



Inquisition

Great Bedwyn

Thomas Bushell, Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at the City of New Sarum, 30th May, 10 Charles I [1634], beofre Francis Guidott, gent., escheator, after the death of Thomas Bushell, gent., by the oath of Andrew Pewde, gent., John Thorpe, Richard Williams, George Acrigge, Andrew Roberts, John Butcher, Bartholomew Foster, George Coleman, Edmund Snowe, Ralph Tomlyn, John Fussell, Robert Sweavinge, and Thomas Turnam, who say that

Thomas Bushell was seised of the manor of Netherhaven, sometime purchased by him of John Bowls, bent., and one messuage, one dovecote, and one virgate of land called Newton to the said messuage belonging, containing 30 acres of arable land in Netherhaven, late in the tenure of the said Thomas ; one messuage and one virgate of land and 30 acres of land there called Sawcers(?), late in the tenure of the said Thomas ; 2 cottages there, now in the several tenures of John Weaver alias Worwood and Nathaniel Hatchman ; 20s. rent there ; one other rent of 36s. 8d. of the free rent yearly issuing out of the manor and lands of Edward Wardour, knight, in Netherhaven, commonly called Wardour's Manor ; one tenement or burgage, one garden, one orchard, 10 acres of arable land and one close of pasture in the borough of Bedwyn Magna, now or late in the tenure of John Bigges ; one other tenement, one orchard, one close of pasture and two closes of meadow in the said borough, in the tenure of Elizabeth Stockdale ; one close of arable land there containing 2 acres in the tenure of John Sale ; one cottage or close of land there, in the tenure of Ralph Merchant ; one tenement and one close of pasture there, in the tenure of Thomas Barnes ; one tenement and close and one piece of land there, in the tenure of Thomas Wheatebread ; one tenement and one acre of land there, in the tenure of John Hossey ; and one tenement and 3 acres of land there, in the tenure of John Pawley.

So seised, the said Thomas Bushell, being then married to Margerie Dowse, daughter of Dowse, by indenture dated 14th October, 14 James I [1616], made between himself of the one part, and Nicholas Lawes, of Compton Chamberlayne, yeoman, and John Longe, of Netherhaven, yeoman, of the other part, to the intent that the said premises should be established in the blood of him the said Thomas, and also because of the affection which he bore towards Thomas Bushell, junior, his son, and towards John Bushell, son of the said Thomas Bushell, junior, granted all the said premises to the said Nicholas and John and their heirs forever, to the use of the said Thomas Bushell named in the writ for his natural life ; after his decease, to the use of the said Thomas Bushell, junior, for his life ; after his decease, to the use of the said John Bushell and his heirs male ; and lastly, for default, to the use of the said Thomas Bushell the father and his heirs for ever.

Afterwards, to writ, on the 2nd day of April, 16 James I [1618], the said Thomas Bushell the son died at Netherhaven, in the lifetime of his said father.

On the 10th day of August, 8 Charles I [1632], at Sedghall, the said John Bushell married Mary Bennett, daughter of Thomas Bennett, of Pithowse, gent.

The said manor of Netherhaven and the premises called Newton thereto belonging, the two cottages in the several tenures of John Weaver and Nathaniel Hatchman, and all other premises in Netherhaven, are held of the King as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, but by what part of a knights fee is not known, and are worth per annum, clear, £3. All the said premises in Bedwyn Magna are held of William Earl of Hertford, in free socage and burgage as of his borough of Bedwyn Magna, and are worth per annum, clear, 40s.

Thomas Bushell died at Netherhaven, 19th February last past : John Bushell is his knisman and next heir, to wit, son of the said Thomas Bushell, junior, and was then aged 19 years 2 months and 25 days.

The said Margerie, late wife of the said Thomas Bushell the father, still survives at Netherhaven, and is dowered with the said manor of Netherhaven.

The said John Bushell and Mary his wife still survive at Compton Chamberlayne.

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