



# *Inquisition*

## *Idmiston, Gomeldon*

### **Samuel Ray, gentleman.**

***Inquisition*** taken at the City of New Sarum, 18<sup>th</sup> August, 16 Charles I [1640], before John Seyyer, gent., escheator, after the death of Samuel Ray, gent., who was in the wardship of the King, by the oath of John Windover, gent., William Munday, gent., Edward Fawkner, Andrew Pewde, Richard Hill, John Gilbert, Thomas Senior, William Sackler, Richard Sherfeild, John Barowe, James Edmunds, George Ackrey, John Payne, John Note, and William Hayter, gent., who say that

John Ray, father of the said Samuel Ray was seised of one messuage and 2 virgates of land in Gombleton alias Gomeldon, within the parish of Idmeston, and common of pasture for 200 sheep, 6 "horse beastes," 8 "rother beastes," and 2 "yearling bullockes," within the fields and downs of Gombleton, called the Tenauntry fields and downs, lying on the east side of Gombleton, then in the tenure of John Tutt by virtue of certain demises for 99 years if the said John Tutt and 4 other persons then living so long should live, by the yearly rent of 33s. 4d. ; one other messuage and one virgate of land in Gombleton, and common of pasture for 105 sheep, 4 "horse beastes," 3 "rother beastes," one yearling bullock within the said fields and downs there late in the tenure of Thomas Stone ; one messuage and one virgate of land there, late in the tenure of Richard Davers alias Brewer, by virtue of a copy of court roll of the manor of Idmeston for the term of the lives of the said Richard Davers and Richard his son at the will of the Lord, by the yearly rent of 16s. 8d. ; one other messuage and one virgate of land there, late in the tenure of Richard Tutt, and late being customary lands of the said manor ; one cottage and 2 small closes of pasture and 4 acres of arable land there, late in the tenure of John Harding ; and common of pasture for one beast in the Marsh of Gombleton sue with the said cottage.

So seised, the said John Ray, by indenture dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2 Charles I [1626], made between himself of the one part, and William Lavington, of Willesford, gent., and William Bayly, of Marden, gent., of the other part, in consideration of a marriage then to be had between him, the said John Ray, and Cecilia Lavington, daughter of the said William Lavington, for a jointure for the said Cecilia, and also in consideration of £300 to him in hand paid by the said William Lavington for the marriage portion for the said Cecilia, granted to the said William Lavington and William Bayly 2 messuages and 2 several virgates of land in the several tenures of Thomas Stone and Richard Tutt, and the common of pasture used with the same, for 99 years, if the said John Ray and Cecilia so long should live, paying thereof yearly one grain of pepper if demanded ; which said demise was made upon trust that the said John Ray should take the profits of the said premises for his life ; and after his decease the said Cecilia should have the same for her life in lieu of her jointure.

Afterwards the said marriage took place.

John Ray died 11<sup>th</sup> February, 5 Charles I [1630] ; the said Cecilia survived him, and is still alive in the city of New Sarum.

All the said premises are held of the King in chief by knight's service ; those demised to the said William Lavington and William Bayley are worth nothing during the life of the said Cecilia ; afterwards they will be worth 20s. The messuages, cottages, 2 small closes, and 4 acres of arable land are worth per annum, clear 2s. The residue of the premises during the said demise is worth per annum, clear, 30s., and afterwards 40s.

After the death of the said John Ray, all the said premises descended to the said Samuel Ray as his son and next heir, who was then aged 11 years 9 months 24 days, and was in the wardship of the King ; he died 26<sup>th</sup> April last past, without having sued out his livery out of the hands of the King, by reason whereof the said premises are still in His Majesty's hands. Mary Gauntlett, wife of Emanuel Gauntlett, gent., is the sister and next heir of the said Samuel, and was then aged 23 years and more.

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