

SUMMARY: The document below is the inquisition post mortem concerning the interest held by John Carew (d. 1 March 1524) in the manor of Wychbold in Dodderhill, Worcestershire. The inquisition was taken 3 June 1547, twenty-three years after John Carew's death, and several years after the death of his son and heir, George Carew (c.1511-1538).

The inquisition states that before his death John Carew granted his wife, Margery (nee Kelly), a life estate in the manor of Wychbold, and that she had taken the profits from the manor since John Carew's death. This grant would have been contingent on the death of John Carew's mother, Margaret (nee Chetwood) Carew (d. 2 July 1525), who herself held a life interest in the manor of Wychbold under the terms of the will, TNA PROB 11/12/390, of John Carew's father, Sir William Carew (d.1501):

Also I will and grant to my said wife for term of her life all my lordship of Wichebaud [=Wychbold] in Worcestershire with all the profits and appurtenances to the same lordship belonging according to such a state [=estate] as she hath therein for her jointure.

And also I will that after the decease of Margaret, my wife, that all my lordships, manors, lands and tenements within Devonshire and Worcestershire remain wholly to my son and heir and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten for evermore, and for default of such issue all the said lordships, manors, lands and tenements to remain to his next heirs, and for default of issue male to remain to issue general, and so from heir to heir as long as any of mine issue be on live or any of their heirs, and for default of such issue all the said lordships, lands and tenements to remain and turn again to the gift of my mother, Dame Jane Carew, sometime wife to Sir Robert Vere, knight, forever.

The jurors found that the manor of Wychbold was held of the King by a third part of a knight's fee, and it thus appears that John Carew's son and heir, George Carew, would have been a ward of the Crown had the inquisition concerning Wychbold been taken at the appropriate time.

Perhaps as a result of the 23-year delay, the inquisition contains at least three material errors:

(1) That John Carew married Margery Kelly after the grant to her of a life estate in the manor of Wychbold on 10 April 1523.

John Carew and Margery Kelly were married as early as 1509. See Crowcombe Court MS DD/TB/36/14, a 1509 grant 'in trust for William [Kelly] with reversion to his daughters Margery, wife of John Carew, and Alice, wife of Michael Kelly' at:

<http://archive.li/z1PY>

The erroneous statement that John Carew married Margery Kelly *after* the grant to her in 1523 has been repeated in secondary sources. See:

'Parishes: Dodderhill', in *A History of the County of Worcester: Volume 3* (London, 1913), pp. 58-69. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/worcs/vol3/pp58-69> [accessed 3 January 2019].

The sale took place soon after Sir William Lucy's death, since in 1463–4 the manor was in the possession of Joan widow of Sir Robert Vere, who conveyed it to Nicholas Carew, Alexander and William Carew, two of his younger sons, and others, (fn. 63) evidently for the use of William Carew. It remained in his family for almost a century. In 1523 John Carew, his son, settled it on Margery Kelly, whom he afterwards married. (fn. 64) She was still holding it in 1547, (fn. 65) but before 1562 had been succeeded by her grandson Thomas Carew, who with Elizabeth his wife conveyed it in that year to Edward Villiers and Thomas Savage. (fn. 66)

(2) That George Carew died in the lifetime of his father.

The inquisition post mortem taken 30 September 1524 after the death of John Carew (d. 1 March 1524), TNA C 142/41/23, states that his son and heir, George Carew, survived him, and was thirteen years of age or more in 1524.

(3) That John Carew died 10 May 1534.

As noted above, the inquisition post mortem taken after the death of John Carew, TNA C 142/41/23, states that he died 1 March 1524. It is possible that the date of death erroneously given for John Carew in the inquisition post mortem below was actually the date of death of his son, George Carew, although George Carew is usually considered to have lived until 1538.

The inquisition post mortem below correctly states that George Carew married Margaret Englefield (d.1563), and that they had a son, Thomas Carew. In the inquisition below, Thomas Carew is said to have been seventeen years of age on 23 April 1547, and was thus born 23 April 1530, and reached the age of majority on 23 April 1551, a date which accords with Crowcombe Court MS DD/TB/36/27, a 1551 feoffment by Margery (nee Kelly) Carew Tyrrell, widow, of all her lands in England to her grandson, Thomas Carew (1530-1604). For Thomas Carew's wife, Margaret Englefield (d.1563), see the will, dated 31 August 1543 and proved 16 February 1544, of her mother, Elizabeth (nee Throckmorton) Englefield, TNA PROB 11/30/47.

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE DOCUMENT

For Sir Edward Saunders (1506–1576), serjeant at law, see the *ODNB* entry, and his will, TNA PROB 11/58/517. He married George Carew's widow, Margaret Englefield (d.1563).

Delivered to the Court on the 13 day of June in the year underwritten by the hand of
Edward Saunders, serjeant at law

1 Inquisition indented taken at Worcester Castle in the county of Worcester on the 3rd day of June in the year of the reign of King Edward 6th the first [=3 June 1547] before John Borne, esquire, escheator of the Lord the King in the country aforesaid, by virtue of a writ of mandamus of the said Lord

2 the King to the said escheator directed after the death of John Carew, esquire, & to this inquisition annexed, by the oath of William Gower, esquire, Thomas Solley, esquire, John Wolmer, gentleman, George Spellesbury, gentleman,

3 Richard Friar, gentleman, John Hibbot, gentleman, Richard Gooddies, William Staple, Richard Bee, Henry Dison, John Freeman, John Solley, William Glover, Richard Walter

4 & Richard Hale, who say upon their oath that the foresaid John Carew in his life was seised in his demesne as of fee of & in the manor of Wychbold with its appurtenances

5 in the said county of Worcester, and of & in 30 messuages, 300 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 40 acres of wood, 100 acres of furze & heath, and of & in £10 of rent with the appurtenances

6 in Wychbold aforesaid; and thus thereof seised, the same John Carew on the tenth day of April in the year of the reign of the late King of England Henry 8th the 14th [=10 April 1523] gave & granted all & singular the premises to a certain

7 Margery Kelly, to have & to hold the manor aforesaid & other the premises with their appurtenances to the forenamed Margery Kelly for term of her life, by virtue of which [the said] Margery was thereof seised in her demesne

8 as of free tenement; which said Margery afterwards the forenamed John Carew took to wife & they had issue between them George Carew, which said George took to wife Margery

9 Englefield, & they had issue between them Thomas Carew; and afterwards the foresaid George Carew died in the lifetime of his father; the same jurors say upon their oath that the same John

10 Carew on the tenth day of May in the year of the reign of Henry 8th late King of England the 26th [=10 May 1534] died at Bury St Edmunds in the county of Suffolk, & the foresaid Margery, his wife, survived him,

11 & is still living, & the foresaid Margery has perceived the issues & profits of the foresaid manor, lands & tenements aforesaid from the day of the death of the said John, & still perceives [them], and that Thomas Carew

12 is his cousin & next heir, viz., the son of George Carew, son of the said John Carew, and that the foresaid Thomas Carew was of the age of seventeen years

13 at the feast of Saint George last past before the taking of this inquisition; and further the same jurors say upon their oath that the foresaid manor of Wychbold aforesaid is held of the said Lord

14 the King by the service of the third part of a knight's fee, & is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises £34; and moreover the jurors aforesaid say upon their oath that the foresaid John Carew

15 neither had nor held, nor any other or others had nor held to the use of the same John Carew, other or more manors, lands or tenements

16 in demesne, reversion or service in the foresaid county of Worcester of the said Lord the King nor of any other on the day on which the said John Carew died; in testimony of which thing

17 to this present inquisition both the escheator and the jurors aforesaid have affixed their seals.

Lib{er}at{um} fuit(?) in Cur{ia} xiiij Die Iunij Anno subscr{ipto} p{er} manus Edwardi Sandrys s{er}uient{is} ad Legum

1 Inquisic{i}o Indentat{a} Capt{a} apud Castru{m} Wigorn{ie} in Com{itatu} Wigorn{ie} iijcio die Iunij An{n}o R{egni} R{egis} Edwardi vjt{i} p{ri}mo Coram Ioh{an}ni borne ar{migero} escaet{ore} d{omi}ni R{egis} in Com{itatu} p{re}d{icto} virt{ute} br{eu}is de mandem{us} Dict{i} d{omi}ni

2 Reg{is} dicto Escaetori direct{i} post Mortem Ioh{ann}is Carewe ar{migeri} & huic Inquis{i}c{i}oni annexo p{er} Sacramentu{m} Will{el}mi Gower ar{migeri} Thome Solley ar{migeri} Ioh{an}nis Wolm{er} gen{erosi} Georgij Spellesburye gen{erosi}

3 Ric{hard}i ffriar gen{erosi} Ioh{an}nis Hibbot gen{erosi} Ric{hard}i Gooddies Will{el}mi Staple Ric{hard}i Bee Henrici Dison Ioh{ann}is ffreman Ioh{ann}is Solley Will{el}mi Glou{er} Ricc{hard}i Walter

4 & Ric{hard}i Hale Qui dicunt sup{er} sacr{amentu}m suu{m} q{uo}d p{re}d{ictus} Ioh{an}nes Carewe in vita sua fuit seisit{us} in d{omi}nico suo vt de feodo de & in Man{er}io de Wychebold cu{m} suis p{er}tinentijs

5 in d{ic}t{o} Com{itatu} Wigorn{ie} Ac de & in xxx Mes{uagijs} CCC acr{is} terr{e} xl acr{is} prati C acri{s} pastur{e} xl acr{is} bosci C acri{s} Iampnor{um} & bruer{i} ac de & in xli Reddit{us} cu{m} p{er}tin{entijs}

6 in Wichebold p{re}d{icto} Et sic inde sei{si}t{us} Id{e}m Ioh{an}nes Carew decimo die Aprilis An{n}o Regni nup{er} Reg{is} anglie Henr{ici} viijui xiiijo dedit & co{n}cessit o{mn}ia & sing{u}la p{re}missa cuidem

7 Margerie Kelley h{ab}end{um} & tenend{um} Man{er}iu{m} p{re}d{ictum} ac cetera p{re}missa cu{m} suis p{er}tin{entijs} p{re}fat{e} Margeri{e} Kelley ad terminu{m} vite sue virtute cui{us} Margeria fuit inde sei{si}t{a} in d{omi}nico suo

8 vt de lib{er}o ten{emen}to quoquidem Margeria{m} postea p{re}fat{us} Ioh{ann}es Carew cepit in vxorem & habuer{unt} exit{us} inter eos Georgiu{m} Carew qui quidem Georgi{us} cepit in vxorem Margeria{m}

9 Inglefyld & habuer{unt} exit{us} int{er} eos Thomam Carew Et postea p{re}d{ictus} Georgi{us} Carewe obiit in vita patris sui Iidem Iur{atores} dicunt sup{er} sacr{amentu}m suu{m} q{uo}d Idem Ioh{ann}es

10 Carew decimo die Maij An{n}o Regni Henrici viijui nup{er} Reg{is} Anglie xxvjto apud Bury Saint Edmond{es} in Com{itatu} Suff' obiit & p{re}d{icta} Margeria vxor eius eum(?) sup{er}vixit

11 & adhuc sup{er}ste{s} existit & p{re}d{icta} Margeria exit{us} et p{ro}ficua p{re}d{icti} Man{erij} terr{arum} & ten{amen}toru{m} p{re}d{ictorum} p{er}cepit a Die Mort{em} dict{i} Ioh{ann}is & adhuc p{er}cepit Et q{uo}d Thomas Carew

12 est co{n}sanguine{us} & heres eius p{ro}pinquor videl{icet} filij Georgij Carewe filij Dict{i} Ioh{ann}is Carewe Et q{uo}d p{re}d{ictus} Thomas Carewe fuit etat{is} Septemdecem annoru{m}

13 ad fest{u}m s{an}c{t}i Georgij vltimo p{re}terit{o} ante captionem hui{us} Inquicic{ion}em Et vlteri{us} Iidem Iur{atores} dicunt sup{er} Sacr{amentu}m suu{m} q{uo}d p{re}d{ictum} man{erium} de Wichebold p{re}d{icti} ten{e}t{ur} de dict{o} d{omi}no

14 Rege p{er} s{er}uic{ium} iijcie p{ar}t{is} vni{us} feod{i} milit{is} & val{et} p{er} annu{m} in o{m}nib{us} exit{us} vltra rep{risas} xxxiiijli Et insup{er} Iur{atores} p{re}d{icti} dicunt sup{er} Sacr{amentu}m suu{m} q{uo}d p{re}d{ictus} Ioh{ann}es Carew

15 non h{ab}uit neq{ue} tenuit nec aliquis ali{us} neq{ue} aliqui alij ad vsu{m} ip{si}us Ioh{ann}is Carew non habuer{unt} neq{ue} tenuer{unt} aliqua alia siue plur{a} man{er}ia terr{as} seu ten{emen}ta

16 in D{omi}nico Reu{er}c{ione} seu in s{er}uic{io} in p{re}d{icto} Com{itatu} Wigorn{ie} de Dicto D{omi}no Rege neq{ue} de aliquo alio die q{u}o dict{us} Ioh{ann}es Carewe obijt In cui{us} rei testimonium

17 huic p{re}sent{i} Inquisic{i}on{i} tam Escaet{or} qua{m} Iur{atores} p{re}d{icti} sigilla sua apposuer{unt}