



Inquisition

Idmiston, Gomeldon

John Ray, Ironmonger

Inquisition taken at Salisbury, 9th March, 5 Charles I [1630], before Nathaniel Augar, esquire, escheator, after the death of John Ray, ironmonger, by the oath of Francis Topp, gent., William Walker, gent., Anthony Davis, George Acrigge, Robert Swearinge, Christopher Merifield, Robert Strugnell, William Wymbleton, John Noate, Maurice Whitehorne, Robert Jole, Thomas Tutt, and Anthony Arthur, who say that

John Ray was seised in fee of a messuage and 2 virgates of land in **Gombleton alias Gomeldon**, withing the parish of **Jemeston, co. Wilts**, and of common pasture for 210 sheep, 6 horses, 8 rother beasts, and 2 yearling bullocks, within the fields and downs of Gombleton alias Gomeldon, called the Tenauntry Fields and Donnes, lying on the east side of Gombleton alias Gomeldon, as hitherto used with the same messuages and 2 virgates, and now or late in the tenure of John Tutt or his assigns, by virtue of a lease for the term of 99 years if the same John Tutt and four others, now living, should live 80 long, for the rent of 33s. 4d ; of one other messuage and a virgate of land in Gombleton alias Gombeldon, within the parish of Jemeston, and Common of Pasture for 105 sheep, 4 horses, and 3 rother beasts, and one yearling bullock, in the said fields and downs of Gombleton alias Gombeldon, as heretofore used with the said messuage and virgate of land, late in the tenure of Thomas Stone ; of one messuage and one virgate of land in Gombleton alias Gombeldon in the parish aforesaid, now or late in the tenure of Richard Davers alias Brewer or his assigns, by virtue of a copy of a court roll of the manor of Jemeston, for the term of the life of the said Richard Davers alias Brewer and Richard, his son, for the yearly rent of 16s. 8d ; of one other messuage and virgate of land in Gombleton alias Gombeldon in the tenure of Richard Tutt or his assigns and late customary land of the manor of Jemeston ; and of one cottage and 2 little closes of pasture and 4 acres of arable land in Gombleton alias Gombeldon, late in tenure of John Hardinge or his assigns, and of common of pasture for one beast upon the Marshe of Gombleton alias Gombeldon, occupied with the same cottage.

Being so seised, the said John Ray by indenture dated 2 June, 2 Charles I [1626], between the same John Ray, of the one part, and William Bayly, or Marden, gent., of the other part, in consideration of a marriage between the said John Ray and Cecily Lavington, daughter of the said William Lavington, and of £300 paid to the said John Ray for the marriage portion of the said Cicely, granted the two messuages and virgates of land in the tenures of Thomas Stone and Richard Tutt to the said William Lavington and William Bayly as jointure of the said Cicely.

The aforesaid messuages and other the premises are held of the King in chief by knight service. The two messuages and premises demised to the same William Lavington and William Bayly are worth, clear, 20s. ; the cottages and two little closes and 4 acres of land are worth, clear, 2s. ; and the residue of the premises is worth, during the leases 30s., and after 40s.

John Ray died on 11th February, 5 Charles I [1630], and the said Cicely survives him at Salisbury ; Samuel Ray is his son and next heir, and that the death of his father was aged 11 years, 9 months, and 24 days.

Inq. p.m., 6 Charles I, pt. 3, No. 17. "Abstracts of Wiltshire Inquisitions Post Mortem," 1901, edited by George S. Fry & Edw. Alex Fry.