



Inquisition

Wilton

John Samford

Inquisition was taken at Salisbury, 9th January, 4 Charles I [1629], before Robert Worsam, esquire, escheator, after the death of John Samford, gent., by the oath of William Walker, gent., Andrew Pewde, Anthony Davis, Richard Twogood, William Penney, Robert Swearings, John White, John Wayte, Cofferer Hughes, Robert Hillman, Robert Strugnell, Edward Warde, Anthony Hayter, John Blake, John Carter, Matthew Poore, Richard Williams als. Carter, Jasper Bampton, and John Randall, who say that

John Samford, long before his death, was seised in fee of the manor or grange of Lanvith, in Lanvithen, and a watermill there, and of a messuage an tenement in **Wilton**, co. Wilts, and of three parts in foure to be divided of 2 closes of arable land and pasture, containing 8 acres commonly called Ridgwaye, in the parish of Lydiard Episcopi, co. Somerset, and of three parts of 2 acres of meadow, moor, or marsh, called Arundell Moore als. Statditch, als. Standish, als. Standidge Moore in Lideard Episcopi. And the jurors say that Elizabeth Sharpe, widow of William Sharp, gent., deceased, and before that the wife of Hugh Stamford, esquire, deceased, holds a third part of the premises in Lanvithen als Lanvith and Wilton, for term of ther live in the dame of Dower.

The premises in Lanvithen als. Lanvith are held of the King in chief by the service of the 40th part of a knight's fee, and the yearly rent of 24s. 8d., and they are worth per annum, clear, £16 6s. 8d ; the premises in Wilton are held of the king in chief by knight's service, and are worth per annum, clear, 6s. 8d., of whom the premises in Lydiard are held the jurors know knot, they are worth per annum, clear, 3s. 4d..

John Samford died 2nd October last past [1628] ; John Samford is his son and next heir, and at the death of his father was of the age of 13 years and 14 days.

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