

SUMMARY: The document below is the inquisition post mortem taken at Buntingford on 2 July 1543 concerning lands held by Sir Griffith Don, whose sister, Margaret Don, was Oxford's great-grandmother.

The inquisition states that Sir Griffith Don died on 18 January 1543, and that his heir was his only daughter, Elizabeth Don (d.1590), who was 18 years of age or more at the time of Sir Griffith Don's death, and therefore born about 1525.

Sir Griffith Don married a wife named Elizabeth, whose maiden name is unknown, and who had been twice widowed. Elizabeth's first husband was Brian Roche (d.1514), by whom she had a daughter, Grissel Roche, who married Sir John Boteler, for whom see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/butler-sir-john-151114-76>

b. 1511/14, 1st s. of (Sir) Philip Butler. educ. ?G. Inn, adm. 1533. m. settlement 10 May 1528, Griselda, da. and h. of Brian Roche of Wickersley, Yorks., 6s. 7da. suc. fa. 6 June 1545. Kntd. ?22 Feb. 1547.1

It should be noted that the date for the marriage settlement of Sir John Boteler and Grissel Roche is given in the History of Parliament entry as 10 May 1528. However in the IPM below, the date is given as 10 May 1527.

Elizabeth married secondly Henry Eden (d. 1518), by whom she had two sons, the translator, Richard Eden (c.1516-1576), and John Eden.

For further details concerning Sir Griffith Don's family background and the properties mentioned in the IPM below, see his will, TNA PROB 11/30/109.

For Ralph Rowlett mentioned in the IPM below, see the History of Parliament entry at:

b. by 1513, 1st s. of Ralph Rowlett of London and St. Albans by 1st w. Jane Knight. educ. ?G. Inn, adm. 1533. m. (1) by 1544, Dorothy (d.1557), da. of John Bowles of Wallington, Herts., (2) 27 June 1558 Margaret (d. 3 Aug. 1558), da. of Sir Anthony Cooke of Gidea Hall, Essex, s.p. suc. fa. 4 Mar. 1543. Kntd. by 23 Sept. 1547.1

LM: In the Court of Wards & Liveries
LM: Wafter

LM: Hertford
LM: (illegible) Wafter

Delivered to the court on the 20th day of July in the year above-written by the hand of the escheator

Inquisition indented taken at Buntingford in the county aforesaid on the second day of the month of July in the thirty-fifth year [=2 July 1543] of the reign of Henry the Eighth by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, and in Earth of the Church of England and Ireland Supreme Head, before Edward Bery, esquire, escheator of the said Lord the King, by virtue of a writ of diem clausit extremum of the same Lord the King after the death of Griffith Dun, knight, deceased, directed to the same escheator & sewn to this inquisition, by the oath of Thomas Holte, William Kyng, Richard Dermer, John Gomicke, Laurence Ader, Edward Geve, William Yanne, John Rumbold, William Lyncoln, John Hoyer, John Fordam, Edward Pryste, William Underwood, John Birde and William Albrygde;

Who say upon their oath that before the death of the foresaid Griffith Dun a certain William Burche, gentleman, Richard Eden, gentleman, Nicholas Rokewood, gentleman, and Nicholas Thorne were seised in their demesne as of fee of and in the manors of Lammers, Butlers and Bridelles with the appurtenances and of one messuage, two hundred acres of land, fifty acres of meadow, two hundred acres of pasture, thirty acres of wood, thirty acres of heath and fifty shillings rent with the appurtenances in Wheathampstead and Sandridge to the behoof and use of the foresaid Griffith and Elizabeth, his wife, for term of the lives of the same Griffith and Elizabeth and the longer liver of them;

And after their decease to the behoof and use of John Boteler, esquire, son and heir apparent of Philip Boteler, knight, and Grissel, wife of the same John, daughter and heir begotten of the bodies of the same Elizabeth and Brian Roche, esquire, late her husband, sole daughter and heir of the same Brian Roche, and the heirs of the body of the same Grissel lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to the behoof and use of Richard Eden, son of the said Elizabeth, and of the heirs of the body of the same Richard lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to the behoof and use of John Eden, the other son of the same Elizabeth, and the heirs of the body of the same John lawfully begotten;

And for default of the same issue to the behoof and use of the right heirs of the same Elizabeth forever;

And the foresaid William Birche, the first-named(?) Richard Eden, Nicholas Rokewood and Nicholas Thorne thus being seised of all the foresaid manors, lands, tenements and other the premises with the appurtenances in their demesne as of fee to the use aforesaid, the foresaid Elizabeth died, and the foresaid Griffith survived her;

After whose death the prenominated William Birche, Richard Eden, Nicholas Rokewood and Nicholas Thorne were thereof seised in their demesne as of fee to the use of the forenamed Griffith Don for term of his life;

And after his decease to the use of the forenamed John Boteler and Grissel, his wife, and the heirs of the body of the same Grissel lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to the use of the foresaid Richard Eden, the son, and the heirs of the body of the same Richard Eden lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to the use of the foresaid John Eden and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of the same issue to the use of the right heirs of the forenamed Elizabeth forever;

Until the fourth day of February in the twenty-seventh year [=4 February 1536] of the Lord Henry the Eighth by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, and in Earth of the Church of England and Ireland Supreme Head, on which day by virtue of a certain Act of Parliament concerning uses transmuted in possession [**NB**: 'In the place where the use was there shall be the possession'] the foresaid Griffith Dun was seised of all the foresaid manors, lands, tenements and other the premises with the appurtenances in his demesne as of free tenement;

Remainder thereof to the forenamed John Boteler and Grissel and the heirs of the body of the same Grissel lawfully begotten;

Remainder thereof further according to the tenor and effect of the uses aforesaid;

Which certain uses, among other [things?] are contained, declared and specified in certain indentures bearing date the tenth day of the month of May in the nineteenth year [=10 May 1527] of the reign of the Lord King Henry the Eighth made between the forenamed Griffith Don and Elizabeth, his wife, on the one part, and a certain Philip Boteler, knight, by the name of Philip Boteler, esquire, on the other part, in consideration and for a marriage to be had and solemnized between the forenamed John Boteler and Grissel, his wife, as to the jurors aforesaid upon the taking of this inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears;

And the jurors aforesaid say that the foresaid manor of Lammers and Botellers and [part?] of the foresaid rent of 50s with the appurtenances, and are worth by year in all issues beyond reprises £16, and are held of the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Westminster for three pounds and suit of court;

And the foresaid manor of Brydelles with the appurtenances is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises £3, and is held of Ralph Rowlett, esquire, as of his manor of Sandridge by rent of three pounds per annum;

And the foresaid messuage, lands, meadow, pasture & heath are worth by year in all issues beyond reprises 53s 4d, and is held of the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Westminster, but by what service the jurors aforesaid do not know;

And the jurors aforesaid further say that the foresaid Griffith Don did not hold any other or(?) more lands or tenements of the said Lord the King nor of any other in the county aforesaid in demesne nor in service on the day on which he died;

And that the same Griffith Don died on the eighteenth day of the month of January in the 34th year [=18 January 1543] of the reign(?) of Henry the Eighth by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, and in Earth of the Church of England and Ireland Supreme Head last past before the taking of this inquisition;

And that Elizabeth Don [is?] the daughter and next heir of the foresaid Griffith, and aged 18 years and more;

In testimony of which thing to the one true part of this inquisition indented remaining in the possession of the forenamed escheator the jurors aforesaid [illegible] have affixed their seals, and to the other true part of this inquisition indented remaining in the possession of the foresaid jurors the foresaid escheator has affixed his seal the day and year abovesaid.

IPM of Sir Griffith Don taken 2 July 1543

LM: in Cur{ia} Ward{orum} & lib{er}ar{um}

LM: Wafter

LM: Hartford

LM: (illegible) Wafter

lib{er}atum fuit Cur{ie} xx die Iulij Anno subscr{ipto} p{er} manus Escaetoris

1 Inquisic{i}o indent{ata} capt{a} apud Buntynghford in Com{itatu} p{re}d{i}c{t}o Secundo die mens{is} Iulij Anno regni Henrici octavi dei gr{acia} Anglie ffrancie et Hib{er}n{ie} Regis fidei defensoris ac in t{er}ra Eccl{es}ie Anglicane et Hib{er}n{ie} sup{re}mi capit{is} tricesimo quinto cora{m} Edwardo Bery Armigero

2 Escaetore d{i}c{t}i d{omi}ni Regis virtute br{eu}is eiusdem d{omi}ni Regis de diem clausit extremu{m} post mortem Griffini Dune milit{is} defuncti eid{e}m escaetori directi & huic inquisic{i}oni consut{i} p{er} Sacrament{um} Thome Holte(?) Will{elm}i Kyng Ric{hard}i Derm{er} Ioh{ann}is Gomike(?) Laurencij Ader(?) Edwardi Geve(?)

3 Will{elm}i Yanne(?) Ioh{ann}is Rumbold Will{elm}i lyncoln Ioh{ann}is Hoye Ioh{ann}is fordam Edwardi Pryste Will{elm}i vnderwoode Ioh{ann}is Birde et Will{elm}i Albrygde Qui dicunt sup{er} Sacrament{um} Suu{m} q{uo}d diu Ante obitu{m} p{re}d{i}c{t}i griffini Dune quid{a}m Will{el}im{u}s Burche gen{er}os{us} Ric{hard}us Edon gen{er}os{us} Nich{olai}us Rokewood gen{er}os{us} et Nich{olai}us Thorne fuerunt seisit{i} in d{omi}nico

4 Suo ut de feod{o} [sic] de et in Manerijs de Lammers Butlers & Bridell{es} cu{m} p{er}tin{entijs} ac de vno mesuagio ducent{is} Acr{is} t{er}re quinquaginta acr{is} prati ducent{is} acr{is} pastur{e} trigint{a} acras [sic?] bosci triginti [sic?] acr{is} bruer{e} et qu{in}quagint{a} Solidat{is} Redd{itus} cu{m} p{er}tin{entijs} in Wheth{a}mstyd et Sandrige(?)

5 ad opus et vsu{m} p{re}fati griffini et Elizabeth{e} vxoris eius ad t{er}minu{m} vite eorundem Griffini et Elizabeth{e} et eor{um} alt{er}ius diucius viuent{is} Et post eor{um} decessu{m} ad opus et vsum Ioh{ann}is Boteler Armigeri fil{ij} et hered{is} apparent{is} Ph{ilipp}i Boteler Milit{is} A[c](?) Grisilde vxoris

6 ip{s}ius Ioh{ann}is fil{ie} et hered{is} p{ro}creat{is} de corporibus eiusdem Elizabeth{e} et Briani Roche Armigeri nup{er} viri sui sol{ius} fil{ie} et hered{is} ip{s}ius Briani Roche et hered{ibus} de corpore eiusdem Grisild legitti{m}e p{ro}creat{is} Et p{ro} defectu t{a}lis exit{us} ad opus et

7 vs{u}m Ric{hard}i Edon fil{ij} d{i}c{t}i Elizabeth{e} et hered{ibus} de corpore eiusdem Ric{hard}i legitti{m}e p{ro}creat{is} et pro defectu t{a}lis exit{us} ad opus et vs{u}m Ioh{ann}is Edon alt{er}ius fil{ij} eiusdem Elizabeth{e} et hered{ibus} de corpore eiusdem Ioh{ann}is legitti{m}e p{ro}creat{is}

8 Et pro defectu h{uius}mo{di} exit{us} ad opus et vsu{m} rector{um} hered{um} ip{s}ius Elizabeth{e} imp{er}petuu{m} Et p{re}d{i}c{t}us Wall{el}m{u}s [sic] Birche primis(?) no{m}i{n}at{us}(?) Ric{hard}us Edon Nich{olai}us Rokewood et Nich{olai}us Thorne sic existen{ti} sei{sit}i de om{n}ib{us} p{re}d{i}c{t}is Man{er}ijs t{err}is ten{emen}t{is} et

9 ceteris p{re}missis cu{m} p{er}tin{entijs} in d{omi}nico suo vt de feod{o} ad vsu{m} p{re}d{i}c{tu}m p{re}d{i}c{t}a [sic?] Elizabeth{e} obiit et p{re}d{i}c{t}us Griffinus eam sup{er}vixit post cuius mort{em} p{re}nom{in}at{i} Will{el}m{u}s Birche Ric{hard}us Edon Nich{olai}us Rokewood et Nich{olai}us Thorne

10 fuerunt inde sei{sit}i in d{omi}nico suo vt de feod{o} ad vsu{m} p{re}fat{i} Griffini Dune p{ro} t{er}mi{n}o vite sue et post eius decessu{m} ad vsum p{re}fat{i} Ioh{ann}is Boteler et Grisild vxoris eius et hered{um} de corpore ip{s}ius Grisild legitti{m}e

11 procreat{is} Et p{ro} defectu t{a}lis exit{us} ad vs{u}m p{re}d{i}c{t}i Ric{hard}i Edon fil{ij} et hered{ibus} de corpore ip{s}ius Ric{hard}i Edon legit{m}e p{ro}creat{is} Et p{ro} defectu t{a}lis exit{us} ad vs{u}m p{re}d{i}c{t}i Ioh{ann}is Edon et hered{ibus} de corpore suo legit{m}e p{ro}creat{is} Et p{ro} defectu

12 h{uius}mo{d}i exit{us} [sic] ad vs{u}m rector{um} hered{um} p{re}fat{e} Elizabeth{e} imp{er}petuu{m} vsq{ue} quarto diem ffebruarij Anno d{omi}ni Henrici octau{e} dei gr{aci}a Anglie ffranc{ie} et Hib{er}n{ie} Regis fidei defensoris Ac in t{er}ra eccl{es}ie Anglicane et Hib{er}n{ie} sup{re}mi

13 capit{is} vicesimo septo(?) quo die virtute cuiusdem Actus p{ar}liamenti de vsibus [sic?] in poss{essi}on{e}m transmutand{is} p{re}d{i}c{t}us Griffinus Dune fuit sei{si}t{us} de om{n}ib{us} p{re}d{i}c{t}is Man{er}ijs t{er}ris ten{emen}t{is} et ceteris p{re}missis cu{m} p{er}tin{entijs} in d{omi}nico suo vt de lib{er}o

14 ten{emen}to rem{anere} inde p{re}fat{o} Ioh{ann}i Boteler et Grisilde Ac hered{ibus} de corpore ip{s}ius Grisild legit{m}e p{ro}creat{is} rem{anere} inde vlt{er}ius iuxta tenorem et effectu{m} vsus p{re}dict{os} quiquidem int{er} alia vsus continet{ur} declarat{ur}

15 et specificat{ur} in quibusdam Indenturis gerent{ibus} dat{um} decimo die mensis Maij Anno regni d{i}c{t}i D{omi}ni Regis Henrici octau{e} decimo nono fact{is} int{er} p{re}fat{um} Griff{i}n{u}m Dune et Elizabeth{e} vxorem eius ex vna p{ar}te et

16 quondam Ph{ilippu}m Boteler Milit{is} p{er} nomine(?) Ph{ilipp}i Boteler Armigeri ex alt{er}a p{ar}te in considerac{i}one et p{ro} maritagio h{ab}it{ur} et solempnizat{ur} int{er} p{re}fat{um} Ioh{ann}em Boteler et Grisildem vxorem eius p{ro}ut(?) Iur{atoribus} p{re}d{i}c{t}is(?)

17 sup{er} capc{i}o{n}em huius Inq{ui}sic{i}onis in evidencijs ostens{is} plenius apparet Et Iur{atores} p{re}d{i}c{t}i dicunt q{uo}d p{re}d{i}c{t}u{m} Man{er}iu{m} de Lammers et Botellers Ac bars(?) [sic?] p{re}d{i}ctor{u}m(?) reddit{us} ls cu{m} p{er}tin{entijs} et valent p{er} Annu{m} in om{n}ib{us}

18 exitibus vltra repris{as} xvj li et tenent{ur} de decano et capit{u}lo eccl{es}ie Cathedral{is} Westm{onasterium} p{er} triu{m} librar{um} et sect{am} Cur{ie} Et p{re}d{i}c{t}u{m} Man{er}iu{m} de Brydell{es} cu{m} p{er}tin{entijs} val{et} p{er} Annu{m} in om{n}ib{us} exit{ibus} vltra rep{ri}s{as}

19 iij li et tenet{ur} de Rad{ulph}o Rowlett Armigero vt de Man{er}io suo de Sanderige p{er} reddit{um} trium librar{um} p{er} Annu{m} Et p{re}d{i}c{t}u{m} Messuagi{u}m ter{re} p{ra}t{i} pastur{e} & bruer{e} valent p{er} Annu{m} in om{n}ib{us} exit{ibus} vltra repris{as}

20 liijs iiijd et tenet{ur} de decano et Capit{u}lo eccl{es}ie Cathedralis Westm{onasterium} sed p{er} que(?) s{er}uiciu{m} Iur{atores} p{re}d{i}c{t}i ignorant

Et Iur{atores} p{re}d{i}c{t}i vlt{er}ius dic{unt} q{uo}d p{re}d{i}c{t}us Griffinus
Dune no [sic?] tenuit aliqua alia [illegible]

21 plura t{er}re aut ten{emen}ta de d{i}c{t}o d{om}ino Rege nec de aliquo alio in
Com{itatu} p{re}d{i}c{t}o in d{omi}nico nec in s{er}uicio die quo obiit Et q{uo}d
Idem Griffinus Dune obiit decimo octauo die mensis Ianuarij Anno regn{i}(?)

22 Henrici octauo dei gr{aci}a Anglie ffranc{ie} et Hib{er}n{ie} Regis fidei defensoris
Ac in t{er}ra eccl{es}ie Anglicane et Hibernie sup{re}mi capit{is} xxxiiij vlti{m}o
p{re}t{er}ito Ante capc{i}o{n}em huius Inquisic{i}onis Et q{uo}d Elizabeth{a}

23 Dune [illegible] filia et p{ro}x{ima} heres p{re}d{i}c{t}i Griffini et etat{is} xviiij
Annor{um} et Amplius In cuius rei testimoniu{m} veri p{ar}t{i}(?) huius
Inq{ui}sic{i}onis indentari(?) penes p{re}fat{um} Eschaetorem reman{enti} Iur{atores}
p{re}d{i}c{t}i sigilla sua

24 [illegible] Apposuerunt(?) Altero vero p{ar}t{i} huius Inq{ui}sic{i}onis indentat{e}
penes p{re}fat{os} Iur{atores} reman{enti} p{re}d{i}c{t}us Escaetor sigillu{m} suu{m}
apposuit die et anno sup{ra}d{i}c{t}is