



Inquisition

Biddestone

Richard Blanchard, gentleman

Inquisition taken at Marlborough, 9th June, 7 Charles I [1631], before *James Yateman*, esquire, escheator, after the death of *Richard Blanchard*, by the oath of *Richard Smith*, gent., *John Smith* of Westkennett, gent., *Thomas Smith* of Sharborne, gent., *Henry Smith*, gent., *William Smith* of Wotton Ryvers, *Peter Smith*, *John Smith* of Harne, *William Smith* of Thornhell, gent., *Ralph Smith*, gent., *Thomas Smith* of Ruckley, gent., *Edward Smith*, gent., *Thomas Smith* of Purton, *Stephen Smith* of Froxfeild, *Thomas Smith* of Wroughton, *George Smith*, *Robert Smith* of Clatford, senior, *Stephen Smith* of Ramsbury, *John Smith* of Easton, *Robert Smith* of Clatford, junior, *Thomas Smith* of Marlborough, and *William Smith* of Wroughton, who say that

Richard Blanchard died seised in fee of a messuage, a garden, 110 acres of meadow, 30 acres of pasture, and 3 acres of wood in Bidston, of 2½ acres of land in Slaughtenford, in a close called Marchantes Cliffe, of ½ acre of land in Slaughtenford on the north of the said close, of 2 acres in the Westfeild in Slaughtenford in a furlong called marshe furlong, and another acre there in a furlong called Slade furlong. The premises in Bidston are held of the manor of Bidston by fealty and the rent of 33s. 4d., and are worth by the year, clear, 40s.; and the premises in Slaughtenford are held of the King in chief by knight service, and are worth by the year, clear, 3s. 4d.

Richard Blanchard died on 23rd March, 17 James I [1620]; *Thomas Blanchard* is his son and next heir, and at the death of his father was aged 6 years 12 months and 23 days. *Mary*. now the wife of William Hubbert, and the late wife of *Richard Blanchard*, and the said *William* now hold the premises, and the said *Mary* has dower out of the premises.

Inq. p.m., 7 Charles I, pt. 1, No. 21. "Abstracts of Wiltshire Inquisitions Post Mortem," 1901, edited by George S. Fry & Edw. Alex Fry.