



Inquisition

Castle Eaton

Virgil & Walter Parker

Inquisition taken at New Sarum, 30th May, 10 Charles I [1634], before Francis Guidott, gent., escheator, by virtue of a writ “de devenerunt,” after the death of Virgil Parker, son and heir of Walter Parker, deceased, to enquire what lands, etc., came into the hands of the King after the death of the said Virgil, by the oath of Andrew Pewde, gent., John Thorpe, gent., Richard Williams, gent., George Acrigge, Andrew Roberts, John Butcher, Bartholomew Foster, George Colman, Edmund Snowe, Ralph Tomlyn (?), John Froseke, Robert Sewavings, and Thomas Turnam, who say that

Before the death of the said Virgil, to wit, on the 4th September, 3 Charles I [1627], an inquisition was taken at Marlborough after the death of the said Walter Parker, whereby it was found that before the death of the said Walter, Mary Parker, late wife of Virgil Parker, father of the said Walter, deceased, and now the wife of Robert Poore, gent., was seised for life and for her jointure of the moiety of the manor of **Lushill alias Lushull**, by virtue of an assurance thereof made, dated 5th June, 27th Eliz. [1585]. The said Walter was seised of the reversion of the said moiety ; also of the other moiety of the said manor of **Lushill, Castle Eaton and Hunington** ; and so seised, by indenture dated 7th november, 11 James I [1613], made between himself of the first part, and Thomas Baskervill, esq., and John Duckett, esq., of the other part, and by a fine levied at Westminster in the quindene of St. Martit, 11 James I, between the said Thomas Baskervill and John Duckett, plaintiffs, and the said Walter Parker, deforciant, and in consideration of a marriage between the said Walter and Margaret Longe, widow, sister of the said John Duckett, for a competent jointure to be made for the said margaret, conveyed all the said premises to the said Thomas Baskervill and John Duckett and their heirs, to the following uses : As to the moiety of the mansion house of the said manor, a great tiled barn, and the stable called Hackney stable, one large close called the Marsh next Thames, 2 Hanmills (duas le Hanmille) in the furter part of the said Thames, the upper half of one side of a meadow called **Northmeade** lying next to the close called **Frogepit Laynes**, one arable field containing 32 acres adjoining the pasture next the said mansion house, and the upper half of the pasture called the Cow lease, lying above the said mansion house adjoining the pasture, then and there in the occupation of Edmund Martell Wright alias More, parcels of the said manor, to the use of the said Walter Parker for the term of his live ; after his decease, to the use of the said Margaret for her life ; after their decease, to the use of the heirs of the said Walter by the said Margaret ; and for default, to the use of the right heirs of the said Walter. As to the residue of the said premises, to the use of the said Walter Parker and his heirs forever.

On the 25th day of June 19 James I [1621], the said Walter acknowledged himself to owe to Nathaniel Coxwell, then of Abllington, co. Gloucester, esq., £2000, to be paid at the feast of St. James the Apostle then next following. As the money was unpaid on that day the said Nathaniel prosecuted a writ against him, and the sheriff of Wiltshire was commanded to put the said Walter in prison until the debt was paid. By inquisition then taken 31st October the sheriff fount that the said Walter was seised of lands, etc., of the yearly value of £50, which were taken into the hands of the King, who by writ, dated 7th November, 2 Charles I, commanded that the said Nathaniel should hold all the said premises until he was fully satisfied of the said debt.

The manor of Lushill and other the premises in Lushill, Castle Eaton, and Hunington are held of the King as of hi honor of Trowbridge, parcel of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, and are worth per annum, clear, nothing during the lives of the said Mary and Margaret, by afterwards £12.

Walter Parker died at Lushill 18th May last past ; Virgil Parker (named in the writ) is his son and next heir by the said Margaret, and was then aged 12 years 1 month and 15 days.

The said Mary, sometime the wife of the said Virgil Parker and afterwards the wife of the said Robert Poore, died 28th October, 9 Charles I [1634].

Virgil Parker (named in the writ) died 19th April last past, being under age and in the wardship of the King, by reason whereof all the said premises came into the hands of the King, where they still remain.

Walter Parker, gent., is his brother and next heri, and was then aged 8 years. The manor of Lushill and other the premises are held of the King as of his honor of Trowbridge by knight's service.

The said Margaret still survives at Lushill.

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