

Translation of the INQUISITION POST MORTEM of William Southmede, sent by the Escheator to the Court of Chancery

Devon

Delivered to the Court 3rd November in the year written below by the hand of Thomas Pridyaux, gentleman

*worthy an enclosed homestead  
Liggford History p. 17*

The indented Inquisition held at Holdisworthy in the aforesaid county 12th October in the fifth year of reign of our Lord King Edward the Sixth by the grace of God King of England, France & Ireland defender of the faith etc. supreme head of the church in England & Ireland before Roger Prydeaux gentleman the Lord King's Escheator in the aforesaid county by virtue of the same King's Writ after the death of William Southmede and directed thereon to the same Escheator and sewn to this Inquisition by the oaths of Edmund Specott; Richard Prydeaux, gentleman; William Denys; Robert Wether; John Browne; Robert Yeo of Atterye; Thomas Dean; Walter Berry; William Brawne; Robert Quchin; Robert Moungey (?); Robert Bliys (?); Richard Jeffery and William Bromhyll who say upon their oath that the aforesaid William Southmede was before his death seized in his demesne and in fee-tail of one messuage, one granary mill, one dovecote, one hundred acres of land, ten acres of meadow, forty acres of pasture, twelve acres of woods and forty acres of heath-land with their appurtenances in Wrey in the parish of Mourton Hampstede in the aforesaid county and the aforesaid jurors say upon their oath that when he died he was seized of the aforesaid messuage etc. with its appurtenances in Wrey aforesaid held of the heirs of William Cary, gentleman deceased, the jurors being wholly ignorant of its (acquisition) and that they are worth £9 per annum in all issues over and above reprises and further the above jurors say on their oath that the aforesaid William Southmede does not have or hold any other manors lands or tenements of the Lord King or any others in reversion or in service on the day he died and that the aforesaid William Southmede died on the 12th day of June last and that a certain John Southmede is his son and next heir and at the time of the taking of this Inquisition is aged thirty years and more In witness whereof the aforesaid Roger Prydeaux, gentleman, Escheator, and the aforesaid jurors have affixed their seals to this indented Inquisition

The place, day and year above written

per Roger Prideaux, Escheator

(12 October 5th regnal year = 1551)