



Inquisition

Broughton Gifford

Anne Gore, widow, lunatic

Inquisition taken at Marlborough, 9th June, 7 Charles I [1631], before *James Yateman*, esquire, escheator, to inquire concerning the lunacy of *Anne Gore*, widow, by the oath of *Richard Smith*, gent., *John Smith* of Westkennett, gent., *Thomas Smith* of Shaborne, gent., *Henry Smith*, gent., *William Smith* of Wotton Rivers, *Peter Smith*, *John Smith* of Hamme, *William Smith* of Thornell, *Ralph Smith*, *Thomas Smith* of Ruckley, *Edward Smith*, gent., *Thomas Smith* of Purton, *Stephen Smith* of Froxfield, *Thomas Smith* of Wroughton, *George Smith*, *John Smith* of Easton, *Robert Smith* of Clatford, senior, *Stephen Smith* of Ramsbury, *Robert Smith* of Clatford, junior, *Thomas Smith* of Marlborough, and *William Smith* of Wroughton, who say that

Anne Gore is, and for 4 years past has been, a lunatic with lucid intervals, and that *William Gore*, deceased, was seised in his demesne as of fee of one messuage, 60 acres of land, 6 acres of meadow, and 30 acres of pasture in Broughton Gifford; and also of 16 acres of meadow and pasture in Benacre. Shawe, Whitley, and Wyke next Lacock, and being so seised made is last will at Broughton Gifford, dated 12th April, 14 James I [1616], whereby he devised all messuages, lands, tenements, and other the premises aforesaid to *Anne Gore*, his wife, for life.

The aforesaid messuage and other the premises in Broughton Gifford are held of the lord of the manor of Broughton Gifford of his manor of Broughton Gifford, in free and common socage, by fealty, suit of court of that manor, and the yearly rent of 5s., and are worth, beyond reprises, £30; the aforesaid 16 acres of meadow and pasture in Benacre, Shawe, Whitley, and Wyke next Lacock are held of *William Brunckard*, esq., as of his manor of Melkesham in free and common socage, by fealty and the yearly rent of 2s. 11½d., and are worth, beyond reprises, £10.

And the said *Anne Gore* is possessed of 4 cows, price £8; of one mare with foal, price £13; of divers bed, coverlets, blankets, bolsters, and pillows, price £6, and of divers parcels of brass and iron, fire irons (parcellis ercis cinerii et ferri), 40s.; of 3 calves price 20s.; of 4 young pigs, price 20s., of one pair of waggon wheels, price 20s.; of divers chests and coffers, price 20s.; of 3 bedsteads, price 20s.; and of two tables and divers stools, price 20s.

The jurors further say that the said *Anne Gore* is indebted to *Anne Gore*, *Mary Gore*, and *Margaret Gore*, daughters of the said *Anne Gore*, in the sum of 300 marks, viz. each of them 100 marks as a legacy left by the said *William*, and to – *Batchleler*, widow, in the sum of £12.

Anne Gore, *Mary Gore*, and *Margaret Gore*, are the daughters and coheirs of the said *Anne*.

Anne Gore, the daughter, is aged 20 years and more, *Mary Gore*, 19 years and more, and *Margaret Gore*, 16 years and more.

William Gore died 21st April, 14 James I [1616].

Inq. p.m., 7 Charles I, pt. 1, No. 85. "Abstracts of Wiltshire Inquisitions Post Mortem," 1901, edited by George S. Fry & Edw. Alex Fry.