malpas by 100th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 30s.

Those in Bickerton are held of the said Lord Brereton, as of the said barony, by 100th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The said Allan Swanwick died at Wirreswall 28 August last past & Arthur Swanwick is his son & next heir & is now aged 48 years & more.

EDMUND SWETTENHAM ESQ. OF SOMERFORD.

(File 101. No. 4.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 19 April, 6 Charles I [1630] before Hugh Mainwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Edmund Swettenham esq., by the oath of Humfrey Page of Yearshaw, Paul Wynnyngton of Birches, Robert Holford of Lostock, Edward Acton of Peever, George Bradford of Shipbrooke, Ralph Bostock of Moulton, William Ravenscroft of Occleston, John Wynnyngton of Leftwich, William Tomlinson of Wareton, Arthur Jeynson of the same, Ralph Blease of Shipbrooke, Robert Whittingham of Over, Thomas Barker of the same, Thomas Streete of Occleston, & Thomas Burroughes of Clyve, gentlemen.

They say the said Edmund Swettenham, long before his death, was seised of a capital mess. called Somerford Hall, a garden, an orchard, a watermill, 100 a. of land, 50 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood in Somerford by Merton *alias* Somerford Boothes; of 2 a. of land

there enclosed outside the waste of Somerford by Merton ; of a mess., 10 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 5 a. of pasture & 40 a. of moor, turbary & waste in Somerford aforesaid late bought of Richard Warburton ; of 9 cottages, 10 a. of land, 6 a. of pasture, 4 a. of meadow in Somerford aforesaid ; of a mess., 10 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 5 a. of pasture in Somerford Radnor ; of a close of land in Swettenham called Perkins Heath ; of 2 burgages, 3 a. of land in Congleton ; of 1 a. of land in Macclesfield, called the Sower Acre ; of 2 mess., 20 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 15 a. of pasture in Henbury Pexhull ; of 2 mess., 40 a. of land in Whelley in the territory of Macclesfield.

Thus being seised, by indenture of 1 July, 11 James I [1613] between the said Edmund, of the 1st part, Alice Burges, widow, of the 2nd, John Davenport of Davenport, esq., William Moreton of Moreton, esq., Richard Wych of Tarvyn, gent., William Hulme of Coddington, gent. & William Drakeford of Congleton, gent., of the 3rd, the moiety of Somerford Hall & all thereunto appertaining, the whole mess. in Pexhull in the tenure of Thomas Royle, & all thereunto belonging, & the premises there in the tenure of William Leigh, the premises in Whelley in the tenure of Thomas Shrigley & John Ridgewaie, the close in Macclesfield called Sower Acre in the tenure of John Latham, the premises in Somerford aforesaid bought of John Ward of Capeston, gent., deceased & of Peter Ward (except Bonysall Barn), land called Lower Harray in Somerford Boothes, were settled to the use of Jane, then the wife of the said Edmund Swettenham, as dower, for life.

By indenture of 14 February, 3 Charles I [1627-8] between the said Edmund, of the one part & his son, Richard Swettenham gent., of the other, the premises in Somerford Boothes bought of Richard Warburton were conveyed to the said Richard Swettenham, John Foxe

the younger, son of John Foxe the elder & Thomas Brownfull, son of James Brownfull yeoman, & the longer liver of them, at a peppercorn rent.

By indenture of 8 December, 3 Charles I [1627] made between the said Edmund & his son & heir apparent, William Swettenham of one part & William Moreton of Moreton & Edward Domvyle of Lymme, esqs., of the other, the capital mess. in Somerford aforesaid, wherein the said Edmund dwelt & all the other premises there, a watermill there, land called Parkins Heath (excepting Barn Croft, Cockeshutt Flore, the Butt, the Long Meadow to the N. of the said capital mess., the Lowes, the Broadfield, the Long Thorne, the Long Ellis Croft, the Hard Appletree Field, the Blacke Croft, the Yardleys Croft & the Blacke Lache & the lands, &c. bought of Richard Warburton & the premises in Somerford aforesaid in the tenure of John Blackshawe & Elizabeth, his wife) were conveyed to the said Moreton & Domvyle, for 10 years, for the payment of the debts of the said William Swettenham, at a yearly rental of 6*d*.

By indenture of 26 October, 4 Charles I [1628] between the said Edmund Swettenham of one part & William Moreton of Moreton, esq. & Edward Domvyle of Lymme, esq., of the other, the premises, with the exceptions as in the last indenture, were conveyed to the said Moreton & Domvyle for a period of 10 years, beginning after Edmund's death, for payment of the said debts of £665 17*s*. 0*d*.

They say that 2 mess. & a field in the several tenures of Jane, widow of said Edmund, Ralph Levesey & Edmund Thornley, parcel of the premises in Somerford Boothes, were held of Henry Mainwaring of Kermyncham, esq., by knight service & 4*s*. rent, & are worth yearly (clear) 20*s*. & the residue of the premises there, tenure unknown, are worth yearly (clear) £4.

The premises in Somerford Radnor held of Sir Philip

Oldfield kt., in socage, by service of a pair of white gloves at the Nativity of St. John Baptist yearly, & are worth yearly (clear) 26s. 8d.

Those in Congleton held of the King, as of his manor of Congleton in free burgage & worth yearly (clear) 4s.

The Sower Acre in Macclesfield is held of the King, as of his manor of Macclesfield in free burgage & worth yearly (clear) 2s.

The premises in Henbury Pexhull are held of Sir Randall Crewe kt. in free socage, by rent of 2s. 9d. yearly & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Those in Whelley held of the King, as of his manor of Macclesfield, in chief, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

They say that Edmund Swettenham aforesaid died 14 September last past at Somerford by Merton *alias* Somerford Boothes & Edmund Swettenham, son of William, son & heir apparent of the said Edmund, is next heir of the said Edmund & is now aged 15 years, 5 months, 11 days.

Jane Swettenham & Richard Swettenham survive & dwell at Somerford aforesaid.

THOMAS SWETTENHAM.

(File 90. No. 5.)¹

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 27 August, 17 James I [1619], before Hugh Mainwaringe esq., escheator & Henry Delves, gent., feodary, in virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Thomas Swettenham, late of Swettenham, gent., by the oath of Edmund Mouldsworth of Winniecham, Humfrey Page of Yardshawe, Richard Steele of Sandbage, James Trevett of Sprouston, William Venables of the same, Richard Davenport of Wheltrough, John Roade of Wallhill, Reginald Finlawe

¹ Partly taken from Wards 7/65/68. In the Chester List the date is given as 10 Jas. I, but should be 17 Jas. I.

of Hulme Walfield, Hugh Venables of Wimboldsley, Randall Wrench of Moulton, Peter Warde of Somerford, Arthur Joinson of Wareton, William Austen of Stanthorne & James Bradshawe of Allostocke, gentlemen.

They say that, long before his death, the said Thomas Swettenham was seised of fee of the manor or lordship of Swettenham & of 6 mess., 6 gardens, 150 a. of land, 50 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 50 a. of wood, 100 a. of furze & heath & 2s. rent in Swettenham, & of the advowson of Swettenham parish church ; of 8 parcels of land, containing in all 40 a. in Carmincham & 2 parcels containing 3 a. in Davenport.

So being seised, by indenture bearing date 4 September, 44 Eliz. [1602] on the marriage to be had between his son & heir apparent, Thomas Swettenham & Mary Byrchles *alias* Byrtles, daughter & co-heir apparent of John Byrchles *alias* Byrtles of Byrtles, gent., now deceased, the said premises were conveyed to Edward Cotton of Cotton, esq. & other feoffees, in trust, to the use of the said Thomas, until the said marriage & then the moiety of the mess. & lands called Forty Acres in Carmincham to said Thomas for 5 years & then to the use of Thomas the son & Mary Byrtles & their issue, with contingent remainders to the male issue of Thomas the son, to that of the said Thomas, to William Swettenham, brother of Thomas the father, in tail male, to another brother, Lawrence, in tail male, to William Swettenham, uncle of Thomas the father, in tail male, to Lawrence Swettenham, great uncle of Thomas the father, in tail male, to said Thomas & his heirs for ever. As to the residue of the premises, to the said Thomas, for life, with reversion as before. A fine was levied to the uses of the said indenture 4 October, 44 Eliz. [1602] at Chester.

The said marriage took place 11 October, 44 Eliz. [1602] at Swettenham.

They say the manor & advowson of Swettenham are held of Sir Thomas Holcrofte kt., as of his manor of

Weverham, in socage, by fealty & rent of 2s. a year & suit of court of Weverham & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The land in Caringham held of Henry Mainwaringe esq., Lord of the manor of Charincham, in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

That in Davenport held of Peter Venables esq., Baron of Kinderton by knight service & worth yearly (clear) 12*d*.

The said Thomas Swettenham died 19 September 1610 at Swettenham & Thomas Swettenham, his son & heir, is now aged 33 years & more.

By an indenture made after his father's death, Thomas Swettenham the son, on 26 March, 9 James I [1611] conveyed to Katherine Swettenham, widow of the said Thomas, as her dower, for life, divers parcels of & in the capital mess. of Swettenham & other houses there to her use & the mess. in Swettenham in the tenure of Richard Scragge & 2 other edifices & lands called the Whit Lee, the Byrch & the Byrchwood, the Townfield meadow, the Barne meadow, the Cowett, the Cowfoot by the Barn Meadow, the Brandearth, the Feild by Fontons house & adjoining the Branderth, the field between the house of William Coes & the lane leading to Swettenham Hall, the Brike Kylne field adjoining the high barn, & 2 closes of land in Mosdens next the tenement late in the tenure of John Davenport gent., the Black Hey, the Byrch Orchard, the Hopeyarde & liberties & the use of the Wood fent yard to place her wood there; the said Katherine still survives & dwells at Byrtles, & occupies the said premises.

WILLIAM SWETENHAM.

(Wards 7. File 76. No. 156.)¹

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 9 April, 4 Charles I [1628] before Hugh Manwaringe esq., escheator, Thomas Browne esq., feodary & William Vernon gent., by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of

¹ Chester 3, file 100, No. 8, is a fragment only.

William Swetenham gentleman, by the oath of Humfrey Page of Yardshawe, George Bradford of Sherbrooke, Robert Holford of Lostocke, Hugh Venables of Wimbosley, Andrew Barton of Over, Randall Wrench of Moulton, Ralph Bostocke of the same, Thomas Burrowes of Clive, William Rainscrofte of Occleston, Reginald Finlowe of Hulme Walfield, John Wynnyngton of Leftwich, Ralph Blease of Sheebrooke, John Anderton of Croxton, Hugh Goodhind of Arclid, Arthur Joynson of Warton, William Tomlinson of the same, Thomas Neild of Shurlache, Richard Kettle of Betchton, Richard Whittingham of Over, Ralph Maddocke of the same, Thomas Barker of the same, John Bowsier of the same, & Richard Maddocke of the same, gentlemen.

They say that, long before his death, the said William Swetenham & Alice, his wife, were seised of fee, in right of the said Alice, of 32 mess., 80 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 4 a. of turbary, 16*d.* rent & common of pasture for all beasts & common of turbary in Macclesfeild, Chelford, Knottesford, Crossetowne, Over Knottford & Bexton. So being seised, by indenture of 14 April, 18 James I [1620] the said William & Alice conveyed the premises to Edmund Spenser of Congleton, gent., & Thomas Higginbothem of Rushton James, co. Staff., gent., to the use, as to the premises in Macclesfield & Chelford of the said William & Alice & the longer liver of them, with contingent remainders to their son & heir apparent, Edmund Swetenham, & his issue, to the issue of Alice, to her right heirs & as to the residue of the premises to the use of the said William & his heirs for ever. A fine was levied to the uses of the said indenture at Chester, 24 April, 18 James I [1620].

The said Alice died in her husband's lifetime.

The jurors say that the premises in Macclesfield were held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in free burgage & are worth yearly (clear) 6*s.* 2½*d.*

Those in Knottsford & Nether Knottesford are held of John, Earl of Bridgwater, as of his manor of Nether Knottsford in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Those in Crossetowne & Over Knottsford held of William Leigh of Boothes, esq., as of his manor of Over Knottsford, in socage & worth yearly (clear) 3s. 4*d*.

Those in Chelford held of the King as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, in free socage & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Bexton held of the King by 100th part of a knight's fee, as of his manor of Halton & worth yearly (clear) 12*d*.

The said William died 14 December last past & Edmund Swetenham is son & heir of the said William by the said Alice & was aged 13 years on 8 December last past.

JOHN TALBOT ESQ.

(File 95. No. 14.)¹

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 19 October, 18 James I [1620] before Hugh Mainwaring esq., escheator & Thomas Mainwaring esq., by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of John Talbott esq., by the oath of Thomas Baskervyle of Old Withington, Humfrey Page of Yeardshawe, Richard Davenport of Wheltrough, Richard Wyth of Alderley, Richard Steele of Sandbach, John Roade of Wallhill, Hugh Wardley of Eaton, John Burges of the same, James Trivet of Sproston, William Venables of the same, William Austen of Stanthorne, John Kinsey of Wimboldsley, Hugh Venables of the same, John Wrench of Moulton, Arthur Joinson of Warton, Thomas Woodcocke of Churchulme, Thomas Mealde of Shurlach, John Bleas of Shipbrooke, George Harison of Newton & Randall Phitheon of Tetton, gentlemen.

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

¹ Taken from Wards 7/65/88, as it is clearer.

Talbott was seised in fee of the manors of Dunham on the Hill, Great Trafford, Plimstowe, Hoole & Oxon *alias* Oxton ; of 12 mess., 40 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 80 a. of pasture, 20 a. of moss in Wimble Trafford, Thingewall, Barneston & Carnesdale ; of the manors of Little Budworth, Mobberley, Brinstaugh & Rabie ; $\frac{3}{4}$ of the manors or villis of Little Neston in Horgreave & of the advowson of Mobberley Church ; of 13 mess., 440 a. of land, 60 a. of meadow, 240 a. of pasture, 140 a. of moss & turbary in Pickmeire, Middlewych, Newton, Kinderton, Brereton, Moresborowe, Great Buddworth, Merston, Thorneton, & Wirswall ; of a mess., 40 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 10 a. of common & turbary in Tetton & Newton ; of 11 mess. in the city of Chester, Claverton & Hanbridge near that city, 3 mess. in Bridgstreete in said city & the moiety of the serjeanty & keepership of Bridgegate, a gate of that city ; of a mess. called Troutbeckes Place in that city & the Keepership of the garden in Chester Fosse [*fossat'*] & certain profits & fees yearly for the same.

So being seised, by indenture of 10 October, 4 James I [1606] he conveyed the same to Edward Smith esq., John Brinton junr. esq., Gerrard Gefford gent., & Leonard Smalpeece gent., to the use of himself for life, with contingent remainders to his eldest son, George, in tail male, to his other son, John & his son John & divers other persons [not named], to his right heirs.

The said John Talbott died seised of the same 29 January, 8 James I [1610-11] & his son George, now Earl of Shrewsbury, is his next heir & is now aged 50 years & more, & has taken the profits, &c., since his father's death.

The manor of Dunham & premises there & in Wimblestrafford are held of the King in chief by knight service & worth yearly (clear) £15.

That of Great Trafford & premises there & in Plimston held in like manner & worth yearly (clear) £15 8s. *od.*

That of Hoole & premises there held in like manner & worth yearly (clear) 30s. 9*d*.

That of Oxtou held of William Earl of Derby, service unknown & worth yearly (clear) £5.

The premises in Barneston & Carnesdale held of the King in socage & worth yearly (clear) 16s. 8*d*.

The manor of Little Budworth & premises there held of the King in chief by the moiety of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £17.

That of Mobberley & advowson of the church & premises there held of the lord of Alderley Manor, as of that manor, by knight service & worth yearly (clear) £15.

The manor of Brinstaugh held of William, Earl of Derby, service unknown, worth yearly £13.

That of Rabie held of the said Earl in socage by fealty & 3s. yearly rent & worth yearly (clear) £3.

That of Little Neston & premises there held of the King by 8th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £3.

The premises in the hamlet of Hargreave held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by 10th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 20s. 8*d*.

Those in Pickmeyre held of Peter Venables esq., as of his manor of Kinderton by 8th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £3.

Those in Newton, Middlewich, Moresborrowe & Great Budworth held of the heirs of Edward del Holt, service unknown & worth yearly (clear) 30s.

Thorneton Grange held of the King in chief by knight service & worth yearly (clear) 2s.

The premises in Kinderton & Brereton held of Peter Venables esq., as of his manor of Kinderton, in socage & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Those in Wirswall held of the King in socage & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Those in Tetton & Newton held of Sir Randall Crew kt.,

as of his manor of Wermincham, service unknown & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Those in Claverton & Hambridge held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in socage & worth yearly (clear) 5s. 6*d*.

Those in Bridgate Streete, Chester, held of the heirs of John Glegge esq., service unknown & worth yearly (clear) 2s. 6*d*.

The moiety of the serjeanty of the Gate held of the King, in socage & worth yearly (clear) 6*d*.

Troutbeckes Place & the Keepership of the garden in Chester Fosse & fees & profits of same held of the King in socage & worth yearly (clear) £5.

PETER TARBOCKE GENT.

(File 105. No. 8.)

Inquisition taken at Northwich, 22 September, 16 Charles I [1640] before Thomas Aldersey esq., the King's escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire what lands & tenements, by the death of Ellen Hayes, widow, & by reason of the minority of Peter Tarbocke gent., late next of kin & heir of the said Ellen, should come into the King's hands, by the oath of Paul Winington of Birches, George Bradford of Shuebrook, John Blease of the same, William Ravenscroft of Occleston, William Tomlinson of Warton, Robert Whittingham of Over, Robert Tottye & Thomas Maddocke of Over, Thomas Barker of Galegreen, Thomas Lownes of Moulton, John Winington of Leftwich, Thomas Neild of Shurlach, Thomas Frith of Barnton, Christopher Basnett of the same & James Wright of Stanthorne, gentlemen.

They say that the said Peter Tarbocke, in his lifetime, was seised in fee of a mess. or burgage called the " New Swanne " in Northwich & Wynington, in the tenure of John Dutton & Margaret, his wife & Thomas Holford gent.; of 2 shops in Northwich, late in the tenure of

William Birchenhead, William Jefferay & the said Peter Tarbocke ; & the moiety of a saltworks of 6 leads in Northwich in the tenure of Alice Dewsbury, widow ; of the moiety of a burgage in Northwich called the " Old Swanne " & of the site of the moiety of another burgage formerly in the tenure of George Pavor & late of the said Peter in Northwich ; & of the moiety of a saltworks of 4 leads there, formerly in the tenure of Margaret Tarbocke, widow & of Peter Dewsbury & now of John Broome ; & of the moiety of another saltworks of 4 leads in Northwich formerly in the tenure of Richard Newall gent. & now of the said John Broome ; & of the moiety of another saltworks of 6 leads in Northwich, formerly in the tenure of George Shawe & John Aynsworth & late of the said Peter Tarbocke ; & of the moiety of a saltworks of 3 leads there formerly in the tenure of Ralph Nickson & after of Alice Horton, widow & late of the said Peter Tarbocke ; & of the moiety of another saltworks there before in the tenure of Sir Peter Warburton kt. deceased & after of the said Alice Horton, widow & late of the said Peter Tarbocke ; & of the moiety of 6 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow & 12 a. of pasture in Wytton, Twembrooke & Wymincham, which premises by the death of the said Ellen Hayes & by reason of the minority of the said Peter Tarbocke came into & are in the King's hands.

Long before his death, the said Peter Tarbocke was seised in fee of a mess. in St. Clement Lane, parish of St. Clement, Eastcheap, London, formerly in the tenure of Thomas Sainctie & after of Henry Eaton & now or late of Margaret Eaton, widow, & of the moiety of a mess. called The Rose in the parish of St. Christopher in Broad Street Ward, London, formerly in the tenure of Robert Hayes, & late of John Rushton, all which premises came into the King's hands as abovesaid.

Being seised of the said premises in St. Clement Lane, by indenture of 28 June last past, the said Peter conveyed

the same to Peter Venables & Thomas Pownall for 19 years at a peppercorn rent.

The said Peter Tarbocke died 7 July last past having issue by Mary, his wife, a son & daughter, Peter & Elizabeth, & the said Mary, Peter & Elizabeth survive & dwell at Northwich; Peter is son & next heir of the said Peter & on 2 September last past was aged 6 years.

The New Swanne in Northwich & Winington & the two shops, the moiety of the saltworks of 6 leads, are held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by rooth part of a fee & are worth yearly (clear) 40s.; the other premises in Northwich held of William, Earl of Derby in free burgage, by rent of 1s. 0½d. a year & worth yearly (clear) 50s.

The premises in Twembrook, Witton & Wynincham are held of Peter Venables, Baron of Kinderton, as of his manor of Witton, as parcel of the barony of Kinderton, by the service of rooth part of a knight's fee & suit of court at Witton Manor & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

The mess. in St. Clement Lane, tenure unknown to the jurors, worth, after the said demise, 10s. a year & the moiety of the Rose, tenure also unknown, worth yearly (clear) 10s.

WILLIAM TATTON ESQ.

(File 93. No. 1.)

Inquisition taken at Northwich, 30 March, 17 James I [1619] before Sir Urian Leighe kt., Sir Thomas Delves kt., Peter Warburton esq., Hugh Mainwaring esq., escheator, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of William Tatton esq., deceased, by the oath of William Glegge of Grange, Edmund Swetenham . . .,¹ Alexander Hollinworth of Hollinworth, John Allen of Overwhitley, James Roe of Aston, Thomas Hall of Budworth, Thomas Richardson of Ince, James Trevett of Sprouston, William Boulton of Hankelowe, John Middlehurst of

¹ Illegible, and also illegible in Wards 7/60/234.

Latchford, John Grantham of Hale, William Venables of Sproston, & William Austen of Stanthorne, gentlemen.

They say, on oath, that long before the death of the said William Tatton, King Henry VIII was seised of fee in right of his Crown of the manors of Echells & Alderley, co. Chester, the manor of Aldford, cos. Chester & Flint, & by his Letters Patent bearing date 9 July, 28 Henry VIII [1536] demised to Edmund Peckham esq., his cofferer, the said manors as appears by the exemplification of 16 July, 16 James I [1618] now shown to the jurors [here recited], which said premises had been granted to William Brereton esq., now deceased, & had come into the King's hands by reason of the said William's attainder ; afterwards Edmund Peckham by indenture bearing date 22 January, 28 Henry VIII [1536-7] granted the same to Robert Tatton, late of Withenshaw, esq., at a yearly rental of £144, & by indenture of 4 March, 36 Henry VIII [1544-5] confirmed the same for 29 years. By his indenture of 1 May, 3 & 4 Philip & Mary [1557] Robert Tatton assigned all his interest in the same to Sir Edmund Peckham kt., & George Peckham esq., who, by their indenture of 3 May, 3 & 4 Philip & Mary [1557] granted the same to said Robert Tatton for 89 years, 11 months, 3 weeks, & the said Robert Tatton entered into the same.

So being seised, Sir Edmund Peckham, by his deed of 13 May, 3 & 4 Philip & Mary [1557] released all his title in the said manors to George Peckham esq., his son, after the termination of the lease to the said Robert Tatton.

By indenture of 20 May, 3 & 4 Philip & Mary [1557] Robert Tatton aforesaid released to Robert Royle & Reginald Paulden all his title in the manor of Echells, co. Chester & lands, &c., in Owerton Maddocke & Worthinbury, co. Flint, parcel of the manor of Aldford, co. Chester.

By Letters Patent of 29 May, 3 & 4 Philip & Mary [1557] the reversion of the said manors was granted to Sir Edward

Fitton kt. of Gawsforth & the said Robert Tatton of Withenshaw esq., on payment of £2600, at a yearly rental of £100, with all thereunto belonging, as before granted to Edmund Peckham kt., as more fully appears by the said Letters Patent [here quoted].

So being seised, the said Edward Fitton & Robert Tatton on 30 May, 3 & 4 Philip & Mary [1557] made partition of the said manors, by virtue whereof the said Robert Tatton was solely seised by the reversion of the manor of Echells.

They say that the said Robert Tatton, father of the said William, was seised in fee of the manors of Withenshaw & Northen *alias* Northerden & of 280 mess., 2 water grain-mills, 2 dovecotes, 200 gardens, 1080 a. of land, 1000 a. of meadow, 1700 a. of pasture, 300 a. of wood, 100 a. of furze & heath, 100 a. of moor, 100 a. of turbary, 200 a. of land covered with water & £6 rent in Withenshaw, Northen *alias* Northerden, Echells, Tymperley, Baguley & Altringham & of free fishery in the Mersey.

So being seised, the said Robert Tatton, the elder, on 2 November, 10 Elizabeth [1568] by indenture conveyed the manors of Echells & Northerden & all his lands in cos. Chester & Flint to William Booth of Dunham Massye, esq. & William Massye of Puddington, esq. to the use of himself, for life, with contingent remainders to his son & heir apparent, William Tatton, in tail male, to his other sons, Robert, Edward & Nicholas Tatton, in tail male, to his right heirs.

The said Robert, the father, died 18 June, 21 Elizabeth [1576] at Withenshaw, after whose death the manors of Withenshaw, Northen *alias* Northerden, Timperley, Altringham, Baguley & the reversion of the manor of Echells descended to the said William Tatton, as son & heir of the said Robert.

So being seised, the said William, by indenture bearing date 22 October, 23 Elizabeth [1581], on the marriage

of his son & heir apparent, Robert Tatton, with Eleanor, daughter of John Warren esq., which marriage was afterwards solemnised, conveyed the reversion of the said manors &c., after his death, in consideration of Eleanor's dower of 1000 marks, to the said Robert & Eleanor & the heirs male of their bodies. And whereas by letters patent of 24 November, 38 Henry VIII [1546] the parsonage of the parish church of Bowdon, with all houses, glebe lands, &c., late possession of the late monastery of Birkenhead, were demised to Arthur Belfeld & Robert Tatton for 40 years, at a yearly rental of £50 & by other conveyances came to the said William Tatton for 99 years, the said William now conveyed them to Sir Piers Leigh kt., Richard Mollynax of Sefton, co. Lancs., esq. & Edward Warren, son & heir apparent of the said John Warren, on condition that he, the said William & Dorothy Tatton, widow, will make an indenture with the said John Warren of Poynton, esq., assuring the moiety of the said parsonage of Bowdon, to himself for life, with contingent remainders to the said Robert Tatton & his heirs male by the said Eleanor, to the uses of the said William's will, the said William to support the said Robert & Eleanor, & such children as they may have, at his own charge, with servant to attend Eleanor according to her degree, as long as Dorothy Tatton, mother of said William, shall live & after Dorothy's death, to pay the said Eleanor £50 a year for life.

The jurors say a fine was levied at Chester, 4 October, 44 Elizabeth [1602] between Sir Peter Leighe & Sir George Leicester kts. & the said William Tatton, of the manors of Withenshawe, & Northen *alias* Northenden & reversion of the manor of Ecchells & the lands &c., there & in Tymperley, Altrincham & Begulley & the park of Peele, & of all the before recited lands, &c., & a free fishery in the Mersey, to the uses of an indenture made 12 October, 44 Elizabeth [1602] whereby the same were settled on the

said William Tatton, for life, with remainder to his grandson, William Tatton, in tail male, with contingent remainders to Robert Tatton, brother of the said William, party to these presents, in tail male, to his youngest brother, Nicholas Tatton, for life, to John Tatton *alias* Manley, reputed son of said William, in tail male, to the right heirs of said William for ever.

By indenture of 1 March, 45 Elizabeth [1602-3] made between the said William Tatton of Wythenshaw, esq. & Sir George Leicester of Toft, kt., a marriage between William, the grandchild & Katherine Leicester, one of the daughters of Sir George, having already been had, a mess. in Northenden in the tenure of Nicholas Shalcrosse of the yearly rent of 3s. 8d., a mess. there & mess. there in the tenure of Ralph Tomlinson, of the yearly rent of 16d.; of Victor Sindrells, yearly rent 3s. 10d.; of Ellis Kempe, yearly rent 12s. 6d.; of John Hamnett, yearly rent 6s. 8d.; of William Goodier, yearly rent 15s.; of James Deane, yearly rent 7s. 8d.; of John Holte & Joan, his mother, yearly rent 7s. 8d.; of Margery Ridgeway, widow, yearly rent 6s. 8d.; of Ellen Sindrells, widow, yearly rent 2s.; of Arnold Hunt, yearly rent 10s. 8d.; of William Hunt, yearly rent 2s. 10d.; of Hugh Berrye, yearly rent 4s.; of Richard Burges & Katherine, his mother, yearly rent 6s. 8d.; of James Barlowe & Dorothy Barrett, yearly rent 22s.; of Jeffrey Shelmerdine, yearly rent 6s. 8d.; of Nicholas Whearnebye, yearly rent 3s.; of Christopher Bronhill, yearly rent 6s. 8d.; of Richard Brounehill, yearly rent 12d.; of Humphrey Shelmerdyne & John Shelmerdyne, yearly rent 20s. 8d.; of William Tomlinson, yearly rent 19s. 10d.; of James Shelmerdyne & John Hankinson, yearly rent 20s.; of Henry Royle, yearly rent 9s. 4d.; of Robert Coppock, yearly rent 31s. 2d.; of Edward Baylye, yearly rent 13s.; of John Houlte & Joan, his mother, yearly rent 2s.; of said William Tomlinson, yearly rent 12d.; of said Ellen Sindrell,

yearly rent 12*d.* & all closes in the manor of Echells, belonging to the capital mess. called the Peele, in Echells, called Baylie ground, Wyghurst, Combes Wood, the Four Brendearths, Gatley Wood, Slutchte ground, Roughwood, the Pleames, the Two Acre, Shawcrosse Meadow, Brome Crofts, the Crunbrockes, amounting to the clear yearly value of 100 marks, were settled on the said William, the grandchild, & Katherine, his wife, & their male issue, with contingent remainders to the male issue of the said William, the grandchild, the male issue of William the grandfather, in tail male, to Robert, Edward & Nicholas Tatton, brothers of William, the grandfather, in tail male, to John Tatton *alias* Manley, reputed son of William, the grandfather, in tail male, to the right heirs of said William for ever, & as to the residue to the use of the said William, for life with contingent remainders to his grandchild, William, &c. [*as before*].

An indenture was made 6 November, 2 James I [1604] between the said William Tatton, Sir Peter Leigh of Lyme, kt., & Sir George Leycester of Toft, kt., for the better assurance & conveyance of the premises, as in the aforesaid fine.

By indenture of 5 February, 2 James I [1604-5] the said William enfeoffed James Massey, George Parker & Henry Coxson of the said manors of Wythenshawe, Northen *alias* Northenden & Echells & all lands, &c. in Whithenshawe, Northen, Echells, Gatley, Painswicke, Charston, Kenardley *alias* Kenworth, Moreside, Timperley, Altrincham, Bodon, Dunham Massey, Woodhouses, Sale & Hale & the free fishery in the water of the Mersey, to the uses of an indenture made 1 March, 45 Elizabeth [1582-3].

So being seised, the said William Tatton esq. died 19 May, 9 James I [1611] at Withenshawe, after whose death William Tatton gent., the younger, entered into the said manors & lands & is thereof seised as by law required.

So being seised, William Tatton, the younger, by indenture bearing date 14 January, 9 James I [1611-12] together with Robert Tatton of Withenshaw, esq., covenanted with Sir George Both of Dunham, kt. & bart., William Breareton of Ashley, esq., James Kessall of Bradshaw in Chedle & William Warren of Lostocke in Poynton, gents., that they would convey the aforesaid manors, the capital mess. called Withenshaw Hall & the Peele of Echells in Withenshaw, Northen & Echells & all lands, &c., thereunto appertaining except the mess. & lands in the tenure of Maud, widow of Robert Goodier, deceased, closes late in the tenure of Raynold Royle, deceased, called Crossefields *alias* Withenshaw Park, & of all other their lands, &c., in Gatley, Pownsacke, Sharston, Kinerley *alias* Kinworthy, Altringham, Timberley & Moreside & would levy a fine at the next assizes at Chester, settling eight parcels of land called Bayly Ground, three parcels called Wighurst & other lands called Combes Wood, Gulley Wood, Stutch Ground, Rough Wood, the Pleanes, the Two Acres, Shawe Croft Meadow, the Broune Croft, Crimbecks, all in the manor of Etchells & belonging to the said capital mess. called the Peele of Etchells, on the said William Tatton & Katherine now his wife, for the term of their lives, with contingent remainders, after their deaths, to Robert Tatton gent., son & heir apparent of the said William, in tail male, to the other sons of the said William, in tail male, to Robert Tatton gent., 2nd son of Robert, the father, in tail male, to Philip Tatton, 3rd son of Robert, the father, in tail male, to the other sons of the said Robert Tatton, the father, in tail male, to Edward Tatton of Etchells, gent., uncle of Robert Tatton, the father, in tail male, to Nicholas Tatton of Etchells, gent., another uncle of the said Robert the father, in tail male, to the right heirs of the said Robert, the father, for ever ; & as to mess. in Northen in the tenures of Nicholas

Shawcrosse, Ralph Tomlinson, Victor Sindrells, Ellen Kempe, & others (already named) to the use of the said Robert Tatton, the father, for life, with contingent remainders to the said William & Katherine Tatton, in tail male, &c. [*as before*]; & as to the Peele of Echells & lands, &c., thereunto appertaining, in the occupation of the said William Tatton & Henry Cockeson, to the use of the said William for life, & as to the manors of Withenshaw, Etchells & Northen *alias* Northerden to the use of Robert Tatton, the father, he paying the said William £23 11s. 0d. a year, during his life, & after his death to the use of the said William Tatton, &c. [*as before*], & it was to be lawful for the said Robert Tatton by his indenture or last will to dispose of Lower Peele Park & lands in Withenshaw & Northen to his now wife Susan or any other wife or to the wife of the son & heir apparent of the said William, as jointure, & to make a yearly rent charge of £6 13s. 4d. for each of his younger sons & a marriage portion for his daughters.

The said Robert, the father, demised to John Carington certain lands & the said William Tatton junior acquiesced therein & also permitted his father to occupy the lands, &c., named in the last indenture & to take the profits thereof.

By indenture of 14 December, 14 James I [1616] William Tatton aforesaid mortgaged to Thomas Goodyer, citizen & draper of London, the capital mess. called Withenshaw Hall, in Withenshaw & Northen & all thereunto belonging, including the Hall Field, the Longe Eye, the Emottes Eye, the Swayne Park, the Calver Croft, the Higher Saxfield, the Ryle *alias* Royle Thorne & Hollow Meadow, the Ryle *alias* Royle Orchard, & Streetfield, the Fullshawes, the Hall Meadow, the Horse Coppice, the Lawton Eye, the Wheat Eye, the Black Croppes, the Five Day Mathe, the Cowfalls, redeemable on payment of £556 on 20 May 1618.

A fine was levied at Chester, 17 April, 13 James I [1615] of an indenture made 12 April, 13 James I between William Tatton of Peele, gent. & Peter Warburton of Lincoln's Inn, esq. & Robert Hyde, son & heir apparent of Hamnett Hyde of Northburie, esq., whereby the said William Tatton demised to said Warburton & Hide closes called the Sprinke, Great Plain & Punrose Hill in Etchells & the Slutched Grounds there for 80 years at a peppercorn rent.

By indenture made the last day of February, 15 James I [1617-18] between John Welde of London, esq. & John Mayle of London, the elder, esq. & Thomas Sharman & William Richbell, citizens of London, a yearly rent of £45 6s. 8d. out of the manors of Aldeford Echells & Alderleigh was granted to the said Sharman & Richbell [the grant to Edmund Peckham esq., &c. being recited] for a certain term of years.

They say the manor of Echells & lands there & in Timperley & the free fishery in the Mersey were held of the King in chief by a fortieth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 15 *li*.

The manors of Withenshawe & Northerden, except 10 a. called the Chauntry Lands held of the Dean & Chapter of Chester Cathedral by fealty only, held in free & common socage & worth yearly (clear) 40s. & the said 10 a. formerly chantry lands held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, in free & common socage only & not in chief & worth yearly (clear) 4s.

The lands in Altringham held of Sir George Bouth kt. & bart., as of his manor of Dunham Massey in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The said William Tatton died, seised of the aforesaid manors & lands, 19 May, 9 James I [1611], at Withenshawe & Robert Tatton is his son & heir & is now aged 40 years & more.

They say that William Tatton, the younger, late son & heir apparent of the said Robert, had taken all the profits &c. from the time of the death of the said William Tatton esq. named in the commission until the death of the said William Tatton gent., the younger, except the issues of the premises received by the said Robert Tatton, as before specified ; which said William Tatton, the younger, died 8 January, 14 James I [1616-17]. Katherine Tatton, widow of William Tatton, the younger, from the time of the death of the said William Tatton the younger, has taken the issues of the said manors & lands until the day of the taking of this inquisition.

[This is followed by two other inquisitions, held on William Tatton gent., on the same day, with the same jurors & ending thus :

William Tatton gent., named in the commission, died 8 January, 14 James I [1616-17] at Withenshaw & Katherine, his wife, survives him & dwells at Whythenshaw ; and Robert Tatton gent., is his son & heir, aged 12 years, 11 months, 12 days.

The Court of Wards Inquisition, Wards 7/60/234, gives the version of the first inquisition abstracted in full.]

JOHN TAYLOR.

(File 100. No. 16.)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 17 October, 5 Charles I [1629] before Hugh Maynwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of John Taylor, by the oath of Alexander Elcocke of Poole, Thomas Broocke of Leighton, Henry Malban of Munkscropehall, John Cartwright of Shipnall, John Cartwright of Aston, John Cheswis of Mickley, Thomas Smyth of Checkley, Oliver Pollet of Fadeley, John Moulton of the same, Ralph Grafton of Worleston, Thomas Shenton of Stoke, Francis Botteley of Burlande,

William Waste of Hunsterston & Thomas Heath of Eger-ton, gentlemen.

They say the said John Taylor on 1 December, 4 Charles I [1628] was seised in fee of a mess. or burgage in Shipyorde, in or by Longesouthwork, co. Surrey, called the Sign of the Ship & of another mess. or burgage there called the Sign of the Connye, & all houses, shops, cellars, solars, &c. there in the tenures of Robert Chambers, William Radsye, William Monke, Joseph Wall & Daniel Monster & other premises there in the tenure of John Taylor aforesaid & so being seised, he then conveyed the same to Roger Wilbraham of Derfould, esq., Richard Minshull of Nantwich, gent. & Thomas Maynwaringe, son & heir apparent of Mathew Maynwaringe of Nantwich, gent., in consideration of a marriage before had between him & Elizabeth, daughter of said Mathew Maynwaringe, to the use of himself for life, with contingent remainders to his wife, Elizabeth, for life & his male issue by her, to wit to his son & heir apparent, John Taylor, in tail male, his other sons by her, in tail male, his daughters by her, in tail male, the right heirs of said John.

They say the said premises are held of the King as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) £3 6s. 8d.

They say that the said John Taylor on 20 March, 4 Charles I [1628-9] at Nantwich by the "imbecility of his brain" [*per imbecilitatem cerebri sui*] & not otherwise became a lunatic & not from birth nor at any other time, & still remains so, so that he cannot sufficiently govern his lands, &c., & has no lucid intervals. John Taylor has no other lands &c. in co. Chester or co. Surrey or elsewhere.

RICHARD TAYLOR.

(File 102. No. 14.)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 20 January, 10 Charles I [1634-5] before Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator in co.

Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Richard Taylor, by the oath of Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Hugh Whitnie of Coole Lane, Cholmondeley Salmon of the same, John Booth of Hankelow, William Jackson of Aston, Randall Grafton of Worleston, William Cudworth of Newhall, Edward Hamnett of Aston, Richard Hamnett of Newhall, Robert Massie of Coole Lane, Ralph Cardiffe of Wollfall & George Salmon of Coole Lane, gentlemen.

They say the said Richard Taylor died seised in fee of a mess. & 20 a. of land in Aston, now in the tenure of Henry Beckett; of a cottage & garden in Aston now in the tenure of Richard Ravenscrofte; of a cottage & 1 a. of land in Aston, now in the tenure of Roger Wilkinson; of a cottage & 1 a. of land in Newhall, in the tenure of John Barnett; of a cottage & 1 a. of land in Newhall in the tenure of William Hardinge; of a water-grain-mill in Aston called Paradise Mill in the tenure of John Barnett; of a pasture called Coole Lane Field in Coole Lane, of about 6 a.; of 2 saltworks in Fulwiche *alias* Dirtwiche.

All which premises are held of the King as Earl of Chester, in chief, by knight service & are worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The said Richard Taylor died 7 May, 10 Charles I [1634] & George Taylor is his son & heir, aged at his father's death 40 years & more.

ALICE TENCH (IDIOT).

(File 94. No. 20.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 11 January, 17 James I [1619-20] before Edward Dod esq., Richard Brereton esq., Ralph Wilbraham esq., Hugh Maynwaring esq., escheator, Edward Gregge gent., John Werden gent. & Henry Delves, feodary, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire into the insanity of Alice Tench,

wife of Hugh Tench & formerly of Thomas Clutton gent., deceased, by the oath of William Davenport of Boughton, John Edwards of Cheavley, Thomas Buckley of Bickerton, Thomas Richardson of Boughton, Richard Bird of Broxton, Richard Coventree of Mollington, John Ashbrook of Tattenhall, James Doe of Sagghall, John Doe of the same, Francis Harden of Boughton, William Rosengreave of Hargreave, William Healey of Newton, Robert Barton of Saughall, Thomas Barlow of the same, Henry Phillipps of Christleton, Edward Urian of the same, James Hancock of Newton, John Crew of Elton, Randall Maddocks of Edge & John Cotton of Huntington, gentlemen.

They say that the said Alice Tench is, & from the time of her birth was, mad & an idiot & does not enjoy lucid intervals.

They say the said Alice & Thomas Clutton, formerly her husband, in his lifetime were seised of fee in the right of the said Alice, of 5 mess., 100 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood in Overton, Hampton & Horton, in the several tenures of William Jennynghes, Peter Dod, Thomas Aldersey & Thomas Shard. So being seised, Thomas Clutton died & Alice took to husband Hugh Tench & the said Hugh & Alice were seised of the same in the right of the said Alice.

The said Hugh & Alice, after their marriage, were seised, in the right of the said Alice, of the third part of a mess. in Chorleton & the lands thereunto belonging.

The said premises in Overton are held of William de Overton, in socage by fealty & $\frac{1}{2}d.$ rent & are worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Those in Hampton held of the heirs of William de Malpas in socage, by fealty & 2s. rent & worth yearly (clear) 30s.

Those in Horton held of the heirs of Aman de Quite in socage, by fealty & $\frac{1}{2}d.$ rent & 1 pair of white gloves & worth yearly (clear) 30s.

The third part of the premises in Chorleton [no tenure given] worth yearly 6s. 4*d*.

The said Alice has not alienated any of her lands, &c.

Richard Clutton is son & heir apparent of the said Alice & is now aged 21 years & more & is mad & idiotic.

SIR EDMUND TRAFFORD KT.

(File 97. No. 13.)

Inquisition taken at Knutsford, 26 March, 21 James I [1623] before Hugh Maynwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the Prince's writ to enquire after the death of Sir Edmund Trafford, late of Trafford, co. Lancaster, kt., by the oath of James Massie of Sale, Humfrey Page of Yardshaw, Edward Thorncroft of Thorncroft, Lea Henshall of Henshall, William Birtles of Hill, Philip Downes of Tofte, Thomas Gleave of Highleigh, Edward Harper of the same, Alexander Duncalf of Moberley, Edmund Howe of Ollerton, Ralph Barlow of Hale, Anthony Furnivall of Mylnehouse, Henry Hough of Chorley & Robert Webster of Nether Knottesford, gentlemen.

They say that long before the death of the said Sir Edmund he was seised in fee of the moiety of the manors of Bollyn & Norcliffe & of the moiety of 50 mess., 20 cottages, 500 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 90 a. of wood, 200 a. of furze & heath & 50s. rent in Bollyn & Norcliffe & in Hough, Pownall, Chorley, Norley, Stangland, Deanerowe, Fulshaw & Wylme[s]low & of the advowson of the church of Wilmeslow.

So being seised, in the Court of Pleas on 29 September, 42 Elizabeth [1600] a fine was levied between Edward Cecyll esq. & Sir John Savage kt., plaintiffs, & Edmund Trafford then esq., now kt., deforciant, of the abovesaid moiety of manors & premises to the uses of an indenture made 27 September, 42 Elizabeth [1600] settling the same on the said Sir Edmund for life, with contingent remainders, after his death, to Sir Cecil Trafford kt., son of the said

Sir Edmund by Mildred, his wife, in tail male, &c., as appears in the said indenture.

They say the said premises, &c., are held of Charles, Prince of Wales, as Earl of Chester, by the third part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) £20.

They say the said Sir Edmund died at Trafford 7 May, 18 James I [1620] & Edmund Trafford esq. is his son & next heir & at his father's death was aged 36 years & more.

Sir Cecil Trafforde kt. survives & dwells at Trafford & has taken the profits, &c., of the premises since the death of the said deceased.

THOMAS TRAFFORD ESQ.

(File 99. No. 10.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 18 October, 2 Charles I [1626] before Hugh Manwaring esq., escheator, & Peter Daniell esq., feodary, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Thomas Trafford esq., by the oath of Humfrey Page of Yeardshaw, Andrew Burton of Over, William Tomlinson of Warton, Richard Whittingham of Over, Philip Downes of Tofte, Robert Whittingham of Over, Thomas Barker of the same, William Ravenscroft of Occleston, William Venables of Sproston, George Bradford of Shipbrooke, Randall Findlow of Hulmwalfeld, Arthur Joynson of Warton, Philip Antrobus of Peever, Thomas Burrowes of Cliffe, James Bradshaw of Allostock, John Winington of Leftwich & Thomas Neild of Shurlach, gentlemen.

They say that, long before his death, the said Thomas Trafford was seised of fee of the vill of Bridgetrafford with the appurtenances, & of 10 mess., 100 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 100 a. of heath in Bridgetrafford & of the view of frankpledge, the liberties & franchises of Bridgetrafford, & of the rent & service of £3 5s. 4d. issuing from 11 mess., 4 shops & 1 garden in the city of

Chester ; of 2 mess., 5 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow & 5 a. of pasture in Wimblestrafford.

So being seised, a fine was levied 9 April, 19 James I [1621] at Chester between the said Thomas Trafford & Edward Whiteby esq., Ralph Litler jun., gent. & John Fletcher gent., to the uses of an indenture, bearing date 2 January, 20 James I, settling all the said premises on the said Thomas, for life, with contingent remainders, after his death, to William Burslem of Thringeston, co. Leics., gent. & Dorothy, daughter of the said Thomas & wife of the said William, so that the said William may levy, take & collect £400 as the marriage portion of the said Dorothy, & to their issue until the said sum has been levied & to the right heirs of the said Thomas.

The said William Burslem & Dorothy survive & dwell at Middlewich.

The said Thomas died 23 January last past & William Trafford is his son & next heir & is now aged 52 years.

The said vill, view of frankpledge, liberties & franchises are held of the King by 8th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £8.

The rent aforesaid held of the King by rooth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £3 5s. 4d.

The premises in Wimblestrafford held of the King by rooth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

WILLIAM TRAFFORD ESQ.

(File 103. No. 19.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 18 April, 13 Charles I [1637] before Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of William Trafford esq., by the oath of Richard Edge of Tattenhall, John Williamson of Chowley, John Horton of Aldersey, Robert Walker of the same, Thomas Pulford of Farnedon, Henry Phillipps of Christleton, Robert Comberbach of Crooke Aldersey, Hugh Kerrison of

Dodleston, Thomas Spencer of Farnedon, William Sharpe & John Johnson of the same, James Ashton of Churton, George Walker of the same, John Vrian of Christleton, John Shocklach of Aldford, William Rosengreave of Hargreave & Ralph Seller of Christleton, gentlemen.

They say that long before his death the said William Trafford was seised in fee of the manor, lordship & vill of Bridgtrafford & of 10 mess., 100 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 100 a. of heath in Bridgtrafford & of the view of frankpledge, liberties & franchises of Bridgtrafford & of the rent of £3 5s. 4*d.* issuing from 11 mess., 4 shops & a garden in the city of Chester ; & of 2 mess., 5 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow & 5 a. of pasture in Wymblestrafford.

So being seised, by indenture made 6 February, 11 Charles I [1635-6] at Chester, between the said William & Thomas Trafford, then his son & heir apparent, of the 1st part, Sir William Massie of Puddington, kt., George Spurstow of Spurstow, esq., John Hurleston of Picton, esq., & John Leech of Cawarden, esq., of the 2nd part & Thomas Marbury of Marbury, John Massie of Coddington, William Barneston of Churton, esqs., & Mary Aldersey, one of the daughters & heirs of Richard Aldersey, late of Chester, gent., deceased, of the 3rd part, in view of the marriage to be had between the said Thomas Trafford & Mary Aldersey, the said premises were settled on said William Trafford until such time as the said marriage should take place & after that time the closes called the Four Mosse Heyes, the Great & Little Newe Hey, the Black Lound, the Two Cliftings, the Long Lounds, the new Meadowe, the Rie Croft, the Thirty Beastgates in Trafford Moore in Bridgtrafford to the use of the said Thomas & Mary & the longer liver of them & the said manor & lordship to the use of William for life & after his death the doveote, & lands called the Wood by the house, the Pigeon house, the yard adjoining, Barlowes & Johnsons

Yards, the new orchard, the ox pasture, the wood in Bridgtrafford, the whole capital mess. or mansion house there & all houses & lands there to the use of the said Thomas & after his death the same, except the capital mess., to the use of the said Mary, if she survive him, with contingent remainders to the eldest son of the said Thomas & Mary, in tail male, to their other sons, in tail male, to the male issue of said Thomas, to the daughters of the said Thomas & Mary & their issue, to Dorothy Mould[s]worth, wife of William Mouldsworth gent. & Margaret Trafford, daughters of said William Trafford & sisters of said Thomas & their issue, to Thomas & his heirs for ever.

The marriage between Thomas Trafford & Mary Aldersey took place 13 February, 11 Charles I [1635-6].

The said William Trafford died 3 August last past & Thomas & Mary survive him & dwell at Bridgtrafford & Thomas is his next heir & now aged 25 years.

They say the said manor, lordship & vill of Bridgtrafford, the view of frankpledge, &c., are held of the King by the 8th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) £8.

The premises in Chester held of the King by the rooth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £3 5s. 4d.

Those in Wymbles-trafford held of the King by the rooth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

THOMAS VENABLES ESQ.

(Wards 7. File 32. No. 157.)¹

Inquisition taken at Sandbache, 22 April, 4 James I [1606] before Thomas Wilbraham esq., Henry Manwaringe esq., escheator, Thomas Marburie esq., Geoffrey Shackerley esq., & Ralph Wilbram gent., feodary, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Thomas Venables, late of Kynderton, esq., by the oath of Urian Leigh of Adlington, kt., Randall Davenport of

¹ Chester 3/88/7 is torn & dirty, so abstract made from the above.

Henbury, William Liversage of Wheelocke, William Lawton of Lawton, Thomas Mynshall of Eardeswyck, Arthur Davenport of Calvey, William Davenport of Woodford, esqs., John Golburne of Golburne, Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Richard Davenport of Wheltrough, Robert Venables of Antrobus, Humfrey Page of Yearde-shawe, Robert Pickmere of Hulse, John Pygott of Somerford, John Wrenche of Shurlache, Alexander Hulme of Strethyll & Hugh Ameson of Cranage, gentlemen.

They say that a certain Sir Thomas Venables, late of Kynderton, kt., late father of the said Thomas, long before his death was seised in fee of the barony of Kynderton, which had existed from time immemorial & consisted of the manor of Kynderton *alias* Cimbretune with the hamlets of Curteshulme, Brearilhulme & Brotherholme, the manors of Wynincham *alias* Wimin-disham, Arclide, Eccleston with the advowson thereof & the hamlet of Belgrave, the manors of Bradwall, Merton, Witton *alias* Wyttune, Hunsterton & Bridgesmere, the moiety of the vill of Sprouston & of the homage & service of William Brereton, then esq., now kt., for his manor of Brereton *alias* Breton which he held of the said Sir Thomas by the service of one knight's fee & a half & suit of court every fifteen days at his court of Kynderton; of the service of the said William for the other moiety of the vill of Sprouston, of two parts of the manor of Somerford, which the said William held of Sir Thomas by knight service & of the homage & service of the said William for lands & tenements in Little Stanthaile & Old Warton held by him in knight service, & of the homage, rent & service of John Davenport esq. for his manors of Davenport & Merton held by 8th part of a knight's fee & rent of six barbed arrows & 18*d.* yearly & suit of court as aforesaid; of the homage, rent & service of Sir Ralph Egerton kt. for his manor of Newbould *alias* Newbold, with the manor of Asburie, held by him by

service of a knight's fee & rent of 2s. yearly & suit of court as aforesaid; of the homage, rent & service of Edward Bellett esq. for his manor of Moreton, held by knight service & suit of court as aforesaid; of the rent & service of John Meyre esq. for his manor of Mere with the moiety of the vill of Bollington held by fealty & rent of 1*d.* yearly; of the homage, rent & service of John Leighe of Boyton for his tenements in Bollington held in free socage; of the homage, rent & service of Sir John Holcroft kt. for his manor of Hartford in Horton held by service of a knight's fee & 4s. 2*d.* rent yearly; of the homage, rent & service of Richard Lea for his manor of Lea by Wybunburie held by quarter of a knight's fee & 2s. yearly rent & suit of court as aforesaid; of the homage, rent & service of Ralph Done esq. for his manor of Utkinton held by the moiety of a knight's fee & suit of court as aforesaid, & food [*putar'*] for the serjeant of the Baron of Kinderton & of the homage, rent & service of the said Ralph & of Thomas Hynton for the vill of Torpurley *alias* Torpelley held by homage, fealty & scutage, when the King's scutage runs at 40s., 40s. & when more, more & when less, less, & for the food [*putar'*] of 2 bedells & one groom for six journeys in every 6 weeks in 6 mess. in Torpurley; of the homage, rent & services of John Talbott esq. for his lands & tenements in Pickmeyre held by the 8th part of a knight's fee; of the homage, rent & services of Thomas Wilbraham esq. for his lands & tenements in Castle Northwych, Radnor, Twembrookes, Wymyncham & Knightshulme held by a quarter part of a knight's fee & rent of 8 barbed arrows for his lands in Radnor & a pair of gloves for those in Knightshulme & a pair of gloves for those in Castle Northwych, Twembrookes & Wymyncham; & of the service of Peter Warburton of Arley, esq., for his lands & tenements in Castle Northwich held by service unknown to the jurors; & for lands he held in Twembrookes; &

of the service of Judith & Sarah Paver for lands & tenements in Twembrokes held by service unknown ; & of the homage, rent & services of Richard Brereton of Tatton, esq., for three parts of the manor of Rothstorne held by the sixteenth part of a knight's fee ; of the homage, rent & services of John Leighe of Boothes, esq., for the fifth part of the same manor held by knight service & 12*d.* rent & a pair of gloves yearly ; of the homage, rent & services of Sir John Savage kt. & Richard Brereton esq. for his manors of Wettenhall *alias* Watenhall, & Alpram *alias* Albrugham held by service of a knight's fee, & of the homage, rent & services of Richard Hatton for the hamlet called Hope, in the territory of Bradwall ; of the homage, rent & services of Henry Delves esq. for his manors of Duddington *alias* Diddinton & Blackenhall held by knight service ; of the homage, rent & services of Thomas Pershall esq. for his manor of Chekleghe held by knight service.

The said Sir Thomas was also seised in fee of the manor of Moston, a mess., & 5 a. of land in Elton upon Eleleghe Heath & of the homage, rent & services of William Liversage esq. for the vill of Whelock held by knight service & 10*s.* yearly rent, & of the manors of Cotton & Golburne David & 7 mess., 7 gardens & 10 saltworks in Myddlewich ; & of 3 saltworks together with the moiety of the issues & profits of the Leadsmythie in Northwich & a parcel of moss in Oldwarton, & of a mess. & 3 a. of land in Tetton & of 5 mess., 60 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow & 30 a. of pasture in Milton & Hanley ; & of 10 a. of land in Christleton, & of the homage & services of the heirs of William Launcelyn for lands & tenements in Little Meoles in Wyrrall held by knight service.

So being seised, Sir Thomas conveyed to Robert Needham, William Massie, Ralph Dutton, Peter Leighe, John Davenport & Henry Mainwaring esqs., by indenture of 22 December, 5 Elizabeth [1562] the said premises to

the use of himself, for life, with remainder to the said Thomas Venables esq., his son & heir apparent in tail male & a fine was levied concerning the same on 4 September, 6 Eliz. [1564]. Sir Thomas died seised thereof at Kynderton, after whose death the said Thomas entered into the barony, manors, &c., in fee tail.

The said Thomas Venables esq. was seised in fee of 2 watermills, a mess., 30 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture in Stanforde & of 2 mess., 40 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture in Stanthorne late in the tenure of Humfrey Carter deceased & Randall Whissall & of 2 mess., 2 gardens, 30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow & 30 a. of pasture in Mylton, in the tenures of Thomas Thomason & Richard Abbott, the premises in Mylton having been bought by said Thomas of John Massie of Coddington; of 2 mess., 2 gardens in Myddlewyche in the tenures of William Symcock & Margery Vernon, bought by said Thomas of Randall Pickmeyre & Cecilia, his wife; of a mess. & garden in Middlewich in tenure of William Yardley bought of said William & John Yardley, his son & heir; of a saltworks of 6 leads in Middlewyche in tenure of the said William Yardley, bought of said William & John Yardley & of Richard Dutton.

By indenture of 3 September, 26 Elizabeth [1584] Ellen Goodman, John Gryffyth, Thomas Thorneley, Ralph Vernon, Randall Farror, Thomas Norley & Hugh Rowlinson granted to the said Thomas the reversion of all their lands, &c., in Eccleston, after the death of Maud Venables, widow of Sir Thomas Venables kt., she holding the same in dower & lands in Kynderton & Bradwall & by other indentures lands in the places before named.

By indenture of 19 September, 26 Eliz. [1584] on payment of £5000, the said Thomas sold to William Venables of Agden, gent., & Thomas Thorneley of Eccleston, yeoman, the manors of Kynderton, Wytton, Mershton, Bradwall, Sprouston, Moston, Eccleston,

Golburne David & Cotton by Christleton & the moiety of the profits of the Leadsmithie with Rake in Northwich & all other mess., saltworks, lands, &c., in the said places & in Hanley, Milton, Christleton, Stanthorne, Oldwarton, Clyve, Stanford, Middlewych, Newton by Middlewych, Northwich, Brereton, Davenport, Somerford, Newbold, Astburie, Moreton, Hertford, Horton Castle, Northwyche, Wymincham, Pickmeyre, Twembrooks, Meere, Higheleighe, Bolington, Rowthestorne, Radnor, Bridesmeyre, Huns[t]erston, Blacknall, Checkley, Utkington, Torperley, Alpram, Wettenhall, Marton, Arclide, Hope, Moresbarrowe, Whelock, Little Meoles, Leirton, & Lea by Wybunburie & free fisheries in the waters of Budworthe Meyre & Pickemer Meyre & the Dee, to them & their heirs for ever. The same was enrolled at Chester 15 April, 30 Eliz. [1588] & also a recovery was levied to the use of the said Thomas Venables.

He was also seised in fee of the reversion of 7 mess., a barn, a toft, 7 gardens, 50 a. of land, 12 a. of meadow, 50 a. of pasture in Myddlewich, Newton by Myddlewyche, & Stanthorne, late bought of Sir Richard Buckley kt., by fine levied at Chester 24 April, 29 Eliz. [1587] after the death of Agnes, late the wife of Sir Richard Buckley kt., the father, deceased & the said Agnes still survives at Myddlewyche, to him in tail male, in default of such issue to one of his daughters, Elizabeth, now Dame Elizabeth Egerton, widow & the heirs of her body, with contingent remainders to his other daughter, Mary, now the wife of Richard Ashton esq., son & heir apparent of Richard Asheton of Midleton, co. Lancs., kt., & the heirs of her body, the issue of the said Thomas Venables, to William Venables of Agden, gent., in tail male, to John Venables, brother of said William, in tail male, to William Venables, son of Anne Bostock, in tail male, to her other son Ciprian Venables, in tail male, to Robert, son of George Venables of Crewe, in tail male, to the right heirs

of the said Thomas ; & provision was made that the said Thomas might convey lands not exceeding the value of 100 marks to the use of any woman he might marry after the death of Elizabeth, then his wife ; the said Elizabeth is now dead.

By indenture of 25 August, 29 Eliz. [1587] the said Thomas Venables agreed with Thomas, Lord Ellesmere, that if the said Thomas Venables should have male issue, then Lord Ellesmere, two years after the birth of such son, should have £1000 assigned to him in satisfaction of a sum received from him, & Elizabeth Venables, now Dame Elizabeth Egerton, widow, to have £1000 on her marriage to Thomas Egerton, now deceased. A fine was levied 25 August, 29 Eliz. [1587].

Afterwards the said Thomas Egerton, then being son & heir apparent of Thomas, Lord Ellesmere, at Kynderton, married the said Elizabeth Venables & died 23 August, 41 Eliz. [1599], having by her three daughters, Elizabeth, Mary & Vere Egerton, now dwelling at Kynderton ; & the said Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Venables, died in July, 33 Eliz. [1591] in her husband's lifetime, at Kynderton without male issue & afterwards, on 14 July, 41 Eliz. [1599] at Kynderton, the said Thomas Venables married Anne, one of the daughters of Sir Cotton Gargrave kt., & at Kynderton had issue Mary Venables & afterwards on 2 February, 43 Eliz. [1600-1] had issue, at Kynderton, Charles Venables, his firstborn son, & two years after the said Thomas paid Lord Ellesmere £1000. Afterwards, on 27 January, 45 Eliz. [1602-3] the said Charles Venables died at Kynderton & afterwards, on 22 April, 2 James I [1604] the said Thomas Venables had issue by the said Anne, at Kynderton, Peter Venables.

He was also seised in fee of a mess. & a quarter of an acre of land in Middlewych in the tenure of Elizabeth Venables, widow, now deceased, & on 1 September, 31

Eliz. [1589] bought the same of George Evans & Elizabeth his wife, & on 8 August, 37 Eliz. [1595] bought a saltworks of 2 leads in Myddlewych in the tenure of Humfrey Wright, now deceased, of William Meyre of Meyre, esq. ; of a mess. & garden in Middlewych in the tenure of William Carter, bought 5 June, 42 Eliz. [1600] of William Venables, late of Middlewych, gent., & Margaret, his wife ; of 2 mess., 2 gardens in Middlewych in the tenure of Edward Wilkinson & William Frances, & a pasture called the Intake in Newton by Middlewyche, in the tenure of Margaret Proudlove, widow, & of 2 pastures of 7 a. in Newton aforesaid, in the tenure of John Hope, bought 8 November, 39 Eliz. [1599] of Thomas Manwaringe of Calveley ; of a close called The Two Acres, of 4 a. in Newton aforesaid, late in the tenure of Hugh Wever, deceased, bought 25 November, 38 Eliz. [1595] of Randall Weever of Moston ; of a mess., garden & orchard there, in the tenure of Robert Dodd, & a barn, a garden & an orchard there, in the tenure of John Moulton, bought 31 January, 41 Eliz. [1598-9] of Edward Whyttingham ; & of a yearly rent of 12s. issuing from a mess. & lands thereunto belonging in Cotton by Cristleton, in the tenure of John Carter, bought 5 October, 33 Eliz. [1591] of the heirs of Peter Dodd & Thomas Dodd his son & heir apparent ; of a mess., 30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture there, in the tenure of Ralph Cratchley & John Iver, & the moiety of a saltworks of 6 leads in Nampwych, at Giggill, in the tenure of Richard Maisteron & Randall Manwaringe, bought 3 April, 43 Eliz. [1601] of John Irelaund of Hutt, co. Lancs., esq., & Gilbert Ireland, his brother ; of divers closes, called Dickons Croft & Dickons Croft Meadow, bought 4 April, 40 Eliz. [1598] of Richard Colgrave of Holt, co. Denbigh ; of divers pastures containing about 3 a. in Brotherhulme & elsewhere in the parish of Mydlewych, in the tenure of Humphrey Brooke of Brother-

hulme, bought 9 January, 38 Eliz. [1595-6] of William Holinshed of Goostree & John Aveson of Lees, yeoman ; of a mess., tenements & lands in Sprowston, in the tenure of Randall Smallwood, & closes there called the Blackfeld, Menefeld, Blackfeld Croft, Shineacre, Betlebutt, the two Cloughes, the Nearer Highfield, the Further Highfield, Kylnecroft & the Two Green Crofts, in the tenure of Randall Smalewood, bought 13 October, 40 Eliz. [1598] of the said Randall Smalewood ; of a saltworks of 8 leads in Northwych, late in the tenure of Robert Bromfeld, now deceased & of Humfrey Pownall, bought 12 Sept., 39 Eliz. [1597] of the said Robert Bromfeld ; of 10 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 4 a. of pasture in Wytton, late in the tenure of said Bromfeld, deceased & of a yearly rent of 40s. issuing from a mess., a dovecote, 20 a. of land, 12 a. of meadow, 12 a. of pasture, 14 a. of wood in Wytton, late in the tenure of said Bromfeld, bought 19 April, 38 Eliz. [1596] of the said Bromfeld ; of the advowson of Rothstorne Vicarage, co. Chester, with the nomination, donation & presentation of a scholar for the time being & so successively in the College of Christ's Church, Oxford ; & of a mess., a garden, 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 1 a. of wood, 100 a. of furze & heath in Cotton, Hoppus, Cumberford, Wigginton & Twamworthe in co. Stafford, bought 13 November, 32 Eliz. [1590] of Thomas Lound of Londe, esq., & John Ferne of Londe, gent. ; of two other parts of the 3rd part of the "Leadesmythis," in 3 parts divided, in Myddlewych, bought 18 April, 1 James I [1603] of Humfrey Davenport gent. & Mary, his wife & Anne Sutton gentlewoman, the said Mary & Anne being two of the co-heirs of Richard Sutton of Sutton, esq., deceased ; of 8 mess., 8 gardens in Myddlewych, bought 18 April, 1 Jas. I [1603] of Humfrey Davenport &c. [as the last] ; of 8 mess., 8 gardens there, in the tenures of Joan Rane, widow, Isabel Foxe, John Lowe, Robert Crowther,

Thomas Woodward, Robert Yate, Thomas Masshe & Katherine Wettenhall, bought 28 April, 44 Eliz. [1602] of John Anderton of Croxton, gent. ; of closes containing about 3 a., 2 a. of meadow, 3 a. of pasture in Cotton *alias* Edmundes Cotton, in the tenure of John Crosse & Oliver Carter & a certain parcel of land late belonging to the late Collegiate Church of St. John the Baptist, Oxford, dissolved, bought 10 October, 2 Jas. I [1604] of Charles Bauld of London, gent. ; of a mess., 100 a. of land, 60 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 100 a. of wood in Parme & Moresbarrowe, in the tenure of Edward Mynshull gent., bought 13 June, 1 Jas. I [1603] of Thomas Brooke esq. & Sir Richard Brooke kt., his son & heir apparent.

So being seised, on 31 March, 44 Eliz. [1602] the said Thomas Venables, his wife Elizabeth having long been dead, for the jointure of his now wife Anne, settled all his lands, mess., &c. in Marston, Wytton, the Crosse, Northwyche & Eccleston, being of the yearly value of 100 marks, on the said Anne.

By indenture of 13 January, 1 Jas. I [1603-4] made between the said Thomas Venables of one part & Sir Richard Gargrave of Nostoll, co. York, kt., & Robert & John Gargrave, his younger brothers, Henry Manwaringe of Barneshawe, gent., cousin & heir apparent of Henry Manwaring of Carincham, esq., he conveyed to them premises in co. Chester for the payment of the sums mentioned in the indenture made between said Thomas Venables & Thomas Egerton, Solicitor General, 25 August, 29 Eliz. [1587] for the payment of portions to his daughters & towards the ransom of himself if hereafter taken prisoner in the Queen's wars.

On 7 December, 1604, at Kynderton, the said Thomas Venables made his will, desiring that Lady Gargrave, all his brothers-in-law & sisters-in-law, his sister Manwaring & their children, who should come to his funeral, should have cloaks or gowns, giving bequests to his servants &

the poor, confirming the divers indentures made, & bequeathing money, &c. to his daughters, Lady Elizabeth Egerton & Mary Ashton, to his wife Anne, to his cousin, Hugh Manwaring & Mary & Eleanor Manwaring, sisters of said Hugh, to his cousin, Robert Venables, his son-in-law, Mr. Richard Ashton.

After making his will, he was further seised of a mess. & a garden in Myddlewyth in the tenure of Margery Gorse, widow, & a croft called St. Ann Chappell in Newton by Myddlewyth in the tenure of Thomas Browne bought 2 September, 3 Jas. I [1605] of Hugh Venables of Myddlewyth, gent.

The jurors say that a certain George Gryffythe of Bartherton, gent., was a bastard & long before the death of the said Thomas Venables was seised in fee of a mess., a garden, 10 a. of land, 10 a. of pasture in Brydgmeyre, & held the same of said Thomas, as of his manor of Bridgmeyre, in socage & died in May, 43 Eliz. [1601] at Stapeley, seised thereof, without issue & the same reverted or ought to revert to the said Thomas, because George was a bastard & died without issue & the said Thomas entered upon the same.

They say the said Thomas Venables died at Kynderton 8 December last past & Sir Peter Leighe kt., Sir Richard Gargrave kt. & Henry Manwaring esq. after his death took upon them the execution of his will.

They say the Barony of Kynderton with hamlets & manor, &c. are held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by one whole barony, worth yearly (clear) £16 2s. 4d.

The premises in Kynderton bought by said Thomas held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by the thousandth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 12d.

The manor of Eccleston, with advowson, & the hamlet of Bellgrave worth yearly (clear) £9 17s. 6d.

The manor of Wytton & premises there, worth yearly (clear) £10; & the tenements there bought by said

Thomas, held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by 100th part of a knight's fee worth yearly (clear) 8s.

The manor of Bradwall except premises there bought by said Thomas, worth yearly (clear) £5 & the said premises held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by 300th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8*d.*

The manor of Marshton & premises there worth yearly (clear) £5.

The moiety of the manor of Sproston & premises there worth yearly (clear) £3, & the premises there bought by said Thomas, held of the King as Earl of Chester, by 300th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 3s. 4*d.*

The manor of Bridgmeyre & premises there worth yearly (clear) 2s.

The manor of Moston & premises there & in Elton held of the heirs of Sir William Hatton kt., now deceased, as of his manor of Wermyncham, by what service the jurors know not & worth yearly (clear) £5 5s. 8*d.*

7 mess., 10 saltworks & other premises in Myddlewyche, held of the King as Earl of Chester, in socage & worth yearly (clear) £9 1s. 8*d.*; the premises there bought by said Thomas 25 August, 29 Eliz. [1587] worth yearly 10s. & the other premises there worth 10s. & the remainder bought after 7 September, 2 James I [1604] worth yearly (clear) 12*d.*

The saltworks & premises in Northwych held of William, Earl of Derby, as of his borough of Northwych, in free burgage & the other premises there worth yearly (clear) 40s. & those bought by the said Thomas on 25 August, 29 Eliz. [1587] worth yearly (clear) 3s. 4*d.* & the residue bought after that date, 6s. 8*d.*

The premises in Mylton & Hanley held of Thomas Marburie esq., as of his manor of Dodleston, by what service the jurors know not & worth yearly (clear) £3 & those there bought by the said Thomas, 3s. 4*d.*

Those in Tetton held of the heirs of Sir William Hatton

kt., as of his manor of Warmyncham, in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The manor of Cotton & premises there & in Christleton held of Sir John Harpur kt., as of his manor of Xpelton [*sic* for Christleton] in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) £4 2s. 4*d.* & those in Cotton bought by the said Thomas worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8*d.*

The manor of Golburne David & premises there held of Thomas Marburie esq., as of his manor of Dodleston by the service of a third part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 10 marks.

The premises in Stanford held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, in socage & not in chief or by knight service & worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4*d.* & others there held of the Dean & Chapter of Chester in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 4s.

Those in Myddlewyche & Sutton held of the heirs of William Holt esq., in socage & those in Stanthorn in the tenure of Humfrey Carter held of Sir William Brereton kt., as of his manor of Stanthorne by fealty & rent of 6*d.* a year & worth yearly (clear) 5s. ; those in Newton by Myddlewyche, Sutton & Tetton bought by the said Thomas before 25 August, 29 Eliz. [1587] worth yearly (clear) 5s. & those in Newton by Myddlewyche bought after that date & before 7 December, 2 Jas. I [1604] worth yearly (clear) 5s. & the residue worth yearly (clear) 4*d.*

Those in Nantwich held of the Barons of Nantwich in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8*d.*

Those in Parme & Moresbarrowe held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8*d.*

The tenure of the premises in co. Stafford unknown to the jurors & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Oldwarton & Wymington, tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear) 6*d.*

They say that Peter Venables is the son & next heir of said Thomas & the day of the taking of this inquisition is aged 2 years, 1 day & not more.

SIR GEORGE VERNON KT. (I)

(File 105. No. 9.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 4 August, 16 Charles I [1640] before Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Sir George Vernon kt., Justice of the Common Bench, by the oath of Robert Alsager of Alsager, Richard Loanes of Hassall, John Mosse of Sandbach, Richard Podmore of Hassall, John Wright of Sandbach, William Yorke of the same, George Whittacars of the same, Hugh Goodhind of Arcled, William Lingham of the same, Edward Shawe of Bechton, William Gallimore of the same, Thomas Barker of Gale greene, Richard Whittingham of Over, Thomas Barker of the same, & Thomas Maddocke of Over, gentlemen.

They say that the said Sir George, long before his death, was seised in fee of the Manor of Haslington, & of 14 mess., 30 cottages, a watermill, a dovecote, 600 a. of land, 200 a. of meadow, 1040 a. of pasture, 200 a. of wood, 200 a. of heath, 60 a. of land covered with water, 100 a. of marsh, 100 a. of moor in Haslington, Winteley, Cleyhonger, Oakhonger, Woodside & Bradley in the manor of Haslington; of 6s. 6d. free rent issuing from a capital mess. called Heath Hall & the demesne lands thereunto belonging in the tenure of Alexander Walthall gent. & lying within Haslington Manor; of 1s. free rent issuing from a mess. called Bradley & lands occupied by Thomas Malbon gent. in the said manor; of 18d. free rent issuing from lands late of William Leversage esq., deceased & now in the tenure of Thomas Malbon in the said manor; of the manor of Church Coppenhall & of 2 mess., 9 cottages, 20 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 1 a. of wood,

600 a. of heath & 100 a. of marsh in Church Coppenhall & Monks Coppenhall ; of 18s. 6d. free rent yearly issuing from a tenement & lands in the tenure of Stephen Nodden, sub-tenant of Lord Cholmundley in Church Coppenhall ; of 31s. 6d. free rent issuing from a mess. or tenement & lands thereunto belonging in the tenure of Thomas Chetwood gent. in Church Coppenhall ; of 18s. free rent from 3 mess. & lands there in the tenure of Ralph Bostocke, Hugh Key & John Harrison, sub-tenants of Alexander Walthall ; of 4d. free rent from a tenement & lands in the tenure of Ralph Kent, sub-tenant of Sir Richard Wilbraham kt. & bart. in Church Coppenhall ; of 6s. 8d. free rent from a tenement & lands there in the tenure of George Steele, yeoman ; of 3s. 6d. free rent from a tenement & lands there in the tenure of Otnell Bostoke, sub-tenant of the said Sir Richard Wilbraham ; of 12s. 2d. free rent from the like there in the tenure of Richard Twysse, sub-tenant of Richard Clutton gent. ; of 9s. 8d. free rent from 2 mess. & land there in the tenure of Anthony & Thomas Higginson & Robert Tomlinson, sub-tenants of Ralph Church gent. ; of 14d. free rent from a mess. there in the tenure of Thomas Hodgkinson, sub-tenant of the said Richard Clutton ; of the manor of Walkerton *alias* Walgherton & of 4 mess., 6 cottages, 30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood & 100 a. of heath in Walkerton ; & of 7s. 2d. free rent from land there in the tenure of John Axon ; of 1d. free rent from land there late the heritage of Richard Lea kt., & now of Henry Delves esq., late in the tenure of Robert Weever ; of 5s. free rent there in the tenure of John Worrell ; of 2 mess., 3 cottages, 50 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture in Hatherton, with common of pasture & turbary in the wastes & common lands there ; of 40s. free rent from lands there in the tenure of Sir Thomas Delves kt. & bart. ; of 1 a. of land in Shevington called Corbetts Croft & 2 a. of meadow in Stapeley & of

a pound of pepper from lands in Bircher in the tenure of Lawrence Cotton; of 10s. free rent from lands & tenements in Shevington in the tenure of John Woodnett esq., all which were the heritage of Sir Thomas Vernon kt., father of the said Sir George.

He was also seised, long before his death, in fee of 7 mess., 2 tofts, 7 gardens, 200 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 300 a. of pasture & 40 a. of wood in Haslington & Church Coppenhall, bought by him of Sir William Davenport kt. ; & of a mess., 2 cottages, 16 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 8 a. of pasture within Haslington Manor, bought of John Haughton & of a mess., 12 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow & 7 a. of pasture in Church Coppenhall bought of Lawrence Weld.

So being seised, an indenture was made 8 September, 12 James I [1614] between George Vernon of Haslington, esq., of one part, & Sir George Booth of Dunham, kt. & bart., of the other, a marriage having been had between the said George Vernon & Alice, his now wife, eldest daughter of the said Sir George Booth, settling Haslington Hall, the Rough-hey, Park Meadow, Calves Croft, Rushie Croft, Long Reyne, Two Barkers' Croft, Graveley Croft, Horseclose, Sheepcote field, the Sparch, Three Hoome-shawes, Kenerdynes Crofts, the Pasture Mosse, the Horsepool Field, the Smythe Pool Field, the Rough Pool Field Meadow, the Marled Field, the Hillockes, the Deane Pool Meadow, the herbage of Oakhonger Wood, the Rough pool Field for pasturing horses, the pannage of the said woods, turbary in Oakehanger Moss with all rights, liberties, profits, &c. to the use of the said George Vernon, for life, with contingent remainders, to the said Alice, for life, the heirs male of the said George Vernon by the said Alice, the heirs male of said George, his heirs female, his right heirs, & as to the residue to the use of the said George Vernon, and his heirs male by said Alice, &c. [as before].

He was also seised of a mess., 20 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture in Church Coppenhall, bought, after the making of the said indenture, of Thomas Farmer & of 2 other mess., 24 a. of land, 3 a. of meadow & 11 a. of pasture in Church Coppenhall & Monks Coppenhall in like manner bought of Richard Wilbraham, & of a mess., 16 a. of land, 3 a. of meadow, 6 a. of pasture in Church Coppenhall in like manner bought of Peter Leighton & Anne, his wife, John Widdowes & Randall Weston, & of 2 mess., 2 cottages, 36 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture in Monkes Coppenhall & of 20s. free rent yearly from a mess. & lands in Monks Coppenhall, in the tenure of Henry Malbon bought of Thomas Fullshurst gent. after the making of the said indenture ; & of 2 mess. in Haslington & 18 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow & 17 a. of pasture thereunto belonging likewise bought by him of Thomas Cliffe & Randall, his son ; & of a mess., a cottage, a dovecote, garden, orchard, 3 a. of land, 3 a. of moss in Congleton bought of John Brooke & Margaret, his wife.

The said manor of Haslington is held of the King as Earl of Chester, in chief, by 5th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £32, except certain premises in Wintelely late parcel of the possessions of the Abbey of Norton.

The manors of Church Coppenhall & Monks Coppenhall & premises there held of the King as Earl of Chester, in chief, by knight service & worth yearly (clear) £6.

The manor of Walkerton & premises there & in Hatherton, Shavington & By[r]cher held in like manner & worth yearly (clear) £5 ; the premises in Wintelely parcel of the late Abbey of Norton held of the King as of his Manor of Wyrkesworth, co. Derby, by fealty only, in free socage & worth yearly (clear) 30s.

The premises in Hatherton, late in the tenure of William Trickett, & now of William Huxley, held of the King

as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, by fealty only, in socage & worth yearly (clear) 30s.

The 2 a. of meadow in Stapley held of the heirs of Lord Awdley by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 1s.

The premises in Congleton, tenure unknown, & worth yearly (clear) 1s.

They say the said Sir George Vernon died 17 December last past, without male issue & Meriel, wife of Henry Vernon esq., is only daughter & next heir of the said Sir George & at her father's death was aged 26 years & more.

SIR GEORGE VERNON KT. (2)

(File 105. No. 14.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 12 October, 17 Charles I [1641] before Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ *de Melius Inquirendo* to enquire better after the death of Sir George Vernon kt., Justice of the King's Bench, by oath of Robert Davies of Ashton, Ralph Bostocke of Moulton, John Kelsall of Wimboldestrafford, Thomas Penkett of Gilden Sutton, John Bradborne of Meire, Philip Downes of Tofte, John Cottingham of Frodesham, Thomas Maddocke of Over, Richard Whittingham, Robert Whittingham of same, John Hopley of Boulsworth, George Hitchins of Handley, Thomas Neild of Shurlach, Thomas Hynde of Elton, Richard Heath of Weston, & Henry Phillipps of Christleton, gentlemen.

They say that by an inquisition taken at Middlewich, 4 August, 16 Charles I [1641] it was found the said Sir George held the manor of Haslington, &c. [as in File 105. No. 9].

Now they find that the manor of Haslington & premises there & in Wintele, Cleyhonger, Oakehonger, Woodside & Bradeley, except a mess., 40 a. of land, 12 a. of meadow & 30 a. of pasture in Wintele formerly belonging to the possessions of Norton Abbey, were held of the King by 5th

part of a knight's fee & the said mess. & premises held of the King as of his manor of Wirksworth by fealty, in socage; the lands called Otwood in Coppenhall held of the King in chief by rooth part of a knight's fee [*&c., as before*].

A mess. & lands in Hatherton, late in the tenure of William Trickett held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, by fealty only.

The premises in Congleton held of the King, as of his manor of Halton, in free burgage.

[All else as in the former inquisition.]

SIR THOMAS VERNON KT.

(File 95. No. 15.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewych, 17 April, 18 James I [1620] before Hugh Maynwaring esq., escheator, & Henry Delves, feodary, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of Thomas Vernon, late of Haslington, kt., by the oath of Thomas Baskerville of Withington, Richard Wyche of Alderley, Ralph Horton of Coolelane, Robert Venables of Antrobus, Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Richard Steele of Sandbach, Humfrey Page of Yeardshaw, George Cudworth of Neuhall, Philip Antrobus of Pever, John Eaton of Blackden, Richard Davenport of Weltroughe, Richard Kettle of Betchton, Philip Downes of Toft, James Tryvett 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 Waverton, Thomas Hodgkinson of Smalwood, Thomas Adams of Hatherton, Nicholas Hussie of Baddeley & Ralph Grafton of Worleston, gentlemen.

They say the said Thomas Vernon, long before his death, was seised in fee of the manor of Haslington & of 40 mess., 30 cottages, a watermill, a dovecote, 500 a. of land, 200 a. of meadow, 1000 a. of pasture, 200 a. of wood,

200 a. of heath, 60 a. of land covered with water, 100 a. of marsh, 60 a. of moss in Haslington, Wynteyley, Cleonger, Oakhonger & Woodside within the manor of Haslington & of 6s. 6*d.* free rent yearly issuing from Heath Hall & demesne lands thereunto belonging in the tenure of Alexander Walthall senior, gent., within the said manor ; & of 1s. free rent from a mess. called Bradley & lands thereunto belonging in the tenure of Thomas Malbon gent. within the said manor ; & of 3s. free rent yearly issuing from lands of William Leversage esq. in the said manor ; & of 9*d.* yearly from a certain lane in the tenure of John Betchton within that manor ; of the manors of Church Coppenhall & Monks Coppenhall ; & of 2 mess., 9 cottages, 20 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 1 a. of wood, 600 a. of heath & 100 a. of marsh in Church Coppenhall & Muncks Coppenhall ; of 18s. 6*d.* free rent yearly from a tenement & lands in the tenure of Stephen Noden in Church Coppenhall ; of 31s. 6*d.* free rent yearly from mess. & lands in the tenure of Thomas Chetwod gent. in said place ; of 18s. free rent yearly from 3 mess. & lands there in the several tenures of John Woodnet, Hugh Key & John Harrison, under-tenants of Alexander Walthall the elder ; of 4*d.* free rent yearly from lands & tenements in the tenure of Mrs. Kent, widow in Church Coppenhall ; of 3s. 6*d.* free rent yearly from divers tenements in tenure of Edmund Bostock in said place ; of 12s. 2*d.* free rent yearly from lands & tenements in said place in the tenure of Richard Twysse ; of 9s. 8*d.* free rent yearly from 2 mess. & lands there in the tenures of Roger & Thomas Higgenson, being sub-tenants of Randall Church gent. ; of 14*d.* free rent from a mess. & lands there in the tenure of Thomas Hodgkinson ; of the manor of Walkerton *alias* Walgherton & of 4 mess., 6 cottages, 30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood, 100 a. of heath in Walkerton ; of 7s. 2*d.* free rent yearly from lands there in the tenure of John Axon ; of

1*d.* free rent from lands there being the heritage of Sir Richard Lea kt. in the tenure of Robert Wecum ; of 5*s.* free rent yearly from lands & tenements there in the tenure of John Worrall ; of 2 mess., 3 cottages, 50 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture in Hatherton with common of pasture & turbary in the wastes & common lands there ; of 40*s.* free rent yearly from lands & tenements in Hatherton in the tenure of John Delves esq. ; of 1 a. of land in Shevington ; of 10*s.* free rent yearly from lands & tenements there in the tenure of John Woodnett esq.

So being seised, by indenture made with his son & heir apparent, George Vernon, 28 July, 11 James I [1613], on condition the said George pays £2250 to Cecilia, Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah, Rachel & Judith Vernon, daughters of said Thomas, the latter granted to said George all the said manors, lands, rents, &c., to him & his heirs for ever.

Afterwards, on 19 May, 1616, the said Thomas died & the said George Vernon esq. is his only son & next heir & at his father's death was aged 40 years & more.

They say the manor of Haslington & premises there & in Wynteyly, Cleyonger, Okehonger & Woodside are held of the Prince, as Earl of Chester, in chief, by service of a fifth part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) £34 15*s.* 4*d.*

The manors of Church & Monks Coppenhall & premises there held of the said Prince by knight service & worth yearly (clear) £5.

The manor of Walkerton & premises there & in Shevington held of the heirs of Henry Watchet by rent of a barbed arrow & worth yearly (clear) £5.

The premises in Hatherton held of the said Prince by knight service & worth yearly (clear) 40*s.*

The said George has taken the profits, &c., since his father's death.

Further inquisition taken at Middlewich, 4 October, 18 James I [1620] before Peter Danyell esq. & Hugh Manwaring esq., escheator, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire further after the death of the said Sir Thomas by the oath of Thomas Brooke of Leghton, Edward Bracy of Awlym, Humphrey Page of Yearshaw, William Bolton of Hanckelow, Robert Venables of Rudheath, George Cudworth of Newhall, Robert Meakyn of Hatherton, Thomas Adams of the same, Richard Kettle of Betchton, Thomas Somerfield of the same, George Harryson of Hedgfield, John Eaton of Blackden, James Trevitt of Sproston, Henry Malbon of Monkes Coppenhall, Anthony Farnewall of Wythington & Thomas Shawe of Betchton, gentlemen.

They say that long before his death, the said Sir Thomas was seised of the lordship of Shevington Wodnoth & of the advowson of the free chapel of Haslington, parcel of Haslington Manor & of the tithes of all grain growing there & in Wynteley, Bradeley, Clehonger, Okehonger & Woodside in that manor & of 1 lb. of pepper rent for lands in Bircher, late in the tenure of John Cotton & now of his son, Laurence Cotton, in addition to what is already specified in the former inquisition.

By indenture of 28 July, 11 James I [1613] the same were granted to his son, George Vernon, with proviso as in the former inquisition.

The said lordship is held of the King as Earl of Chester by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 6*d.*; likewise the chapel & tithes by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 10*s.*; the lb. of pepper likewise, by what tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear) $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*

Another membrane has the notification that on 3 September, 19 James I [1621], in the Prince's Court of Exchequer at Chester Castle, before William, Earl of Derby, the Prince's Chamberlain for the Palatinate County

of Chester, appeared Richard Fowler clerk, rector of the parish church of Bartomley, in person & alleged the tithes aforesaid to have been taken into the Prince's hands by reason of the said inquisition to his great vexation & that the vills of Haslington, Wynteley, Bradeley, Clehonger, Okehonger & Woodsyde from time immemorial have been in the parish of Bartomley & he & his predecessors had always been seised of the same in right of the said church & denied that the said George Vernon was now seised of the same.

It was found that the rector's claim was just & the tithes were to be removed from the escheator's hand & restored to the said rector.

SIR PETER WARBURTON KT.

(File 97. No. 14.)¹

Inquisition taken at Knottesford, 10 September, 20 James I [1622] before Hugh Manwaring esq., escheator, & Peter Daniel esq., feodary, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of Sir Peter Warburton kt., late one of the Justices of the King's Bench, by the oath of Thomas Baskerville of Withington, Humfrey Page of Yardshawe, Richard Wiche of Nether Alderleghe, William Morris of Groppenhall, Thomas Grastie of Warford, Thomas Gleave of Highleighe, Thomas Hall of Budworth, Edward Harpur of Highleighe, John Middlehurst of Lachford, Alexander Duncalfe of Moberley, James Bradshawe of Allestocke, William Leighe of Oughtrington, Richard Steele of Redish, Philip Downes of Tofte, Thomas Shawe of Millington, John Grantham of Hale & Edmund Howes of Ollerton, gentlemen.

They say that the said Sir Peter was seised of fee of the manor of Grafton & of the capital mess. called Grafton Hall, 200 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood in Grafton & Broxton ; of 5 mess.,

¹ Torn, so taken from Wards 7/65/72.

a cottage, 100 a. of land, 40 a. of pasture, 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, which premises were late bought of Richard Massie, deceased; & of the 8th part of the manor of Stretton & a mess., 40 a. of land, 20 a. of pasture, 6 a. of meadow, 10 a. of wood & 20 a. of furze & heath in Stretton, late bought of Thomas Barnston gent.; & of 10 a. of land & 10 a. of pasture in Stretton, late bought of Owen Stockton, deceased; & of 2 mess., a cottage, 30 a. of land, 20 a. of pasture, 6 a. of meadow, 10 a. of wood in Tilston, late bought of William Hulme gent.; & of 2 a. of meadow in Tilston, late bought of William Povae & Randall Povae; & of 10 a. of land, 10 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood called Billeywood in Church Shocklache, late bought of Sir William Brereton kt., & of 30 a. of land, 20 a. of pasture, 4 a. of meadow, 6 a. of wood in Church Shocklach, late bought of Ralph Povae; of a mess., 30 a. of land, 10 a. of pasture, 5 a. of meadow, 5 a. of wood in Church Shocklach & Grafton; of 30 a. of land, 20 a. of pasture, 4 a. of wood in Calcott, late bought of George Bostock esq. deceased & of George Bostock gent.; of 40 a. of land, 40 a. of pasture in Overmarsh, late bought of George Bostock gent.; of 4 a. of meadow in Shocklach Oviat, late bought of Arthur Painter; of 4 a. of land, 3 a. of meadow in Farnedon, late bought of Thomas Yardley; of the manor of Anderton, & 5 mess., 2 cottages, 200 a. of land, 80 a. of pasture, 20 a. of meadow, 20 a. of wood & 20 a. of moor in Anderton & Cleycroft, late bought of Richard Sutton esq., deceased; of the moiety of the manor of Thorneton upon the Marshes & of a watermill, 8 mess., 200 a. of land, 50 a. of pasture, 20 a. of meadow & 40 a. of moor & waste in Thorneton, late bought of Sir Edmund Trafford kt., deceased; of 3 saltworks in Northwych, late bought of

Sir Urian Leigh kt. ; of a saltwork with one lead & the third part of a lead of a saltwork [*plumbei saline*] in Northwych & of a yearly rent of 43s. 4d. issuing from a saltwork in Northwych, now or late in the tenure of Richard Wilbraham ; of a mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of pasture, 100 a. of furze & heath, 100 a. of moor & waste in Weverham & Sandiwaye, late bought of Edmund Randulph esq. & Edmund Peshull, cit. & grocer of London ; 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 kinds of tithes of grain & hay, oblations, obventions & emoluments whatsoever in the parish of Geldon Sutton growing & to the said rectory appertaining ; 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 in the county of the city of Chester ; of the site of the house formerly of the Gray 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 Handbrige in the county of the city of Chester, late bought of Sir Edward Fitton kt., deceased ; of 3 a. of land, 3 a. of meadow, 3 a. of pasture in Worthenbury, co. Flint, bought of Thomas Hanmer kt., deceased ; of a mess., 10 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture & 10 a. of moor & waste in Dutton y Brayne & Iscoyde, co. Denbigh, late bought of Morgan Broughton esq., deceased.

So being seised, the said Sir Peter died at Grafton, 7 September, 19 James I [1621] & Dame Elizabeth Stanley, widow, late the wife of Sir Thomas Stanley of Alderley, co. Chester, kt., deceased, is the daughter & next heir of the said Sir Peter & is now aged 40 years & more.

They say the manor of Grafton & premises there & in Broxton, bought of Richard Massie, are held of Sir William Brereton kt., as of his manor or barony of Malpas, Cheshire, in common & free socage by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The third part of the premises in Golborne Bellowe held of the Prince as Earl of Chester, by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 3s.

The premises in Altrincham, Dunham Massye & Dunham Woodhouses held of Sir George Bouth kt. & bart., as of his manor of Dunham Massye, in common & free socage, by fealty & yearly rent of 8s. 9d. & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The 8th part of Stretton Manor & the premises there & in Grafton, Churchshocklach, Tilston & Calcott, bought of divers persons, as aforesaid, held of Sir William Brereton kt., as of his manor or barony of Malpas, in common & free socage, by fealty & yearly rent of 3s. & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The 3 saltworks in Northwych held of William, Earl

of Derby, as of his manor of Northwych in common & free socage & worth yearly (clear) £3.

The premises in Barneton held of the King, as of his barony of Halton, in free & common socage, 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, in common & free socage, & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Those in the city of Chester held of the mayor & citizens of that city by fealty only, in free burgage, & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The site of the Gray Friars & the lands late possession of them & of the Black Friars, held of the King in chief by 100th part of a knight's fee & yearly rent of 4s. 7d. & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

The premises in Leithe & Saltney held of Peter Warburton of Arley, esq., by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 30s.

Those in Worthambury held of William, Earl of Derby, as of his manor of Maylors, co. Flint, in common & free socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 8s. & those in Dutton y Brayne & Iscoyd, co. Denbigh, held of the Prince, as of his manor of Bromfeld & Yale, co. Denbigh, in common & free socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

PETER WarBURTON OF ARLEY, ESQ.

(File 99. No. 12.)

Inquisition taken at Chester in the Common Hall of Pleas, 16 January, 3 Charles I [1627-8] before Sir George Booth kt. & bart., Richard Wilbraham kt. & bart., Hugh Maynwering esq., escheator, & others, by the King's

commission to enquire after the death of Peter Warburton, late of Arley, esq., deceased, by the oath of John Nutthall of Catrall, John Ashton of Boughton, William Rosengreave of Hargreave, Robert Davies of Ashton, Edward Mangreave of Woodhouses, Andrew Burton of Over, Richard Whittingham of the same, Paul Wynnnyngton of Birches, Robert Holforde of Lostoche Galem, Edmund Bressie of Aulem, John Cheswys of Mickley, Alexander Duncalfe of Moberley, Robert Hinton of Ridley, Humfrey Page of Yardshawe, John Eaton of Blackden & William Morris of Groppenhall, gentlemen.

They say that, long before his death, the said Peter Warburton was seised in fee of the manors of Warburton, Aston by Budworth, Sutton by Halton, Winnington, Budworth by Aston, Marthall, Pulford, Appleton, Stockton, Hull, Cumberbach, Northcoates, Sale, Stretton, Halton, Nether Walton, Newton by Daresbury & Wardhall & of 500 mess., 7 saltworks, 7 mills, 2 dovecotes, 500 gardens, 4000 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 3000 a. of pasture, 500 a. of wood, 1000 a. of furze & heath & £15 14s. 7½*d.*, with the appurtenances in Warburton, Aston by Budworth, Sutton by Halton, Winnington, Budworth by Aston, Marthall, Pulford, Appleton, Stockton, Hull, Cumberbach, Over Whatley, Norcoats, Sale, Stretton, Hatton, Nether Walton, Newton by Daresbury, Lithe beyond Dee, Lymme, Wordhall, Strethal, Over & Nether Tabley, Allostocke, Over & Nether Peever, Northwich, Castle Northwich, Twembrooks, Harpesford, Bollington, High Leighe, Elton, Broxton, Newton by Chester, 2 free fisheries in the water of Budworth Meyre in Budworth & common of pasture in Winningham, & the advowsons of Pulford Church, the free chapel of Warburton & the moiety of Lymme Church; the moiety of the manors of Lymme & Strethall, the third part of Over Tabley Manor, the fifth part of Castle Northwich Manor; the moiety of a saltwork in Northwich.

By indenture bearing date 8 September, 27 Elizabeth [1585] the said Peter Warburton conveyed the said manors, premises, &c., to John Egerton of Oulton, Peter Warburton of the Northwich, esq., & others, to the use of himself & the heirs male of his body, with contingent remainders, in default of such issue, to the heirs male of the body of his father, Sir John Warburton kt., deceased, of his grandfather, Sir Peter Warburton kt., deceased, of his great-grandfather, Sir John Warburton kt., the right heirs of the said Peter Warburton of Arley, for ever.

By indenture¹ bearing date 10 February, 1 Charles I [1625] he made provision for any daughters & set forth that his father, Sir John, had issue male, besides himself, George Warburton, late of the Lodge, esq., deceased & John Warburton of Winnington, & George had issue male, "Peter, John, Robert & Thomas lately living" & Peter son of George is lately deceased & had issue Peter & George, both infants, & should the said Peter of Arley die without male issue, the male issue of his father, Sir John, would succeed & he conveyed the manors, &c., to John, Peter & John Warburton, Robert Warburton & John Walthall until the heir male of the body of Sir John should attain full age, they paying to Elizabeth Warburton, widow of Peter, son of George, deceased, £66 13s. 4d. yearly for the maintenance of her son Peter, the infant & her son, George, the infant, or failing them, any other heir male of the body of the said Sir John, & the trustees to maintain the manors & premises during the minority, & during that time to suffer his eldest daughter, Mary Wilbraham, widow of Thomas Wilbraham, late of Tilston, esq., deceased, to have a sixth part of the said manors, &c., & his daughter Elizabeth Egerton, widow of Ralph Egerton of Ardley, esq., deceased, to have a sixth part & his daughter Jane, wife of William Brereton of Ashley,

¹ This part is very faded ; the Court of Wards Inq. is quite illegible.

esq., to have a sixth part, & William Marbury of Reddish, gent., son & heir apparent of Thomas Marbury esq. & Elena late his wife, deceased, daughter of the said Peter of Arley, to have a sixth part, & his daughter, Frances Warburton, to have a sixth part & his daughter, Isabel, wife of Edward Stanley of Crossehall, co. Lancaster, esq., to have a sixth part. He was also seised of 7 mess., 7 gardens, 6 a. of land, 6 a. of pasture in Stockton, Hull & Nether Walton, purchased to him & his heirs of Geoffrey Stockton yeoman, by charter of 10 April, 33 Eliz. [1590]; of a mess. called Whettall, a garden, an orchard, 30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 5 a. of furze & heath in Aston by Budworth purchased of Hugh Dod gent., by charter of 2 April, 43 Eliz. [1601]; of a mess., a garden, an orchard, 10 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture & common of pasture for all beasts in Elton, bought of Edward Gregge gent., by charter of 28 September, 9 James I [1611]; of 6 a. of land, 2 a. of pasture in Reddish, lordship of Lyme, bought of Peter Leigh of High Leigh by charter of 10 March, 11 James I [1612-3]; of a mess. called Caldwells Tenement, 3 a. of land, 1 a. of meadow, 1½ a. of pasture in Over Whitley & of half a quarter a. & 5 roods, "five roods fall" in the waste of Over Whitley & 2 parcels of land called Huitts Fields & Starkies Ground, about 20 a. bought of Thomas Marbury esq., Joseph Grymsditch, Thomas Gregg & Hugh Crosbie, gents., by charter of 22 August, 12 James I [1614]; of 3 a. of land in Appleton & Stockton bought of Geoffrey Stockton late of Appleton, yeoman, by deed dated 18 September, 13 James I [1615]; of the 3rd part of a mess. & of 18 yardlands in Stockton Town Field, in the tenure of Alice Hill, widow, bought of Richard Marbury of Walton, gent., by deed dated 20 November, 17 James I [1619]; of 5 roods fall & three quarters in Lyme Eye bought of Thomas Brooke esq. & Sir Richard Brooke kt., by deed of 7 August, 20 James I [1622].

The said Peter Warburton of Arley died 22 July last past at Arley, without heir male of his body & Peter Warburton, now of the Lodge, esq., is heir male of Sir John Warburton, father of Peter aforesaid, being son & male heir of Peter, late of the Lodge, gent., deceased, son & heir male of George Warburton gent., deceased, son of the said Sir John, father of the said Peter, & the said Peter of the Lodge resides at Crawley & is now aged 14 years, 4 months. George Warburton, son of Sir John, died 1 January, 10 James I [1612-3] & his son Peter (father of Peter the younger) was then his heir male & he died 1 January, 1 Charles I [1625-6].

They say that the said Mary Wilbraham, widow, Elizabeth Egerton, widow, Jane wife of William Brereton of Ashley, esq., William Marbury, son & heir of Ellenor, Dame Frances, wife of Sir Christopher Trentham kt. & Lady Isabel, wife of Sir Edward Stanley kt. & bart., are co-heirs of the said Peter, being his daughters & William Marbury, son of his daughter, the said Mary Wilbraham, at her father's death, being aged 60, Elizabeth Egerton 58, Jane Brereton 56, William Marbury 22, Dame Frances Trentham 40 & Lady Isabel Stanley 36.

They say that a moiety of Warburton Manor & the saltwork at Northwich are held of the King, as of his late Priory of St. John of Jerusalem in England, in socage, by fealty & 7s. a year rent & the other moiety held of the heirs of John, Constable of Chester by the 10th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £29 6s. 4d.

The manors of Aston, Budworth, Cumberbatch & Leeth beyond Dee & the third part of the vill of Over Tabley & land in Nether Tabley held of the King, as of his barony of Halton, by one knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £39 17s.

The manor of Sutton held of the King in like manner, by the 5th part of a knight's fee & the manor of Stretton held likewise, by 10th part & the manor of Sale likewise

by 10th part & also Halton Manor & Nether Walton Manor & the same are worth yearly (clear) £16 10s.

Norcotts Manor, held likewise, by knight service & worth yearly (clear) 4s.

Appleton & Hull Manors held of the heirs of Richard de Aston & Alice, daughter of Randall de Aston, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) £12 6s.

Stockton Manor held of the heirs of Richard de Aston by fealty & 12*d.* rent yearly & worth yearly (clear) £8 2s.

The moiety of Lymme Manor & the advowson of that church held of the heirs of Hugh, son of Herbert & Ede his wife, daughter of Adam de Lymme, by fealty & yearly rent of 3*d.* & worth yearly (clear) 21s.

The premises in Hapsford held of the heirs of John Dutton esq., by fealty & yearly rent of 20*d.* & worth yearly (clear) 9s.

Those in Bollington held of Sir George Booth kt. & bart., by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Sposcrofts Close held of the King as of his barony of Halton by rent of 4 barbed arrows yearly & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

Those in High Leigh held of the heirs of Richard Leigh esq., by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

Those in Elton, as parcel of the manor of Pulford, held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in chief, by knight's service & worth yearly (clear) 4*d.*

A moiety of Winnington Manor & premises there held of the heirs of Elizabeth Trussell as of their manor of Wermingham by 20th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £11 16s.; the other moiety held of Henry Manwaring of Caringham, esq., as parcel of the possessions of the late monastery of St. Werburge, Chester, by knight service & 10s. rent yearly & worth yearly (clear) £12 6s.

Marthall Manor & premises there held of the heirs of Elizabeth Trussell, as of the manor of Wermingham, by fealty & 1*d.* yearly rent & worth yearly (clear) £20.

Pulford Manor, premises there & the advowson held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by 10th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £27 16s. 8d.

The premises & saltwork in Northwich held of William, Earl of Derby, by fealty & 4s. 1d. rent yearly & worth yearly (clear) £15 12s. 1d.

The premises in Castle Northwich held of Sir Richard Wilbraham kt. & bart. by fealty & 2s. yearly rent & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Those in Newton by Chester held of the King as of the late dissolved monastery of St. Werburge, Chester, by fealty & a peppercorn rent & worth yearly (clear) £8.

Those in Twenbrooks held of the heirs of Sir Thomas Venables kt., by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 28s.

Those in Cleycroft held of the heirs of Sir Thomas Coksey kt., as of his manor of Anderton by rent of a red rose yearly & are worth yearly (clear) 28s. 8d.

Those in Allostocke held of the King as of the late dissolved monastery of Vale Royal, co. Chester, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4d.

Those in Over Peever held of the King as of the said monastery of St. Werburg, Chester, by fealty & a peppercorn rent & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Those in Nether Peever held of the King as of his manor of Halton, by 40th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Broxton, held of the heirs of Sir William Brereton kt., as of his barony of Malpas, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 4d.

Those in Wordhull held of the said heirs, by fealty & a peppercorn rent & worth yearly (clear) 12d.

Those in Catsbach, commonly called Catesbach Mosse, held of the King as Earl of Chester by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 1s.

Those in Stockton, Hull & Appleton, tenure unknown to the jurors, worth yearly (clear) 2s. 6d.

Whettall Farm in Aston by Budworth, tenure unknown to the jurors, worth yearly 3s. 4*d*.

Those in Elton worth yearly 1s.

Those in Redish worth yearly 1s.

Those in Over Whitley, tenure unknown, worth yearly (clear) 1s. 6*d*.

Those in Appleton & Stockton, tenure unknown, worth yearly (clear) 6*d*.

Land in Lyme Eye, tenure unknown, worth yearly (clear) 4*d*.

JOHN WARD GENT.

(File 91. No. 14.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 27 September, 14 James I [1616] before John Davenport esq., Henry Maynewaringe esq., escheator, & Ralph Wilbraham esq., feodary, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of John Ward, late of Alderley, gent., by the oath of Thomas Baskerville of Withington, John Brayne of Aston, Alexander Elcocke of Poole, Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Humphrey Page of Yardshawe, John Rode of Walhill, Richard Steele of Sandbach, Thomas Hodgkinson of Smallwood, Hugh Wardle of Eaton, Edward Lownes of same, Lea Henshaie of Henshaie, Hugh Venables of Wimbaldeston, Thomas Woodcock of Churcholme, John Kinsey of Wimbaldesley, William Austen of Stanthorne, Arthur Joynson of Wareton, Reginald Finlow of Hulme Walfield, John Burges of Eaton, gentlemen.

They say that, long before his death, the said John Ward was seised in fee of a mess., 20 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture, 5 a. of wood & 5 a. of furze & heath in Nether Alderley, late parcel of the possessions of the late dissolved monastery of Dieulacres in co. Stafford, & of the reversion of 5 mess., 200 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow & 6 a. of wood in the hamlet of Woodley,

within the village of Bredbury, now in the tenure of Randall Stanley, who holds the same for life.

So being seised, by his indenture of 12 March, 40 Eliz. [1597-8] on his marriage (afterwards solemnised) with Alice Moreton, daughter of John Moreton of Moreton, co. Chester, esq., he conveyed the Hillfield, the Brandearth, the moiety of the Blackearth, the Overmarled Field, the Marledfield Meadow, the lower Marled Field, the Newhay, the Newhay Meadow, the Harehill Bank & the reversion of the Middle Whittle, Lower Whittle & Whittle Meadow in Alderley to the use of himself & the said Alice, his wife, & the longer liver of them & to their male issue, in default to said John Ward & his right heirs.

The said John Ward died 26 April last past at Nether Alderley & Alice, his wife, survives him & dwells at Nether Alderley, & John Ward is his son & heir & at his father's death was aged 11 years, 9 months.

The premises in Nether Alderley are held of the King, in chief, by 100th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 15s.

Those in Woodley in Bredbury held of the Lord of Dunham Massye, as of that manor, in free socage, & worth yearly (clear) after Randall Stanley's death, £14 12s. 8d.

ROBERT WARHULL GENT.

(File 89. No. 17.)

Inquisition taken at Northwych, 27 August, 8 James I [1610] before Henry Mainwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, Ralph Wilbraham esq., feodary there, Thomas Marbury of Marbury, esq., & William Moreton of Moreton, esq., by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Robert Warhull of Middlewich, gent., by the oath of Ralph Horton of Coole lane, Edmund Swettenham of Somerford, Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Edward Bressye of Aldlem, Humfrey Page of Yardshawe,

Oliver Vernon of Middlewich, Hugh Amson of Cranage, William Shawe the elder of Lovelane in Bechton, William Shawe the younger of the same, John Rode of Walhill, John Pigott of Somerford, Henry Bradshawe of Allostock, Hugh Furnivall of Bechton, gentlemen.

They say that the said Robert Warhull was seised in fee, the day he died, of a mess. & certain parcels of land called Mayden Hills & Barne Feilds, containing 4 a. of land in Newton by Middlewich & held the same of the Prior of St. John of Jerusalem in England in socage by rent of 12*d.* & suit of court.

He was also seised of 12 a. of land in Newton, held of the assigns of Robert Fullehurst esq., deceased, in socage by fealty only for all services & are worth yearly (clear) 20*s.*

[No death date.]

William Warhull is son & heir of the said Robert & was aged 18 years on 30 July last past.

JOHN WARREN ESQ.

(File 97. No. 15.)¹

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 30 April, 20 James I [1622], before Sir William Davenport kt., Hugh Mainwaringe esq., escheator, & Peter Daniel esq., feodary, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of John Warren, late of Pointon, esq., by the oath of William Leigh of Oughtrington, Humfrey Page of Yeardshawe, Edward Harper of Highleigh, Thomas Gleave of the same, George Bowdon of Bowdon, Philip Downe of Tofte, John Longshawe of Lachford, John Hatton of the same, John Middlehurst jun. of Groppen-hall, James Bradshawe of Allostocke, Thomas Shawe of Millington, Edmund Howe of Ollerton, Philip Antrobus of Peever, Thomas Hall of Budworth, Alexander Duncalf of Mobberley, Richard Steele of Redish & John Eaton of Goostree, gentlemen.

¹ Torn; taken from Wards 7/65/42.

They say that long before the said John's death, his father, Sir Edward Warren, late of Poynton, kt., deceased, was seised, in fee, of the manor of Pointon & of 20 mess., 200 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood & 40 a. of furze & heath in Poynton & of a watermill there ; of the manor of Stockport & 20 mess., 4 cottages, 20 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 3 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood, 200 a. of common in Stockport, & of 2 watermills there & the advowson of that church ; & of a mess., 30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood in Prestbury ; of 5 mess., 50 a. of land, 3 a. of meadow, 6 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood in Offerton.

By indenture of 1 December, 39 Eliz. [1596] made between the said Edward Warren of Pointon, esq., & George Ognall of Bilkesley, co. Warwick, esq., in consideration of the marriage of the said John, son & heir apparent of the said Edward, with Anne, then his wife, daughter of said George, a mess. called Lostocke in Pointon in the tenure of Margaret Warren, widow, mother of said Edward & lands thereunto belonging & Stanley House, formerly in the tenure of Peter Stanley & then of the said Margaret with a close of land in Pointon, & a close there called Hoope, & another close adjoining, were settled after Margaret's death on Edward, for life, with contingent remainders to said John & Anne & their male issue, the heirs male of said John, to Humfrey Warren, 2nd son of said Edward, in tail male, to his 3rd son, William, in tail male, to the heirs male of John Warren esq., then deceased, father of said Edward, to the male issue of said Edward, to his right heirs ; & Kirks House in Poynton late in the occupation of John Kirkes, deceased, & lands thereunto belonging was settled on said John & Anne & their male issue, the male issue of John, with contingent remainders to Humfrey [*&c., as before*] ; & all the mess. & lands in Buttley, Macclesfield

& Smethwick & lands, &c., the heritage of Francis Warren deceased, in Presbury, to the use of the said Edward Warren, for life, with remainder to Suzan, then the wife of the said Edward, for life, with contingent remainders to said John, in tail male [*&c., as before*] in default of heirs male of John, father of Edward, to the heirs male of Edward, grandfather of Edward, to the right heirs of said Edward; the manor of Stockport, with advowson, &c., to said John & Anne & the heirs male of their bodies, to John in tail male, with contingent remainders [*as above*] & a fine was levied *re* same & a recovery made, George Booth of Dunham, kt. & bart., Richard Verney of Compton, co. Warwick, esq., William Davenport of Bromall, esq., George Woodward of Leigh, co. Bucks., esq., Hamnett Hyde of Norburie, William Duddall of Solwicke, co. Lancs., gents., Humfrey Davenport of Gray's Inn, co. Middx., esq. & George Kenyon of Kersall, co. Lancs., gent., being trustees as regards the mills of Stockport, the suit of the tolls, waters, rents, profits, &c., issuing from the manor or barony of Stockport & the manor & lands of Pointon, to raise £40 a year for said Suzan, wife of Edward, during her life & to make provision for the younger children of said Edward.

By indenture of 18 April, 43 Elizabeth [1601] the lands & tenements in Pointon & the rents amounting to £14 8s. 2d. a year issuing from premises in the tenures of Lawrence Warren, Lawrence Bradley, Joan Bradley, Peter Stanley, Ralph Lea, Katherine Ashcroft, late the wife of Richard Ashcrofte, Thomas Cauglim, George Browne jun., Arthur Johnson, George Jepson, Ralph Marshland, Elizabeth Brereton, late the wife of John Brereton, Richard Barton, Joan Davenport, late the wife of John Davenport, deceased, John Brombell, Elizabeth, late the wife of Lawrence Mosse, John Kirke jun., Richard Hibbert, George Cottrell & Edward Mellor, were settled

on the said trustees to the use of the said Edward & Susan, for life & with contingent remainders to said John, in tail male, to said Humfrey Warren, in tail male, to male issue of said Edward [*&c., as before*], & the same was sealed with the said Edward's armorial seal.

A recovery was had 20 April, 43 Elizabeth [1601], by George Parker & John Warren of Stockport against Hamnett Hyde & Richard Bouth of all the lands & tenements in Pointon, confirming the said indenture.

By his deed of 10 October, 5 James I [1607] on his marriage then before had with the said Susan, the said Edward granted to Sir George Bouth kt. & bart. & Richard Bouth gent. a yearly rent of £40 from all the lands & tenements aforesaid to the use of the said Margaret, his mother, for her life, & the issues from the premises called Lstocke & Stanley House in Pointon & closes called Blackyearth, Dischieffe, Hoops, another close adjoining in the tenure of Oliver Hurste, 4 tofts called the Hoops, a watermill called Pointon Mill with mulcture, tolls, &c., closes called the Milne Hey, the Damstidds, the Ryefield, the Birches, Goldsmiths Field, the Cockmeadow, the Wheatfield, the Brownehill, the Higher Woodheyes, the Old Marled Earth all in Pointon, in trust for Susan, then the wife of the said Edward Warren & now of John Fitton, gent. & the said Susan still survives & dwells at Dunham Massye, & £10 yearly to the use of Humfrey Warren, younger son of said Edward & the like for his other son, William Warren; Humfrey survives & dwells at Knutsford & William at Lstocke; the like for his son, George, now dwelling at Brereton; the like for his son, Edward, now dwelling at Westminster, co. Middlesex; the like for his son, Lawrence, now dwelling at Presbury; the like for his son, Richard, now dwelling at Widford; the like for his son, Halsall, now dwelling at Presbury; the like for his son, Edmund, now dwelling at Dunham; the like for his son, Thomas, now dwelling

at Westminster aforesaid ; the like for his son, Ratcliff Warren, now dwelling at Sandbach ; the like for his son, Ralph, now dwelling at Sandbach ; all which annuities were granted by a deed of 20 October, 5 James I [1607].

So being seised, the said Edward died 12 November 1609 & the said John, his son & heir, entered into the premises & by his indenture of 7 October, 10 James I, made with Oswald Mosley of Ancotes, co. Lancs., gent., he conveyed to said Oswald the reversion of Lostocke, after the death of the said Margaret Warren, for £300, to hold for 21 years.

By indenture of 20 February, 10 James I [1612-13] he sold to Sir William Davenport kt., William Davenport esq., son of Sir William & Humfrey Davenport esq., the said manors, mess., lands, &c., & a fine was levied there-upon in Chester 3 July, 13 James I, of the manors of Poynton & Stockport, 100 mess., 20 cottages, 10 tofts, 3 mills, 4 dove-cotes, 120 gardens, 120 orchards, 1000 a. of land, 300 a. of meadow, 1000 a. of pasture, 40 a. of wood, 100 a. of furze & heath, 1000 a. of moor, 200 a. of moss, & £10 rent in Pointon, Stockport, Lostocke, Presburie & Bulkley, as also the fair & market in Stockport & the view of frankpledge & all thereunto belonging, as also the advowson of Stockport Church ; to the use of the said John Warren, for life, with contingent remainders to his son & heir apparent, Edward Warren, in tail male, to his younger son John, in tail male, his other sons, his brothers, Humfrey & William, in tail male, the heirs male of Sir Edward Warren kt., great-grandfather of said John, the right heirs of said John, for ever.

The said John died 20 June last past & Edward Warren is his son & heir & is now aged 16 years, 11 months, 10 days.

The said Anne, late the wife of the said John, survives & dwells at Pointon.

They say the manor of Pointon & premises there are

held of the lord the Prince as of the Earldom of Chester in socage, by rent of 2s. 6*d.* a year & worth yearly (clear) nothing, because charged as before said, but the charges are worth £40.

The manor of Stockport & the advowson & premises there are held in like manner, but in chief by 10th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) nothing, because charged as aforesaid, but the charges are worth £12.

The premises in Presbury held of Sir Urian Leigh kt., by rent of 2s. 2*d.* & 2 parts of a lb. of pepper in three parts divided & during the life of the said Susan, worth nothing, but after her death, 20s. a year.

Those called Lostocke held of the heirs of Edward Stanley, by a rose yearly, & worth nothing because granted to Oswald Mosley, but after that term, worth yearly (clear) 53s. 4*d.*

RICHARD WERDEN GENT.

(File 105. No. 15.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 12 October, 17 Charles I [1641] before Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Richard Werden gent., by the oath of Robert Davies of Ashton, Ralph Bostocke of Moulton, John Kelsall of Wimboldstrafford, Thomas Penkett of Gilden Sutton, John Bradborne of Meire, Philip Downes of Tofte, John Cottingham of Frodesham, Thomas Maddocke of Over, Richard & Robert Whittingham of Over, John Hopley of Boulsworth, George Hitchins of Handley, Thomas Neild of Shurlache, Thomas Hynde of Elton, Richard Heath of Weston & Henry Phillips of Christleton, gentlemen.

They say the said Richard Werden & Alice his wife, late deceased, were conjointly seised, to them & the heirs of Richard, of 2 mess., 4 cottages, 6 gardens, 20 a. of land,

10 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood & common of pasture for all beasts in Hulse, Bancrofte, Lostocke Gralam, Ollerton & Nether Knottesford ; & of 5 mess., a dovecote, 5 gardens, 30 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood, 100 a. of heath & 100 a. of moor in Burton *alias* Bruen Burton, Clotton & Dutton ; & of the 8th part of all the waste land, wood & plain in Burton *alias* Bruen Burton & common of pasture for all beasts in the forests of Mara, Mondrem, Tarvin, Kelsall & Clotton ; of 26 a. of land, 12 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture in Hoofield Clotton & parish of Tarvin ; of a toft, 60 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 50 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood, 40 a. of furze & heath & 10 a. of moor in Figden, Eaton & parish of Eccleston ; of 20 a. of land, 30 a. of pasture in Hoolle & parish of St. John Baptist, city of Chester ; of 10 a. of land, 2 a. of pasture in Christleton & Littleton ; of 15 a. of meadow in Moston Longe Meadows, parish of Backford ; of 22 mess., 24 gardens, 2 orchards, 3 barns, 20 a. of land in Chester ; of 1 mess., 1 garden, 4 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 4 a. of pasture in Layland, co. Lancs.

They say the premises in Hulse, Bancroft, Lostocke Gralam & Ollerton are held of Henry Maynwarding of Carringham, in socage, by fealty only & yearly rent of 20s. 6*d.* & are worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4*d.*

The premises in Burton, Clotton & Duddon are held of John Bruen esq., in common socage, by fealty only & yearly rent of 3s. 2*d.* & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The premises in Hoofield Clotton & parish of Tarvin are held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by 40th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The premises in Figden, Eaton & parish of Eccleston are held of the King, as Earl of Chester, in socage by rent of 2*d.* & are worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4*d.*

Those in Hoole & parish of St. John the Baptist, Chester, are held of John, Earl of Shrewsbury, in free & common socage, by fealty only & worth yearly 5s.

Those in Christleton & Littleton held of the heirs of John Harpur kt., in free & common socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

Those in Moston Long Meadowes, parish of Backford, held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, by fealty only, in free & common socage & worth yearly (clear) 3s. 4d.

Those in Chester city held of the mayor & citizens of Chester in burgage & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Layland, co. Lancs., tenure unknown, & worth yearly (clear) 2s.

So being conjointly seised, the said Richard Werden died 23 April 1617 at Chester & Alice survived him & held & enjoyed the premises until her death on 14 January, 16 Charles I [1640-1]. John Werden gent. is son & heir of Richard & on the day of his father's death was aged 22 years & more.

ROGER WETTENHALL GENT.

(File 96. No. 7.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 1 August, 19 James I [1621] before Hugh Maynwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, & Peter Danyell esq., feodary there, by virtue of the Prince's writ, to enquire after the death of Roger Wettenhall gent., by the oath of John Birtles of Birtles, Humfrey Page of Yardshaw, Hugh Amson of Cranage, Richard Steele of Sandbach, Robert Poole of Awger, John Rode of Walhill, Reginald Fynlow of Hulmewalfield, James Trevet of Sproston, Hugh Venables of Wymboldsley, John Kinsey of the same, Hugh Broome of Betchton, Richard Kettle of the same, Thomas Woodcock of Churchhulme, James Bradshaw of Allostock, Randell Wrench of Moulton, Arthur Jeynson of Warton, Thomas Neild of Shurlach, William Awsten of Stanthorne, William Shaw of Sandbach & John Lawton of Snape, gentlemen.

They say that the said Roger Wettenhall long before his death was seised in fee of 11 mess., 17 gardens, 12 a. of land & 1 saltworks of 6 leads & 40s. rent in Nantwich ; & of 8 mess., 40 a. of land, 100 a. of pasture, 10 a. of meadow, 17 a. of wood, 20 a. of furze & heath in Aldlem & he died seised thereof.

The premises in Nantwich are held of the Barons of Nantwich in socage, by fealty only & are worth yearly (clear) £6 9s.

The premises in Aldlem are held of Sir Thomas Savage kt. & bart. in socage, by rent of 8*d.* a year & are worth yearly (clear) £5 4s. 10*d.*

The said Roger Wettenhall died 1 April last past & John Wettenhall is his next of kin & heir [*no relationship stated*] & is aged 15 years, 3 weeks, 4 days & not more.

WILLIAM WETTENHALL GENT.

(Wards 7. File 36. No. 1.)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 20 August, 9 James I [1611] before Sir Thomas Smyth kt., Sir Richard Lea kt., Henry Manwaryng esq., escheator, Ralph Wilbraham esq., feodary, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire if William Wettenhall gent. is a lunatic or not, by the oath of Robert Whitney of Coole, John Breane of Aston, Thomas Brooke of Leighton, William Allen of Brindley, John Aston of Aston, John Cheswys of Mickley, Humfrey Page of Yearshawe, Richard Wilbraham of Worleston, William Pratchett of the same, Richard Steele of Sandbach, George Cudworth of Bromhall, William Salmon of Wyldeheath, William Shawe of Beachton, John Wheelock of the same, Hugh Furnivall of the same & Hugh Broome of the same, gentlemen.

They say on oath that the said William Wettenhall is neither an idiot nor a lunatic nor out of his mind.

EDWARD WHITBY ESQ. (1)

(File 105. No. 10.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 31 March, 16 Charles I [1640] before William Edwards & Robert Gregge gentlemen, Richard Onsley clerk, Thomas Aldersey gent., escheator of co. Chester, & John Yonge gent., feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Edward Whitby, late of the city of Chester, esq., by the oath of John Trevers of Horton, Thomas Littlemoare of Hetley, William Rabon of Erby, George Ball of Erbye, John Beavan of Willaston, Robert Hodgson of Erbye, Thomas Bernett of Barneston, James Halwood 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 the said Edward Whitby was seised in fee tail, to him & the heirs male of his body, with remainder, in default of such issue, to Robert Whitby, son & heir of Thomas Whitby, brother of said Edward, & heirs male of his body, in default to the female heirs of the body of Robert, father of said Edward & their issue, of a capital mess., 3 other mess., a dovecote, a windmill, 20 a. of land, 3 a. of meadow, 14 a. of pasture, 5 a. of wood & common of pasture for all beasts in Dunham upon the Hill & Happesford.

The said Edward was also seised of the capital mess. & manor of le Bach & of a dovecote, 40 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture, 10 a. of turbary in Bach & a mess. & mansion house in Bridge Street, Chester, wherein he dwells, & a garden, a cellar, & a shop there; also of 4 mess. in Pepper Street & $\frac{1}{2}$ a. of land next the walls of Chester lately bought by him of Symon Watson, William Drurie & Jeremy Drury, gents.; of 13 mess., a barn, two glovers' workhouses, a garden adjoining & 3 a. of land in Northgate Street, Dee Lane, Barne Lane, Bridge Street, the Waterside & fields of Hanbridge, late bought by him of Robert Vawdrey esq. & Margaret, his wife; 1 a. of

land in the fields of Boughton & 2 a. of meadow next Flowkersbrooke in the county of the city of Chester, late bought by him of John Bavand gent. & his son, Thomas Bavand ; of a yearly rent of £11 issuing from fulling mills called the Walkmilnes in said county of the city late bought by him of Thomas Corbin gent.

So being seised, the said Edward made his will at Chester 17 June 1633, making his wife, Alice, & Thomas Bavand executors, bequeathing to said Alice the premises in Bridge Street & his manor of Bache, for life, & the residue of his premises to his said executors, to the use, as to a moiety thereof, to his sister, Alice Bressie, to bring up her children & £4 a year to his sister Anne Aldersey for life, with remainder of the said half part to the children of his said sisters, of Thomas Whitby & of Elizabeth Oagle, late sister of said Edward.

He was also seised of 2 a. of land, 1 a. of meadow, 2 a. of pasture in Boughton.

The said manor of Bache & premises there are held of the heirs of Richard Cotten kt. by fealty & rent of a sextar of wine yearly at the feast of St. Warburgh in summer & worth yearly (clear) £3 6s. 8d.

The premises in Bridge Street & the other premises in Chester are held of the mayor & citizens of Chester by fealty only, in burgage & worth yearly (clear) 30s.

Those in Boughton held of the King as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, by fealty only, in free & common socage & not in chief & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

The yearly rent of £11 in Chester held of the King as of his said manor of East Greenwich, by fealty only in free & common socage & worth yearly (clear) £11.

The premises in Dunham & Happesford are held of John, Earl of Shrewsbury, as of his manor of Dunham, by fealty & rent of 5s. 5d. yearly & suit of court at the said manor & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

They say the said Edward died at Bache, 18 April,

15 Charles I [1639] & Robert Whitby is his next of kin & heir, being son & heir of Thomas Whitby gent., brother & heir of said Edward & is now aged 18 years, 8 months, 2 days. Alice Whitby, relict of said Edward, survives & dwells at Chester.

EDWARD WHITBY ESQ. (2)

(File 105. No. 16.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 16 August, 17 Charles I [1641] before William Edwards, Robert Gregg, Richard Ousley, gents., & Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's commission *de melius inquirendo* after the death of Edward Whitby, late of Chester (an inquisition having already been taken 31 March, 16 Charles I [1640]), by the oath of John Kelsall of Micklestrafford, John Kelsall of Wimboldstrafford, Richard Nangreave of Woodhouse, John Denson of Elton, Thomas Hinde of Elton, John Crosse of Happesford, John Hopeley of Boulsworth, Richard Edge of Tattenhall, John Horton of Aldersey, Randall Banbury of Broxton, William Burgayny of Doddleston, John Vrian of Christleton & John Radford of Mobberley, gentlemen.

They say that by the former inquisition [File 105, No. 10] it was found the said Edward was seised in fee tail to the heirs male of his body with remainder to Robert Whitbie his kinsman, i.e. son of Thomas, brother of said Edward, in tail male, in default to the female heirs of the body of the said Robert, of a capital mess. [*&c.*, *&c.*, as in 105/10] in Dunham on the Hill, & Happesford, of the Bach, *&c.*, *&c.*

They say none of the premises were held of the King in chief by knight service.

WILLIAM WHITMORE ESQ. & ALICE HIS WIFE.

(File 95. No. 16.)

Inquisition taken at Chester Castle, 23 September, 18 James I [1620] before John Mynshall esq. & Hugh

Maynwaringe esq., escheator, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of William Whitmore of Leighton, esq. & Alice his wife, by the oath of Thomas Baskerville of Old Withington, William Davenport of Boughton, Henry Phillipps of Christleton, Thomas Barlowe of Saughall, John Doe of the same, Richard Chamberlaine of the same, William Healie of Newton, John Manley of Poulton, Thomas Richardson of Ince, Robert Leonard of Irbye, John Edwards of Cheveley, Oliver Lockett of Sandbache, Thomas Halwood of Sutton, William Ashton of Chorlton, gentlemen.

They say the said William & Alice were seised of fee, in the right of the said Alice, of the manor of Thornton Mayo & of 20 mess., a windmill, a dovecote, 200 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood, 200 a. of furze & heath & 2 parts of 100 a. of lands in 5 parts divided called Thornton Grange in Thornton & of 2s. free rent in Thornewton Mayo ; of the manor of Leighton by Barneston & a capital mess., 5 other mess., 100 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 80 a. of wood, 200 a. of furze & heath in Leighton & free fishery for himself & his tenants in the waters of the Dee at Leighton ; & another fishery there called the Frydaies Tyde in Leighton ; of 2 mess., 30 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture, 7 a. of wood in Pulton Launcellyn & common of pasture for him & his tenants there for all their beasts at all times of the year in the wastes of Pulton Launcellyn, Spittle & Brynston & of 4 mess., 40 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture & 1 a. of wood in Great Neston & the free fishery for himself & his tenants in the water of the Dee in Great Neston & of common of pasture for himself & his tenants for all their beasts at all times of the year in the wastes of Great Neston.

So being seised, the said Alice died at Leighton 7 December 1616, & after the said William entered into the

same for term of his life with remainder to William Whitmore esq., son & heir of said Alice.

The said William the day he died was seised of the manor of Great Neston & of a capital mess. there & 20 other mess., 200 a. of land, 30 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture, 40 a. of wood, 100 a. of furze & heath there & so being seised died at Leighton 27 May last past.

They say the said manor of Thornton Mayo & premises there are held of the Prince, as Earl of Chester, by the third part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 10 marks.

The manor of Leighton & premises there held of John Poole esq., as of his manor of Poole, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 5 marks.

The premises in Pulton Launcelyn held of the said John Poole in like manner & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

The manor of Great Neston & premises there held of the Prince as Earl of Chester by 40th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £5.

William Whitmore esq. is son & heir of said Alice & son & next heir of said William & is now aged 42 years & more.

ROBERT WHITNEY GENT.

(File 91. No. 15.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 2 April, 14 James I [1616] before Henry Maynwarling esq., the King's escheator, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Robert Whitney gent., by the oath of Edward Cotton of Cotton, esq., Thomas Baskerville of Withington, Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Humfrey Page of Yardshawe, John Cheswis of Mickley, John Aston of Aston, Ralph Bostock of Moulton, Thomas Deane of Churchulme, Thomas Woodcocke of the same, James Bradshawe of Allostocke, William Venables of Sproston, Phillip Downes of Tofte, Edmund Howe of Ollerton, John Ravenscroft of Ocleston, Hugh Venables of Wimbaldsley,

William Austen of Stanthorne & Oliver Vernon of Middlewich, gentlemen.

They say that the said Robert Whitney was seised in fee of a mess., 60 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 16 a. of wood in Coule & Aston by Bromhull & so being seised on 12 February, 17 Eliz. [1574-5] on his marriage with Mary, daughter of Thomas Rutter of Kingesley, he enfeoffed Ralph Bryne, Richard Hocknell, Thomas Grymsdich & Thomas Rutter the younger, son of said Thomas, gentlemen, of the said premises, to the use, as to the New Lands, the Wardes Fields, the Great Mosse, the Calvers Croft & the Gardiners Field, being about 34 a., of the said Mary, for life & as to the moiety of the said mess., barns &c., also to her, with remainder to said Robert & his issue by said Mary, in default to his issue, in default to his right heirs; the residue to said Robert, his issue by said Mary, &c.

They had issue, Hugh Whitney, now deceased.

On a marriage to be had between the said Hugh Whitney & Elizabeth Egerton, the said Robert & Hugh enfeoffed Edward Cotton, Richard Clutton, Jasper Rutter & John Moulson of the premises, to the use, as concerned the New Lownes, containing 4 a., of Hugh Massye, & as concerned a pasture in Coole called the Great Mosse, of 20 a. & 2 pastures called the Wardes Fields, of 7 a., to the use of the said Hugh Whitney & Elizabeth Egerton, as dower of said Elizabeth, with contingent remainders to said Hugh & his male issue by Elizabeth, to him in tail male, to the issue of Hugh & Elizabeth, to the issue of Hugh, to Elizabeth daughter of said Robert Whitney, wife of the said Hugh Massye & their issue; & as to Dovehouse Fields, Beggars Fields, Hurdemans Feild, Sheppcroft & the Lower End of the Lane, about 30 a., to the use of the said Robert Whitney, for life, with contingent remainders to the said Elizabeth Egerton during the life of the said Mary, wife of Robert & after

Mary's death, to the use of the said Hugh Whitney & his male issue by Elizabeth Egerton, the male issue of Hugh, his issue, to the use of Elizabeth, wife of the said Hugh Massye & their issue, the right heirs of Robert Whitney for ever ; & as to the kitchen & the loft or chamber over the same, & the milk house, to the use of the said Elizabeth Egerton, for life, & as to the Little Weever Meadow, in Coole, being $\frac{1}{2}$ a., to the use of the said Elizabeth Egerton, for life, with remainder to said Hugh Whitney.

The said Hugh Whitney married Elizabeth Egerton & had issue Hugh Whitney the younger, now surviving & afterwards Hugh the elder died & Elizabeth, his wife, survived & still survives & dwells at Coole.

The said Robert Whitney died at Coole, 24 January last past & Mary his wife survives & dwells at Coole & Hugh Whitney the younger, son & heir of Hugh senior, son & heir apparent of Robert Whitney, is next of kin & heir of said Robert & is now aged 15 years, 1 month, 18 days.

The said premises are held of the King, as Earl of Chester, by 20th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) £3 19s.

JOHN WICKSTED ESQ.

(File 98. No. 23.)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 18 January, 22 James I [1624-5] before Hugh Maynwaring esq., escheator, & Peter Danyell esq., feodary, Edward Dod esq., & John Werden gent., by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of John Wicksted esq., by the oath of Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Robert Awger of Awger, William Dod of Highfeild, Hugh Whitney of Coole, John Cartwright of Shipnall, John Cheswis of Mickley, John Cartwright of Aston, Lawrence Cotton of Bircher, Robert Meakin of Hadderton, William Hinton of Wirswall, Robert Hinton of Ridley, John Kettell of

Burwardsley, Thomas Heath of Egerton, John Dawson of Tussingham, Richard Bird of Broxton, Randall Maddock of Edge, Ralph Astle of Golbornebelloe & Lawrence Weld of Wisterston, gentlemen.

They say the said John Wicksted the day he died was seised in fee of a capital mess. or "hamlete" commonly called Wicksted Hall in Wirswall & of 30 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 6 a. of wood, in Wirswall, belonging to the said capital mess. ; & of 2 other mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood, 6 a. of furze & heath with common of pasture in Wirswall.

They say all the said premises are held of John, Earl of Bridgewater by fealty & 1*l*. a year rent for all services & are worth (clear) 20*s*. a year.

John Wicksted died seised of the premises 31 July last past & Susanna Wicksted, now the wife of Thomas Wicksted of the city of Chester, is his daughter & heir & is now aged 30 years & more.

WILLIAM WICKSTEED GENT.

(File 101. No. 5.)

Inquisition taken at Northwich, 29 March, 6 Charles I [1630] before Hugh Maynwarding esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of William Wicksteede gent., by the oath of Paul Wynyngton of Berches, Henry Pickmeare of Hulse, Robert Holford of Lostocke Gramam, George Bradford of Shipbrooke, Randall Wrenche of Moulton, Arthur Symcocke of Leftwich, John Winyngton of the same, Arthur Joynson of Wareton, Thomas Neild of Shurlach, Andrew Burton of Over, Richard Whittingham, Robert Whittingham, Thomas Barker & Ralph Maddocke of the same & Ralph Blease of Shipbrooke, gentlemen.

They say that William Wicksteed, father of the said William, & Alice, his wife, were seised in fee of a mess.,

30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture & 5 a. of wood called Eleven Acres, in Wrenbury Fryth, & by indenture of 25 April, 21 James I [1623] made between William Wickstead the father & Alice, his wife, of one part & Hugh Wicksteed of Marbury, gent., & James Palyn of Wrenbury Frith, gent., of the other, he settled the said premises on the said William, the elder, for life, with remainder to the said Alice, for life, & a moiety of the said premises, including the Orchard Croft, Kitchin Croft, Middle Field & Two Barn Crofts, after their deaths, on the said William Wicksteede, the younger & Elizabeth, his wife, & the heirs of their bodies & the other moiety, including Rough Crofts next Eleven Acres Lane, Eleven Acres Meadow, Great Eleven Acres, to the use of the said William the younger & the heirs of his body.

The said William Wicksteed, the father, by indenture of 9 February, 3 Charles I [1627-8] granted to his daughters Margery & Margaret Wicksteed the pastures called Great Leaven Acres, Leaven Acres Meadow & Rough Croft next Little Lane for 21 years, at a yearly rent of 8s.

They say William the father & Alice his wife died long before the said William, who entered into the moiety of the said premises & with his wife into the other moiety.

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.

The said William Wicksteed died at Puddington 4 February, 4 Charles I [1628-9] & William Wicksteed is his son & heir now aged 5½ years; Elizabeth wife of William aforesaid survives at Puddington & has taken the issues, &c., since her husband's death.

MARY WILBRAHAM WIDOW.

(File 102. No. 15.)

Inquisition taken at Northwich, 16 September, 10 Charles I [1634] before Sir Richard Wilbraham kt. &

bart., Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator, & Edward Parkinson esq., feodary, by virtue of the King's commission to them directed to enquire after the death of Mary Wilbraham, late of Tilston Fearnhall, co. Chester, widow, deceased, by the oath of John Grimsditch of Grymsditch, Laurence Leigh of Swinhead, Edward Gregge of Bradley, Humfrey Page of Eardshawe, Edmund Mouldsworth of Wyncham, Paul Winnington of Burches, Hugh Ampson of Cranage, Philip Downes of Toft, Peter Hatton of Quistburches, Thomas Gleave of High Leigh, Edward Harper of the same, Philip Bostocke of Bostocke, George Bradford of Shipbrooke, Thomas Bromfeild of Witton, Richard Grimsditch of Appleton, Randell Wrench of Moulton, Ralph Blease of Shipbrooke, Philip Antrobus of Peever, John Bradburne of Meyre & Richard Steele of Reddish, gentlemen.

They say that a certain Peter Warburton, late of Arley, esq., deceased, long before his death, was seised of fee of the manors of Warburton, Aston by Budworth, &c., &c. [as in the Inq. p.m. on Peter Warburton of Arley, File 99, No. 12; also as to the conveyances & contingent remainders & to the other premises he acquired by purchase].

So being seised, the said Peter Warburton of Arley died on 22 July, 2 Charles I [1626] at Arley, without male issue & Peter Warburton of the Lodge in Crawley, esq., was & is the heir male of John Warburton kt., deceased, father of the said Peter Warburton of Arley. [&c., &c., as in the above-said inquisition on Peter Warburton of Arley.]

They say the said Mary Wilbraham died at Sutton, 2 August, 7 Charles I [1631], seised of the 6th part of the reversion of the manors, &c., held by the said Peter Warburton of Arley, her father [the other five parts of the said reversion held by the other four daughters & the son of the fifth daughter, as set forth in the said

inquisition]. Hugh Wilbraham of Eccleston is her son & heir & was aged, at his mother's death, 30 years & more.

[The tenures of the manors, lands, &c., given as in File 99, No. 12, but as she only held a sixth part, only a sixth part of the value appears here.]

RALPH WILBRAHAM ESQ.

(File 100. No. 9.)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 12 September, 4 Charles I [1628] before Sir Richard Wilbraham kt. & bart., Thomas Delves kt. & bart., George Cotton esq., Hugh Manwaringe esq., escheator in co. Chester, & Thomas Browne esq., feodary there, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Ralph Wilbraham, by the oath of Thomas Brooke, John Cheswys, Lawrence Cawton, John Cartwright, Robert Meakin, Thomas Scott, Thomas Smyth, William Waste, Richard Kettle, Oliver Pollett, Francis Bettely, John Moulton, John Knight, John Booth, Richard Podmore, William Gallimore, & Richard Sare.

They say the said Ralph the day he died was seised in fee of the manor & lordship of Darford *alias* Derfold, with all members & appurtenances, the manor or lordship of Acton & all thereunto belonging, the manor or lordship of Harleston, with members & appurtenances, the capital mess. within Harleston Manor, 50 mess., 20 cottages, 10 tofts, 3 watermills, a dovecote, 50 gardens, 50 orchards, 700 a. of land, 300 a. of meadow, 2000 a. of pasture, 300 a. of wood, 1000 a. of turbary, 2000 a. of furze & heath & £4 16s. yearly rent in Acton, Harleston, Darford *alias* Derfolde, Stoke Nantwich, Coppenhall & Coolelane.

So being seised, a fine was levied at Chester, 19 September, 12 James I [1614] between Sir Richard Wilbraham kt. & bart., then kt. only, Roger Puleston kt., then esq., & George Cotton esq., plaintiffs, & the said

Ralph Wilbraham & Alice his wife & Roger Wilbraham, his son & then heir apparent, deforciant, to the uses as follows : a mess. wherein John Saughall dwelt & lands, &c., in Acton Manor, pasture called the Lower Wood in the tenure of John Kenley, land called the Radfield in possession of the said Ralph Wilbraham, in Darford Manor, & all other lands, &c., of the said Ralph in Acton (except such demesne lands of Darford particularly named & a mess. thereunto belonging in the tenure of Richard Jackson & another mess. & lands in the tenure of Margaret Vernon widow, & a tenement or yearly rent of 20s. in Acton in the tenure of George Vernon) to the use of the said Ralph & Alice & the longer liver of them, with contingent remainders to Roger Wilbraham aforesaid, in tail male, the right heirs of said Ralph ; & the said Alice survives & dwells at Darford ; the capital mess. & house wherein Darby Shawcrosse late dwelt in Harleston Manor & all thereunto belonging & lands called the Hemyyard, Sawpityard, Great Yard, Cheswasyard, Brych Croft, Brych Field, Overyard Alcocks, Brych Crocketh & Brych Croft & an orchard, parcel of Hurleston Manor, in the tenure of Derby Shawcrosse & a mess. wherein William Taylor late dwelt & all thereunto belonging, Two Poxons Croft, Poxons Meadow, the Two Woodheyes & Rough Croft, late in the tenure of William Taylor, a mess. wherein Gilbert Bickerton late dwelt, the Higher Bryche Croft, Crocketts, Great Bryche Croft in the tenure of Gilbert Bickerton, a mess. wherein Humfrey Bryan late dwelt, lands called the Great Marled Field, Wood Meadow & Little Wheatfield, in tenure of said Humfrey, a mess. wherein Margaret Jackson, widow, late dwelt, a parcel of land called Great Bryche, Little Bryche Mere, Marled North Ridge, Further Marled North Ridge, Paddocks, Moor Lane Field, North Ridge Field, Long Acres & Wheatfield, in the tenure of the said Margaret, a mess. wherein Thomas Cracke dwelt, land

called North Ridge & the Acres in the tenure of said Thomas, the Lower Brych Croft & the Paddock, in the tenure of Hamnet Mosse, Rough Crofte, in that of William Cartwright, the two March Crofts late in the tenure of Thomas Wicksteed, 3 closes called North Ridge, the Crossefield, Cockshoote Meadow; the two Cockshoote Crofts, Sharpes Hey & Sharpes Meadow late in the tenure of Thomas Succleson; the two Northridges, the two Sharps Crofts, in tenure of George Unwyn, land called Thyuse & a barn late in tenure of Roger Hardinge, Brindley bryche & Poolecroft, late in the tenure of the said Ralph Wilbraham, lands of said Ralph in March Meadow & the Town Field in Hurleston called Willmon Field, land called Willmon Croft in tenure of Thomas Ascocke & Great & Little Thorney Croft in tenure of Roger Wilbraham, all in Hurleston Manor & a yearly rent of 10s. issuing from lands & tenements, the heritage of John Stocketon, deceased in Stoke, to the use of the said Roger & Mary, his wife, in tail male, with remainder, in default of such issue, to the right heirs of said Ralph; the residue of the premises to the use of the said Ralph, with contingent remainders to the said Roger, the heirs male of his body by said Mary, in tail male, the right heirs of Ralph.

He was also seised of a mess., a garden, 30 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture, 3 a. of wood in Sound & of 5 parts of a mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow & 2 a. of pasture in Norley & Kingsley & so being seised on 15 April 1627 made his will bequeathing the premises in Sound to the said Roger Wilbraham & his heirs for ever & those in Norley & Kingsley to his nephew [*nepot*; ? grandson] Henry Hardwar, in tail male, in default to the right heirs of Ralph.

He was also seised of a cap. mess., 60 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood in the parish of Doneham *alias* Davenham.

He held the premises in Derford of the King as Earl of Chester, by knight service & worth yearly (clear) £4.

[The rest of the tenures in this inq. & in Wards 7/77/1 too faint to be legible.]

The said Ralph died at Derford 19 January, 3 Charles I [1627-8] & Roger Wilbraham is his son & next heir & now aged 39 years & more.

RICHARD WILBRAHAM GENT.

(File 91. No. 16.)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 23 October, 11 James I [1613] before Sir Richard Wilbraham kt., Henry Mainwaring esq., escheator, & Ralph Wilbraham esq., feodary, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Richard Wilbraham gent., by the oath of Robert Whitney of Coole, John Haughton of Haughton, Thomas Brooke of Leighton, William Allen of Brindley, John Aston of Aston, Ralph Huxley of Brindley, Randall Smith of the same, Richard Wilbraham of Worleston, William Pratchett of the same, William Salmon of Wildheath, George Cudworth of Newhall, Robert Massye of Coole Lane, Laurence Welde of Wystemton, Thomas Smith of Checkley & Peter Walton of Sound, gentlemen.

They say that the day he died the said Richard was seised in fee of a capital mess. in Nantwich & of a garden, orchard, 1 a. of land, 1 a. of meadow, 1 a. of pasture thereunto belonging ; & also of a mess., a garden, orchard, 6 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 6 a. of pasture in Nantwich lately bought of Sir William Davenport kt. & of William Davenport, his son ; & of 4 pasture closes or crofts of land called the Froggreaves in Nantwich & Acton ; of a croft in Nantwich in the tenure of Randall Massye, all which the said Richard bought of Thomas Bromley gent. ; of the manor of Bechton & 20 mess., a water grain-mill, 8 cottages, 30 gardens, 20 orchards, 400 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 400 a. of pasture, 40 a. of wood, 200 a. of furze & heath &

moor & 5 a. of water-covered land in Bechton, & an annual rent of 2s. issuing from the manor & lands of Bechton ; of a mess. called Fulleshurst Hall, a garden, an orchard, 50 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood, 60 a. of furze & heath in Sound, bought of the heirs of Edward Baskervyle, deceased ; of 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture & 20 a. of wood in Buerton, bought of Sir Richard Wilbraham kt. ; of a mess., a garden, an orchard, 40 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood in Newton by Tattenhall, late in the tenure of Peter Ryder now deceased, late bought of Ambrose Clyve esq. ; of a mess., in the tenure of Elizabeth Hawkes, widow, & lands in Fadeley & Brindley ; of the moiety of a mess., 5 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 5 a. of pasture in the tenure of James Deane, in Somerford *alias* Somerford Radnor ; of 2 mess. in Walgherton & Hatherton & 10 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood in Walgherton & Hatherton.

He was also seised the day he died of a capital mess., 20 a. of land, 15 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood in Bloore, co. Staff., bought of William Buckley gent.

Also of 2 closes called the Pease Flatt in Acton & the Brownehill with a house or barn thereon in Nantwich, formerly in the tenure of Anne Vernon & bought of Thomas Massie of Killingworth ; of a croft called the Cawsey Croft in Henhull bought of John Cheetwood.

He was also seised in fee of 5 pastures & a field called the Shutshawes & Wichfield in Nantwich & of 19 mess., 19 gardens, 6 orchards, 10 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture in Nantwich & in 4 saltworks, each of 12 leads, to wit, "*everie wichhowse of twelve leades wallinge*" or of 8 saltworks each of 6 leads, in Nantwich, & of a yearly rent of 26s. 8d. issuing from a mess. & lands in Hankelow, in the tenure of Randall Bolton ; of a yearly rent of 4s. 7d. issuing from lands in Brindley & Faddeley,

in the tenure of William Allen of Brindley, gent.; of a free rent of 2s. 6*d.* issuing from a parcel of land called the Horse Croft in Nantwich, in the tenure of Richard Maisterson gent.; of a free rent of 2s. issuing from the west part of a close called the Greenfield in Nantwich & of another of 6s. from a saltworks of 6 leads in Great Wood Street, Nantwich; of another of 12*d.* from a mess. of Thomas Clutton gent. in Nantwich, another of 5s. from a saltworks in the said street in Nantwich; also of all kinds of tithes of grain in Leighton & of a certain sum in consideration of the tithes of hay in Leghton & other tithes there.

They say the premises in Nantwich bought of Sir William & William Davenport are held of the King as Earl of Chester, in chief, by 200th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 3s. 4*d.*

Froggreaves & the premises bought of Thomas Bromley held as last by 300th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4*d.*

The manor of Bechton & premises there held of the King, as parcel of the barony of Nantwich & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The premises in Sound, tenure unknown, worth yearly (clear) 7s.

Those in Buerton held of John Poole esq., in socage by 15s. rent & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Newton by Tattenhall held of Ralph Egerton esq. in socage, by fealty & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Faddeley & Brindley held of Sir Randall Mainwaring kt., as of his manor of Baddeley in socage & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8*d.*

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

Those in Walgherton & Hatherton held of the heirs of Robert Corbett esq. by what tenure unknown, & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8*d.*

Those in Bloore held of the lords of Tyrley Manor, co. Staff., in socage & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8*d*.

Cawsey Croft in Henhull held of the heirs of Robert Henhull in socage, by fealty & worth yearly (clear) 3s. 4*d*.

The premises in Acton held of Ralph Wilbraham esq., as of his manor of Darfold, by knight service & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8*d*.

The tithes in Leighton, tenure unknown, worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8*d*.

The capital mess. in Nantwich & premises there held of the King in chief, by knight service & worth yearly (clear) 10s. & the other capital mess. held of the Barons of Nantwich in common & free burgage, & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

The said Richard Wilbraham died 2 February last past & Thomas Wilbraham esq. is his next of kin & heir, being son & heir of Richard Wilbraham of London, esq., deceased, son & heir of said Richard, & the said Thomas is now aged 22 years & more.

THOMAS WILBRAHAM ESQ.

(File 90. No. 6.)

Inquisition held at Nantwich, 23 March, 10 James I [1612-13] taken before Thomas Savage & Thomas Delves kts., George Cotton esq., Henry Manwayringe esq., escheator, & Ralph Wilbraham esq., feodary, by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Thomas Wilbraham esq., by the oath of Ralph Hassall of Hankelowe, esq., John Egerton of Newhall, William Allen of Brinley, Alexander Elcocke of Poole, John Brame of Aston, Edward Tannat of Broxon, John Haughton of Haughton, Randall Buckley of the same, Robert Whitney of Coole, Thomas Brooke of Leighton, Ralph Horton of Coole, Edward Bressie of Audlem, William Salmon of Coole Lane, William Salmon of Wyldheath,

John Wettenhall of Coppenhall, Richard Steele of Sandebache, & Randall Smyth of Brindley, gentlemen.

They say that the said Thomas Wilbraham was seised of fee tail, to him & the heirs male of his body, with reversion to the King & his successors, of the manors of Longdendale & Mottram in Longdendale, with all the rights & liberties, the same being held of the King, in chief, by service of 40th part of a knight's fee & yearly rent of £18 1s. & the same is worth (clear) yearly £23 6s. 8d.

He was also seised of fee of the manor of Radnor & of 5 mess., 60 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 6 a. of wood, 10 a. of moor & turbary in Kettlesholme, Knightholme, Bradwall, Stanthorne & Castleton by Northwich & a parcel of land in Wynington called the Conigre containing 12 a. of land, the same being held of Peter Venables esq., as of his manor of Kinderton, in socage, by rent of 8 barbed arrows & a pair of gloves yearly & worth yearly (clear) £4 4s.

He was also seised of fee of 2 saltworks of 16 leads in Northwich, held of William, Earl of Derby, service unknown, & worth yearly (clear) 53s. 4d.

He was also seised of fee of the manor of Woodhey & of 3 mess., 104 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture in Woodhey & Faddilegh held of Sir Randall Manwayringe of Peever, kt., as of his manor of Baddiley, in socage, by 18½d. rent & worth yearly (clear) £6 2s.

He was also seised of a toft in Faddiley, called Downe Gresse & a field there called Light Moore & 3 crofts there called Golbornes Crofts, containing 13 a. of land, & of 2 pastures there called Vrians Field & Hutchins Field & the same held of the said Randall Manwayringe kt., in socage, as of his manor of Baddiley, by rent of 3s. a year & worth yearly (clear) 4s.

He was also seised of 3 crofts in Faddiley lately bought of Sir Edward Lee kt., & held of the lady of Baddiley, by what tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear) 14d.

He was also seised, of fee, of 2 mess., 40 a. of land, 5 a. of meadow, 6 a. of pasture in Faddiley, held of the heirs of William Hamson esq., service unknown & worth yearly (clear) 18s.

He was also seised, of fee, of 2 mess., 60 a. of land, 5 a. of wood in Broxton, held of Lord Audley, service unknown & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

He was seised of fee of the manor of Shocklach Ovyatt & of 22s. 6*d.* rent issuing from 100 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow & 100 a. of pasture in Shocklach Ovyatt & of 20 a. of land in Church Shocklach, held of the King, service unknown, worth yearly (clear) 30s.

He was also seised of fee, of 2 mess., a cottage & 30 a. of land in Bunbury & Oceworth held of Sir William Brereton kt., in free socage & worth yearly (clear) 23s. 4*d.*

He was also seised of fee of a mess. in Bunbury called Bunbury Colledge & of 7 cottages & 30 a. of land in Bunbury & Spurstowe, held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich by free socage & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

He was also seised of fee of 4 saltworks of 24 leads in Middlewich, held of Peter Venables of Kynderton, esq., in socage, by yearly rent of 2s. & 12*d.* to be paid to the Churchwardens of St. Michael, Middlewich, & of 3 saltworks of 30 leads there held of the King, as Earl of Chester, & at the said Thomas' death held of Henry, late Prince, Earl of Chester, in free socage, by rent of 2s. a year, called the King's Mole; he was also seised of fee of 4 mess. & 4 gardens in Middlewich, held of the King as Earl of Chester & at Thomas' death of the Prince, in free burgage, by fealty only; & of a croft & 11 a. of land in Kinderton called Bordmans croft & of another croft, 10 a. of land in Kynderton, late in the tenure of John Yardley, held of the said Peter Venables, tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear) 46s. 8*d.*

He was also seised of 16s. yearly rent, issuing from 20 a. of land in Leftwich, late in the tenure of Robert

Wynnington, deceased, & of 6 a. of land there late in the tenure of James Leigh & John Leftwich, tenure unknown, worth yearly (clear) 4s. 8d.

He was also seised of fee of a mess. & 40 a. of land in Buerton, held of John Poole esq., in socage by rent of 15d. a year & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

He was also seised of the manor of Tylston Fernehall & of 3 mess., 1 cottage, 56 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture in Tylston Fernehall & 2 watermills there held of the Dean & Chapter of Chester Cathedral in free & common socage & yearly rent of £5, & worth yearly (clear) 3s. 4d.

Also the moiety of a mess. & 40 a. of land in Calveley & 4th part of a mess. & 10 a. of land in Ryddley, held of the heirs of Hugh Davenport esq., service unknown, & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Also, a mess. & 15 a. of land in Shurlach, held of the heirs of Richard Leftwich in free socage, by 17d. rent & $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. of pepper yearly & worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4d.

Also, 4 mess., 50 a. of land in Burland, held of the lord of Baddiley, in free burgage, & worth yearly (clear) 36s. 6d.

Also, a mess., 60 a. of land in Clutton, held of the heirs of Sir Philip Butler kt., in socage, by fealty only, worth yearly (clear) 33s. 4d.

Also, a mess., 20 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 6 a. of wood, 20 a. of heath & common of pasture in Chorley, held of the said Ralph Egerton esq., in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Also, a mess., 5 a. of land, 2 a. of pasture in Buckley & a close there of 4 a., held of Dame Mary Cholmondeley, service unknown & worth yearly (clear) 4s. 10d.

Also, a mess., 30 a. of land, 10 a. of pasture in Spurstowe, held of Sir William Brereton kt., in free socage & worth yearly (clear) 20s. 8d.

Also, 2 mess., 4th part of another mess., in Haulghton,

& 20 a. of land there & in Brindley, held of the said Sir William, in free socage & worth yearly (clear) 31s. 4d.

Also, a mess., 14 a. of land in Brindley, held of the heirs of William Hanford in socage & worth yearly (clear) 9s.

Also, 16 mess., 13 cottages, 5 saltworks of 30 leads, 3 burgages, 15 gardens, a horse-mill & 40 a. of land & 10 a. of meadow in Nantwich, held of the King in chief by 60th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £6 13s. 4d. & also of lands, &c., in Whorpoole & Poole.

Also, a yearly rent of 12s. issuing from a watermill in Teverton in tenure of Sir Hugh Beeston kt., & of a mess., 40 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow & 20 a. of pasture in Poole, Whorpoole & Hurleston held of the King in socage & worth yearly (clear) 30s.

Also, a mess., 16 a. of land in Acton, held of Ralph Wilbraham esq. in free socage, worth yearly (clear) 31s. 8d.

Also, all tithes of sheaves & grain in the villis of Acton, Edlaston, Henhull, Hurleston, Stock, Whorpoole, Barretts Poole, Whitpoole, Chelmeston, Aston, Burland, Faddiley, Chorley & Brindley, with appurtenances in Acton, a barn there & the advowson of that church, held of the King, by 40th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £6 6s. 8d.

Also, 16 a. in Bickerton & Larkton & 4 a. in Edge, tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Also, a mess., 20 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture, 4 a. of wood in Wistaston, held of the heirs of John de Wistaston, service unknown & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Also, 2 mess., 30 a. of land in Church Coppenhall held of the heirs of Robert Corbett esq., tenure unknown, worth yearly (clear) 26s. 2d.

Also, 2 cottages, 30 a. of land, 10 a. of pasture in Acton, held of the King, service unknown, worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Also, 10 mess., 3 cottages, 1 watermill, 200 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 40 a. of pasture, 6 a. of wood in Clotton, Hulfield, Wyncham & Church Coppnall, the premises in Clotton & Hulfield held of the King by 20th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £3 6s. 8d., the mill held of the said Peter Venables in free socage, worth yearly (clear) 3s. 4d., the premises in Church Coppnall held of the heirs of Sir Rowland Hill kt., in socage & worth yearly (clear) 11s. 9d.

Also, 5 mess., 40 a. of land, 30 a. of pasture, 10 a. of meadow in Monkes Coppenhall, held of the King by knight service & worth yearly (clear) 50s.

Also, 20 a. of land, 10 a. of pasture in Church Coppnall, late in the tenure of William Fouleshurst, & 14 a. of land in Monks Coppenhall, held of the King, tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4d.

A mess. in Clutton, 12 a. of land in the tenure of James Stoneley, held of the King, as of St. John of Jerusalem, in free socage, worth yearly (clear) 2s.

12 mess., 5 cottages, a windmill, 70 a. of land, 100 a. of meadow, 300 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood, 100 a. of furze & heath, 100 a. of moor, 50 a. of marsh, 18s. rent in Aston, Woodcote, Sound, Edlaston, Newbold, Astburie, Middlewych, Newton by Middlewych, Coole Pilat, Great Aldersey, Bebbington, Saughall, Great Woodbanke & Landecan, all worth, yearly (clear) £13; the premises in Aston held of the King in chief by 40th part of a knight's fee, those in Woodcote of the heirs of Thomasine, formerly wife of William Burcher, tenure unknown, those in Great Aldersey of the heirs of Sir John Sutton kt., the residue, tenure unknown.

A saltwork of 12 leads in Nantwich held of the heirs of the lord of Awdeley & Lord Fitzwaren, tenure unknown, & worth yearly (clear) 26s. 8d.

A mess. in Nantwich called the Swan, 2 a. of meadow called the Swan Meadow & a yearly rent of 10s. issuing

from a saltworks of 6 leads there in the tenure of Randall Church, held of the King, in chief, by rooth part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8d.

3 mess., 2 cottages, 5 gardens, 10 saltworks of 6 leads in Nantwich & 13s. 10d. rent there held of the Barons of Nantwich in socage & worth yearly (clear) £3, beyond 26s. 8d. paid yearly to the poor of that vill.

2 cottages in Nantwich in Beame Street, in tenure of Richard Maisterson gent., & 2 cottages there in Hospital Street, held of the King, in chief by knight service & worth yearly (clear) 3s. 2d.

5 mess., 60 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow & 20 a. of pasture in Burwardesley held of Ralph Egerton, as of his manor of Tatnall, by knight service & 5s. yearly rent & worth yearly (clear) 30s.

A yearly rent of 3s. 4d. issuing from land formerly James Kettle's, in Burwardesley; 2 mess., 2 cottages, 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture in Alpram, held of the heirs of [left blank] Wettenhall, in socage & worth yearly (clear) 13s. 4d.

A yearly rent of 10s. 2d. issuing from land of John Done esq. in Flaxeyard, & another of 14s. from a mess. in Torperleighe late in the tenure of William Richardson & another of 3s. from a mess. in Eaton in the tenure of said Richardson, another of 20d. from Hattons Croft in the tenure of John Glover & another of 3s. from the mess. & land of Ralph Huxley in Torperley & Tyrisford; 3 a. of pasture in Rishton, now in the tenure of Peter Jeynson; a mess., 3 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow in Eaton & Torperleighe, tenure unknown, worth yearly 5s.

Also, 10 a. of land in Iscoydd by Shocklache, co. Denbigh & 10 a. of land in Worthenbury, co. Flint, tenure unknown & worth yearly (clear) 10s.

So being seised, a fine was levied in the Common Hall of Pleas, Chester, 19 November, 2 James I [1604], whereby

the said Thomas Wilbraham esq. & Richard, his son & heir apparent, conveyed to Sir William Brereton kt., Ralph Egerton esq., William Liversage jun. & Ralph Wilbraham gents., the manors of Tylston, Wodhey, Mottram & Longdendale & 300 mess., 300 gardens, 200 orchards, 4 water-grain-mills, one fulling mill, 3 horse mills, one windmill, 30 saltworks, 10,000 a. of land, 5000 a. of meadow, 10,000 a. of pasture, 1000 a. of wood, 10,000 a. of heath, 5000 a. of moor, 1000 a. of rushes, 10 a. of marsh, 100 a. of alders, £10 rent in Church Acton, Little Acton, Wistaston, Spurstowe, Haughton, Rydley, Wordhull, Teverton, Calveley, Bunberie, Alpram, Wardhey, Shocklach, Clotton Howfeild, Sound, Faddiley, Brinley, Burland, Chorley, Hurleston, Poole, Aston by Mondren, Burwardesley, Buckley, Broxton, Clutton, Bickerton, Edge, Larkton, Tylston, Lee by Dutton, Shurlach, Holme, Bradwall, Knights Holme, Kettlesholme, Leftwich, Northwiche, Castell Northwiche, Wynnington, Radnor, Newbold Astbury, Nubold, Buglawton, Somerford, Stanthurle, Church Coppenhall, Monks Coppenhall, Wollaston, Woodcote, Edlaston, Newbold by Namptwich, Aldersey, Buerton, Landecan, Bebbington, Woodbanke, Great Saughall, Torperley, Eaton, Rushton, Baddiley, Namptwich, Mottram Longdendale, Middlewich, Newton & Sutton by Middlewich, Hankelow & the advowson of Acton Vicarage & the tithes of sheaves & grain yearly growing in Acton, Edlaston, Henhull, Hurleston, Stoke, Whitpoole, Burland, Faddiley, Brindley, Cholmeston, Poole, Aston & Chorley, to the use, as to Tylston Fernhall Manor of the said Thomas for life, with contingent remainders to his wife, Mary, his son & heir apparent, Sir Richard Wilbraham kt., & his male issue by Grace, his wife, his male issue, to Thomas, son of said Thomas, in tail male, to another son, Hugh, in tail male, to another son, Warburton, in tail male, to heirs male of said Thomas, to his right heirs, & as to the residue to

said Thomas for life, with contingent remainders to Richard [*&c., as before*].

The said Thomas was also seised of fee of 5 mess., 2 cottages, 60 a. of land, 15 a. of meadow, 60 a. of pasture, 3 a. of wood in Alpram held of Sir John Savage kt. in socage, by fealty only, & worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Also, 2 mess., 20 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 4 a. of heath in Halghton, held of Sir Hugh Beeston kt. in socage by fealty & rent of one barbed arrow & worth yearly (clear) 28s.

Also, 1 mess., 8 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture & 10 a. of heath & turbary in Bunbury held of Sir William Brereton by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 20s.

Also, 1 mess, 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture & 10 a. of heath in Alvaston held of the heirs of Agnes, daughter of Adam de Burton, in socage, by fealty & rent of a pair of white gloves & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8*d.*

Also, a cottage, 4 a. of land, 1 a. of meadow, 4 a. of pasture & 6 a. of heath in Woodcote, held of the heirs of Robert Fouleshurst esq., in socage, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 5s.

Also, the manor & borough of Walsall, co. Staff., a carucate of land there called the Wastes & Marsh & 200 a. of pasture, 100 a. of wood called Walsall Park in Walsall & Benteley & mines of coal in Walsall & the advowson of Walsall Church, held of the King in chief, by 40th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) £26 13s. 4*d.*

Also, a capital mess., 2 other mess., 800 a. of land, 20 a. of meadow, 800 a. of pasture & 5 a. of wood in Wordhall, held of the heirs of William de Wordhall, by fealty only & rent of 1 lb. of pepper & a close there called Wards Fields, held of Sir William de Brereton, service unknown, worth yearly (clear) 53s. 4*d.*

Also, a capital mess., 2 cottages, 30 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 30 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood in Bunbury,

called Prestland Greanes, held of the heirs of Christopher Holford esq., by fealty & 10s. yearly rent & worth yearly (clear) 16s. 8d.

So being seised of the premises in Wordhall & Bunbury on 19 June, 1 James I [1603] a recovery of the same was had to the use of William Prestland for life, with contingent remainders to the said Thomas Wilbraham, Richard [*&c., as before*].

The said Thomas died at Tilston 12 July, 8 James I [1610] & Mary survives & dwells at Tilston & Sir Richard Wilbraham kt. is his son & heir, & now aged 32 years & more.

THOMAS WILKINSON YEO.

(File 101. No. 15.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 18 April, 8 Charles I [1632] before Thomas Aldersey esq., escheator in co. Chester, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Thomas Wilkinson, late of Mobburley, yeoman, by the oath of Humfrey Page of Yearshawe, George Bradford of Shipbrooke, Robert Holford of Lostocke Green, Randall Wrench of Moulton, William Tomlinson of Warton, Hugh Venables of Wymbosley, William Ravenscroft of Occleston, William Whittacars of Sandbach, Thomas Cliffe of the same, William Gallimore of Bechton, Thomas Shawe of the same, Thomas Shortley of the same, Philip Bostock of Bostock, Arthur Jeynson of Warton & Ralph Blease of Shippbrooke, gentlemen.

They say that long before the death of the said Thomas Wilkinson, a certain Randall Blackshawe of Mobberley was seised in fee of 10 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture, 3 a. of wood, 1 a. of water-covered land, 3 a. of moor & 3 a. of moss & common of pasture for all beasts in Mobburley *alias* Mobberley, & so being seised on 30 August, 22 James I, for £320 sold the same to the said Thomas Wilkinson, who, on 25 April, 1 Charles I

[1625] levied a fine at Chester between himself & the said Randall Blackshawe & Katherine, his wife, to the use of the said Thomas.

They also say that a certain Hugh Wood of Mobburley, yeoman, was seised of a mess., 12 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture, 2 a. of wood & 1 a. of moss in Mobburley *alias* Mobberley & on 14 October, 18 James I [1620] for £220 sold the same to the said Thomas & Thomas Wilkinson, his son & heir apparent, who on 18 September, 18 James I [1620] levied a fine at Chester between them & the said Hugh & Jane his wife, to the use of the said Thomas & Thomas.

They say Thomas Shawe of Millington, yeoman, was seised of 2 mess., a garden, 6 a. of land, 2 a. of meadow, 6 a. of pasture & common of pasture for all beasts & common of turbary in Higheleghe, Northwood, Mossehowses & Swynhead & on 12 June, 21 James I [1623] for £160 sold the same to the said Thomas Wilkinson & his son, Thomas, & on 29 September, 21 James I [1623] a fine was levied between them & Mary, wife of said Thomas Shawe, at Chester, to the use of the said Thomas & Thomas.

The said premises in Mobburley bought of Randall Blackshawe are held of the King as Earl of Chester, by rooth part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 3s. 4d.

Those bought of Hugh Wood, tenure unknown, are worth yearly (clear) 3s. 8d.

Those bought of Thomas Shawe are held of Peter Venables, as of his barony of Kinderton, by fealty & suit of court of his fee of Kinderton twice a year & are worth yearly (clear) 3s. 8d.

The said Thomas Wilkinson died 23 November last past & Elizabeth, late his wife, survives & dwells at Mobburley & Thomas Wilkinson is his son & heir & at his father's death was aged 20 years, 8 months, 3 days.

ROBERT WYNINGTON.

(File 90. No. 7.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewich, 7 April, 10 James I [1612], before Henry Mainwaringe esq., escheator, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Robert Wynington of Leftwych, by the oath of Richard Davenport of Weltroughe, John Pigott of Somerford, John Rode of Walhill, Humphrey Page of Yearshawe, Henry Bradshawe of Allostock, Roger Neild of Sharlache, John Ravenscrofte of Occleston, James Trevet of Sproston, William Venables of the same, Thomas Deane of Church Hulme, Thomas Woodcock of the same, Hugh Browne of Bechton, Thomas Hodgkinson of Smalwood, Thomas Somervyle of Bechton, John Shawe of the same, Thomas Shawe of the same, gentlemen.

They say that Robert Wynington aforesaid was seised of fee of a mess. & garden in Leftwych & of 10 a. of land, 3 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture & 3 a. of wood in Leftwych & thus seised, on 22 August, 8 James I [1610] made his will at Leftwich, desiring that his children for the space of 6 years should be brought up at Leftwyche & Shurlache & bequeathed to his son John two parts of his land & the third part to his wife, Margaret & made his said wife & son executors. He died at Leftwich 22 August, 8 James I [1610] & had issue the said John, Thomas, Robert, Richard, Randall, Katherine & Anne & they & the said Margaret, his wife, survive at Leftwich.

The said premises were held of the King as Earl of Chester & now of Henry Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, & Earl of Chester, as of his said Earldom, by 60th part of the barony of Shipbrook & are worth yearly (clear) 11s. 10d.

John Wynington is his son & next heir & was aged 20 years on 4 November last past, & Margaret, as executrix, has taken the profits, &c., since Robert's death.

LAWRENCE WOODFEN YEO.

(File 92. No. 15.)

Inquisition taken at Northwich, 15 January, 16 James I [1618-19] before Hugh Maynwaring, escheator, Henry Delves, feodary, & Ralph Litler gent., by virtue of the King's commission to enquire after the death of Lawrence Woodfen yeoman, by the oath of Edmund Moulsworth of Wyncham, Humfrey Page of Yeardshaw, Thomas Gleave of Highleigh, Edward Harper of the same, John Kinsey of Wimbosley, John Ravenscroft of Occleston, Randall Wrench of Moulton, Thomas Neild of Shurlach, John Blease of Shipbrooke, Edmund Houle of Oulerton, Arthur Jehnson of Wareton & Julius Stockley of Laches, gentlemen.

They say that the said Lawrence Woodfen yeoman, the day he died, was seised of fee of a mess. within the lordship of Weverham, containing by estimation 4 a. of land, 14 a. of pasture, 2 a. of meadow, 6 a. of wood, all in the tenure of the said Lawrence, & of all buildings, orchards, gardens, &c., common of pasture & turbary & of a way or passage to come & go with carts & carriages through Ploughway Lane in the manor or lordship of Weverham aforesaid.

So being seised, by indenture of 10 November, 14 James I [1616] he conveyed to Thomas Bassnet, Richard & John Mercer of Acton, the said mess. & premises, except the two pastures, called the field on the back part of the mess. & the Riddings, for 21 years.

The said premises are held of the King in chief by a fourth part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) £10.

The said Lawrence Woodfen died 14 October last past at Weverham & Thomas Woodfen is his son & heir & on the day of his father's death was aged 16 years, 6 months. The said Lawrence the day he died left a widow, Anne Woodfen.

JASPER WORTH ESQ.

(File 96. No. 8.)¹

Inquisition taken at Knottesford, 25 September, 19 James I [1621] before Hugh Maynwaring esq., escheator in co. Chester, & Peter Danyell esq., feodary there, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of Jasper Worth, late of Tidderington, esq., by the oath of Richard Davenport of Wheltrough, Richard Wich of Alderley, Humfrey Page of Yearldshawe, Philip Downes of Tofte, Lea Henshaw of Henshaw, James Trevet of Sproston, William Stanley of Astle, William Austen of Stanthorne, Thomas Dale of Withington, John Kinsey of Goostre, Reginald Finlowe of Hulme Whalfield, Edward Thornicrofte of Thornicrofte, Thomas Grastie of Wareford, Edmund Duncalf of Chorley, & Henry Hough of Chorley, gentlemen.

They say that long before his death, the said Jasper was seised in fee of the manor of Tidderington, with the appurtenances & of 5 mess., 140 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 200 a. of pasture, 20 a. of wood in Tiderington & Macclesfield; of a mess., 4 a. of land, 4 a. of meadow, 3 a. of pasture & 1 a. of wood in Butley; of a mess. called Leighhall, 20 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood in Mottram Andrew; of a watermill in Runowe; of 4 mess., 40 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture, 10 a. of wood in Kingsley, co. Stafford; of a mess., 40 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture, 4 a. of wood in Glossop, co. Derby; of certain lands & tenements in Mellor, co. Derby, being parcel of a mess. & lands in Mellor, in the tenure of William & Robert Goddard & of 2s. 6d. rent of service issuing from certain lands of Urian Leigh kt., called Heighbridge in Butleigh, co. Chester; of 2d. rent issuing from lands & tenements of John Poole esq. in Worrall; so being seised, by a

¹ Where torn or illegible, completed from Court of Wards, Inq. p.m., 65/48.

statute merchant, bearing date 13 January, 38 Elizabeth [1595-6] at Chester, before William Aldersey, then mayor of Chester & Richard Birkhened esq., recorder there, he acknowledged himself indebted to Thomas Vernon, late of Haslington, kt., now deceased, by the name of Thomas Vernon esq., in £4000 & the said statute was entered in the register of the Clerk of Acknowledgments 30 March next following for the payment of £3000 to his only daughter, Dorothy Worth. An indenture was made 1 January, 17 James I [1619-20] between the said Jasper Worth & his son Jasper, of one part, Peter Leigh of Lyme, kt., Wm. Davenport of Bromhall, kt., Thomas Leigh esq., son & heir apparent of Urian Leigh, of Adlington, kt., & George Vernon of Haslington, esq., of the other part, in consideration of the marriage of Jasper Worth, the son, & Penelope, now his wife, settling the capital mess. & tenements in Tidrington & all lands, &c., there, which were in the tenure of Alice Worth, widow, now deceased, or of Thomas Marbury gent., or of Mary Eccleston, then a widow, to the use of Jasper Worth, the son, for life & after his death to the use of Penelope, his wife, as jointure, with contingent remainders after their deaths to Peter Worth, son & heir apparent of Jasper, the son in tail male. After a fine was levied at Chester to the same effect.

They say the said manor of Tiderington & the premises there are held of the Prince, as Earl of Chester, in chief, by a fifth part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) £12 16s. 8d.

The premises in Macclesfield are held of the said Prince as Earl of Chester, in burgage & are worth yearly (clear) 33s. 4d.

Those in Butley held of Gilbert, Lord Gerrard, by fealty only & worth yearly (clear) 7s.

Leigh Hall & premises in Mottram Andrew held of the heirs of Sir George Calveley kt., as of his manor of

Mottram Andrew, by fealty & suit of court & worth yearly (clear) 53s. 4d.

The watermill in Ranow held of the Prince, as of his manor of Macclesfield in free burgage & worth yearly (clear) 43s. 4d.

The premises in Kingesley, co. Stafford, tenure & service unknown to the jurors & worth yearly (clear) 66s. 8d.

Those in Glossopp & Mellor, co. Derby, tenure & service unknown to the jurors & worth yearly (clear) 47s. 8d.

The rent in Werrall held of the heirs & assigns of Jurdan, son of Jewall [*sic*] by fealty only & worth yearly 1d.

The said Jasper Worth died at Tiderington 15 November last past & Jasper Worth is his son & heir & at his father's death was aged 28 years.

LAWRENCE WRIGHT GENT.

(File 98. No. 14.)

Inquisition taken at Nantwich, 19 July, 22 James I [1624] before Hugh Mainwaring esq., escheator, & Peter Daniell esq., feodary, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of Lawrence Wright gent., by the oath of Robert Auger of Auger, Robert Poole of the same, William Boulton of Hankilowe, John Cartwright of Aston, William Wast of Hunstaston, Thomas Smith of Checkley, Thomas Scott of the same, Thomas Shenton of Stoke, Francis Betteley of Boreland, Oliver Pollet of Fadeley, John Moulton of the same, John Gallamore of Betchton, William Gallamore the elder & the younger of the same, Hugh Wheelocke of Betchton, Randall Grafton of Worleston & Nicholas Hussie of Baguley, gentlemen.

They say that, long before his death, the said Lawrence Wright was seised in fee of 15 a. of land, 15 a. of pasture,

7 a. of meadow & 15 a. of furze & heath in Henhull, lately bought of [left blank] Philkin; of 5 a. of land, 3 a. of pasture & 2 a. of meadow & 6 salt leads in Nantwich late being the land of . . . Mannings, Ostles & Trevers in Henhull & Nantwich; of 2 burgages & a croft late bought of . . . Massey, late of Aleford, lying in Nantwich; a burgage bought of . . . Leech, there; 3 burgages, 2 salt-works, 4 a. of land, 4 a. of pasture & 4 a. of meadow late bought of John Wright, in Nantwich; of a mess. called Chadkerke in Romeley, bought of the Queen & of tithes of grain, wool & lambs issuing from lands in Baddington, Nantwich & Woolston Wood; of a croft called Pearetree-field of 6 a. in Nantwich, late in the tenure of Roger Harware & bought of . . . Barker of Wollerton.

They say the premises in Henhull bought of Philkin are held of Sir Thomas Savage kt. & bart., by knight service & are worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Those in Henhull & 6 leads in Nantwich, tenure unknown, worth yearly (clear) 2s. 6d.

Premises bought of Massey, in Nantwich, tenure unknown, worth yearly (clear) 5s.

Those bought of Leech, in Nantwich, tenure unknown, worth yearly (clear) 1s.

Those bought of Wright, in Nantwich, tenure unknown, worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Chadkirke in Romeley, tenure unknown, worth yearly (clear) 10s.

The tithes aforesaid, tenure unknown, worth yearly (clear) 6s. 8d.

Pearetreefield held of the King by 100th part of a knight's fee & worth yearly (clear) 3s.

The said Lawrence died 5 August 1603 & Lawrence Wright is his son & heir & is now aged 48 years & more. Margaret Wright, widow of Lawrence named in the commission, Lawrence the son & Robert Wright took the profits, &c., of the premises after the said Lawrence's

death & Robert Wright died 14 January 1616(-17), & Margaret Wright died 18 February, 1617(-18), since when the said Lawrence the son has taken the issues.

RICHARD WRIGHT.

(File 88. No. 8.)

Inquisition taken at Torporley, 6 October, 4 James I [1606] before Henry Maynwaringe esq., escheator, by virtue of the King's writ to enquire after the death of Richard Wright, late of Stretton upon the Hill, Cheshire, by the oath of John Golburne of Golburne, Hugh Massye of Eggerley, John Wrench of Shurlach, James Trevys of Horton, John Wilkinson of High Leigh, John Eaton of Sandwaye, Thomas Harper of High Leigh, John Horton of Aldersey, Hugh Pulford of Pulford, John Edwards of Huntington, John Cotten of Huntington, Richard Ashton of Chorleton, Anthony Lunt of Backford, John Butterich of Barrowe, Ralph Astley of Golburne Bellowe, gentlemen.

They say the said Richard Wright was seised in fee of 6 mess., 200 a. of land, 40 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture in Stretton ; of 2 mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow & 20 a. of pasture in Hampton ; of a mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 20 a. of pasture in Byckley ; of a mess., 100 a. of land, 30 a. of meadow, 100 a. of pasture in Hanley & Mylton ; of a croft of land & pasture in Marburye by Norburie.

So being seised, he made his last will & testament on the 20th August 1605, describing himself as Richard Wright of Byckley, one of the King's Sergeants at Arms, appointing as executors his wife, Mary, Hugh Bromley, his brother-in-law Owen Stockton & his cousin Peter Dod, bequeathing to his wife his mansion house in Stretton & the grounds there called the Great Newe Haye, the Rough Newe Haye, the Stubbes, Hichens Feild, the Little Meadow, the Dove House Croft, the three Crofts which he had of his brother Stockton, the Sandie Field & the ground he

leased of John Carden in Calcott, with contingent remainders as to the aforesaid & all other his lands, &c., to his son Edward, at his age of 26, & his issue, to his other sons, Arthur, John, William, Andrew & Francis & their issue, to his own right heirs; to his daughters he bequeathed £200 each, & to his base daughter, Elizabeth, £20. He desired his lease of Bickley farm might be renewed & gave to the poor of Malpas parish, 40s.

They say he died 23 August, 3 James I [1605] & Edward Wright is his son & heir & is aged 20 years, 6 months, 5 days. Mary, his widow, survives & dwells, unmarried, at Bickley.

The premises in Stretton are held of Thomas Lord Elsmere, Lord Chancellor of England, as of his manor of Blackmere, co. Salop, by what service the jurors know not, & are worth yearly (clear) 40s.

Those in Hampton are held of the heirs of William de Malpas, by what service the jurors know not, & are worth yearly (clear) 5s.

Those in Byckley are held of Robert Cholmondley esq., as of his manor of Byckley, by what service the jurors know not, & are worth yearly (clear) 10s., except half an acre there, which is held of the King, as of the Earldom of Chester, by knight service & worth yearly (clear) 6*d*.

The premises in Hanley & Milton are held of Thomas Marburie esq., as of his manor of Doddleston, by what service the jurors know not, & are worth yearly (clear) 10s., except the twentieth part of one acre, which is held of the King, as of the Earldom of Chester, by knight service & is worth yearly (clear) 1*d*.

The premises in Marburie by Norburie are held of the said Lord Elsmere, as of his manor of Marburie by Norburie, by what service the jurors know not, & are worth yearly (clear) 10s.

THOMAS WYCHE GENT.

(File 94. No. 21.)

Inquisition taken at Middlewych, 16 September, 17 James I [1619] before Hugh Maynswaring esq., escheator, & Henry Delves gent., feodary, by virtue of the Prince's commission to enquire after the death of Thomas Wyche, late of Nether Alderley, gent., by the oath of John Birtles of Birtles, Thomas Swetnam of Swetnam, Richard Davenport of Wheltrough, Humfrey Page of Yeardshawe, Edmund Moulesworth of Wynyncham, Hugh Snelson of Astle, Edward Thornicrofte of Thornicrofte, Hugh Wardle of Yeaton, Edmund Lowndes of the same, Edward Royle of Chorleye, Henry Hough of the same, Reginald Finlowe of Hulme Walfeild, Philip Downes of Tofte, Edmund Howe of Ollerton, Peter Ward of Somerford, William Austen of Stanthorne, Thomas Dale of Withington, Hugh Venables of Wymboldsley & John Kinsey of the same, gentlemen.

They say that, long before his death, the said Thomas Wyche was seised of fee of a capital mess., a cottage, 15 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 15 a. of pasture & 2 a. of wood in Bromley in Nether Alderley & of a capital mess., 5 other mess., 10 a. of land, 8 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture & 3 a. of wood in Davenham; of a mess., 1 a. of land in Leftwych; of 2 meadows containing 1 a. of land in Bostocke; & of a mess., 12 a. of land, 6 a. of meadow, 5 a. of pasture, 1 a. of wood, 20 a. of common in Rushton & Rushton Spencer, Clawde & Clawde Wood in co. Staff.

So being seised, by indenture of 12 January, 10 James I [1612-13] on the marriage of his son & heir apparent, Richard Wyche, with Anne, daughter of Robert Litler of Tarvin, gent., he conveyed to Thomas Calveley of Peckforton, Ralph Litler of Wallerscort, Richard Litler of Mouldsworth & William Antrobus of Nether Alderley, gentlemen, the said capital mess., to the use of himself, for life, with contingent remainders to the said Richard

Wyche & Anne, his wife & their male issue, the heirs male of Richard, to Thomas Wyche, 2nd son of said Thomas, in tail male, to his 3rd son, William Wyche, in tail male, to his 4th son, Thomas Wyche, in tail male, to the right heirs of Thomas Wyche named in the commission & the capital mess. in Davenham, lands, &c., to the use of himself for life, with contingent remainders to Margaret, Katherine & Mary Wyche, his daughters until £100 each be levied therefrom, to Richard Wyche, in tail male [*&c., as before*] & the residue to the use of the said Thomas, with contingent remainders to the said Richard [*&c., as before*].

They say the capital mess. & premises in Bromley, Nether Alderley are held of Dame Elizabeth Stanley widow & Thomas Stanley esq., by fealty & 5s. 4d. rent & worth yearly (clear) 26s. 8d.

The premises in Davenham held of Sir Thomas Savage kt. & bart., by fealty only (at the time of Thomas Wyche's death held of Sir John Savage kt., deceased) & worth yearly (clear) £4 12s.

Those in Leftwyche held of Ralph Leftwyche esq., by fealty & 2s. 3d. rent & worth yearly (clear) 6s. 4d.

Those in Bostocke held of the heirs of Richard Brett, formerly lord of Davenham, by rent of a rose & the same worth yearly (clear) 10s.

Those in Ruston, &c., held of Sir John & now of Sir Thomas Savage aforesaid by fealty only [no value given].

The said Thomas Wyche died 27 January 1615 & Richard Wyche is his son & next heir & at his father's death was aged 38 years & more & has taken the profits, &c., since his father's death.

RICHARD YERWOOD GENT.

(File 97. No. 17.)

Inquisition taken at Knottesford, 9 January, 18 James I [1620-1] before Hugh Manwaring, escheator,

William Brereton esq. & Peter Danyell esq., by virtue of the Prince's writ to enquire after the death of Richard Yerwood of Knottesford, gent., by the oath of William Leighe of Oughtrington, Edward Harpur of High Leighe, George Bowden of Bowden, Philip Downes of Toft, John Middlehurst of Groppenhall, Thomas Shawe of Millington, Edward Howe of Ollerton, James Leicester of Hale, Richard Steele of Reddishe, Edward Allen of Rosthorne, Robert Worsley of Ashley, Alexander Duncalfe of Mobberley, & Henry Houghe of Chorley, gentlemen.

They say that long before his death the said Richard Yerwood was seised of fee of 2 mess., 20 a. of land, 10 a. of meadow, 10 a. of pasture & 10 a. of moss & turbary in Mobberley & of 2 closes containing 4 a. bought of John Talbott esq., lying in Mobberley.

The mess. & lands in Mobberley are held of the Prince, as Earl of Chester, by 100th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 36s. 2d. & the 2 closes held of Dame Elizabeth Staneley of Alderley, widow, by 100th part of a knight's fee & are worth yearly (clear) 3s. 4d.

The said Richard died 29 July last past & Richard Yerwood is his next of kin & heir [no further relationship given] & on 2nd October last past was aged 12 years.

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2. The third and final section of the Cheshire Inquisitions Post Mortem, 1603-1660, edited by Mr. R. Stewart Brown, M.A., F.S.A.

The Council have accepted with gratitude an offer by Mr. Gladstone to present another volume to the Society. This will consist of abstracts of Lancashire deeds of the Norris family, sometime preserved at Aston Hall, and now in the British Museum. The volume will be edited by Mr. Lumby.

It was indicated in the last Report that the preparation of the material for a volume of entries on the Pipe Rolls relating to Cheshire was well advanced. The printing of this volume has been placed in the hands of Messrs. J. W. Ruddock and Sons of Lincoln, who are the printers for the Pipe Roll Society, and the work has been commenced. A considerable amount of collating remains to be done, and the issue of the volume cannot be decided upon at present. The record will yield historical matter relating to Cheshire that is almost entirely new, and a most generous donation towards the cost of printing has been promised by the Editor, Mr. Stewart-Brown.

In addition to the volumes just mentioned the Society have under consideration the following material for future issues.

1. A further series of Cheshire and South Lancashire Marriage Bonds. Sufficient transcripts have already been made for an additional volume.
2. The final volume of the Lancashire Royalist Composition Papers.
3. Index of Wills at Chester, 1821-30.
4. Probate Act Books at Chester.

The Council will be pleased to consider suggestions of members respecting material for future volumes. The accessibility of such material and the cost of transcription have, of course, to be taken into account.

At the Meeting of the Council held on 23 October, 1936, the resignation of Mr. W. Asheton Tonge, as Honorary Treasurer, was accepted with much regret. A letter of appreciation of his services in this capacity for thirteen years was addressed to him. Mr. Tonge was, however too ill to receive the intimation and died, a few days later, on the 29th. He was one of the oldest members of the Society, and contributed generously to its funds on several occasions.

During the year the following new members were enrolled:—

Lord Farrer.

Major T. R. E. Rudkin.

Genealogical Society of Utah.

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Receipts and Expenditure from 1st July, 1936 to 30th June, 1937.

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RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance as per Pass Book at								PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT:							
1st July, 1936					263	6	1	Titus Wilson & Son, Ltd.; printing and despatching report							
Subscriptions received up to 30th								for year ending 30th June, 1935			5	3	0		
June, 1937:								Indexing Vol. 90			12	12	0		
1935-1936		56	5	0									17	15	0
1936-1937		100	0	0				TRANSCRIPTS ACCOUNT:							
1937-1938		3	15	0	160	0	0	Miss Mabel Mills—Transcripts of Cheshire Pipe roll entries					12	12	0
Books sold		11	9	6				SUNDRIES:							
Bank Interest		1	7	0	12	16	6	Fire Insurance on Stock		0	10	0			
Subscriptions outstanding: 1936-								Income Tax to 5th April, 1937		0	13	0			
1937		56	5	0				Bank Commission		0	1	6			
								Bank Postages		0	5	3			
								Cheque Book		0	5	0			
								Carriage on Books		0	2	0			
								Hon. Secretary—Incidental expenses ..		10	0	0			
								Hon Treasurer—Incidental expenses ..		10	0	0			
													21	16	9
								Rent of Stockroom, Liverpool Royal Institution, 1st July,							
								1936 to 30th June, 1937			6	0	0		
								Balance as per Pass Book at 30th June, 1937 ..			377	18	10		
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 R. STEWART-BROWN,
 31st October, 1937.

P. H. LAWSON,
 Hon. Treasurer,
 21st October, 1937.

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| | 1. Commonwealth Church Survey. |
| | 2. Index to WILLS at Chester, 1545 to 1620. |
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| 1878-79. | 1. Transcripts of WILLS in Consistory Court of Chester. |
| | 2. Wills printed by Chetham Society. |
| | 3. Missing WILLS in Piccope MSS. |
| | 4. WILLS in Harl. MSS. 1991 British Museum. |
| 1879-80. | 3. Lancashire Inquisitions. Stuart Period. Part I. 1603 to 1613. |
| 1880-81. | 4. Index to WILLS at Chester, 1621 to 1650, and Index to Lancashire and Cheshire WILLS and Admons. in P.C.C., 1650 to 1660. |
| | 5. Register of Prestbury, co. Chester, 1560 to 1636. |
| 1881-82. | 6. Cheshire and Lancashire Funeral Certificates 1600 to 1678. |
| | 7. Lancashire and Cheshire Records. Part I. |
| 1882-83. | 8. Lancashire and Cheshire Records. Part II. |
| | 9. Preston Guild Rolls, 1397 to 1682. |
| 1883-84. | 10. Index to Lancashire WILLS proved at Richmond, 1457 to 1680, and Index to Abstracts in British Museum. |
| | 11. Exchequer Depositions, 1558 to 1702. |
| | 12. Miscellanies, Lancashire and Cheshire Vol. I. |
| | <i>Containing:—</i> |
| 1884-85. | 1. Homage Roll of the Manor of Warrington, 1491-1517. |
| | 2. Loans, Contributions, Subsidies, and Ship-Money paid by the clergy of the Diocese of Chester, 1620-1639. |
| | 3. Three Lancashire Subsidy Rolls, 1541, 1622, and 1628; and a Recusant Roll, 1628. |

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| 1884-85.
(cont'd.) | { | 4. Obligatory Knighthood; List of those who refused to take up their Knighthood in Cheshire and Lancashire, 1631-32. |
| | { | 5. List of Freeholders in Lancashire in 1600. |
| 1885-86. | { | 13. Index to Lancashire WILLS proved at Richmond, 1680 to 1748. |
| | { | 14. Annales Cestrienses. |
| 1886-87. | { | 15. Index to WILLS at Chester, 1660 to 1680, with Appendix of <i>Infra</i> Wills. |
| | { | 16. Lancashire Inquisitions. Stuart Period. Part II. 1614 to 1622. |
| 1887-88. | { | 17. Lancashire Inquisitions. Stuart Period. Part III. 1622 to 1625. |
| | { | 18. Index to WILLS at Chester, 1681 to 1700, with Appendix of <i>Infra</i> Wills. |
| 1888-89. | { | 19. Memorials of the Civil War in Cheshire, by Malbon and Burghall. |
| | { | 20. Index to WILLS at Chester, 1701 to 1720. with Appendix of <i>Infra</i> Wills. |
| 1889-90. | { | 21. Register of Leyland, co. Lancaster. 1653 to 1710. |
| | { | 22. Index to WILLS at Chester, 1721 to 1740, with Appendix of <i>Infra</i> Wills. |
| 1890-91. | { | 23. Index to Lancashire WILLS proved at Richmond, 1748 to 1792, and WILLS proved at Halton, 1615 to 1792. |
| | { | 24. Royalist Composition Papers relating to Lancashire. Vol. I. A and B. |
| 1891-92. | { | 25. Index to WILLS at Chester, 1741 to 1760, with Appendix of <i>Infra</i> Wills. |
| | { | 26. Royalist Composition Papers relating to Lancashire. Vol. II. C. to F. |
| 1892-93. | { | 27. Lancashire Lay Subsidies, 1216 to 1307. |
| | { | 28. Plundered Ministers' Accounts, Lancashire and Cheshire. Part I. 1643 to 1654. |
| 1893-94. | { | 29. Royalist Composition Papers relating to Lancashire. Vol. III. G. and H. |
| 1894-95. | { | 30. A collection of Lancashire and Cheshire WILLS, 1301 to 1752. |

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| 1894-95.
(cont'd.) | { 31. Miscellanies, Lancashire and Cheshire.
Vol. II.
<i>Containing:—</i>
1. Book of the Abbot of Combermere,
1289-1529.
2. Exchequer Lay Subsidy Roll for
Lancashire, 1332. |
| 1895-96. | { 32. Pleadings and Depositions in the Duchy
Court of Lancaster. Part I.
{ 33. Miscellanies, Lancashire and Cheshire.
Vol. III.
<i>Containing:—</i>
1. A List of Clergy for Eleven Deaneries
of the Diocese of Chester, &c.,
1541-1542.
2. Chorley Survey, 1652-1653.
3. List of WILLS, &c., at the Diocesan
Registry, Chester, 1487-1620. |
| 1896-97. | { 34. Plundered Ministers' Accounts, Lancashire
and Cheshire. Part II. 1654 to 1660.
{ 35. Pleadings and Depositions in the Duchy
Court of Lancaster. Part II. |
| 1897-98. | { 36. Royalist Composition Papers relating to
Lancashire. Vol. IV. I. to O.
{ 37. Index to WILLS at Chester, 1761 to 1780.
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| 1898-99. | { 38. Index to WILLS at Chester, 1761 to 1780. N.
to Z. with Appendix of <i>Infra</i> Wills, A. to Z.
{ 39. Lancashire Final Concords. Part I. 1196
to 1307. |
| 1899-
1900. | { 40. Pleadings and Depositions in the Duchy
Court of Lancaster. Part III.
{ 41. Lancashire Court Rolls, 1323 to 1324.
{ 42. Manchester Quarter Sessions Records. 1616
to 1623.
{ 43. Miscellanies, Lancashire and Cheshire.
Vol. IV. |
| 1900-01. | { <i>Containing:—</i>
1. List of the Freeholders in Cheshire,
1578.
2. Ordination Register of the Diocese of
Chester, 1542-1558.
3. List of WILLS, &c., at the Diocesan
Registry, Chester, 1621-1700. |

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| 1901-02. | { | 44. Index to WILLS at Chester, 1781 to 1790, with Appendix of <i>Infra</i> Wills. |
| | { | 45. Index to WILLS at Chester, 1791 to 1800, with Appendix of <i>Infra</i> Wills. |
| 1902-03. | { | 46. Lancashire Final Concords. Part II. 1308 to 1377. |
| | { | 47. Lancashire Assize Rolls. Part I. 1202 to 1281. |
| 1903-04. | { | 48. Lancashire Inquests, Extents, &c. Part I. 1205 to 1307. |
| | { | 49. Lancashire Assize Rolls. Part II. 1284 to 1285. |
| 1904-05. | { | 50. Lancashire Final Concords. Part III. 1377 to 1509. |
| | { | 51. Chester Freeman Rolls. Part I. 1392 to 1700. |
| | { | 52. Miscellanies, Lancashire and Cheshire. Vol. V.
Containing:— |
| 1905-06. | { | 1. Index of <i>Infra</i> WILLS at the Probate Registry, Chester, 1590-1665. |
| | { | 2. Index of WILLS, &c., at the Diocesan Registry, Chester, 1701-1800. |
| | { | 3. Hearth Tax Returns for the City of Chester, 1664-1665. |
| 1906-07. | { | 53. Marriage Licences for Cheshire, South Lancashire, &c. Part I. 1606 to 1616. |
| | { | 54. Lancashire Inquests, Extents, &c. Part II. 1310 to 1333. |
| 1907-08. | { | 55. Chester Freeman Rolls. Part II. 1701 to 1805. |
| | { | 56. Marriage Licences (as above). Part II. 1616 to 1624. |
| 1908-09. | { | 57. Marriage Licences (as above). Part III. 1624 to 1639. |
| | { | 58. Visitation of Cheshire, 1613. |
| 1909-10. | { | 59. Cheshire Chamberlains' Accounts, 1301 to 1360. |
| | { | 60. Lancashire Final Concords. Part IV. 1510 to 1558. |
| 1910-11. | { | 61. Marriage Licences (as above). Part IV. 1639 to 1644. |
| | { | 62. Index to WILLS at Chester, 1801 to 1810. A. to L. (<i>Infra</i> Wills included). |

63. Index to WILLS at Chester, 1801 to 1810.
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- 1911-12. { 64. *Liber Luciani de Laude Cestrie*, and Obits of
Abbots and Founders of St. Werburgh's
Abbey, Chester.
- 1912-13. { 65. Marriage Licences (as above). Part V.
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66. Index to Lancashire WILLS proved at
Richmond, 1793 to 1812; and WILLS
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- 1913-14. { 67. Moore MSS.
68. Ledger Book of Vale Royal Abbey.
- 1914-15. { 69. Marriage Licences (as above). Part VI.
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- 1915-16. { 70. Lancashire Inquests, Extents, &c. Part
III. 1313 to 1355.
- 1916-17. { 71. Lancashire and Cheshire Star Chamber
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72. Royalist Composition Papers relating to
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- 1917-18. { 73. Marriage Licences (as above). Part VII.
1680 to 1690.
- 1918-20. { 74. Lancaster Marriage Bonds. (Deaneries of
Lonsdale, Kendal, Furness and Cope-
land). Part I. 1648 to 1710.
- 1920-21. { 75. Lancaster Marriage Bonds. (Deaneries of
Lonsdale, Kendal, Furness, Copeland and
Amounderness. Part II. 1711 to 1722.
- 1921-22. { 76. Calendar of Monumental Inscriptions, and
of Wills, etc., contained in books relating
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- 1922-23. { 77. Marriage Licences (Chester, as above).
Part VIII. 1691 to 1700.
- 1923-24. { 78. Wills at Chester, 1811 to 1820. Part I.,
A. to L. (published 1928).

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| 1924-25. | { | 79. Wills at Chester, 1811 to 1820. Part II., M. to Z. (published 1928). |
| 1925-26. | { | 80. Lancaster Marriage Bonds. Part III. 1723 to 1728 (published 1932). |
| 1926-27. | { | 81. Lancaster Marriage Bonds. Part IV. 1729 to 1734 (published 1932). |
| 1933-34. | { | 82. Cheshire and South Lancashire, etc., Marriage Bonds. Part I. 1700 to 1706-7. |
| | { | 83. Lancaster Marriage Bonds. Part V. 1734 to 1738. |
| 1934-35. | { | 84. Cheshire Inquisitions Post Mortem, 1603-1660. Vol. I., A-D. |
| | { | 85. Cheshire and South Lancashire, etc., Marriage Bonds. Part II. 1707-1711. |
| 1935-36. | { | 86. Cheshire Inquisitions Post Mortem, 1603-1660. Vol. II., E-O. |
| | { | 87. Rolls of Freemen of Lancaster, Part I. |
| 1936-37. | { | 88. De Hoghton Deeds and Papers. |
| | { | 89. Prescott Court Rolls. |
| 1937-38. | { | 90. Rolls of the Freemen of Lancaster, Part II (in the press). |
| | { | 91. Cheshire Inquisitions Post Mortem, 1603-1660. Vol. III., P-Y (in the press). |

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