



Inquisition

Chiseldon

Robert Harding alias North

Inquisition taken at Marlborough, 9th June, 7 Charles I [1631], before *James Yateman*, escheator, after the death of *Robert Harding alias North*, by the oath of *Richard Smith*, gent., *John Smith* of West Kennett, gent., *Thomas Smith* of Sharborne, gent., *Henry Smith*, gent., *William Smith* of Wotton Ryvers, *Peter Smith*, *John Smith* of Hamne, *William Smith* of Thornhell, gent., *Ralph Smith*, gent., *Thomas Smith* of Ruckle, gent., *Edward Smith*, gent., *Thomas Smith* of Purton, *Stephen Smith* of Froxfield, *Thomas Smith* of Wroughton, *George Smith*, *John Smith* of Easton, *Richard Smith* of Clatford, *Stephen Smith* of Ramsbury, *Robert Smith* of Clatford, junior, *Thomas Smith* of Malborowe, and *William Smith* of Wroughton, who say that

Robert Harding alias North was seised in fee of a messuage and 80 acres of land, meadow, pasture and wood in Badbury, co. Wilts, and of all manner of tithes of corn, grain, hay, wool, and lambs coming from the premises, and was also seised in right of a reversion expectant after the death of *Margaret Fox*, now the wife of Charles Fox, of a close of pasture in badbury, containing 34 acres commonly called Greenhill, and late parcel of the demesne lands of the manor of Badbury, lately purchased of *Thomas Redferne*, gent. All which premises are held of the king in chief by knight service, to wit, the 10th part of a knight's fee, and are worth, the said messuage and 80 acres of land and the tithe yearly, clear, 20s., and the aforesaid reversion 20s.

Robert Harding alias North died on 12th May last past [1631]; *Thomas Harding alias North* is his son and heir, and at the death was of the age of 15 years 1 month and 21 days. *Elizabeth Harding alias North*, widow of the said *Robert*, and the said *Margaret Fox* yet survive.

Inq. p.m., 6 Charles I, p.t. 3, No. 17. "Abstracts of Wiltshire Inquisitions Post Mortem," 1901, edited by George S. Fry & Edw. Alex Fry.