

tenure of *Robert Hodgson*), which are worth nothing per annum beyond reprises. All and singular the said messuages, lands, &c., are held of *the King*, in socage, by fealty only [value not stated].

*Robert Fynche* died 1 March last [1609-10]; and *Richard Fynche*, his cousin and next heir, is aged, on the day of taking this Inquisition, 50 years and more. *Jane Fynche*, late wife of *Robert*, is yet alive at Worthington.

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### William Browne, Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Wygan 31 March, 8 James [1610], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *William Browne*, gentleman, by the oath of *William Chorley* of Chorley, Esq., and the other Jurors named in the previous Inquisition (*Robert Fynche*), who say that *William Browne* was seised in fee of 2 messuages, 20 acres of land, 6 acres of meadow, and 10 acres of pasture in Ince in Makerfyeld; 16 messuages, 6 acres of land, one acre of meadow, and 4 acres of pasture in Wygan.

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The messuages, &c. in Ince are held of *Miles Gerrard*, Esq., as of his manor of Ince, in socage by fealty, 4s. 6d. yearly rent and suit of Court, and are worth per ann. (clear) 40s. The messuages, &c. in Wygan are held of *Gerrard Massie*, clerk, in socage by fealty and 8s. 4d. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) £4.

*William Browne* died at Ince 13 May, 38 Eliz. [1596]; and *Roger Browne*, his son and next heir, is now aged 30 years and more.

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### Thomas Holte of Crislehurst, Esquire.

Inquisition<sup>1</sup> taken at Bolton in le Moores on Tuesday, 3 April, 8 James [1610], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq.,

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<sup>1</sup> The reading of this document, a portion of which is much discoloured, has been materially assisted by the transcript remaining in the Court of Wards (Bundle 12, N<sup>o</sup> 84), though itself a "fragment" (as described in

Escheator, after the death of *Thomas Holte*, Esquire, by the oath of *Roger Walmisley* of Rogersteed, *William Lightbowne* of Bolton, *William Mollineux* of Westhaughton, *Ellis Bradshawe* of Tonge, *John [Pa]rke* of Bolton, *John Norres* of Bolton, *James Radcliffe* of Charples, *Robert Bordman* of Bolton, *James Lightbowne* of Bolton, *Christopher Norres* of Bolton, *Lawrence Warde* of Bolton, *Ralph Greene* of Torton, *Abraham Isherwoode* of Bolton, *Ellis Lomas* of Bolton, *William Bromeley* of Lydeyate, *George Dicconson* of Bolton and *James Crompton* of Deanechurch, gentlemen, who say that, long before the decease of *Thomas Holte*, one *Francis Holte*, Esq. (now deceased), his father, was seised in fee of the manors of Gryslehurst, Spotland, Torton and Steed, with the appurtenances; 200 messuages, 20 tofts, 5 watermills, 3 fulling-mills, 2 windmills, 200 gardens, 100 orchards, 1,500 acres of land, 800 acres of meadow, 1,000 acres of pasture, 200 acres of wood, 1,000 acres of furze and heath, 500 acres of moor, 300 acres of turbarry, 200 acres of moss and 30s. rent., with the appurtenances, in Gryslehurst, Spotland, Torton, Steed,<sup>1</sup> Rybchester, Grevecloughe, Tonge, Brendwodde,<sup>2</sup> Rachdale, Whitworth,<sup>2</sup> Bury, Middleton, Ellell, Dutton, Clayton in le dale and Bamford, co. Lancaster.

He being so seised thereof, a Fine was levied at Lancaster on Monday in the 5th week of Lent, 30 Eliz. [25 March, 1588], between *Edward Littleton*, *John Culcheth*, *Charles Holte*, Esquires, and *Richard Lee*, plaintiffs, and the said *Francis Holte* with *Ellen*, his wife, and the said *Thomas Holte* with *Constance*, his wife, deforciant, of the abovenamed manors, messuages, &c. to the several uses following, viz.:—As to the manor of Steed and all other the messuages, lands, &c. in Steed and Ribchester, and 10 messuages, a watermill, 200 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, with the appurtenances in Grevecloughe, Spotland, Tonge, Brendwodde, Rachdale and Whitworth, to the use of *Thomas Holte* and *Constance*, his wife, for the term of their lives and the life of the survivor, as the jointure of *Constance*; after

the Official Calendar). It may be observed here that this series of transcripts has also proved, on other occasions, of great service in clearing up doubtful readings.

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

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

the decease of both, to the use of *Francis Holte*, son and heir of *Thomas*, and the heirs male of his body; in default, successively in tail male, to the use of *Thomas*, 2nd, *Edward*, 3rd son of *Thomas*, and of any 4th, 5th to the 8th son, or of any next and elder son of *Thomas Holte* by *Constance*, one after the other in order of birth; then, in default, to the use of such daughter and daughters of *Thomas* by *Constance* as should not be portioned<sup>1</sup> in marriage at the time of *Thomas Holte's* death, until every such daughter and daughters should receive, every one, the sum of 200 marks for her and their advancement in marriage; afterwards, to the use of the eldest son of *Thomas Holte* by any other wife and the issue male of such son, then to the use, in tail male, of any and every other his son by any other wife, in order of birth; with remainder to *Francis Holte*, Esq. (father of *Thomas*), for life; next, successively in tail male, to *Francis*, *Ralph*, *John*, *Edmund*, and *Edward*, his 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th sons, to the issue male of *Francis* the elder; then, to *Ralph Holte* (now deceased, late) brother of *Francis* (the elder) in tail male; and lastly, to the use of the right heirs of the same *Francis* for ever: As to the manor of Gryslehurst, 40 messuages, a watermill, 2 fulling mills, 300 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow and 300 acres of pasture, with the appurtenances in Grislehurst, Bury, Middleton, Bamford, Spotland and Rachdale, to the use of *Francis Holte*, Esq. (now deceased), and *Ellen*, his wife, for their lives; then, to the use of *Thomas Holte* (named in the writ) for life; next, of *Francis Holte*, his son and heir, and the heirs male of his body; in default, successively in tail male, to the use of *Thomas* and *Edward*, 2nd and 3rd sons, and of any 4th, 5th, to the 8th son of *Thomas Holte* by *Constance* [as before]; then to the use of the eldest son of *Thomas Holte* (named in the writ), by any future wife, &c. [repeating the above named

<sup>1</sup> "The passage reads:—*que forent non procreate in maritagio tempore mortis dicti Thome Holte in dicto brevi nominati pro et quousque,*" &c.; but the context shows that the object was, to provide a sum of 200 marks for any and every daughter, who at the time of her father's death should not have already received her marriage portion. Possibly the word "*porconate*" has been misread by the Chancery clerk, and turned into "*procreate*."

remainders]: As to the manor of Torton and lands, &c. in Torton, 7 messuages, 100 acres of land, 50 acres of meadow and 100 acres of pasture, with the appurtenances in Spotland, to the use of the said *Francis Holte* (deceased) for life; then, to the use, successively for life, of [*Edmund*] his 5th son, and of *Thomas Holte* (named in the writ); then, to the use of *Francis*, son and heir of *Thomas*, and the heirs male of his body; in default, successively in tail male, to the use of *Thomas* and *Edward*, 2nd and 3rd sons, and of any 4th, 5th to the 8th son of *Thomas Holte* by *Constance* [&c., as before]: As to 6 other messuages, 100 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, and 30s. rent, with the appurtenances in Spotland, Ellell, Bamford and Rachdale, to the use of the said *Francis Holte* (deceased) for life; next, of *Thomas Holte* (named in the writ) for life; then, of *Francis*, his son and heir, and his issue male; in default to the use of *Thomas* and *Edward*, 2nd and 3rd sons of *Thomas* in tail male, with remainder to the several persons and of such estates as aforesaid: As to 9 other messuages, 100 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, and 80 acres of pasture, with the appurtenances in Whitworth and Spotland to the use of the said *Francis Holte* (deceased) for life; then, of *Francis*, his 2nd son, and his assigns, until *Thomas Holte* (in the writ) or his heirs convey and assure to him for life other lands and tenements of the yearly value of £20 beyond all charges and reprises, or an annual rent charge of £20 (with clause of distress) out of lands and tenements sufficient for that amount, and of which *Thomas Holte* or his heirs shall be seised in fee simple—in possession and not in reversion—which rent shall be paid yearly at Ladyday and Michaelmas by even portions, or within 40 days after either feast, at or in the south porch of the parish church of Rachdale; and after the decease of *Francis* (son of *Francis*), or after such conveyance of lands or assurance of annual rent—whichever of the two may first happen—to the use of *Thomas Holte* (in the writ) for life, then of *Francis*, his son and heir, and his issue male, &c. [as before]: As to 11 other messuages, 140 acres of land, 30 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, and a watermill, with the appurtenances in Spotland, Whitworth and Rachdale to the use of the said *Francis Holte*

(deceased) for life, then of *Ralph Holte*, his 3rd son, for life: As to 9 other messuages, 100 acres of land and 100 acres of pasture, with the appurtenances in Whitworth, Brendwoodde and Spotland, to the use of the said *Francis Holte* (deceased) for life; then, of *John Holte*, his 4th son, for life: As to 9 other messuages, 100 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, and 100 acres of pasture, with the appurtenances in Spotland, Ellell and Whitworth, to the use of the said *Francis Holte* (deceased) for life; then, of *Edward Holte*, his 6th son, for life: As to the lands, tenements and premises above limited to *Ralph Holte* (son of *Francis*) for life, immediately after the decease of *Francis* and *Ralph*; and the lands, &c. limited to *John Holte* for life, immediately after the decease of *Francis* and *John*; and the lands, &c. limited to *Edward*, immediately after the decease of *Francis* and *Edward*; to the use of *Thomas Holte* (named in the writ) for life; then of *Francis Holte*, his son and heir, and his issue male; in default, successively in tail male, to the use of *Thomas* and *Edward*, 2nd and 3rd sons of *Thomas Holte*, &c. [as before]: As to the residue of the manors, messuages, &c. aforesaid, to the use of the said *Francis Holte* (deceased) for life, then, of *Thomas Holte* for life; then, to the use of *Francis Holte*, his son and heir, and the heirs male of his body; in default, to the use of *Thomas* and *Edward*, &c. [as before]. In evidence whereof an Indenture made 7 March, 30 Eliz. [1587-8], between *Francis Holte*, Esq. (now deceased), and *Ellen*, his wife, *Thomas Holte* (then son and heir apparent of *Francis*), and *Constance*, his wife, of one part, and Dame *Alice Littleton* of Chestall, co. Stafford, widow (of *Edward Littleton*, Knt.), of the other part, is shown to the Jurors.

By virtue whereof and by force of the Statute of Uses *Francis Holte*, Esq., the elder, and *Ellen*, his wife, and *Thomas Holte* with *Constance*, his wife, were jointly and severally seised of the premises in freehold for the term of their lives, with remainder as aforesaid. *Francis* and *Ellen* both died, and *Thomas Holte* was seised in freehold for life of the premises limited jointly and severally to them, except the manor of Forton and the lands, &c., limited to the use of *Edmund Holte*, 5th son of *Francis*, for his life.

The manor of Steed and other the lands and tenements in

Steed and Ribchester, and the 10 messuages, watermill, &c. in Grevecloughe, &c., limited to *Thomas Holte* and *Constance* for their lives and the life of the survivor, are held of *the King* by the 50th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) £5. The manor of Grislehurste and the 40 messuages, watermill, 2 fulling mills, &c. in Grislehurst, Bury, Midleton, Bamford, Spotland and Rachdale, are held in form following, viz. :—the manor of Grislehurst and other the premises in Bury and Midleton, of *Richard Asheton*, Knt., in free socage; the hereditaments in Bamford, of the heirs of *William Bamford*, gent. (deceased), in socage; the lands and tenements in Spotland and Rachdale, of *the King* in free socage, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by [blank] yearly rent: all which manor and other the hereditaments last mentioned are worth per ann. (clear) £6. 13s. 8d. The manor and other the hereditaments in Forton, and the other messuages, &c. in Spotland—limited, after the death of *Francis Holte*, the elder, to *Edmund Holte*, his 5th son, for life—are held of *the King in capite* by knight's service, and are worth per ann. (clear) £5. 13s. 4d. The 6 other messuages, 100 acres of land, &c. in Spotland, Ellell, Bamford and Rachdale—limited, after the death of *Francis Holte* the elder, to *Thomas Holte*, with remainder as aforesaid—are held in form following, viz. :—the messuages, &c. in Spotland and Ellell, of *the King*, by knight's service (clear yearly value, 40s.); the hereditaments in Rachdale, of *the King* in free socage (clear yearly value, 10s.); those in Bamford, of the heirs of *William Bamford* in free socage (clear yearly value, 5s.). The 9 messuages, 100 acres of land, &c.—limited, after the death of *Francis Holte* the elder, to *Francis*, his 2nd son, with remainder as above said—are held of *the King* by knight's service, and are worth per ann. (clear) 53s. 4d. The 11 messuages, 140 acres of land, &c. in Spotland, Whitworth and Rachdale—limited to *Ralph Holte*, 3rd son of *Francis*, for life—are held thus :—the messuages, &c. in Whitworth and Spotland, of *the King* by knight's service; those in Rachdale, of *the King* in free and common socage (clear yearly value, £4). The 9 messuages, 100 acres of land, &c. in Whitworth, Brendwoodde and Spotland—limited to *John Holte*, 4th son of *Francis*, for life—are held of *the King* by knight's service, and are worth per

ann. (clear) 40s. The 9 messuages, 100 acres of land, &c. in Spotland, Ellell and Whitworth—limited, after the death of *Francis Holte*, to *Edward*, his 6th son, for life—are held of *the King* by knight's service, and are worth per ann. (clear), 40s. As to the residue of the manors, messuages, lands, &c. limited to *Francis Holte* the elder for life, and then to *Thomas Holte* (named in the writ), the Jurors know not of whom or by what services they, or any of them, are held; but their clear yearly value is 20s.

*Thomas Holte* died 18 December last [1609]; and *Francis Holte*, Esq., his son and heir, was aged at the time of his father's death 24 years and more.

*Constance*, late wife of *Thomas*, with *Francis Holte* (the heir), and *Ralph*, *John*, and *Edmund Holte* (younger sons of *Francis Holte* the elder, deceased), are yet alive at Grislehurste.

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### Anthony Veale, Gentleman.

**I**nquisition taken at Preston in Amondernes on Thursday, 19 April, 8 James [1610], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Anthony Veale*, gentleman, by the oath of *Richard Blundell* of Preston, *William Walton* of Walton in le Dale, *John Crooke* of Preston, *Robert Cunliffe* of Samlisbury, *John Ward* of Ribchester, *Henry Sudall* of Preston, *Richard Crombleholme* of Dutton, *William Hynde* of Preston, *Thomas Blackeburne*, senior, of Preston, *William Martine* of Preston, *John Sumpner*, senior, of Preston, *Edward Charnley* of Vrton, *Roger Tyrer* of Preston, *Richard Whalley* of Ribleton, and *William Sanderson* of Preston, gentlemen, who say that *Anthony Veale* was seised in fee of a messuage, a garden, and 16 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Great Marton (late in the tenure of *Henry Norres*, deceased), with common, common of pasture and turbary to the same messuage appertaining; which are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, and are worth per ann. (clear) 5s. So seised, by Charter, dated 10 August, 40 Eliz. [1598], for considerations therein

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