



Inquisition

Bemerton

George Irton, gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Salisbury 2nd October, 5 Charles I [1629], before Robert Worssam, escheater, after the death of George Irton, gent., by the oath of Christopher Hughes, gent., John Note, Leonard Brown, John (sic) Waight, Richard Carter, Robert, John Springe, Thomas Symes, Thomas Woolford, Daniel Longley, Edward Ward, Edward Fawkner, and William Williams alias Carter, who say that

George Irton was seised in his demesne as of fee of a messuage or tenement with a barn, stable, orchards, garden, and appurtenances in **Bemerton**, co. Wilts ; of a parcel of meadow containing one acre, a close of land called Stonehams containing one acre ; of half an acre of meadow lying in severalty containing 2 acres ; of 2 acres of meadow in Kingsmead, 44 acres of arable land in Bemerton-Field ; of common pasture for 80 sheep, and 12 horses, and other animals in the commons of Bemerton, and of 2 acres of arable land lying in **Quidhampton** field now or late in the occupation of William Abell or his assignes, and of 5 messuages in **Salisbury** now or late in the occupation of Elizabeth Lissenbury, widow, John Hosse, [blank] Gussett, Roger Meredith, and William Puggsly, or their assignes.

The said George Irton was likewise seised of the site of the manor or farm of Ampport, otherwise Audeport, lying at Ampport in the said county and in the county of Southampton, with all appurtenances to the said site belonging in the county of Southampton, and of the reversion of 3 messuages or tenements now, or late, in the tenure of [blank] Swain, gent., or his assignes in the parish of St. Andrew, near Baynard's Castle, in the city of London, commonly called "the White Beare upon Audlyn-hill," for the endo f the term of 21 years granted by him, and by Elizabeth Russel, widow, to Philip Lear, gent.

The jury say that the aforesaid messuage, lands, etc., in Bemerton and Quidhampton are held of the heirs or assignes of Sir Richard Gresham, knt., in free socage, by fealty and suit at the court and by the annual rent of half a pound of pepper for all service, and they are worth yearly, clearly, [illigible]. The said messuage in Salisbury are held of John Bishop of Salisbury, in right of his bishopric, in free socrage by fealty and the annual rent of 3d., for all service, and they are worth yearly, clear, 10s. The site of the manor aforesaid and of the capital messuage or farm aforesaid are held of John Marquis of Winchester, as of his manor of Basing in Southampton in free socage, by the rent of 20d., and by suit to be released of the court of the hundred of Andover for all service and demand ; the site of the manor, capital messuage, and other the premises in London, are held of the King by fealty only in free socage or burgage of the City of London for all service, and they are worth by the year 30s.

The said George Irton died on the 1st March last or thereabouts, and Richard Irton is his only son and heir male, and is of the age of 26 years and more.

Inq. p.m., 5 Charles I, pt. 3, No. 26. "Abstracts of Wiltshire Inquisitions Post Mortem," 1901, edited by George S. Fry & Edw. Alex Fry.