



Inquisition

Bromham

Ferdinand Hughes, Gentleman

Inquisition taken at Marlborough, 7th May, 17 Charles I [1641], before *William Bowles*, gent., escheator, after the death of *Ferdinand Hughes*, late of Bromham, gent., by the oath of *Robert Kingsman*, sen., gent., *Edward Gilmore*, gent., *John Smith*, *Richard Phelpes*, *Walter Blanchett*, *Christopher Lipyatt*, *Thomas Kimpton*, *William Blissett*, *Thomas Hurlebatt*, *Samuel Wallis*, *Thomas Trebrett*, *John Wynd*, *William Purryer*, *Richard Grinfield*, jun., *Francis Freeman*, and *William Parratt*, who say that

Ferdinand Hughes was seised of one messuage and tenement, 2 water grain mills, one toft, one orchard, 40 acres of arable land, 10 acres of meadow, 40 acres of pasture, and 4 acres of wood, situate in Bromham and Rowde, late in the tenure of the said *Ferdinand Hughes*, and the capital messuage and farm of Forde in the parish of Bromham, late in the tenure of the said *Ferdinand*.

So seised, the said *Ferdinand*, by indenture dated 23 December, 17 James I [1619], made between himself and *Anne*, his wife, of the one part, and *John Hughes*, deceased, by the name of *John Hughes*, son and heir apparent of the said *Ferdinand*, of the other part, for a competent jointure to be made for the said *Anne*, and also in consideration of the love which he the said *Ferdinand* bore towards the said *John*, and towards *Jeremiah Hughes* and *James Hughes*, his sons, agreed with the said *John* that he would be seised of all the said premises to the following uses :- As to the said messuage and other the premises in Bromham and Forde, to the use of the said *Ferdinand* and *Anne* for their lives, in the name of jointure for the said *Anne*; after their decease, to the use of the said *John Hughes* and his heirs male; for default, to the use of the said *Jeremiah Hughes* and his heirs male; for default, to the use of the said *James Hughes* and his heirs male; and for default to the use of the right heirs of the said *Ferdinand* for ever. As to the said capital messuage and farm at Forde, to the use of the said *Ferdinand* for his life; after his decease, to the use of the said *John Hughes* and his heirs male; for default, to the use of the said *Jeremiah* and his heirs male; for default, to the use of the said *James* and his heirs male; and lastly for default, to the use of the right heirs of the said *Ferdinand* for ever.

All the said premises are held of *Edward Baynton*, knight, as of his manor of Bromham, by fealty, suit at court, and the yearly rent of 19s. 4d., and are worth per ann., clear, £14.

The said *Anne Hughes* died 2nd April, 12 Charles I [1636].

The said *John Hughes* died in the lifetime of the said *Ferdinand*, to wit, on the 2nd day of January Charles I [1639]; after his death, the remainder of the said premises descended to *Ferdinand Hughes* as his son and heir male.

Ferdinand Hughes (named in the writ) died 10th April, 16 Charles I [1640]; the said *Ferdinand* is his kinsman and next heir, as also the son and next heir of the said *John*, and was then aged 14 years 3 months and 18 days.

Inq. p.m., 17 Charles I, pt. 1, No. 64. "Abstracts of Wiltshire Inquisitions Post Mortem," 1901, edited by George S. Fry & Edw. Alex Fry.