

## Francis Holte, of Griselhurst, Esquire.

**I**nquisition taken at Bolton in le Mores, 12 January, 15 James [1617-18], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Francis Holte*, Esq., by the oath of *John Wood* of Brodecoake, *James Crompton* of Romworth, *Adam Leaver* of Great Leaver, *Roger Walmesley* of Rogersteed, *John Lord* of Halgh, *James Walmesley* of Turton, *William Greenhalgh* of Horwich, *John Parker* of Bolton, *John Richardson* of Halliwell, *Arthur* [sic] *Brounlowe* of Burton [?], *Edward Greenhalgh* of Harwood, *Randal Haworth* of Sharples, *Thomas Kershawe* of Bolton, *John Tonge* of Farnworth, *Giles Aynsworth* of Farnworth, *John Brooke* of Harwood, *Edward Brooke* of Harwood, *James Radcliffe* of Sharples, *William Mollineux* of West Houghton, *John* [*Harryson*] of [Brightmett], *Robert Walmesley* of Bolton, and *Robert Gorton* of Aspull, gentlemen, who say that *Francis Holte* and *Francis Holte*, deceased, his late grandfather, were seised in fee of the manors of Gristlehurst,<sup>1</sup> Spotland<sup>2</sup> [Fortune<sup>3</sup>], and [Steed], and of 8 messuages, 20 tofts, 4 mills, 1,050 acres of land, 80 acres of meadow, 1,000 acres of pasture, 40 acres of wood, 1,000 acres of brier and heath, 50 acres of moor, 300 acres of turbary, and 200 acres of moss in Gristlehurst, Spotland, Wostenholme,<sup>2</sup> Fallinge,<sup>2</sup> Whitworth,<sup>2</sup> Rossendale, Rochdale, Bamford,<sup>4</sup> Steed, Ribchester, [Fortune], [Bury], Hundersfeild,<sup>2</sup> and Middleton. So seised, a fine was levied at Lancaster [30 Eliz.] between *Edward Lytleton*, Esq., *John* [*Culcheth*, Esq., *Charles*] *Holte*, Esq., and *Richard Lee*, plaintiffs, and *Francis Holte* and *Ellen*, his wife, and *Thomas Holte* and *Constance*, his wife, deforciantes of the said manors and lands to the uses named in an Indenture dated 7 March, 30 Eliz. [1587-8],<sup>5</sup> and made between the said *Francis Holte* (the grandfather) and *Ellen*, his wife, the said *Thomas Holte* (then son and heir apparent of the said *Francis Holte*, the grandfather) and

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<sup>1</sup> In Bury parish.

<sup>2</sup> In Rochdale parish.

<sup>3</sup> Forton, in the parishes of Cockerham and Garstang.

<sup>4</sup> In Middleton parish.

<sup>5</sup> This part of the Inquisition is much damaged, and the remainder is supplied from the Court of Wards copy.

*Constance*, his wife, of the one part, and *Alice Littleton*, widow, late wife of *Edward Littleton*, Knt., deceased, of the other part, whereby the manor of Steed and lands in Steed and Ribchester, and 10 messuages, 1 mill, 200 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, and 100 acres of pasture in Spotland, Rochdale, and Whitworth, were given to the use of the said *Thomas Holte* and *Constance* his wife, for their lives for the jointure of the said *Constance*, with remainder to the use of *Francis Holte* (named in the Inquisition), son and heir apparent of the said *Thomas*, and his heirs male, with remainders to the use of the right heirs of the said *Francis Holte* (the grandfather) for ever. The manor of Gristlehurst, 40 messuages, 3 mills, 300 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, and 300 acres of pasture in Gristlehurst, Bury, Midleton, Bamford, Spotland, and Rochdale, to the use of the said *Francis Holte* (the grandfather) and *Ellen*, his wife, for their lives, and after their decease to the use of the said *Thomas Holte* for his life, with remainder to the use of *Francis Holte* (named in the Inquisition) and his heirs male, with remainder to the use of the right heirs of the said *Francis Holte* (the grandfather) for ever. The manor of Forton and the premises in Forton, and 7 other messuages, 100 acres of land, 50 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture in Spotland, to the use of the said *Francis Holte* (the grandfather) for his life, and at his death to the use of *Edmund Holte*, his son, for his life, and after his death to the use of the said *Thomas Holte* for his life, with remainder to the use of *Francis Holte* (named in the Inquisition) and his heirs male, with remainder to the use of the right heirs of the said *Francis Holte* (the grandfather) for ever. The said *Edmund Holte* yet survives at Rochdale. Six messuages, 100 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture in Spotland, Bamford, and Rochdale, to the use of the said *Francis Holte* (the grandfather) for his life, and after his death to the use of the said *Thomas Holte* for his life, with remainder to the use of *Francis Holte* (named in the Inquisition) and his heirs male, with remainder to the use of the right heirs of the said *Francis Holte* (the grandfather) for ever. The messuages and lands in Whitworth and Spotland to the use of the said *Francis Holte* (the grandfather) for his life, and at his death to the use of *Francis Holte*, his 2nd son, for his life, and at his

death to the use of the said *Thomas Holte* for his life, and at his death to the use of *Francis Holte* (named in the Inquisition) and his heirs male, with divers remainders over and remainder to the use of the right heirs of the said *Francis Holte* (the grandfather) for ever. *Francis Holte*, the 2nd son of the said *Francis Holte* (the grandfather), yet survives at Rochdale. The messuages and lands in Spotland, Whitworth, and Rochdale to the use of the said *Francis Holte* (the grandfather) for his life, and after his death to the use of *Ralph Holte*, his 3rd son, for his life, and after his death to the use of the said *Thomas Holte* for his life, and after his death to the use of *Francis Holte* (named in the Inquisition) and his heirs male, with remainder to the use of the right heirs of the said *Francis Holte* (the grandfather) for ever. *Ralph Holte* yet survives at Rochdale. Nine other messuages, &c. in Whitworth and Spotland to the use of the said *Francis Holte* (the grandfather) for his life, and after his death to the use of *John Holte*, his 4th son, for his life, and after his death to the use of the said *Thomas Holte* for his life, and after his death to the use of *Francis Holte* (named in the Inquisition) and his heirs male, with remainder to the use of the right heirs of the said *Francis Holte* (the grandfather) for ever. *John Holte* yet survives at Rochdale. Nine other messuages, 100 acres of land, &c. in Spotland and Whitworth to the use of the said *Francis Holte* (the grandfather) for his life, and after his death to the use of *Edward Holte*, his 6th son, for his life, and after his death to the use of the said *Thomas Holte* for his life, and after his death to the use of *Francis Holte* (named in the Inquisition) and his heirs male, with remainder to the use of the right heirs of the said *Francis Holte* (the grandfather) for ever. *Edward Holte* died before *Francis Holte*. The residue of the manors, &c. to the use of the said *Francis Holte* (the grandfather) for his life, and after his death to the use of the said *Thomas Holte* for his life, and after his death to the use of *Francis Holte* (named in the Inquisition) and his heirs male, with remainder to the use of the right heirs of the said *Francis Holte* (the grandfather) for ever. And the said *Thomas Holte* was empowered by his last will or by deed to give to his younger sons by *Constance*, his wife, an annuity of £5 apiece issuing out of the said lands. The said *Thomas Holte*, being

seised of the remainder of the manor of Grislehurst and of 40 messuages, 3 mills, 300 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow and 300 acres of pasture, in Grislehurst, Bury, Myddleton, Bamford, Spotland, and Rochdale, limited to the use of the said *Francis Holte* (the grandfather) and *Ellen*, his wife, for their lives, to the said *Thomas* for his life, and remainder to *Francis Holte* (named in the Inquisition), a fine was levied at Lancaster 29 Aug., 1 James [1603], between *Edmund Horwood*, Esq., plaintiff, and *Thomas Holte* and *Francis Holte* (named in the Inquisition), deforciant, of the manor of Grislehurst and other lands, to the use of the said *Thomas Holte* during the life of *Francis Holte* (the grandfather), and then to the use of *Katherine Holte*, wife of *Francis Holte* (named in the Inquisition) for her life, and after her death to the use of *Francis Holte* (named in the Inquisition) and his heirs male, with divers remainders over, with remainder to the right heirs of *Francis Holte* (the grandfather) for ever. *Katherine*, late wife of *Francis Holte* (named in the Inquisition), yet survives at Rochdale.

The same *Thomas Holte* (father of *Francis Holte*, named in the Inquisition) by deed dated 4 Nov., 7 James [1609], granted two annuities of £5 and £3 to *Edward Holte*, his 3rd son by *Constance*, his wife, for the term of his life, the same issuing out of lands and tenements in Whitworth, Rossendale, and Spotland. And by another deed, dated 5 Nov., 7 James [1609], he granted two annuities of £5 and £3 to his son *Thomas Holte*, by *Constance*, his wife, for his life, issuing out of the same lands. *Edward* and *Thomas Holte* yet survive at Rochdale. After the death of *Francis Holte* (the grandfather) and *Ellen*, his wife, and *Thomas Holte* and *Constance*, his wife, *Francis Holte* became seised of the aforesaid manors and lands, and being so seised a fine was levied at Lancaster, 7 James [1609], between *Edward Littleton*, Knt., *Thomas Holcroft*, Knt., and *Theophilus Ashton*, Esq., plaintiffs, and *Francis Holte* (named in the Inquisition), deforciant, of the said lands, to the use of the said *Francis* for his life, and after his death to the use of *James Holte*, his son and heir apparent, and his heirs male; in default to the use of *William Holte*, 2nd son of the said *Francis*, and his heirs male; in default to the use of *Theophilus Holte*, 3rd son of the said *Francis* and his

heirs male, and in default to the use of any sons who might be born to him successively ; and in default to the use of the right heirs of the said *Francis* for ever, according to an Indenture dated 15 Mar., 6 James [1608-9], shown to the Jury.

The manor of Steed and the premises in Steed and Ribchester, and the 10 messuages, &c. in Spotland, Rochdale, and Whitworth are held of *the King* by the 50th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) £4. The manor of Gristlehurst, 40 messuages, &c. in Gristlehurst, Bury, Mydleton, Bamford, Spotland, and Rochdale, are held as follows :—The manor of Gristlehurst and the premises in Bury and Mydleton were held of *Richard Ashton*, Knt. (deceased), and now of *Richard Ashton*, Esq., his son and heir, in free socage. The premises in Bamford are held of the heirs of *William Bamford*, gentleman, deceased, in free and common socage by fealty. The lands and tenements in Spotland and Rochdale are held of *the King* in free socage, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by fealty, all of which are worth per ann. (clear) £6. 13s. 4d. The manor of Forton and the 7 messuages, &c. in Spotland are held of *the King in capite*, by military service and are worth per ann. (clear) £5. 13s. 4d. The 6 messuages, 100 acres of land, &c. in Spotland, Bamford, and Rochdale are held as follows :—The messuages in Spotland are held of *the King* by military service, and are worth per ann. (clear) 20s. The lands in Rochdale are held of *the King* in free socage, and are worth per ann. (clear) 10s. The lands in Bamford are held of the heirs of *William Bamford*, gentleman, deceased, in free socage, and are worth per ann. (clear) 5s. The 9 messuages, 100 acres of land in Whitworth and Spotland are held of *the King* by military service, and are worth per ann. (clear) 53s. 4d. The 11 messuages and 140 acres of land in Spotland, Whitworth, and Rochdale are held as follows :—The messuages and lands in Spotland and Whitworth are held of *the King* by military service, and the lands in Rochdale are held of *the King* in free socage, and are worth per ann. (clear) £4. The 9 messuages, 100 acres of land in Whitworth and Spotland are held of *the King* by military service, and are worth per ann. (clear) 40s. The 9 messuages in Spotland and Whitworth limited to *Edward Holte*, 6th son of *Francis Holte*

(the grandfather), are held of *the King* by military service, and are worth per ann. (clear) 40s. The residue of the said manors and tenements is worth per ann. (clear) 20s.

*Francis Holte* (named in the Inquisition) died 28 Sept. last past [1617], and *James Holte*, his son and heir, is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 17 years and 2 months and not more.

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### William Browne.

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**I**nquisition taken at Preston in Amoundernes, 15 Jan., 15 James [1617-18], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *William Browne*, by the oath of *Richard Blundell* of Preston, *Edward Gellibrand* of Romesgreave, *John Crooke* of Preston, *Henry Sudell* of Preston, *John Ryley* of Preston, *Henry Hodgekinson*, of Churchsteele, *Nicholas Sudell* of Preston, *John Sumner* of Preston, *John Hardman* of Preston, *Thomas Walmesley* of Preston, *Michael Higham* of Preston, *Richard Taylier* of Preston, *William Tasker* of Preston, *Laurence Taylier* of Preston, *Richard Graddell* of Preston, and *Seth Bushell* of Preston, gentlemen, who say that *William Browne* long before his death was seised in fee of 1 messuage, 1 garden, 12 acres of land, 1 acre of meadow, and 2 acres of pasture, with the appurtenances in Freckleton; also of 5 acres of land, with the appurtenances in Warton - in - Amoundernes. Being so seised, 26 Jan., 5 James [1607-8], he enfeoffed *George Browne*, *Thomas Browne*, *Lawrence Cowborne*, and *Thomas Taylier* of the tenements aforesaid, to hold to them, their heirs and assigns to the uses underwritten, viz. :—as to one moiety of the tenements aforesaid in Freckleton to the use of the said *William Browne* and his assigns for life, and for the term of one year next after his death. As to the residue of the tenements aforesaid immediately from and after the making of the feoffment aforesaid, and also the said moiety of the tenements from the end of the year next after the death of the said *William* to the use of *Richard Browne*, son of the said *William*, and his assigns for life without impeachment of waste; and after his death to the use of *William Browne*,