



Inquisition

Fovant

Matthew Ley, esquire.

Delivered into Court 26th May, 13 Charles I [1638]

Inquisition taken at the City of New Sarum, 25th Sept [1638], before William Guydotte, esq., escheator, after the death of Matthew Ley, esq., by the oath of Edmund Fawlcner, gent., John Reeves, Leonard Browne, Thomas Turner, Thomas Hurcott, John Hilman, John Waite, Edmund Bynder, John Butcher, Robert Munday, Thomas Wilson, Richard Easton, and Robert Hole, who say that

Matthew Ley was seised of the manor of Teffont Evias with the advowson of the church of Teffont Evias ; 3 messuages and 100 acres of land, meadow, pasture, and wood in Teffont Evias ; one acre of wood in Fovant ; 6 messuages in New Sarum ; one messuage and 60 acres of land, meadow and pasture in Whitchurch and Henxtridge, co. Somerset ; 6 acres of meadow called Nortons Ham in Horsington, co. Somerset ; the manors or farms of Milbornes Courte and Morgans, and divers lands, tenements, and hereditaments in Chitterne All Saints and Chitterne Mary ; which said manor or farm of Milbornes Courte, and the lands, etc., thereto belonging, are now in the tenure of Constance Browne, widow, for the term of her life, by virtue of a demise to her made long before the death of the said Matthew. William Aprice claims also an estate in the same for his life in reversion or remainder after the death of the said Constance. The residue of the said premises in Chitterne All Saints and Chitterne Mary are now in the tenure of Thomas Pantinge and Elizabeth, his wife, for the term of the lives of the said William Aprice and of John Aprice, brother of the said William, who claim an estate therein for their lives.

The manor of Teffont Evias and other the premises there are held of Edward Hungerford, knight of the Bath, by the service of the 40th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per annum, clear, £15 8s. 8d. The one acre of wood in Fovant is held of the King in chief by knight's service, by what part of a knight's fee the jurors know not, and is worth per annum, clear, 6d. The 6 messuages in New Sarum are held of John, Bishop of Sarum, as of his borough of Sarum, in free burgage, and are worth per annum, clear, 6s. 8d. The premises in Whitchurch and Henxtridge are held of the heirs of John Dacombe, knight, deceased, as of their manor of Henxtridge, by fealty, and are worth per annum, clear, 20s. Of whom or by what service the said 6 acres of meadow in Horsington are held the jurors know not : they are worth per annum, clear, 3s. 4d. The manor of Milbornes Court and the premises thereto belonging in tenure to Constance Browne are held of the King as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, but by what part of a knight's fee the jurors know not, and are worth per annum, clear, during the life of the said Constance, 5s., and afterwards they will be worth 40s. The farm of Morgans and the residue of the premises in Chitterne All Saints and Chitterne Mary are held of the King as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, but by which part of a knight's fee the jurors know not, and are worth per annum, clear, during the lives of the said William and John Aprice, 20s., and afterwards they will be worth 40s.

Matthew Ley died at Teffont Evias 24th May last past without issue ; Henry Earl of Marlborough is his kinsman and next heir, to wit, son and heir of James, late Earl of Marlborough, deceased, brother of the Said Matthew ley, and was then aged 32 years and more.

The said Constance Browne, William Aprice, and John Aprice still survive at Chitterne Mary.

Inq. p.m., 13 Charles I, pt. 2, No. 15, "Abstracts of Wiltshire Inquisitions Post Mortem," 1901, edited by George S. Fry & Edw. Alex Fry.