



# *Inquisition*

## *Salisbury*

**John Ray, Ironmonger**

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

John Ray was seised in fee of a messuage and 2 virgates of land in Gombleton alias Gomeldon, within the parish of Jemeston, co. Wilts, and of common of pasture for 210 shhep, 6 horses, 8 rother beasts, and 2 yearling bullock, within the fields and downs of Gombleton alias Gomeldon, called the Tenaunry Feildes and Donnes, lying on the east side of Gombleton alias Gomeldon, as hitherto used with the same messuages and 2 virgates, and now or late in the tenure of *John Tutt* or his assigns, by virtue of a lease for term of 99 years of the same *John Tutt* and four others, now living, should live so long, for the rent of 33s. 4d.; of one other messuage and a virgate of land in Gombleton alias Gomeldon, within the parish of Jemeston, and common of pasture for 105 sheep, 4 horses and 3 rother beasts, and one yearling bullock, in the said fields and downs of Gombleton alias Gomeldon, as heretofore used with the said messuage and virgate of land, late in the tenure of Thomas Stone; of one messuage and one virgate of land in Gombleton alias Gomeldon in the parish aforesaid, now or late in the tenure of *Richard Davers* alias *Brewer* or his assigns, by virtue of a copy of court roll of the manor of Jemeston, for the term of the life of the said *Richard Davers* alias *Brewer*, is son, for the yearly rent of 16s. 8d.; of one other messuage and virgate of land in Gombleton alias Gomeldon in the tenure of Richard Tutt or his assigns and late customary land of the manor of Jemeston; and of one cottage and 2 little closes of pasture and 4 acres of arable land in Gombleton alias Gomeldo, late in the tenure of John Hardinge or his assigns, and of common of pasture for one beast upon the Marshe of Gombleton alias Gomeldon, occupied with the same cottage.

Being so seised, the said *John Ray* by indenture dated 2 June, 2 Charles I [1626], between the same *John Ray*, of the one part, and *William Lavington*, of Willesford, gent., and *William Bayly*, of Marden, gent., of the other part, in consideration of a marriage between the said *John Ray* and *Cecily Lavington*, daughter of of the said *William Lavington*, and of £300 paid to the said *John Ray* for the marriage portion of the said *Cicely*, granted the two messuages and virgates in the tenures of *Thomas Stone* and *Richard Tutt* to the said *William Lavington* and *William Bayly* as jointure of the said *Cicely*.

The aforesaid messuages and other the premises are held of the King in chief by knight service. The two messuages and premises demisd to the same *William Lavington* and *William Bayly* are worth, clear, 20s.;

the cottages and two little closes and 4 acres of land are worth, clear, 2s.; and the residue of the premises is worth, during the leases 30s., and after 40s.

John Ray died on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 5 Charles I [1630], and the said Cicely survives him at Salisbury; Samuel Ray is his son and next heir, and at the death of his father was aged 11 years 9 months and 24 days.

Inq. p.m., 6 Charles I, p.t. 3, No. 17. "Abstracts of Wiltshire Inquisitions Post Mortem," 1901, edited by George S. Fry & Edw. Alex Fry.