



# *Inquisition*

## *Wanborough*

### *Thomas Cox, lunatic*

**Inquisition** taken at Wanborough, 29<sup>th</sup> July,, 1653, before *John Norden* and *William Sadler*, esquires, and *William Morse*, gent., to inquire as to the lunacy of *Thomas Cox*, by the oath of, etc. [names of the jurors are not given], who say that

*Thomas Cox* is a lunatic and unable to govern either himself or his lands. He was in that condition on the 26<sup>th</sup> March, 1646, and has continued so ever since without having lucid intervals, but how long before the said 26<sup>th</sup> March he became a lunatic the jurors know not.

He was then seised of one messuage and about 93 acres of arable land, meadow, and pasture lying in Wanborough, of the clear yearly value of £65, and is now seised of the said messuage and 67 acres of arable land, meadow, and pasture, of the clear yearly value of £38, but of whom held or by what services is not known.

Between the 26<sup>th</sup> March, 1646, and the taking of this inquisition the said *Thomas Cox* sold and conveyed away the parcel of meadow or pasture ground called *Gentlemans*, and certain other meadow grounds, commons, and best feedings, containing about 6 acres, of the yearly value of £14, to Sir *John Glanville*, knight, Serjeant at Law, and one other paarcel of meadow or pasture called *Sawcers*, containing 11 acres, likewise parcel of the premises, of the yearly value of £13 to *John Webbe*, gent.; and has also during the said period demised by several leases some other small parcels of ground containing together 9 acres, part of the premises, to *Anthonye Lyme*, *William Hawkes*, and *John Welles*, of Wanborough, but for what terms or for what rents is not known; and had also sold the barn containing 3 bays or spaces of building, belonging to his said messuage, to *Harry Goodwyn*, gent.

The said *Thomas Cox* is also seised by copy of Court Roll of one tenement and 23 acres of arable . Meadow, and pasture thereto belonging situate in Wanborough, held of the President and Fellows of St. Mary Magdalen's College in Oxford, by copy of Court Roll according to the custom of the manor of Wanborough, of the clear yearly value of £14.

Also of divers goods, chattels, and utensils, remaining in his own custody, "worth to be sould", £30.

*Thomas Cox* is the son and next heir of the said *Thomas* named in the said Commission, and is now aged about 17 years.

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