



Inquisition

Coombe, Fittleton

Thomas Jeay, Clerk

Delivered into Court – January, 1 Charles I

Inquisition taken at Devizes, co. Wilts, 1st August, 21 James I [1623], before Toby Rose, esq., escheator, after the jeath of Thomas Jeay, clerk, by the oath of Thomas Willowbie, of , Ferdinand Huse, William Monderell (?), William Borden, Thomas Sloaper, Brian Nashe, Robert Child, Philip Wheeler, Abraham Laurence, John Still, Roger Willowbie, John Harvast, and Robert Heskens, jurors, who say that

Thomas Jeay was seised of the manor of **Combe next Fittleton otherwise Fiddleton**, in the county of Wilts, and of 6 messuages, 10 tofts, 200 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 200 acres of pasture, 10 acres of wood, and 20s. rent in Combe aforesaid, **Compton, and Hackleston**, held of the King in chief by knight's service, and worth yearly, in all issues, beyond reprises, £20.

The said Thomas, longe before his death, was seised of a messuage, capital house and lands in Hackleston aforesaid, in the parish of Fittleton, commonly called "le Porcionarye," held of the King as of his manor of East Greenwich by fealty only in common socage, by the yearly rent of £3 5s., and worth yearly, in all issues,

The jurors also say that William Stubbs, of Watchfield, co. Berkshire, was seised of and in the manor of Fittleton aforesaid, with the advowson of the parish church of Fittleton, to it belonging, and 16 messuages, 20 tofts, 200 acres of land, 30 acres of meadow, and 100 acres of pasture in Fittleton, and by indenture of 28th January, 42 Eliz [1599-1600], between the said William Stubbs of the one part, and Clement Jeay of Homeswort (?) Dorsetshire, gentleman, and John Puxton, of Salisbury, of the other part, in consideration of the sum of £200, apid to him by the said Clement, he the said William sold to the said Clement and John and to their assigns, the said manor and advowson of Fittleton for the term of 60 years, if the siad William Stubbs should live so long : and by another indenture of 1st February, 42 Eliz [1599-1600], made between the siad William of the one part, and Thomas Jeay, clerk, of the other part, sold to and enfeoffed the said Thomas Jeay with the manor and advowson aforesaid, to hold to him and his heirs from the end of the term made to the said Clement Jeay and John Puxton

The jurors also say that at the time of the death of the aforesaid Thomas Jeay the said William Stubbs survived. The manor, etc., of Fittleton are held of the King in chief by knight's service, and are worth yearly, beyond reprises, 20s.

The jurors also say that long before his death the said Thomas Jeay was seised of a messuage or capital house in Stockbridge, in Hampshire, called "Marshe Courte," and of 30 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, and 20 acres of pasture in Stockbridge, held of the King as of his Duchy of Lancaster by knight's service, and worth yearly, beyond reprises, £4.

The jurors also say that the said Thomas Jeay was, long before his death, seised of the manor of Hockerley, in Hampshire, and of 100 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, and 30 acres of wood in Hockerley – of whom held the jurors are ignorant – worth yearly, beyond reprises, £6.

The said Thomas Jeay mad his last will on 25th April, 21 James I [1623], by which he gave “Marshe Courte” to Stephen Jeay, his fourth son, and to his heirs ; and “Le Porcionarie” to Bartholomew Jeay, his fifth son. By his said will he also assigned to John Love, of New Sarum, esquire, Anthony Richardson, of West Cammill, in Somerset, clerk, Thomas Tyres, of South Newton, Wilts, and William Rolfe, of London, gent., the disposition of his aforesaid manors of Fittleton and Combe, in the parish of **Enford**, and of the farm of Hockerley, and the disposition impropriate of **Netherhaven**, Wilts. And by his said will directed that his executors should give the next presentation of the church of Flittleton to William Jeay, his second son.

The said Thomas Jeay, clerk, died on the 28th April, 21 James I [1623].

Thomas Jeay is son and next heir of the said Thomas, and was, at the time of his father's death, aged 24 years and more.

Inq. p.m., 1 Charles I, p.2, No. 32. “Abstracts of Wiltshire Inquisitions Post Mortem,” 1901, edited by George S. Fry & Edw. Alex Fry.