



# *Inquisition*

## *North Wraxall*

### **RICHARD WESTFIELD alias WASTFIELD, gentleman.**

Inquisition taken at Devizes, 16<sup>th</sup> August, 1 Charles I [1625], before Nicholas Yonge, escheator, after the death of Richard Westfield alias Wastfield, gentleman, by the oath of William Longe, gentleman, Robert Langford, Thomas Yerbury, William Wilkins, John Stockes, John Tellinge, Thomas Ruttye, John Davys, John Stevens, John Myntie, William Stileman, Daniel Deverell and Matthew Hulbert, who say that

Richard Westfield otherwise Wastfield was seised of a capital messuage and divers lands and tenements in **Fovant, co. Wilts.**, and called "Fovant Ferme," now in the tenure of William Westfield, eldest son of the said Richard. And also of 13 other messuages in Fovent, now or late in the several tenures of William Candell, Henry Bolles, Joan Bolles, widow, Thomas Barter, Margaret Mannyng, widow, Vincent Vincent (sic), Edward Glyde, Christopher Cantlowe, Edward Bolles, Richard Northeast, Thomas Ogborne, Henry Best and James Mould ; which premises were lately of George Staples, gentleman. The said Richard Westfield was also seised of the rectory of **Chitterne All Saints**, in the co. aforesaid.

Being so seised he, by fine levied in Easter term, 18 James I [1620], conveyed and assured the tenements and rectory aforesaid, and other the premises with appurtenances to the said William Westfield and Edward Apprice and the heirs of the said William to the uses following ; the said farm and premises in Fovent to the use of the said William for life ; and the capital messuage and the said lands and tenements called Fovent Ferme, to the use of Alice Westfield, then and now of the said William, for life, for her jointure ; remainder thereof to any other wife whom the said William should take, for life; remainder thereof, and the residue of the tenements aforesaid in Fovent, after the death of the said William to the eldest son of said William, and his heirs male ; remainder to Anthony Westfield, second son of the said Richard, and his male heirs ; remainder to Edward Westfield, third son of the said Richard, and his heirs male ; remainder to Richard Westfield, fourth son of the said Richard, and his heirs male ; remainder to John Westfield, fifth son of the said Richard and his heirs male ; ultimate remainder to the right heirs of the said William Westfield, and the said rectory to the use of the said William and his heirs for ever.

The said Richard Westfield was also seised of the free chapel of St. Leonard in the castle of **Farley**, and the rectory of Tellisford, in co. Somerset, and of certain lands in Tellisford, Wolverton and Rode, in the said co. (sic), in the occupation of William Ball, and by indenture of 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 17 James I [1620], mentioning his wife Anne, settled the last mentioned premises upon himself for life, with cussessive remainders to his sons Anthony, Edward, John, and William, and to the heirs male of each of them, with ultimate remainder to his own right heirs for ever.

The said Richard Westfield was also seised of 8 messuages in **Chippenham**, in the several tenures of Joseph Borne, William Escotte, Anne Wastfield, widow, Sibill Griffyn, widow, John Merriok, John Godby, Henry Geale, and Philip Sticklowe ; and of two other tenements in Chippenham in the tenure of James Andrews and John Francombe ; and in one messuage and 3 acres of land in Chippenham, in his own tenure and occupation, purchased of John Burge ; and of 3 acres of land in Chippenham, lately purchased of John Ely ; and of 9 acres one perch of land in the Forest of Chippenham, alias **Pewsham**, co. Wilts ; and, by deed, settled the last

named premises upon himself for life, remainder as to one moiety to his wife Anne, during widowhood, and as to the other, to his sons Edward, Anthony, Richard, John and William.

He was also seised of 12 messuages and 9 acres of land, meadow and pasture in **Calne**, purchased of George Staples, and of 28 acres of land, meadow and pasture in Calne aforesaid, purchased of John Slade.

So seised, by indenture of 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 17 James I [1620], he conveyed the said premises to the aforesaid Anthony, Edward and John, his sons, remainder as in the foregoing indenture.

He was also seised of one messuage and 200 acres of land, meadow and pasture in **Biddeston, Slaughtenford, Hartham, and North Wraxall**, co. Wilts, lagely purchased of Edward Hungerford.

So seised, by his will dated 10<sup>th</sup> September, 1624, he devised the premises last named according to the settlements aforesaid.

The said capital messuage and premises in Fovent are held of William Earl of Pembroke, as of his manor of Fovent, by fealty, suit of court, and the annual rent of 35s. 10d. The rectory of Chittarne aforesaid is held of the King, as of his manor of East Greenwich, by fealty, and is worth per annum 40s.

By what service the advowson of the church of Tellisford, and the aforesaid tenement in Tellisford, Wolverton and Rode are held, the jury are ignorant'; they are worth per annum, clear, 22s.

The premises in Chippenham in the several tenures of Joseph Borne, William Escott, Ann Wastfield, Sibill Griffin, John Merick, John Godby, Henry Geale, and Philip Sticklowe, are held of the King as of the manor of East Greenwich, by fealty, and the annual rent of £3 18s., and are worth per annum, clear, 40s. The other two tenements in Chippenham in the tenure of James Andrews and John Francombe are held of the King, as of the manor of East Greenwich, by fealty and the annual rent of 20s., and are worth per annum, clear, 20s. The aforesaid messuage and 3 acres of land in Chippenham, purchased of John Burge, are held of the said Edward Hungerford, as of his manor of Chippenham, by fealty, suit of court, and of the annual rent of 2s., and are worth per annum, clear, 20s. The said 3 acres of land purchased of John Ely are held of Sir Giles Wroughton, knt., as of his manor of Cockleborough, by fealty, and of the rent of [-] and worth per annum, clear, 3s. The 9 acres one perch of land in the forest of Chippenham, alias Pewsham, aforesaid are held of the King as of his manor of East Greenwich by fealty and the annual rent of 18d. and are worth per annum, clear, 10s. The twelve messuages and 9 acres of land, meadow and pasture in Calne are held of the King in chief by knight's service and the annual rent of 6s. 8d., and are worth per annum, clear, [-]. The aforesaid 28 acres of land, meadow, etc., in Calne, are held of John Duckett, esq., as of his manor of Calne, by fealty and the annual rent of 5s., and are worth per annum, clear, 20s. The aforesaid tenement and premises in Biddeston, Slaughtenford, Hartham, and North Wraxall, are held of Thomas Thynne, esq., as of his manor of Biddeston, by fealty, and the annual rent of 37s. 8d., and are worth per annum, clear, 40s.

Richard Westfield died on the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1624.

William is his son and next heir, and aged 28 years and more.

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