



# *Inquisition*

## *Ramsbury*

### **William, Earl of Pembroke.**

***Inquisition*** taken at Salisbury, 24<sup>th</sup> September, 6 Charles I [1630], before Sir Benjamin Rudyard, knight, John Pym, esquire, George Evelyn, esquire, Francis Sadler, esquire, Thomas Ailiffie, gent., feodary of the county of Wilts, and Nicholas Yonge, gent., deputy escheator of the same county, commissioners to enquire after the death of William, Earl of Pembroke, by the oath of [the names of the jurors are illegible except those of Thomas Lambert and Thomas Mompesson], who say that

Long before the death of William, Earl of Pembroke, Henry, formerly Earl of Pembroke, father of the said William, was seised, amongst other things, of the site of the monastery of Wilton, and the lordships and manors of Wilton, Alvedeston, Fougleson, Aven, Overton, Northugford, Southugford, Washerne, Chalke, Broad Chalke, Southnewton, Brudmore, Chilmarke, Ridge, Wishford, Little Brudcombe and Staunton, and of the borough of Wilton, the hundred of Chalk, the rectory of Bullbridge, the prebend of Southnewton, and the rectory and church of Southnewton, co. Wilts, and of an annual rent of 106s. 8d., and knight services issuing from certain land, late in the tenure of John Arney, in Dudlington, co. Dorset, and of certain rents, etc., from lands in the counties of Dorset and Devon, and also of divers other tenements, rents, service, fisheries, etc., in Wilton, Alvedeston, Fougleson, Overton, Northugford, Southugford, St. James Brudcombe, Fipned, Woodmanton, Upton, Brudmere, Trow, Alstone, Gerardiston, Staunton, Northnewton, Chilhampton, Laverstoke, Ugford, Abesse, Fovent, Ore, Lanford, Swacliffe, Washerne, Skeford, Tilleshed, Stockverdon, Burdens, Ball, Sutton Mandevile, Fighelden, Barwicke, Hanginglangford, Great Wishford, Bemerton, and Netherhangton, co. Wilts, late parcel of the possessions of the late monastery of Wilton, held of the King in chief by the service of a knight's fee, and are worth altogether by the year, clear, £47 16s. 4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d. ; and of the manors of Ramsbury, Bayden, Axford, and the hundred of Ramsbury, and the parks of Ramsbury on the High or the Old Parke, and of the hundred of Kinwardston, and of certain woods in Bedwyn, Burbage, Whiteparishe, Lantford, and Plagford, called le Broyle, Southgrove, and Erledoune, and the advowsons and rectories of Ramsbury, Pewsey, and Mildenhall, co. Wilts, which same manors of Bayden and Axford, and other the premises last mentioned, are held of the King in chief by the service of a twentieth part of a knight's fee, and are worth altogether by the year, clear, £70 ; of the manor of Eblesborn alias Bushopston, co. Wilts, and of the capital messuage called Baynardes Castle, in London, which same manor and castle are held of the King in chief by the service of a twentieth part of a knight's fee, and are worth altogether by the year, clear, £10 ; of the manors of Stoke Trister, Cucklington, and Bayford, and the office of warden of the Forest of Selwood, and of the manor of Barton, in the counties of Somerset and Wilts ; of the borough of Shaftesbury, co. Dorset ; of the manors of East Overton, Fizefeild alias Fyfeild, and the rectory of Fizefeild alias Fyfeild, co. Wilts, which are held of the King in chief, and are worth by the year, clear, £10 ; of the manor and borough of Payngton alias Paynton, co. Devon ; of the borough and castle of Cardyffe, and the manors of Lequeth, Ruthyn, Rothe, Newton, Notease alias Notage, Costmeston, Myskyn, Clunne, Glenrothney, Pentergh, and Llanblithian, the borough of Cowbridge, and certain lands, called Miskyn Forest, le Isle of Barrey, and Griffithes Moore, co. Glamorgan ; of the manors of Deneleys, Dyffren, Maughan, Pencrane, Tintorne, Troy and Comcarvon, Monathustleyne, and Abercarne, and of certain lands called Maughan Forest and Maughan Bedellary, co.

Monmouth. All of which lands are the Lady Mary, Countess of Pembroke, widow of the said Henry, Earl of Pembroke, after the death of the same Henry, held for her life in satisfaction of her dower. And the aforesaid Henry, formerly Earl of Pembroke, was also seised of the manor of Chedsey and Cauntellous with the advowson of the churches of the same places, co. Somerset ; and of the manor of Donynton alias Dynton, Northnewton, and Wyley, co. Wilts, which are held of the King in chief, and are worth by the year, clear, £30 ; and of the manors of Dichampton and Bulbrig, co. Wilts, worth by the year, clear, £6 ; and of the manor of Knighton, co. Wilts, worth by the year, clear, £6 13s. 8d. ; and of divers lands in the borough of Wilton, parcel of the possessions of Margaret, Countess of Salisbury, which are held of the King in chief, and are worth by the year, clear, 6s. 8d. ; and of the site of the house of the Friars Preachers of Wilton called the Fryers, and divers lands in Yatesbury and the advowson of the church of Yatesbury, and of the forest of Groveley, co. Wilts, which same premises are held of the King as of his manor of East Greenwich, in free socage, by fealty only and not in chief, and are worth by the year, clear, 100s. He was also seised of the manors of Fovent and Lockeridge, co. Wilts, and of a tenement in Upford St. James, co. Wilts, formerly in the tenure of William Keyto, which premises are held of the King in chief by knight service, and are worth by the year, clear, £10 ; of the manors of Radure and Llantrissen and the borough of Llantrissen, co. Glamorgan ; of the rectory of Uske, co. Monmouth, and of the manors of St. George's, St. Nicholas, Michelston, Walterston, Bonvarton, and Lamais Malefaut, and of the manro and forest of Sengheuth, the manor of Lammais, Bedford, the forest of Tallavan, the manors of Abon Wallensis, and Terialth, the castle of Kenfeg, the castle of Kairfelly, the manors of Rudrey and Kayrey, and borough of Neath, Neath citra and Neath ultra, Killibebilth, and Britton, the manors of Spittle, Rayley, Llanwitt, and of the site of the house of the late Friars of Cardiff, co. Glamorgan ; the castle and lordship of Uske, the borough of Trillegann, the castle and manors of Carleton, Carliton, Bedellary, Newgrange, Llantrissen, Wentlong, Stow, Cogan, Malpas and Mendelgiffe, co. Monmouth : and of certain lands in Uske, Llantrissen, and Llangebye. The said Henry, Earl of Pembroke, had issue male the aforesaid William, late Earl of Pembroke, his eldest son, and Philip, now Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, his second son, and no other sons, and on the 18<sup>th</sup> January, 38 Elizabeth [1596], the same Henry made his will, whereby he left the site of the monastery and manor of Wilton and other possessions which he was seised in fee tail to William, late Earl of Pembroke, then his son and heir, and the lands settled upon Mary, Countess of Pembroke, he devised after the death of the same Mary, to William, his son and heir, and the heirs male of his body, and in default of such issue to Philip, now Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, and the heirs male of his body, and for default of such issue the remainder to the right heirs of the said Henry. And the aforesaid Henry, Earl of Pembroke, died on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 43 Elizabeth [1601], and the said William, late Earl of Pembroke, entered upon the lands which descended to him.s

And the said William, late Earl of Pembroke, was seised of the manors and lands in Hathersedge, Over Padley, and Nether Padley, and other places, co. Derby, and the manor of Tankersley and other manors and lands in co. York and Nottingham ; and of the manors of Ashton Gyfford, Stoke Verdon, and Willesford, co. Wilts. And the said William, Earl of Pembroke, and Mary, his wife, were seised of the advowson of the church of Ayshton Gyfford, but of whom the same manors and advowson are held the jurors are ignorant ; they are worth by the year, clear, £13 6s. 8d. And being so seised the same William, late Earl of Pembroke, and Mary, his wife, by a fine levied in Trinity term, 3 Charles I [1627], conveyed the said manors and advowson to Sir Edward Leech, knight, and John Thorowgood, esquire, to the use of the aforesaid Mary, for term of her life, and after her decease to the use of the aforesaid William, and his heirs and assigns for ever.

And the aforesaid William, Earl of Pembroke, was seised of the manor of Barford St. Martin, co. Wilts, and of a tenement called Cringell and lands in Llantrissen, co. Glamorgan, purchased of Thomas Harbarte, clerk, which are worth by the year, clear, £11 ; and of the manor of Langford alias Little Langford alias Domus Langford, co. Wilts, and of a capital messuage and lands there called Haytor's Farme, worth by the year, nothing during the life of Lady Beauchamp, yet surviving, and after her death 100s. ; of the manor of Prior Alton and Stowell, co. Wilts, worth by the year 60s. ; of the prebend or rectory of Ramesbury, co. Wilts, with all tithes, etc., in Ramsbury and Baydon, with the lands belonging to the same prebend, held of the King in chief as of his manor of East Greenwich, by fealty, in free and common socage and not in chief, and by the annual rent of £44 13s. 4d., it is worth by the year, clear of the said rent, 40s. ; of the manor of Flamston, co. Wilts, worth by the year, clear, 20s. ; of all that inn in the city of Salisbury called the Cornishe Cough, and a messuage adjoining in the tenure of George Banck and

George Maylor, which premises are held in free burgage of the city of Salisbury and are worth by the year, clear, 5s. ; of a messuage and virgate of land in Southburcombe, co. Wilts, called the Freehold, late in the tenure of John Bowles, gent., worth by the year, clear, 2s. 4d. ; of a messuage and virgate of land in Barford St. Martin, in co. Wilts, late in the tenure of James Abbatt, and before that in the tenure of Christopher Hobbart, held of the manor of Barford, and worth by the year, clear, 2s. 6d. ; of the Earle of Pembroke's stables, abutting upon Longacre in the east and Covent Garden in the south, co. Middlesex ; and the manor of Listalabout, co. Glamorgan. And the aforesaid William, late Earl of Pembroke, Sir Thomas Morgan, knight, and John Thorowgood were seised of the manor of Moore, co. Herts. and Middlesex ; of the Greate Parke and the Little Parke in the parishes of Watford, Rislip, and Rickmansworth, co. Herts. and Middlesex ; and of the manors of Rickmansworth and Pinchfield, co. Herts.

William, Earl of Pembroke, died on 10<sup>th</sup> April last past [1630], without issue of his body, and Mary, his wife, Thomas Morgan, and John Thorowgood survive him. Philip, now Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, lord chamberlain of the King's household, is brother and next heir of the same William, and at the death of his brother was of the age of 40 years and more.

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