



Inquisition

West Ashton

John Harris. gentleman

Inquisition taken at Devizes, 18th July, 14 Charles I [1638], before *William Morse*, esq., escheator, after the death of *John Harris*, late of West Ashton. Yeoman, by the oath of *Henry Miles*, *Thomas Stratton*, *Thomas Michell*, *William Smith*, *Thomas Sloper*, *William Giddings*, *Edward Fowle*, *Christopher Platt*, *Thomas Hort*, gentleman, *Edmund Potter*, *John Sloper*, *John Holloway*, *William Church*, *James Pope*, and *William Payne*, who say that

Tristram Flower, late of Netherhall in co. Essex, gent., *John Flower*, of West Ashton, gent., *Henry Flower*, of the same, yeoman, *Robert Tauton*. Late of Whaddon, yeoman, and *Richard Tauton*, of . . . wood, in the parish of Bradford, yeoman, were seised of the messuage called . . . lying in the parish of West Ashton; the close of pasture to the said messuage belonging called the Greene, containing one acre of land; one close of pasture to the said messuage adjoining, containing 2 acres; one close of pasture called . . . ; one close of meadow called Bissemeade, containing 2½ acres of land; one close of pasture called Crawley, containing one (?) acre; one close of meadow Bissemeade, containing 2 acres; one close of meadow called Loppingers, containing 2 acres; all those . . . lying in a certain common meadow called Doddesmore alias Doddesmead; and the close of pasture called the Parrock, containing ½ acre, all which said premises are situate in West Ashton and Steeple Ashton.

So seised, the said *Tristram* and others, by indenture dated 15th July 11 Charles I [1635], made between the said *Tristram Flower* and *Anne* his wife, *John Flower* . . . and *Joan* his wife, *Robert Tauton* and *Agnes* his wife and *Richard Tauton* and *Julian* his wife, of the one part, and *John Harris*, junior, of the other part, and also by a fine levied in Michaelmas Term in the said year, between the said *John Harris*, junior, plt., and the said *Tristram* and others, deforciant, in consideration of the sum of £615 in hand paid to the said *Tristram*, and other competent sums paid to the said *John*, *Henry*, *Robert* and *Richard*, conveyed all the said premises to the said *John Harris* and his heirs for ever.

All the said premises are held of the King as of his manor of East Greenwich in co. Kentm by fealty only, in free and common socage, and are worth per annum, clear, 20s.

John Harris died at Lacoche, 6th January, 12 (1636?) Charles I; *John Harris* is his son and next heir, and was then aged 4 months and more.

Inq.p m., 14 Charles I, pt. 29, No. 3. "Abstracts of Wiltshire Inquisitions Post Mortem," 1901, edited by George S. Fry & Edw. Alex Fry.

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