



# *Inquisition*

## *Westbury*

**John Hall, esquire.**

Delivered into Court 1<sup>st</sup> May, 10 Charles I.

**Inquisition** taken at New Sarum, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 8 Charles I [1632], before William Guidot, gent., escheator, after the death of John Hall, esquire, by the oath of Edward Fawlkner, gent., John Thorp, Anthony Davies, Thomas Wilson, Bartholomew Foster, John Dennys, Jasper Bampton, William Rawlinson, John Blandford, Robert Hole, John Perrye, William Kyng, and Hugh Kyng, who say that

Before the death of the said John Hall one John Hall, his father, was seised of the manor of Bradford with the appurtenances in **Bradford**, Troll, **Lygh**, **Wolley**, and **Westwood** ; the manor of Little Troll with the appurtenances in Troll, **Trowbridge**, Westwood, and **Holte** ; view of franck pledge, goods and chattels waived, estrayes, etc., within the said manor of Little Troll ; 6 messuages and divers lands, etc., thereto belonging in Slade, Comberwell, and Leigh ; and 6 messuages and divers land and tenements to the same belonging in Foord and Wraxall.

So seised, the said John Hall, on the 5<sup>th</sup> June, 34 Eliz. [1592], in consideration of £600 and of a marriage solemnized between the said John Hall named in the writ and Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Brewen, esq., for a competent jointure to be made for the said Elizabeth, assured all the said premises to the said Henry Brewen to the uses following : as to the mansion house, farm, and demesne lands of Foord, and other the premises in Foord and Wraxall, to the use of the said John Hall, the son, and Elizabeth, his wife, during the natural life of the said John, the father ; after his decease, to the use of Dorothy Hall, wife of the said John Hall, the father, for her life ; after her decease, to the use of the said John, the son, and his heirs male by the said Elizabeth ; and for default, to the use of the heirs male of the said John, the father, for ever. As to the capital mansion house of the manor of Bradford, 3 grain mills in Bradford, all customary works and services thereof, a pasture and certain land called Coniger and Elmehay, a meadow called Homemead, 2 acres of meadow called Rockhams, the fishings and fisheries in all the waters of Bradford from Bradford bridge up to Bisse Mouth ; estovers and common of estovers yearly in certain pastures, lands, and woods called Ladydowne, certain lands, meadows, and pastures called Cockhill lying in Bradford and Trowbridge, 4 acres of and in Eamead, 4 acres of meadow in St. Margaret Moore, one acre of meadow under the Grippe, certain pastures containing 24 acres of Winderleaze field an West Wood, one pasture containing 12 acres in Elmesros field, 3 acres of land in the same field, one acre of land in Wynderleaze, certain pastures and wood lands calle Ley Leasses, containing 8 acres, 6 acres of wood in Fowlers Wood, 4 acres of wood in Colecrofte, 3 acres of wood in the Grippe, in the parishes of Bradford and Westwood, one mill called the lower Tucking Mill in the tenure of John Yewe and Richard Horne, one messuage or tenement in the tenure of Thomas Hunt, one tenement in the tenure of John Ingram, one tenement in the tenure of Joan Holliday, one tenement in the tenure of Walter Tucker, one tenement in the tenure of Henry Ladd, one tenement in the tenure of Edward Balle, one tenement in the tenure of Richard Bowrton, one tenement in the tenure of Nicholas Cooper alias Kanke, one tenement in the tenure of John Kelson, one tenement in the tenure of John Jones, one tenement in the tenure of Agnes Bigges, and one tenement in the tenure of Andrew Crofte – all which premises last recited are parcel of the premises in the parish of Bradford : to the use of John Hall, the father, during his life ; after his decease, to

the use of the said Elizabeth for her life ; after her decease, to the use of the said John Hall, the son, and his heirs male by the said Elizabeth ; for default, to the use of the heirs male of the said John, the son ; and for default, to the use of the heirs male of the said John hall, the father, with divers remainders over. As to the residue of the premises, to the use of John Hall, the father, for his life ; after his decease, to the use of John Hall, the son, and his heirs male by the said Elizabeth ; for default, to the use of his heirs male, with divers remainders over.

The said John Hall, the father, and Dorothy, his wife, died 1<sup>st</sup> September, 18 James I [1620].

John Hall, the son, was likewise seised of 11 other messuages and divers lands, tenements, and hereditaments thereto belonging in Troll Magna and Bradford, lately purchased of Richard Earl of Clanricard and Frances, his wife ; the reversion of certain lands and woods called Bradford Wood in Bradford expectant on the death of Gifford Longe, Edward Longe, senior, and Edward Longe junior ; one messuage, 3 cottages, 16 acres of land, meadow, and pasture in Woolley, Comberwell, and Bradford, lately purchased of John Rogers and others ; one toft and tenement, 8 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow, and 3 acres of pasture in Woolly, Lygh, and Bradford, lately purchased of William Baylie alias Taunton and others ; the site and precinct of the late Monastery or Priory of Bathe in the City of Bath, co. Somerset ; divers, houses, messuages, lands, pastures, etc., in the parish of St. James in the City of Bath and in Lyncombe, Widcombe, Hollwey, and Walcott in the said county, late parcels of land of the said late Priory ; and divers lands, tenements, meadows, feedings, and pastures called the Hayes, Sidenham mead, Parkelaune, Ease Downe, Beachin Cliffe, the Hoggesflocke, and Warlewood in the parishes of Lyndcombe and Widcombe.

The manor of Bradford and other the premises in Bradford, Troll, Lygh, Wolley, and Westwood are held of Richard Earl of Clanricard and Frances, his wife, as of their manor of Bradford, in free socage, to wit, by fealty, suit at court, and the yearly rent of £3 17s. 5d. : the parcels of the said premises conveyed for the jointure of the said Elizabeth are worth per annum nothing during her life, but afterwards they will be worth per annum, clear, £5 : the residue of the said premises is now worth per annum, clear, 40s. The manor of Little Troll and the premises in Troll, Trowbridge, Westwood, and Holte are held of William Earl of Hertford, as of his manor of Trowbridge, in free socage, to wit, by fealty, suit at court, and the yearly rent of 4s., and are worth per annum, clear, 40s. The premises of Slade, Comberwell, and Leigh are held of the said Earl and Countess Clanricard, as of their said manor of Bradford, in free socage, to wit, by fealty, suit at court, and the yearly rent of 16d., and are worth per annum, clear, 40s. The premises in Foord and Wraxall are held of the said Earl and Countess, as of their said manor, in free socage, to wit, by fealty, suit at court, and the yearly rent of 1d. ; they are worth per annum, clear, nothing during the life of the said Elizabeth, but afterwards they will be worth 30s. The premises in Troll Magna and Bradford purchased of the said Earl and Countess are held of the King in chief by knight's service, but by what part of a knight's fee the jurors know not, and are worth per annum, clear, 50s. The said lands and woods called Bradford Wood are held of the King in chief by knight's service ; they are worth per annum, nothing during the lives of the said Gifford Longe, Edward Longe, senior, and Edward Longe, junior, who still survive, but afterwards they will be worth, clear, 20s. The said premises in Woolley, Comberwell, and Bradford purchased of the said John Rogers are held of the King as of his manor of East Greenwich, co. Kent, in free and common socage and not in chief nor by knight's service, to wit, by the yearly rent of 6s. 2d., and are worth per annum, clear, 6s. 2d. Of whom the premises in Lygh, Woolley, and Bradford purchased of William Baylie are held the jurors know not ; they are worth per annum, clear, 6s. 8d. The site of the Priory of Bathe and other the premises in Bathe, Lyncombe, Widcombe, and Hollway are held of the King in chief by knight's service, by by what part of a knight's fee the jurors know not, and by the yearly rent of 8s. 4d. ; they are worth per annum, nothing during the life of the said Elizabeth, but afterwards they will be worth, clear, 20s.

John Hall died at Bradford 19<sup>th</sup> March, 6 Charles I [1631] ; Thomas Hall, esq., is his son and next heir by the said Elizabeth, and was then aged 28 years and more. The said Elizabeth still survives at Bradford.

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