



Inquisition

West Harnahm



Edward Blacker - Lunatic

Inquisition taken at the City of New Sarum, 23rd March, 22 Charles I [1647], before Thomas Hancocke, gent., Giles Sadlen, gent., and Andrew Pewde, gent., Commissioners appointed to inquire as to the lunacy of Edward Blacker by the oath, etc., [juror's names not recorded] who say that:

Edward Blacker is a lunatic and enjoys lucid intervals, but is incapable of governing either himself or his lands. He was a lunatic on the 14th March, 1645, and not at any other time that the juror's know of, but how long before the said 14th March he became demented is not known.

Edward Blacker was seised of the manor and capital messuages of West Harnaham and of divers land, meadows and pastures thereto belonging ; the reversion of 3 messuages and one cottage there, parcel of the said manor, in the several tenures of John Young, esq., and John Jefferie, William Jefferie, and Richard Woodward ; and of the manor and capital messuages of Person, within the parish of Gillingham, co. Dorset, and of divers messuages, lands, and tenements thereto belonging.

Of whom all the said premises are held the jurors know not ; they are worth per annum, clear, £160.

Alice, wife of William Willoughby, esq., Mary Willoughbie, widow, and Katherine, wife of Thomas Chomley, are his kinswomen and next heirs, to wit, sisters of William Blacker, esq., deceased, father of the said Edward Blacker; they are all aged 21 years and more.