



# *Inquisition*

## *Westbury*

### **Christopher Polden, Gent.**

***Inquisition*** taken at Salisbury, 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2 Charles I [1626], before John Foyle, esquire, escheator, after the death of Christopher Polden, gentleman, by the oath of Edward (?) Fonstone, gentleman, Richard Toogood, George Acrigg, Richard Page, Matthew Poore, Robert Hillman, Cofferer Hewse, Richard Kinge, Arthur Attwaters, William Gills, Robert Sweringe, John Penny, John Coomes, and John Randall, who say that

Christopher Polden was seised of 30 acres of meadow with appurtenances called Sarth, in **Westbury**, co. Wilts. And also of one messuage, 2 virgates of land, one cottage, and 4 acres of land with appurtenances in **Imber**, co. Wilts.

And being so seised, the said Christopher Polden, on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 21 James I [1623], in consideration of the marriage of Christopher Polden and Elizabeth Eyre, daughter and heir apparent of Christopher Eyre, gentleman, granted the premises aforesaid to Anthony Longe, gentleman, and his heirs, to the use of the said Christopher Polden for his life, and afterwards to the Said Elizabeth for her jointure during her widowhood, with the remainder to the first, second, and other sons of the said Christopher and Elizabeth ; ultimate remainder to the right heirs of the said Christopher Polden.

Christopher Eyre was seised of one mansion house and one acre of land abutting upon the said house in **Codford St. Peter**, co. Wilts, and of one garden, one stable, one apple orchard, 80 acres of land, and 2 acres of meadow with appurtenances in Codford St. Peter, and of 10 acres of meadow with appurtenances in **Codford St. Mary**.

And being so seised, on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 21 James I [1623], the said Christopher Eyre granted the above premises to the said Anthony Longe to hold to him and his heirs, to the use of the said grantor's said daughter Elizabeth, for life, with remainder aforesaid Christopher Polden for life ; remainder to the use of the first, second, and other sons of the said Christopher and Elizabeth ; ultimate remainder to the right heirs of the said Christopher Polden.

Christopher Polden married the said Elizabeth Eyre on the 1<sup>st</sup> August, 21 James I [1623].

Christopher Eyre died at Codford; after whose death, the said Christopher and Elizabeth had issue Thomas Polden.

The tenements at Westbury called Sarth are held to the King in chief by knight's service, but by what part of a knight's fee the juror's know not, and are worth per annum, clear, 20s. ; the tenements in Imber are held of the King in chief by knight's service, but by what part of a knight's fee the jurors know not, and are worth per annum 20s. ; the mansion house and the one acre of land abutting thereon in Codford St. Peter are held of Sir Edward Hungerford, knight, as of his manor of Condford St. Peter in free socage, viz. by fealty only and the rent of one red rose, and are worth per annum, clear, 2s. ; the said barn, stable, apple orchard, 80 acres of land and 2 acres of meadow in Codford St. Peter are held of Thomas Lambert,

esquire, as of his manor of Sherington, co. Wilts, by fealty, suit of court, and the rent of 31s., and are worth per annum, clear, £3 ; the 10 acres of meadow in Codford St. Mary are held of Sir Giles Mompesson, knight, as of his manor of Codford St. Mary, in fee socage, viz. by fealty only, and are worth per annum, clear 10s.

Christopher Polden died 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2 Charles I [1626], and the said Elizabeth and Thomas Polden survive at Codford St. Peter. The said Thomas Polden is his son and next heir, and was, at his father's death, aged 12 months and 2 days.

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