

### Edward Broket Esq

A writ of *diem clausit extremum* was directed to the escheator of Hertfordshire in Oct 20 1488 informing him of Edward's death:<sup>1</sup>

#### The Inquisition post mortem

1. Inquisicio indentata capta apud Stortford Comitatu Hertford quarto die Nouembris anno regni Regis Henrici Septimi post conquestum Anglie quarto coram Iacobo Songer Escaetore eiusdem domini Regis in

Inquisition indented and held at Stortford in the county of Herts 4 Henry VIII [1488] before James Songer the same lord king's Escheator in

2. Comitatu predicto virtute breuis ipsius domini Regis 'de' diem clausit extremum eidem Escaetori post mortem Edwardi Broket armigeri in eadem breui nominati directi & huic Inquisitioni consuti per Sacramentum Iohannis Marchall

the aforesaid county by virtue of the lord the king's own writ of 'the last day has closed' after the death of Edward Broket Esquire named in the same writ, directed to the same Escheator and sewn to this Inquisition by the oath of John Marchall,

3. Willelmi Shepperd Henrici Busshe Iohannis Cadde Iohannis Chamberleyn senior Iohannis Ieuy Thome Palmer Iohannis Clerk Iohannis Smyth hosyer Roberti Rumsey Willelmi Cryner Iohannis Halle

William Shepperd, Henry Busshe, John Cadde, John Chamberleyn senior, John Jevyn, Thomas Palmer, John Clerk, John Smyth hosier, Robert Rumsey, William Cryner, John Halle

4. Roberti Hammyng & Roberti Blossom Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Edwardus Broket in dicto breui nominatur non tenuit aliquas terras seu tenemento de dicto domino Rege nec de aliquo

Robert Hammyng and Robert Blossom Who say upon their oath that the aforesaid Edward Broket named in the said writ held no other lands or tenements from the said lord king neither from anyone

5. alio in dominico nec in seruicia die quo obiit set dicunt quod Thomas Broket frater eiusdem Edwardi & Elizabeth' vxor eius fuerunt seisi de & in manerio de Symonsyde cum pertinencijs in Comitatu

else neither in demesne nor in service on the day he died, but they say that Thomas Broket, brother of the same Edward, and Elizabeth his wife were seised of and in the manor of Symonsyde with appurtenances in the aforesaid county

6. predicto in dominico suo ut de feodo in iure ipsius Elizabeth' & sic inde seisitu eodem manerio cum pertinencijs per fine in Curie domine Edwardi nuper Regis Anglie quarti apud Westmonasterium in xv<sup>ti</sup>

in their demesne as of fee in right of the same Elizabeth. And thus there were seised of the same manor with appurtenances according to a fine raised<sup>2</sup> in the late lord king Edward IV's court at Westminster 15 days

7. sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni sui xv<sup>o</sup> coram Thome Bryan & socijs suis Iusticiarijs eiusdem domini Regis de Banco leuat recognouer' quod manerium predictum cum pertinencijs esse ius Roger Megur<sup>3</sup> ut

after [the feast] of St John the Baptist in the 15th year of his reign before Thomas Bryan and his colleagues justices of the same lord king of the [Common] Bench acknowledging that the aforesaid manor with appurtenances was the right of Roger Megur ...

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<sup>1</sup> *Calendar of Fine Rolls* 1485-1509 p 188.

<sup>2</sup> See IPM Elizabeth 18.

<sup>3</sup> See Megur l.11.

8. illud quod idem Rogerus ac Brianus Rocclyff Matheus Cressi Ricardus Pygot seruiens ipsius nuper Regis ad legem Iohannes Pulter Edwardus Broket & Thomas ffelde tunc habuerunt

??... that the same Roger and Brian Rocclyff, Matthew Cressi, Richard Pygot, the late king's serjeant at law, John Pulter, Edward Broket, & Thomas Field then had it

9. de dono predicto Thome & Elizabeth' pretextu cuius finis ijdem Brianus Matheus Ricardus Pigot Iohannes Pulter Edwardus Broket & Thomas ffelde fuerunt seisiti in dominico suo ut de libero tenemento et

from the aforesaid gift to Thomas and Elizabeth by reason of which fine Brian, Matthew, Richard, John, Edward and Thomas were seised in their demesne of freeholding and

10. predictus Rogerus Megur in dominico suo ut de feodo ad perimplend vltimam voluntate eorundem Thomam & Elizabeth' vxor eius Et postea predict' Thomas '& Elizabeth' vxor eius obierunt sine herede de corpore suo

the aforesaid Roger in his demesne as of fee in fulfilment of the last will of the same Thomas and Elizabeth his wife<sup>4</sup> And afterwards the aforesaid Thomas and Elizabeth his wife died without heirs of their bodies

11. exeunt post quorum mortem predictus Rogerus Megur pro factum suum Iuratoribus super capcionem huius inquisicionis in euidens ostens relaxauit totum ius & titulum suum que habuit seu quouis modo extunc

issuing after whose death the aforesaid Roger Megur for ..... jurors on the taking of this inquisition in clear proof relinquishing all his right and title which he had or in any way whatsoever henceforth

12. habere potuit in eodem manerio de Simondisyd predicto Briano Rocclyff Matheo Cressy Ricardo Pygot Iohanni Pulter Edwardo Brokett & Thome ffelde & hered suis pretextu cuius relaxacionis

might have in the same manor of Simondisyd to the aforesaid Brian Rocclyff, Mathew Cressy, Richard Pygot, John Pulter Edward Brokett and Thomas Fielde and their heirs by reason of which relinquishment

13. ijdem Brianus Matheus Ricardus Pigot Iohannes Pulter Edwardus Broket & Thomas ffelde fuerunt inde seisiti in dominico suo ut de feodo postea que predictus Ricardus Pygot Iohannes Pulter the same Brian, Mathew, Richard Pigot, John Pulter Edward Brokett and Thomas Fielde were then seised in their demesne as of fee after the said Richard Pigot, John Pulter

14. Edwardus Broket & Thomas ffelde obierunt & predictus Bryanus & matheus ipses superuixerunt & tempore capcionis huius inquisicionis sunt inde seisiti in dominico suo ut de feodo per ius

Edward Brokett and Thomas Fielde died and the aforesaid Brian and Mathew themselves survived & at the time of the taking of this inquisition were then seised in their demesne as of fee by right

15. accessendi<sup>5</sup> Item vltorius 'dicunt' Iuratores predictes quod dict' manerium de **Symondisyd** cum pertinencijs tenetur de Episcopo Eliensis ut de manerio suo de hatfelde Episcopi set per que seruicia penitus ignorant prout quod idem

increasing . Item furthermore the aforesaid jurors say that the said manor of **Simondisyd** with appurtenances is held of the Bishop of Ely as of his manor of Bishops Hatfield but for what service are wholly ignorant, but that the same

16. manerium valet per annum vltra reprisas in omnibus exitibus C s Et vltorius Iuratores predicti dicunt quod predictus Thomas Broket fuit seisit de manerio de **Herons**<sup>6</sup> cum pertinencijs in dominico suo ut 'de' feodo

<sup>4</sup> Two wills? Elizabeth would have had one too.

<sup>5</sup> The Exchequer copy has accessendi.

<sup>6</sup> Mistakenly transcribed in the *Calendar* as Hercus. The scribe of the Chancery document did not make space between the o and the n, giving rise to the misreading (and mistranscription) by the Exchequer copyist of cu for on, as also in line 22 below.

manor is worth 100s per annum in all issues over and above reprises.<sup>7</sup> Further the aforesaid jurors say that the aforesaid Thomas Broket was seised of the manor of Herons with appurtenances in his demesne as of fee

17. et sic inde seisit. feoffavit Iohannem fuller & Thomam ffelde virtute cuius feoffamenti ijdem Iohannes fuller & Thomas ffelde fuerunt inde seisiti in dominico suo ut de feodo & sic inde seisiti and so then seised enfeoffed John Fuller and Thomas Field by virtue of which feoffment the same John Fuller and Thomas Field were seised in their demesne as of fee and so then seised
18. ijdem Iohannes & Thomas dederunt & concesserunt dict. manerium cum pertinencijs Roberto Calton Vicario ecclesie de sancto Ipolito Roberto Pigot vnius seruientis ipsius nuper Regis ad legem Iohanni the same John and Thomas gave and granted the said manor with appurtenances to Robert Calton Vicar of St Ippollets, Robert Pigot one of the late king himself's serjeants at law, John
19. Pulter Edwardo Broket in dict breui nominate & Thome Abbot & hered. suis virtute cuius feoffamenti ijdem Robertus Calton Ricardus Pigot Iohannes Pulter Edwardus Broket et Pulter Edward Broket mentioned in the said writ and Thomas Abbot and their heirs by virtue of which feoffment the same Robert Calton, Richard Pigot, John Pulter, Edward Broket and
20. Thomas Abbot fuerunt inde seisiti in dominico suo ut de feodo & predictus Ricardus Pigot Iohannes Pulter Edwardus Broket & Thomas Abbot de tali<sup>8</sup> statu obierunt seisit' & predict' Robertus Thomas Abbot were then seised in their demesne as of fee and the aforesaid Richard Pigot, John Pulter, Edward Broket and Thomas Abbot died seised of such an estate and the aforesaid Robert
21. Calton ipsos superuixit & se tenuit intus?? in eodem manerio cum pertinencijs tempore capcionis huius inquisitionis fuit inde seisit. in dominico suo ut de feodo per ius accessendi Et dicunt vltierus ijdem Calton himself survived and held himself within (maintained himself?) in the same manor with appurtenances at the time of the taking of this inquisition was then seised in his demesne as of fee by increasing right. Further the same
22. Iuratores quod dictum manerium de **Herons** cum pertinencijs tenetur de Abbate sancti Petri Westmonasterii ut de manerio suo de Whethamstede set per que seruic. penitus ignorant & quod manerium illud valet per annum vltra reprises jurors say that the said manor of **Herons** with appurtenances is held of the Abbot of St Peters Westminster as of his manor of Wheathampstead but by what service are wholly ignorant and that that manor is worth per annum over and above reprises.
23. in omnibus exitibus quatuor marc. Et predicti Iuratores dicunt quod dict. Edwardus Broket in dict. breui nominate fuit seisit de manerio de **Almysho** cum pertinencijs in dominico suo ut de feodo ac de **aduocacione** in all issues four marks. And the aforesaid jurors say that the said Edward Broket mentioned in the said writ was seised of the manor of **Almysho** with appurtenances in his demesne as of fee and of the **advowson**
24. **ecclesie de Graueley & Cheuisfelde** ut de feodo & sic inde seisitus dedit & concessit dictum manerium cum pertinencijs ac aduocacion' predict. Thome Leuenthorp & Iohanni Landy & hered' suis ad perimplendam **of the church of Graveley and Chevisfield** as of fee and so then seised gave and granted the said manor with appurtenances and the aforesaid advowson to the aforesaid Thomas Leventhorp and John Landy<sup>9</sup> and their heirs in fulfilment
25. vltimam voluntatem eiusdem Edwardi in dicti breui nominate virtute cuius feoffamenti ijdem

<sup>7</sup> See IPM Elizabeth 27.

<sup>8</sup> See IPM Elizabeth 13.

<sup>9</sup> Edward's executors?

Thomas Leuenthorp' & Iohannes Landi fuerunt seisiiti de manerio predicto cum pertinencijs in dominico suo ut  
of the last will of the same Edward mentioned in the said writ by virtue of which feoffment the same Thomas Leventhorp and John Landy were seised of the aforesaid manor with appurtenances in their demesne as of fee

26. de feodo ac de aduocacione predictae ut de feodo & iure tempore mortis eiusdem Edwardi & adhuc existit inde seisit ut per quandam Cartam Iuratores predictes super capcione huius inquisitionis and of the aforesaid advowson as of fee and right at the time of death of the same Edward & yet lives seised thereof as by a certain deed to the aforesaid jurors on the taking of this inquisition

27. in evidens ostens plenijs apparet **Item** dicunt Iuratores predicti quod dictum manerium de Almysho cum pertinencijs ac aduocacione predictae tenetur de Thoma Langford per redditu vnius rose rubie ad  
in clear proof plainly appeared. **Item** the aforesaid jurors say that the said manor of Almysho with appurtenances and aforesaid advowson is held of Thomas Langford at the rent of a single red rose at

28. festum sancti Iohannis Baptiste pro omnium seruicijs & quod manerium illud cum pertinencijs valet per annum vltra reprises in omnibus exitibus .x li. Et predictes Iuratores dicunt quod dictus Edwardus Broket  
the feast of St John the Baptist for all service and that that manor with appurtenances is worth £10 per annum over and above reprises in all issues. And the aforesaid jurors say that the said Edward Broket

29. in dicti breui nominate obiit xxv to die Iulij anno regni Regis nunc tercio Et quod Iohannes Broket est filius & heres predicti Edwardi propinquior et est etatis xxviiij<sup>to</sup> annorum &  
mentioned in the said writ died 25 July in the third year of the present king and that John Broket, aged 28 years and more, is his son and heir

30. amplius In cuius rei testimonium tam predictus Escaetor quam predicti Iuratores 'huic Inquisitioni indentata' Sigilla sue apposuerunt die anno & loco supradictis:  
In witness whereof both the aforesaid Eschaetor and the aforesaid jurors to this indented inquisition affixed their seals on the day, year and place mentioned above.