



# *Inquisition*

## *Keevil*

### **Roger Blagden, gentleman**

*Inquisition* taken at Marlborough, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 6 Charles I [1630], before *Nathaniel Augar*, esquire, escheator, after the death of *Roger Blagden*, gent., by the oath of *Silvester Cooke*, gent., *William Wake*, *Noah Webb*, *Thomas Hatt*, *Thomas Smith*, *William Withers*, *Thomas Trebutt*, *William Gye*, *William Bayley*, *Stephen Wild*, *Walter Streche*, *William Lewes*, *Richard West*, *Edward Jones*, *John Waterman*, *Nicholas Hibbert*, *Edward Wynde*, and *Robert Crapon*, who say that

*Roger Blagden*, long before his death, was seised in fee of a messuage or mansion house in Keevell, co. Wilts, called Steephans Holde, with stables, buildings, and gardens, etc., pertaining; of a parcel of land called Reades adjoining the garden aforesaid, containing by estimation  $\frac{1}{2}$  an acre; of common of pasture for one beast in a place called Oxen Lease; of 3 acres of pasture in a place called le Northwood, late in the tenure of the said *Roger Blagden* or his assigns; of 8 acres of land in Copell Churchfield, and a parcel of meadow in the same field, in a place called Eight Mennes Parte; of 5 acres and a virgate of land in Weekefeild; of a parcel of meadow in the same field called Halfe Yarde Landes, lying in Netherton Meade; of a parcel of meadow called Halfe Yarde Landes, in a place there called Horselade; of 8 acres of land in Northfeild; of a place called Halfe Yarde Landes lying in Brode meade, in Northfeild, and one plot lying in Buckingtons Feild, called Halfe Yarde Landes; of one plot of meadow lying in Steenefeild, called Halfe Yard Landes, and one pasture called Weekelease and two meadows adjoining, called Weekmeades, one of them called Halfe Yard Landes, and one pasture called Weekelease and two meadows adjoining, called Weekmeades, one of them called Upper Meade and the other Lower Meade, lying in Keevell Neeke in Keevell, containing 80 acres more or less; of all those lands lying in Northfene of Keevell, whereof 2 acres lie upon the Woode, one acre upon Tadfurlonge, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  an acre at Bursley Lane End; of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  acres of land and a virgate of meadow in Cople Churchfeild, whereof 2 acres lie in Parke Furlonge,  $\frac{1}{2}$  an acres at Shepardes Hedge,  $\frac{1}{2}$  an acre below Cople Church,  $\frac{1}{2}$  an acre upon Malbrooke, and the said virgate of meadow lying in a place there called the Deane;  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres of land in Weekefeild; and of all those parcels of land in Steenefeild, to wit, a dole of land when the fields are sown with beans and when they lie fallow, and of a dole of meadow in Buckingtons Feild when it is sown with tares, all which lands were heretofore occupied with a house called Conscience alias Reades in Keevell, and are in the parishes of Keevell, Buckington, and Scene, co. Wilts.

Being so seised, the same *Roger Blagden* by his indenture dated 28<sup>th</sup> April, 4 Charles I [1628], between the said *Roger Blagden* and *Agnes*, his wife, of the first part, and *Thomas Foreman*, of Cowbridge in the parish of Malmesbury, clothier, and *Thomas Newnton*, of Malmesbury, brewer, of the second part, and *John James*, of Westporte, gent., and *John Blicke*, of Malmesbury, mercer, of the third part, in consideration of a marriage to be had between *Roger*, son and heir apparent of the same *Roger Blagden*,

and *Hester James*, daughter of *Margaret James*, widow, and sister of the said *John James*, covenanted to levy a fine of the premises, which fine levied in Easter term 4 Charles I [1628]. was to the uses following, to wit, concerning the meadow called le Upper Weke Meade and 40 acres of pasture called Weeklease, abutting upon the meadow called le Upper Weeke Meade, to the use of *Roger Blagden*, the son, and *Hester James* for their lives or the longer liver of them, in the name of jointure, and to the use of the heirs of the body of the same Roger, the son, begotten upon the body of the said *Hester*, and for default of such issue, to the use of the heirs of the body of the aforesaid *Roger Blagden*, the son, and for default of such issue to the use of the aforesaid *Roger Blagden*, the father, and his heirs for ever; and as concerning the residue of all and singular the premises, to the use of *Roger Blagden*, the father, during his life, and after his decease to the use of the aforesaid *Agnes*, during her life, and after their decease, to the use of *Roger Blagden*, the son, and the heirs of his body, and for default of such issue to the use of the right heirs of *Roger Blagden*, the father, for ever.

And the jurors say that on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 4 Charles I [1628], the same *Roger Blagden*, the son, married the aforesaid *Hester*.

All the premises are held of the King in chief by knight's service, and are worth by the year, clear, to wit, the Upper Meade and 40 acres aforesaid 30s., and the residue 30s.

*Roger Blagden*, the father, died on 1<sup>st</sup> April last past [1630], at Keevell; *Roger Blagden* is his son and heir, and at the daeth of his father was aged 30 years and more. Agnes, widow of *Roger Blagden*, the father, yet survives at Keevell.

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