



# *Inquisition*

## *West Harnham*

**Roger Langley, gentleman.**

***Inquisition*** taken at Salisbury, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 5 Charles I [1630], before Nathaniel Augar, gent, escheator, after the death of Roger Langley, gent., by the oath of Francis Toppe, gent., William Walker, gent., Anthony Davis, George Acrigge, Robert Swearinge, Christopher Merifield, Robert Strugnell, William Wymbleton, John Noate, Maurice Whithorne, Robert Jole, Thomas Tutt, and Anthony Arthur, who say that

Roger Langley was seised in fee of the manor of **Westharnam**, co. Wilts, and of 3 messuages and divers land occupied with the same in Westharnam, now or late in the tenures of John Jeffery, Robert Langley, and John Stent, or their assigns, and of a certain seigniorie (seignioria) and annual rent service of 18d., and fealty, for certain lands and tenements in Westharnam, now or late in the tenure of John Younge, gent.

And being so seised the said Roger Langley by an indenture dated 10<sup>th</sup> January last past [1630], conveyed the premises to Nicholas Lawes and John Thomas upon trust for 20 years immediately after his death to pay certain legacies as appointed by his will, and for the maintenance and education of Joan, Mary, William, and Thomas Langley, the younger children of the same Roger, and for giving them such portions as Mary, widow of the same Roger Langley, Nicholase Lawes, and John Thomas should think fit.

On 11<sup>th</sup> January last past [1630], the said Roger Langley made his will, whereby he left his lands and tenements and hereditaments in Westharnam to his eldest son Roger Langley and the heirs male of his body, and in default of such issue, to his son William Langley and the heirs male of his body, and for default of such issue, to his son Thomas Langley and the heirs male of his body, and for default of such issue, to the right heirs of the same Roger Langley for ever, provided that if his son Roger Langley should happen to die without an heir male and should have a daughter or daughters, such daughter or daughters should hold the said lands and tenements for the term of 21 years after the decease of his said son.

The said premises are held of the King by knight service, and are worth, clear, £3 6s. 8d.

Roger Langley died on 20<sup>th</sup> January last past [1630], and Roger is his son and next heir, and at the death of his father was of the age of 8 years 4 months and 8 days.

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