



Inquisition

Sevenhampton

Edmund Milles, gentleman

Inquisition taken at the City of New Sarum, 26th July, 2 Charles I [1626], before John Foyle, esq., escheator, after the death of Edmund Milles, gent., by the oath of Edmund Fontstone, gent., Richard Toogood, George Acrigge, Richard Page, Matthew Poore, Robert Hillman, Coferer Hewse, Richard King, Arthur Attwaters, William Gillo, Robert Sweving, John Penny, John Coombes, and John Randall, who say that

Edmund Milles was seised of 4 messuages in Heydon and Heydon Weeke, and of 130 acres of land, meadow and pasture, there late in the tenure of the said Edmund.

So seised, the said Edmund, by indenture dated 13th August, 15 James I [1617], made between himself of the one part and Thomas Cox, of Seavenhampton, within the parish of Highworth, yeoman, and Richard Cox, son and heir-apparent of the said Thomas, of the other part in consideration of a marriage between Christopher Saunders, alias Milles, then son and heir-apparent of the said Edmund, and Joyce, daughter of the said Thomas Cox, for a jointure to be made for the said Joyce, enfeoffed thereof the said Thomas and Richard Cox and their heirs to the uses following, to wit, as to the hall of the mansion house of the premises, the room across the said hall, the upper and lower rooms adjoining the said hall, the use of the kitchen and the room beyond the said kitchen, the cowhouse adjoining the said kitchen, the small house wherein the granary is situated, the space at the east end of the barn, with a convenient place for threshing [tritirendi] in the said barn, the moiety of the "reekebarton," the moiety of the curtilage where the wood lies, the moiety of the garden and orchard and the hempland, the use of the pigsty and the carthouse on the west end of the said barn ; one several close called the Millheis with ingress, egress and regress at all convenient times to the same through the Home close ; divers acres, half-acres, roods, and butts of arable land, meadow, and pasture in the following places, to wit, 2 half-acres and one rood of land in Long furlonge ; 4 roods of meadow and one acre of land in Lack Furlonge ; 1 acres 2 roods of land and half-acre of pasture in Sprattes Furlonge ; 3 half-acres of land in Pridefurlonge ; one acre and 2 half-acres in the north part of the hill called Churchhill ; 2 acres of land in the south part of the said hill ; 3 acres and half a headland and one rood of land in Weekehill ; 2 acres, 8 half-acres, and 2 butts of land in Southhill ; 7 half-acres and one rood, one butt of land and 3 half-acres of meadow in the field called Westfield ; 5 half-acres, one rood, and one butt of land, 1 ½ acres, 1 rood of meadow in Northfield ; half-acre of land called Northfield laynes and in Marsh furlonge in the same field ; the thrid part of all the meadows called Steane meade, lying in Frogg furrowe and out of Frogg furrow, "Dowie meade, Pittes newe meade or Dollettes reameade, Woodward's Ham, Middle Meade, and Wrightes ham," containing 10 acres; and common of pasture for 8 beasts, 2 horses, and 50 sheep in the common fields and places in Heydon, parcel of the premises and making the third part thereof, to the use of the said Edmund Milles for his life ; after his decease to the use of the said Christopher Saunders alias Milles and his heirs ; for default to the use of Margaret, Elizabeth, Mary, and Anne, daughters of the said Edmund, and their heirs ; and for default to the use of the right heirs of the said Edmund Milles for ever. As to the residue of all the said premises to the use of the said Christopher Saunders alias Milles for his life, and after his decease, as to the residue of the said mansion-house and all other houses not limited to the said Edmund, and the other

moiety of the said reeke barton, the curtilage, the backsides, the orchards, gardens, and the hempland, 2 closes called Calves Close and Nether Close, 20 acres of meadow and 16 acres of arable land in the fields and places aforesaid, and common of pasture for 8 beasts, 80 sheep, and 2 horses in all commons, fields, and common places in Heydon, parcels thereof to the use of the said Joyce for her life for her jointure ; after her death to the use of the heirs of the body of the said Christopher Saunders alias Milles ; for default, to the use of the said Margaret, Elizabeth, Mary , and Anne, daughters of the said Edmund Milles, and their heirs ; and for default, to the use of the right heirs of the said Edmund for ever. And as to the residue thereof not appointed for the jointure of the said Joyce, to the use of the heirs of the body of the said Christopher ; for default, to the use of the said daughters of the said Edmund, and their heirs ; and for default, to the use of his right heirs for ever.

All the said premises are held of the King in chief by fealty only, and are worth per annum, clear, to wit, the premises limited to the said Edmund for his life, 20s. ; those limited for the jointure of the said Joyce, 30s. ; and the residue, 10s.

Edmund Milles died 17th October, 15 James I [1617] ; Christopher Saunders alias Milles is his son and next heir, and was then aged 20 years and more.

Inq. p.m., 2 Charles I, pt. 20, No. 76. "Abstracts of Wiltshire Inquisitions Post Mortem," 1901, edited by George S. Fry & Edw. Alex Fry.