



Inquisition

Purton

WILLIAM READ

Inquisition taken at Devizes, 5th September, 4 Charles I [1628], before Michael Tidcomb, esq., escheator, after the death of William Read, of Pirton, by the oath of Edward North, gent., John Stephens, gent., Richard Filkes, gent., Robeth Thresher, gent., John Harris, gent., John Tylling, gent., Edward Bayley, gent., George Donninge, gent., John Eyles, Robert Hasking, Nicholas Sanford, gent., Philip Bucher, gent., and John Blanford, gent., who say that

William Read was seised in his demesne as of fee of one messuage and one virgate of land with appurtenances called Puritons, late in the tenure of Robert Blake alias Jaques or his assigns, situate in **Pevenhill** within the parish of **Pirton**, of one other messuage in Pirton aforesaid, and one close of meadow or pasture adjoining to the same messuage, of one close called Malford, newly enclosed, of one other close caller Water Furlong, and of 16 acres of arable land in Pirton and in the fields there, late in the tenure of Anthony Bathe or his assigns.

Being so seised, by indenture of the 26th December, 14 James I [1616], between William Read of the one part, and Thomas Sadler of Pirton, gent., and ohn Cox of **Pirton Stoke** of the other part, the said William Read conveyed to the said Thomas Sadler and John Cox the aforesaid messuages, virgate of land, closes of land, and other premises aforesaid, to the uses following, viz. ; the aforesaid messuage and virgate of land in the tenure of Robert Blake alias Jaques to the use of the said William Read for life, and after his decease to the use of William Read, his third son, and the heirs of his body ; remainder to Thomas Read, another son of the said William Read, the father, and the heirs of his body ; remainder to Robert Read, another son, and the heirs of his body ; ultimate remainder to the right heirs of the said William Read, the father. The aforesaid messuage, etc., in the tenure of Anthony Bathe, to the use of the said William Read, the father, for life ; remainder to Edmond Read, a younger son of the said William Read, the father, and the heirs of his body ; remainder to the said Robert Read and his heirs of his body ; remainder to the said Thomas Read and the heirs of his body ; remainder to the right heirs of the said William Read, the father.

The jurors further say that the said William Read was seised in his demesne as of fee of one close of meadow or pasture in Pirton, late in the possession of Robert Hawkins or his assigns.

The jurors further say that the said William Read was seised in his demesne as of fee of 2 acres of meadow or pasture in Pirton Stoke, late in the occupation of the said John Cox, and of one messuage with appurtenances in Pirton aforesaid, in which he lately dwelt, and of divers arable lands, meadows and pastures to the said messuage pertaining.

The jurors further say that the aforesaid messuage and virgate of land and other the premises late in the tenure of Robert Blake alias Jaques are held of the King in chief by knight service by the ___ part of a knight's fee, and are worth yearly, beyond reprises, 6s. 8d. The aforesaid messuage, close of arable land, and other the premises now in the tenure of the said Anthony Bathe are held of the King in chief by knight service by the ___ part of a knight's fee, and are worth yearly, beyong reprises, during the life of the said Anthony Bathe 2s., and after his decease 20s. The said close of meadow or pasture late in the possession of the said Robert

Hawkins is held of the King in socage, by fealty only and not by knight service, and is worth yearly, beyond reprises, 7s. The said 2 acres of meadow or pasture late in the possession of the said John Cox are held of the King in chief by fealty only, and are worth yearly, beyond reprises, 18d. The aforesaid messuage in which the said William Read lately dwelt, and all the premises to the same pertaining, are held of Sir Giles Bridges, knt., as of his manor of Pirton alias Puriton, in free and common socage, by fealty, suit of court of that manor, and the yearly rent of 6 d., and are worth yearly, beyond reprises, 13s. 4d.

The said William Read died 22nd July last past [1628] ; John Read is his son and next heir, and was at the death of his father aged 36 year and more. The said William, Thomas, Robert, and Edmond Read, sons of the aforesaid William, and Anthony Bathe still survive at Pirton.

Inq. p.m., 7 Charles I, v.o., No. 54. "Abstracts of Wiltshire Inquisitions Post Mortem," 1901, edited by George S. Fry & Edw. Alex Fry.