

Inquisition

Great Wishford

Adam de la Forde 1326

Inquisition made at New Sarum before Richard le Wayte, the King's escheator in co. Wilts, 4th March, 19 Edward II [1326], by the oath of John Pycot, Ralph atte Mulle, Geoffrey de Chuseldene, Adam Russel, Adal le Hordere, Philip Chauntler, Robert Rycher, John le Frye, and John de Wermenstre, who say that

Adam de la Forde held, on the day he died, a moiety of the manor of Great Wychford, in his demesne as of fee, of Lord Henry de Lancaster, who has that lordship by the law of England of the inheritance of his wife, daughter and heiress of Patrick de Chaworcht, by the service of ¼ of a knight's fee. And he held no lands or tenements in his demesne as of fee in the said county of the King in chief.

The aforesaid moiety of the manor of Wychford is worth yearly 77s. 10d., to wit, the chief messuage with the curtilage, 2s.; the rents of 2 free tenants yearly, at the four principal terms, 4s.; the rents of 4 customary tenants each of whom holds one messuage and 8 acres of land at the same terms, 12s.; the rents and works of 6 cottars at the same terms, 6s.; the Summer works, in washing and shearing the shep, and mowing the meadows, of the said four customary tenants, 8d.; from 100 acres of arable land, the price of 40 acres being4d. per acre, 30 acres 3d. per acre, and 30 acres 2d.per acre [26s. 8d.]; from 8 acres of meadow, 12s., the price of the acre 18d., from the moiety of a custom called "graswithe", arising from the overcharging of the cattle. Of all free men and villeins of the whole township of Wychford aforesaid, yearly in winter and summer in equal portions, 3s. 8d.; from the pleas and perquisites belonging to the said moiety of the aforesiad manor 5s. yearly; from the moiety of the value of one watermill of the said manor, in bad state and broken down, 6s. 8d. yearly.

Adam, son of the aforesaid Adam de la Forde, is his next heir, and is aged 31 years.

Chan. Inq. p.m., 19 edward II, No. 46 "Abstracts of Wiltshire Inquisitions Post Mortem," 1908, edited by Edw. Alex Fry.