



Inquisition

West Ashton

Gifford Longe. gentleman

Inquisition taken at Marlborough, 15th September, 11 Charles I [1635], before *Nicholas Younge*, gent., escheator, after the death of Gifford Longe, esq., who say that *Richard Kingsman*, gent., *Edward Arnold*, *William Burgess*, *William Wake*, *Noah Bacon*, *John Browne*, *Stephen Webbe*, *John Purnell*, *Richard Glasse*, *Thomas Beale*, *Thomas Coster*, *Thomas Tarrant*, and *Thomas Hitchcox*, who say that

Gifford Longe was seised of the capital mansion house, farm and demesne lands of Chappell Aston alias Rood Ashton within the parish of Steeple Ashton, and divers land, arable meadow and pasture, woods, etc., thereto belonging; the capital messuage, farm, and demesne lands of West Ashton, within the parish of Steeple Ashton, and divers lands, etc., thereto belonging: divers closes of meadows, parcel of the farm of Pollesholt, called Broad close and Pigeon house close; certain closes of pasture, parcel of the said farm, called Woodleazes, Wallings, and Eastknowles; 2 closes of pasture called upper Somerhams, and 2 other closes of meadow and pasture, one whereof abutts upon Bide Mill, and the other whereof is called Layball breach, parcel of the said farm; the manors or lordships of Chappel Ashton alias Roode Ashton, West Ashton, Pollesholt, and Hilprington alias Hilperton; the manors or farms of Ablington and Alton; divers messuages, mills, lands, tenements; and hereditaments within the several vills, parishes, towns, hamlets' or tithings of Chappel Ashton alias Roode Ashton, West Ashton, Steeple Ashton, Pollesholt, Hilperton, Ablington, Alton, Fighelden, Chesenbury, Marston, Worton, Potterne, Chittow, Innox Mill, Cheverell Magna, Semington, Henton, and Buckingham, to the said manors belonging; the advowson and right of patronage of two parts of the parish church of Hilprington alias Hilperton, in three parts to be divided; the site of the free chapel of Alton: 1 barn, 1 virgate of land, and 1 acre of meadow in Alton; common of pasture for 600 sheep in Alton; the tithes of the said barn, virgate of land, and meadow, purchased of *Francis Hanbury*, gent., 1 acre of land called the Faryry acre lying within the parish of potterne, purchased of *Richard Thomas*, and by the said *Richard* purchased of *John Hadnett* and *Richard Bermingham*, and by them purchased of *Edward Tomlinson* and *Anthony Page* – to wit, [was seised] of the said mansion house, farms, and demesne lands of Chappell Ashton alias Roode Ashton and West Ashton and other the premises within the parish of Steeple Ashton, and the said closes, meadow, and pasture, parcel of the farm of Pollesholt, jointly with *Amy Longe*, then his [Gifford's] wife, in right of the said *Amy*, for the term of her life; the remainder thereof, afrer her death, to the said *Gifford Longe* for his life; after his desease, the remainder thereof, successively in tail male, to the first, second, and third sons of the said Gifford, by the said *Amy*; for default, to the heirs of the body of the said *Gifford*; and lastly for default, to the right heirs of *Edward Longe*, Esq., deceased, father of the said *Gifford*, for ever. Of the said manors of Ablington and Alton, for the term of his life, with remainders as above. As to the residue of the farm abd demesne lands of Pollesholt, the manors of Pollesholt, Chappell Ashton alias Roode Ashton, West Ashton, and Hilprington, other the premises in Hilprington, the advowson and right of patronage

of two parts of the church there, and the residue of all other the lands, etc., in Fighelden, Chesenburry etc., to the said *Gifford* and his heirs male; and for default, the remainder thereof to the heirs of the said *Edward Longe* for ever. As to the site of the said free chapel of Alton, the said barn and other the premises there, and the said acre of land called the Frayry in Potterne, in his demesme as of fee.

The said *Gifford* had issue by the said *Amy, Edward Longe*, esq., his eldest son, and *Roger Longe*, gent., his second son.

So seised, the said *Gifford, Amy, Edward* and *Roger*, by indenture tripartite dated 14th February, 6 Charles I [1631]. made between themselves by the names of *Gifford Longe*, of Roode Ashton, esq., *Amy*, is wife, *Edward Longe*, esq., his son and heir-apparent and *Roger Longe*, gent., one of his younger sons, of the first part; *Isaac Jones* and *Thomas Lawley*, of London, esqs., of the second part; and *Richard Warre*, of Hestercombe, co. Somerset, esq., and *William Cockayne*, of London, merchant, of the third part; in consideration of a marriage to be solemnized between the said *Edward Longe*, junior, and *Dorothy Jones*, daughter of the said *Isaac Jones*, and for competent jointures to be made for the said *Dorothy* and *Amy*, agreed that, by a fine to be levied before the feast of Pentecost next following, they would assure to the said *Isaac Jones* and *Thomas Lawley*, and their heirs, all the said premises, to the said premises, whereby [per quod] the said *Richard Warre* and *William Cockayne*, by writ "de ingressu super dissezein in le post," may recover the premises comprehended in the said fine against the said *Isaac* and *Thomas*, who will vouch to warrant [vouchiarent ad warrentizant] the said manors, etc., the said *Edward Longe*, if alive, or the said *Roger*. The said *Richard Warre* and *William Cockayne* shall be seised of the said manors, etc., to the following uses: as to the capital house, farm, and demesne lands of Chappell Ashton alias Roode Ashton, the capital messuage, farm, and demesne lands of West Ashton, to the use of the said *Amy Longe* for her life; after her decease, to the use of the said *Gifford Longe* for his life; after his decease, to the use of the said *Edward Longe*, junior, for his life: after his death, then successively in tail male to the use of the first, second, and third sons of the said *Edward* by the said *Dorothy*, of heirs male of the body of the said *Edward*, and of his right heirs for ever. As to the farm of Pollesholt, and the demesne lands of the manor of Pollesholt, to the use of the said *Dorothy* for her life; after her decease, to the use of the said *Edward Longe*, junior., for his life, with remainders as above. As to the manors and farms of Ablington and Alton, to the use of the said *Isaac Jones* and *Thomas Lawley*, and their heirs during the lives of the said *Gifford* and *Dorothy*; and after their deaths, to the use of the said *Edward* for his life, with remainders as above. As to the residue of the premises, to the use of the said *Gifford Longe* for his life; after his decease, to the use of the said *Edward* and his heirs male by the said *Dorothy*; for default, to the use of his (*Edward's*) heirs male; and for default, to the use of his right heirs for ever.

Afrerwards, to wit, in one month from easter, 7 Charles I [1631], a fine was levied at Westminster between the said *Isaac Jones* and *Thomas Lawley*, plaintiffs, and the said *Gifford, Amy, Edward*, and *Roger Long*, deforciant, of all the said premises whereupon the said deforciant acknowledged the said premises to be the right of the said *Isaac Jones* as of their gift, and the same remised to him and his heirs for ever.

In Easter Term in the said year the said *Richard Warre* and *William Cockayne* presented a writ "de ingressu super disseisinam in le post" against the said *Isaac Jones* and *Thomas Lawley*, whereupon a common recovery was suffered of the premises. To the uses above declared.

The marriage between the said *Edward Longe* and the said *Dorothy Jones* took place in London on the 20th February. 7 Charles I [1632]; the said *Dorothy* still survives at Alton.

The mansion house, farm, demesne lands, and manor of Chappell Ashton alias Roode Ashton, are held of the King, as of his manor of Steeple Ashton, in common socage, to wit, by fealty and the tearly rent of

34s., and are worth per annum, clear, £5. The capital messuage, farm, demesne lands, and manor of West Ashton, and other the premises in Steeple Ashton, Semyngton, Henton, and Bulkington, are held of the King, as of his said manor, in common socage, by fealty and the yearly rent of 4s 10½d., and are worth per annum, clear, £13 6s 8d. The manor of Pollesholte, the closes to the farm of Pollesholte belonging, the residue of the demesne lands of the said farm, and other the premises in Marston, Worton, Potterne, Chittow, Innox Mill, and Cheverell Magna, are held of *William Brounker*, esq., as of his manor of melksham, in common socage, to wit, by fealty only, and are worth per annum, clear, £29 12s 5½d. The manor of Alton is held of *William Earl of Hertford*, as of his manor of Ambresbury, on common socage, to wit, by fealty and 10s. yearly rent, and is worth per annum, clear, £8. The manor of Ablington, and the premises in Fighelden thereto belonging, are held of the Bishop of *Salisbury*, in common socage, to wit, by fealty and the yearly rent of 2s. Or a spar-hawk (at the choice of the tenants of the land), and are worth per annum, clear, £10. Of whom the manor of Hilprington, and the right of patronage of two parts of the church there, are held, the jurors know not. The premises in Chesenbury are held of the Master and paupers [pauperibus] of the Hospital of St. Katherine, near the Tower of London, as of their manor of Chesenbury, in common socage, to wit, by fealty and a yearly rent, and are worth per annum, clear, 5s. The site of the free chapel of Alton and other the premises in Alton are held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, in free and common socage, to wit, by fealty only, and are worth per annum, clear, 10s. The said acre of land called Frayry acre is held of the King in chief, by knight's service, but by what part of a knight's fee the jurors know not, and is worth per annum, clear, 6d.

Gifford Longe died 15th December last past: the said *Edward Longe* is his son and next heir, and was then aged 27 years and more.

The said Amy still survives at Roode Asnhton.

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