



Inquisition

Rowde

William Norden. Gentleman

Delivered into Court 5th June, 17 Charles I [1641]

Inquisition taken at Devizes, 18th July 17 Charles I [1638], before *William Morse*, gent., escheator, after the death of *William Norden*, late of Rowde, gent., by the oath of *Henry Miles*, *Thomas Stratton*, *Thomas Michell*, *William Smith*, *Thomas Sloper*, *William Giddings*, *Edward Fowle*, *Christopher Platt*, *Thomas Hart*, gent., *Edward Potter*, *John Sloper*, *John Holloway*, *William Church*, *James Pope*, and *William Paine*, who say that

William Norden was seised of 3 several closes of pasture called the Shiphouse Closes, containing 25 acres, situate in Stanley, now or late in the tenure of *John Godwyn*, etc, etc.

[All the lands mentioned in this Inquisition are exactly like those given in that of Richard Norden, 17 Charles I, pt. 1, No.43: they are held of the same and are worth per annum exactly the same, so it is not necessary to reprint it].

It reads as follows:

John Godwin; 4 acres of arable land situate within the parish of Rowde, in a certain field there called the Middlefield, in a certain furlong there called Slatfurlonge on the west side of a certain meadow called Raymeade; which said premises last mentioned were the heritage of *William Longe* and afterwards of *Thomas Shell*; the manor and farm of Badbury lying within the parish of Chiseldon, in the tenure of *William Bennett*; 26 acres of arable land in Southdowne field within the parish of Liddenton, now or formerly belonging to the manor and farm of Medborne within the parish of Liddenton; one close of meadow called Foremeade, containing 48 acres; one other close of meadow called Corsickle. together with a small parcel of meadow thereto adjoining. Containing in the whole 10 acres; one other close of pasture lately divided into two parts, called Plaine, containing 70 acres; one close of pasture called Gainehill alias the Fearnleaze, containing 50 acres; all which premises last mentioned are situate in Badbury with the parish of Chiseldon; one messuage and tenement in Bradley and Broome in the tenure of Oliver Crooke; one cottage in Badbury in the tenure of *Simon Pope*; one close of pasture lately divided into two parts. Called Waxhill. Containng 50 acres; one close of meadow called Cross Lake, containing 6 acres; one close of meadow called Newmeade, containing 7 acres; one close of pasture called North Close, containg 10 acres: all which said premises last mentioned are situate in Badbury Weeke, within the said parish of Chiseldon, and are now in the tenure of *Anthony Bristowe*; all and all manner of tithes of grain, hay, wool, and lambs, yearly, growing upon all the said premises in Chiseldon, Badbury, Badbury Weeke, Broome, and Liddington; and all tithes of grain, hay, wool. And lambs, yearly renewing uopn a

close called Greenhill in Badbury, in the tenure of *Robert North* alias Hardinge; also of the manor and rectory of Rowde. Lying in Rowde, in feetail, to wit, to him and his heirs male, with remainder to *John Norden*, gent, his brother and his heirs for ever.

The premises called the Shiphouse closes are held of the King as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, in free and common socage, to wit, by fealty and the yearly rent of 2s 6d, and not in chief or by knight's service, and are worth per ann., clear 5s. Of whom or by what service the premises lying within the parish of Rowde are held the jurors know not: they are worth per ann., clear 12d. All other premises above mentioned are held of the King in chief by knight's service, and are worth per ann. Clear, £10..

William Norden died at Rowde 7th November: Richard Norden, gent., is his son and next heir, and was then aged 27 years and more.

Inq. p.m. 17 Charles I, pt. 1, No. 61. "Abstracts of Wiltshire Inquisitions Post Mortem," 1901, edited by George S. Fry & Edw. Alex Fry.