



Inquisition

Potterne

John Flower, Gentleman

Inquisition taken at Marlborough, 4th April, 2 Charles I [1626], before *John Foyle*, esquire, escheator, after the death of *John Flower*, gentleman, by the oath of *Richard . . .*, *John Spencer*, *George Mortimer*, *Bartholomew Smith*, *Alexander Dismer*, *Henry Smith*, *John Noyse*, *Thomas Smith*, *John Waterman*, *Edward Dismore*, *Thomas Sloper*, *Thomas Eyres*, *Thomas Freeman*, . . . *King*, and *John Lawrence*, who say that

John Flower, gent., father of above said *John Flower*, was seised of one messuage and a virgate of land in Chitterne St. Mary, in co. Wilts, called Piper's, and on 16th May, 6 James I [1608] granted the same to *John Attwood*, *Laurence Attwood*, and *Grace Attwood*, sons and daughter of *John Attwood*, of Chitterne, husbandman, to hold them for lives and the life of the longest liver of them, at an annual rent of 15s. 6d. With reversion to the said *John Flower*, the father.

The said *John Flower*, the father, was also seised of one capital messuage in Chitterne St. Mary, called Morgan's Hold, formerly in the tenure of *William Tynburie*, and of one tenement and toft called Rowleaze, and half a virgate of land in Chitterne St. Mary, formerly in the tenure of *Thomas Newman*, and on 2nd July, 6 James I [1608]. granted the last-mentioned to *John Hayter* the younger, of Chitterne St. Mary aforesaid, yeoman, and *Elizabeth* his wife, to have to the same for their lives, or the life of the longer liver of the, and after their deaths to their assigns for 99 years, if *Constance Hayter*, daughter of the said *John Hayter* should so long live, rendering therefor 40s.

The said *John Flower* died on the 29th October, 12 James I [1614], seised of the reversion of the aforesaid premises, and immediately after his death the aforesaid *John Flower*, the son, was seised thereof.

John Flower, the son, was seised of a capital messuage called Flower's Farm, in Worton, co. Wilts, and, together with *John Merewether*, of Great Cheverell, yeoman, by indenture of 17th August, 17 James I [1619], in consideration of a marriage to be had between the said *John Flower*, the son, and *Joan*, daughter of *Thomas Longe*, of Little Cheverell gent., enfeoffed the said *Thomas Longe*, with the said premises last recited, to hold to him, his heirs and assigns (as jointure for the aforesaid *Joan*) to the use of the said *John Flower*, the son, the said *John* and the heirs male of the bodies, and in default, to the use of the said *John Flower*, the son, his heirs and assigns for ever.

The said *John Flower*, the son, was also seised of 2 cottages or tenements in Worton aforesaid, late in the tenure of *William Mintye*, or his assigns. viz. Piper's, during the lives of *John* and *Grace Attwood*, 14s., and after their deaths 30s.; the residue, during the lives of *John*, *Elizabeth*, and *Constance Hayter* 29s., and after their deaths £3. The aforesaid messuage, tenements, cottages, and other premises in Worton,

are held by *John* bishop of *Salisbury*, as of his manor of *Potterne*, by fealty, suit of court, and the annual rent of 10s., and are worth per annum, clear, viz. the premises limited for pasture, 40s.; the residue thereof 12d.

The aforesaid *Laurance Attwood* died on the 14th April, 19 James I [1621], whilst the said *John* and *Grace Attwood* survive.

The said *John Flower*, the son, died on 20th August, 22 James I [1624]; *Joan*, his wife, survives.

John Flower, gent, is son and next heir of the said *John Flower*, the son, and the said *Joan*, and at the time of his father's death was of the age of 2 years 11 months and 2 days. The aforesaid *John*, *Elizabeth* and *Constance Hayter* survive.

The said *Joan Flower*, widow of the said *John*, on whom the Inquisition is taken, survives.

Inq. p.m. 2 Charles I, pt. 1, No. 50. "Abstracts of Wiltshire Inquisitions Post Mortem," 1901, edited by George S. Fry & Edw. Alex Fry.