



# *Inquisition*

## *West Grafton*

**Robert Sotwell, gentleman.**

Delivered into Court 20<sup>th</sup> November, 8 Charles I [1632], by the hand of Nicholas Blake, gentleman.

***Inquisition*** taken at New Sarum, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 8 Charles I [1632], before William Gydott, gent., escheator, after the death of Robert Sotwell, gent., by the oath of Edward Fawconer, gent., John Thorpe, Anthony Davys, Thomas Willson, Bartholomew Foster, John Dennys, Jasper Bampton, William Rawlinson, John Blandford, Robert Hole, John Perrey, William Kinge, and Hugh Kinge, who say that

Richard Sotwell, brother of the said Robert, long before the death of the said Robert, was seised in his demesne as of fee of all those lands, tenements, meadows, commons, woods, rents, reversions, and hereditaments whatsoever situate in the towns and fields of **West Grafton** and **Burbage**, co. Wilts, late in the occupation of Thomas Childer, husbandman, and Joan Bachelor, widow, or either of them, and of one messuage and tenement with 42 acres of arable land and 5 crofts of meadow in West Grafton, commonly called Halewyns.

Being so seised, the said Richard Sotwell, by the name of Richard Sotwell of Chinte, co. Wilts, gent., by indenture 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2 Charles I [1626], between the said Richard of the one part, and the said Robert Sotwell and Robert Sotwell, his son, of the other part, conveyed the premises aforesaid to the use of himself for life ; remainder to the use of Robert Sotwell, his brother ; remainder to Robert Sotwell, son of the aforesaid Robert, and his heirs male of his body ; remainder to the heirs male of Robert Sotwell, the father ; ultimate remainder to the right heirs of Robert Sotwell, the father , for ever.

Richard Sotwell died 1<sup>st</sup> August, 4 Charles I [1628], after whose death the said Robert Sotwell became seised of the premises aforesaid in his demesne as of free tenement for term of life.

The jurors further say that the aforesaid premises in West Grafton are held of the lord of the manor of West Grafton, as of his manor of West Grafton, co. Wilts, by fealty, suit of court, and the yearly rent of 9s. 8d., and are worth yearly, beyond reprises, £3. The premises aforesaid in Burbage are held of Ann Lady Beauchamp, as of her manor of Burbage, by fealty, suit of court, and the yearly rent of 12d., and they are worth yearly, beyond reprises, 20s.

The said Robert Sotwell, the father, died 13<sup>th</sup> July, 6 Charles I [1630], and Robert Sotwell is his son and heir, aged at the time of his father's death, 14 years 11 months and 4 days.

**Inq. p.m., 8 Charles I, pt. 3, No. 77. "Abstracts of Wiltshire Inquisitions Post Mortem," 1901, edited by George S. Fry & Edw. Alex Fry.**