

Elizabeth Broket, formerly Asshe, widow of Thomas Broket

Two writs of *diem clausit extremum* were directed to the escheator of the county in 1477, informing him of Elizabeth's death:¹

Feb 1. **Elizabeth Brokette**, widow; Essex and Hertford (both vacated by virtue of a writ of *supersedeas*).

Feb 15. **Elizabeth Broket**, widow, late the wife of Thomas Broket; Essex and Hertford.

The Inquisition post mortem²

1. Inquisicio indentata Capta apud Barnet in Comitatu Herts xxij die Mensis Junij Anno regni Regis Edwardi quarti post conquestum vicesimo primo coram Iohanne Smyth' Escaetore eiusdem domini Regis in Comitatu predicto virtute breuis ipsius

Inquisition indented and held at Barnet in the county of Herts 22 June 21 Edward IV [1482] before John Smyth the same lord king's Escheator in the aforesaid county by virtue of

2. domini Regis de diem clausit extremum post mortem Elizabeth Broket³ in eodem breui nominatur eidem⁴ Escaetori directi & huic Inquisicioni consuti per Sacramentum &c Qui dicunt super Sacramentum suum quod predicta Elizabeth Broket in dicto breui nominatur fuit seisita

the lord the king's own writ of 'the last day has closed' after the death of Elizabeth Broket named in the same writ, directed to the same Escheator and sewn to this Inquisition by the oath of etc. [the jurors]⁵ who say upon their oath that the aforesaid Elizabeth Broket named in the said writ was seised

3. tempore mortis sue de manerio de **Almesho** cum pertinencijs in Comitatu predicto Ac de vno mesuagio & CCxl acre terre quinque acre prati quinque acre pasture xij acre bosci & xlvj solidatis redditus cum pertinencijs in **Langley iuxta Dynesley** parcell'

the day she died of the manor of **Almesho** with appurtenances in the aforesaid county and of a messuage with 240 acres of land, five acres of meadow (hayfield), five acres of pasture, 12 acres of wood and 16 shillings of rent with appurtenances in **Langley by Dynesley**, part

4. manerij de Almesho predict' ex dono & feoffamento Briani Rouclyff Roberti Wakerfeld clerici Rogeri Meger Thome Abbott & Thome ffield de predict' manerio terre tenement' predict' facto Thome Broket Ac dict' Elizabeth nuper vxori eiusdem

of the aforesaid manor of Almesho because of the gift and feoffment of Brian Rouclyff, Robert Wakerfeld clerk, Roger Meger, Thomas Abbott & Thomas Field of the aforesaid manor, lands and tenements aforesaid made to Thomas Broket and the said Elizabeth former wife of the same

5. Thome & hered' de corporibus eorum procreatis Remaner' inde pro defectu eiusmodi⁶ exit' Edwardo Broket & hered' suis imperpetuum prout per quandam Cartam Iur'⁷ predict' super captione huius Inquisicionis in evidens ostens' plenius apparet

¹ Calendar of Fine Rolls 1477, p 198.

² The Chancery ms (C140/80, hereafter 'C' + line number) has its top edge indented showing that it was the actual original. Its bottom left hand corner is missing, however, so the Exchequer copy (E149/244, hereafter 'E') is used as the base. Only substantial differences between the two are noted in footnotes; minor spelling variations are not. There are many similarities with C140/62, the 1477 Hertfordshire IPM of Thomas Broket and with C142/4, the 1488 IPM of Edward Broket. These are indicated in footnotes by: IPM Thomas + line number and IPM Edward + line number.

³ C: Brocat throughout.

⁴ C3: prefato.

⁵ C lists the jurors.

⁶ See IPM Thomas 20.

Thomas and to their heirs begotten of their bodies with remainder there by default of such issue to Edward Broket and his heirs forever as by a certain deed more plainly appears to the aforesaid jurors in clear evidence on the taking of this inquisition

6. Cuius pretextu ijdem Thomas & Elizabeth fuerunt inde seisiti in dominico suo vt de feodo talliat'. Et idem Thomas obiit & predict' Elizabeth eum supervixit & post mortem eiusdem Thome fuit inde sola seisitus virtute doni

by reason of which the same Thomas and Elizabeth were there seised in their demesne as of fee tail. And the same Thomas died and the aforesaid Elizabeth survived him and after the death of the same Thomas was then solely seised by virtue of the gift

7. predicti et de eodem statu obiit seisita sine heredibus inter ipsam & prefatum Thomam Broket de corporibus suis procreat' **Item** Iuratores predicti dicunt quod predict' Elizabeth tempore mortis sue fuit seisita de vno mesuagio vocat'

aforesaid and she died seised of the same estate without heirs between herself and the aforesaid Thomas Broket begotten of their bodies. Item: the aforesaid jurors say that the aforesaid Elizabeth on the day she died was seised of a messuage called

8. **Waterships** cum pertinencijs Et vno hyde terre vocat **Durantes hyde** cum pertinencijs in Hatefelde Episcopi in Comitatu predicto ex dimissione⁸ & feoffament' Rogeri Meger Clerici Iohannis fuller draper Thome Atffelde & Thome Quenehowe

Waterships with appurtenances and a hide of land called **Durantshyde** with appurtenances in Bishops Hatfield in the aforesaid County from the lease and feoffment of Roger Meger clerk, John Fuller draper, Thomas Atffelde and Thomas Quenehowe

9. facta eidem Elizabeth Ac dict' Thome Broket quondam viro suo & hered de corporibus suis exeunt'. Et pro defectu huiusmodi exit' Remaner' inde Roberto Moseley & Elizabeth' vxori eius & hered de corporibus suis

made to the same Elizabeth and the said Thomas Broket, her former husband, and to the heirs of their bodies begotten with remainder there by default of such issue to Robert Mosely and Elizabeth his wife and to the heirs of their bodies

10. exeunt' Et pro defect huiusmodi exit' remaner' inde eidem Robert Moseley & hered de corpore suo exeunt'. Et pro defectu huiusmodi exit' remaner' inde predict' Elizabeth vxori predicti Roberti & hered de corpore

begotten with remainder there by default of such issue to Robert Mosely and to the heirs of his body begotten with remainder there by default of such issue to the aforesaid Elizabeth wife of the aforesaid Robert and to the heirs of her body

11. suo exeunt'. Et pro defectu huiusmodi exit' de corpore ipsius Elizabeth' vxoris predicti Roberti Remaner' inde rectis hered predict Thome Broket imperpetuum prout pro quendam Cartam Iurat predict' super capcione huius

begotten with remainder there by default of such issue from the body of the same Elizabeth wife of the aforesaid Robert to the right heirs of the aforesaid Thomas Broket for ever as by a certain deed to the aforesaid jurors on the taking of this

12. Inquisitionis in evidens ostens plenius apparet. Cuius pretextu ijdem Thomas & Elizabeth vxor eius fuerunt inde seisiti in dominico suo vt de feodo talliat' et idem Thomas obiit & predict' Elizabeth vxor suis eum

inquisition more plainly appears in clear evidence, by reason of which the same Thomas Broket and Elizabeth his wife were there seised in their demesne as of fee tail. And the same Thomas died and the aforesaid Elizabeth his wife

⁷ Cf. II.11 & 26 below.

⁸ See IPM Thomas 32.

13. supervixit & de tenement' & terr' predict' fuit seisita Et de tali statu⁹ eadem Elizabeth Broket inde obiit sola seisita sine hered' inter ipsam. & prefat Thomam Broket de corporibus suis procreatis **Item** dict' Iuratores

survived him and became seised of the aforesaid tenements and lands. And of such an estate the same Elizabeth Broket then died solely seised without heirs between herself and the aforesaid Thomas Broket begotten of their bodies. **Item:** the aforesaid jurors

14. dicunt quod predictum manerium de **Almeshoo** cum pertinencijs ac predict' mesuagium CCxl acre terre quinque acris pratj quinque acris pasture xij acre bosci & xlvj solidat redditus cum pertinencijs in **Langley** parcell eiusdem manerij tenent de

say that the aforesaid manor of **Almesho** with appurtenances and the aforesaid messuage with 240 acres of land, five acres of meadow, five acres of pasture, 12 acres of wood and 16 shillings of rent with appurtenances in **Langley**, part of the same manor is held of

15. Edmundo Langford pro reddit' vnus Rose rubie ad festum sancti Iohannis Baptiste pro omnium seruicij Et quod manerio illud & mesuagi terre tenement predict cum pertinencijs valent per annum in omnibus exitibus vltra reprises .x li. Et quod

Edmund Langford for the rent of a red rose at the feast of St John the Baptist for all service and that that manor and the aforesaid messuage, lands and tenements with appurtenances are worth £10 per annum in all issues over and above reprises (deduction from profits). And that

16. mesuagium predict vocat **Waterships** cum pertinencijs & predict hida terre vocate **Durantes** hide cum pertinencijs in hatefelde Episcopi predict tenentur de Iohanne Episcopo Eliensis vt de manerio suo de hatefelde Episcopi set per que seruic'

the aforesaid messuage called **Waterships** with appurtenances and the aforesaid hide of land called **Durantes** hide with appurtenances in Bishops Hatfield aforesaid are held of John Bishop of Ely as of his manor of Bishops Hatfield but according to what service

17. penitus¹⁰ ignorant Et vlterius Iuratores predict dicunt super sacramentum suum quod dict' Thomas Broket nuper vir predict Elizabeth' in dict breui nominatur et eadem Elizabeth' fuerunt seisiti de manerij **Simondeshide & Bengheo**

they are wholly ignorant. And furthermore the aforesaid jurors say upon their oath that the aforesaid Thomas Broket former husband of the aforesaid Elizabeth named in the said writ and the same Elizabeth were seised of the manors of Simondeshide & Bengheo

18. cum pertinencijs in Comitatu predicto in Dominico suo vt de feodo in iure ipsius Elizabeth' Et sic inde seisit per finem leuat in Curie domin' Regis apud Westmonasterium in xv.ti sancti Iohannis Baptiste Anno regni Regis Edwardi quarti .xv.^o Coram Thom'

with appurtenances in the aforesaid county in their demesne as of fee in right of the same Elizabeth. And thus there seised according to a fine¹¹ raised in the lord king's court at Westminster 15 days after [the feast] of John the Baptist 15 Edward IV before Thomas

19. Bryan & socijs suis Iusticarijs ipsius domini Regis de Communi Banco ijdem Thomas Broket & Elizabeth' concesserunt dict' maneria cum pertinencijs Ricardo Pygot seruient domini Regis ad legem Briano Roucliff Iohanni Pulter Edwardo

Bryan and his colleagues justices of the same lord king of the Common Bench the same Thomas Broket and Elizabeth granted the said manors with appurtenances to Richard Pygot, lord king's serjeant at law, Brian Roucliff, John Pulter, Edward

20. Broket Matheo Cressey Rogero Meger & Thome ffelde & hered ipsius Roger Meger imperpetuum virtute cuius ijdem Ricardus Brianus Iohannes Edwardus Matheus & Thomas fuerunt seisiti de manerij predictis cum

⁹ See l.23 below and IPM Edward 21.

¹⁰ Petitus in l.27 below but penitus in l.29.

¹¹ See IPM Thomas 9ff.

Broket, Matthew Cressey, Roger Meger & Thomas Field and their heirs of the same Roger Meger for ever, by virtue of which the same Richard, Brian, John, Edward, Matthew and Thomas were seised of the aforesaid manors with

21. pertinencijs in dominico suo vt de libero tenemento Et predictus Rogerus in dominico suo vt de feodo Et de manerio predict¹² de **Bengeho** cum pertinencijs tempore mortis eiusdem Elizabeth' & ad huc¹³ inde existunt seisiti in forma

appurtenances in their demesne as of a free holding, and the aforesaid Roger in his demesne as of fee. And from the time of Elizabeth's death to the present day they are still seised of the aforesaid manor of Bengeho with appurtenances in the form

22. predicta virtute finis predict' cuius finis transcriptum in evidenc. super captione huius Inquisicionis Iurator' predict' est¹⁴ ostens Et predict' Iuratores dicunt super Sacramentum suum quod predict Elizabeth' Broket fuit seisita de dicto

aforesaid by virtue of the aforesaid fine, a transcript of which was shown in evidence to the aforesaid jurors at the time this inquisition was taken. And the aforesaid jurors say upon their oath that the aforesaid Elizabeth Broket was seised of the said

23. manerio de Simondeshide cum pertinencijs in dominico suo vt de feodo Et de tali statu¹⁵ inde obiit seisit' **Item** dicunt Iuratores predict quod predict Elizabeth Broket fuit seisita in dominico suo vt de feodo de manerio de Thebrigg

manor of **Simondeshide** with appurtenances in her demesne as of fee and of such an estate she then died seised. **Item** the aforesaid jurors say that the aforesaid Elizabeth Broket was seised in her demesne as of fee of the manor of **Thebrigg**

24. cum pertinencijs in Comitatu predicto Et de vno Clauso vocat **Sandrich' heth'** Et manerium & clausum ill' cum suis pertinencijs dedit Ricardo Pygot seruiet domini Regis ad legem Iohanni Pulter Edwardo Broket Armigero Roberto Colton

with appurtenances in the aforesaid county And of a close called **Sandridge Heth**. And that she gave that manor and enclosure with appurtenances to Richard Pygot, lord king's serjeant at law, John Pulter, Edward Broket Esq, Robert Colton

25. vicar' ecclesio sancti Ipolit' & Thome Abbot de Hycchin & hered suis imperpetuum virtute cuius doni ijdem Ricardus Iohannes Edwardus Robertus et Thomas fuerunt inde seisiti in dominico suo vt de feodo tempore mortis

Vicar of the church of St Ippolitts and Thomas Abbot of Hitchin and their heirs for ever by virtue of which gift to the same Richard, John, Edward, Robert and Thomas they were seised in their demesne as of fee at the time of the death

26. eiusdem Elizabeth et ad huc¹⁶ inde existunt seisiti vt per quandam Carta' Iur' predict' super captione huius Inquisicionis in evidens ostens plenius apparet **Item** dicunt Iuratores predict quod dict manerio de Simondeshid'

of the same Elizabeth and to the present day are still seised as by a certain deed more plainly appears to the aforesaid jurors in clear evidence on the taking of this inquisition. **Item** the aforesaid jurors say that the manor of Simondeshide

27. cum pertinencijs tenetur de Iohanne Episcopi Eliensi vt de manerio suo de hatefelde Episcopi pro seruicio militis set per que seruicia vltra petitus ignorant Et idem manerium valet per Annum vltra reprises in omnibus exitibus .C. s.

¹² C35 predict' manerio.

¹³ See 1.26 below.

¹⁴ C37 fuit.

¹⁵ See 1.13 above.

¹⁶ See 1.21 above.

with appurtenances is held of John Bishop of Ely as of his manor of Bishops Hatfield for a knight's fee but according to what further service are wholly ignorant. And the same manor is worth 100s per annum in all issues over and above reprises.

28. Et idem manerium de **Bengeho** cum pertinencijs tenetur de Willelmo Huse vt de manerio de Hunesden¹⁷ pro redditus ij s. per Annum pro omni seruic Et dict' manerium de Bengeho cum pertinencijs valet per Annum vltra reprisas iij marcas. /

And the same manor of Bengeho with appurtenances is held of William Huse as of his manor of Hunesden for the rent of 2s per annum for all service. And the said manor of Bengeho with appurtenances is worth 4 marks per annum over and above reprises.

29. Et dicunt quod manerium de **Thebrigg & Claus de Sandrich' heth** cum pertinencijs tenent de Willelmo Abbate sancti Albani set per que seruicia penitus ignorant Et dicunt quod dict manerium de Thebrigg & Claus

And they say that the manor of Thebrigg and the close of Sandridge Heth with appurtenances are held of William, Abbot of St Albans, but according to what service they are wholly ignorant. And they say that the manor of Thebrigg and the close

30. cum pertinencijs valet per Annum vltra reprisas quinque marc.. Et predict' Iuratores dicunt super Sacramentum suum quod predict' Elizabeth Broket nullas terras seu tenementa tenuit de domino Rege die quo obiit in Comitatu predicto Et vlterius

with appurtenances is worth five marks per annum over and above reprises. And the aforesaid jurors say upon their oath that the aforesaid Elizabeth held no land or tenement in the aforesaid county from the lord king the day she died And further

31. dicunt quod predict' Elizabeth Broket nulla alia siue plura terras seu tenementa in dict' Comitatu Hertford tenuit de aliquo alio nec in aliquo alio modo quam in forma predicta die quo obiit et quod eadem Elizabeth

say that the aforesaid Elizabeth held no other or no more land or tenements in the said county of Hertford from anyone else nor in any other way than the aforesaid on the day she died and that the same

32. obiit xij die mensis Ianuarij vltimo preterito Et predicti Iuratores dicunt super Sacramentum suum quod non cognoscunt null' hered' specialem vel generalem predict' Elizabeth Broket In cuius rei testimonium huic

Elizabeth died on the said 12 January last past. And the aforesaid jurors say upon their oath that they do not know of a special or general heir [i.e. any at all] of the aforesaid Elizabeth Broket. In witness whereof to this

33. Inquisicioni indentate tam predictis Escaetor quam predicti Iuratores Sigilla sua Alternatim Apposuerunt Dat' die Anno et loco supradictis: /

indented inquisition both the aforesaid Eschaetor and the aforesaid jurors alternately affixed their seals. Given the day, year and place mentioned above.

¹⁷ IPM Thomas 27.