



	Richard Rydar		£8	
	John Carsewall			bow & arrows
	John Felde	13s 4d	20s	glaive
	Thomas Litle	10s	20s	
	John More		£4	bow & arrows
	William Comley		30s	bow & arrows
	<sup>a</sup> Thomas Adams	10s	£7	glaive
	<sup>a</sup> John Adams			bill
	<sup>a</sup> Ralph Hoper		£5 13s 4d	bow & arrows
	<sup>a</sup> William Ernold		40s	bow & arrows
	<sup>a</sup> Richard Wylmotes	6s 8d	£4	bow & arrows
	<sup>a</sup> Thomas Wylmotes			
	<sup>a</sup> William Adams		£4	
	John Wyllowe		40s	sword
	Walter Andrews		15s	glaive
	<sup>a</sup> Thomas Harrys			bow & arrows
	<sup>a</sup> Richard Hoper		£5	bow & arrows
324r	<sup>a</sup> Richard Bowghan		20s	bill
	Thomas Shryve		£4	glaive
	<sup>a</sup> John Carter			bow & arrows
	<sup>a</sup> William Danyell			bow & arrows
	Owen Smyth		£4	halberk [sic]
	Richard Wyllowe	5s	£10	sallet, glaive & dagger
	William Hayward		£5	glaive & sword
	Robert Goderich		£3 13s 4d	bill
	<sup>a</sup> William Kyng		£3	glaive, pollaxe
	<sup>a</sup> John Colley			bow & arrows
	Thomas Hayward	6s 8d	40s	glaive
	John Feld	6s 8d	53s 4d	glaive
	William Bowghan	20s	£5	bow & arrows
	<sup>a</sup> John Whitmay		£5	hauberk
	<sup>a</sup> Richard Hallyng			bow & arrows
	Thomas Ocle		£10	bow & arrows

1525 Minsterworth Tax

1523 Lay Subsidy (5347-5351)

*Minsterworth*

Alys Hathewey	land	08-00-00	00-04-00
Richard Arnold	land	10-00-00	00-05-00
Thomas Perkyns	goods	20-00-00	00-20-00
William Barrett	goods	08-00-00	00-04-00
John Portter	goods	06-00-00	00-03-00
Gyles Mekyns	goods	06-00-00	00-03-00
Nicholas Kedyloke	goods	00-20-00	00-00-04
William Veysy	goods	06-00-00	00-03-00
Thomas Hyett	goods	00-40-00	00-00-12
Richard Churche	goods	03-00-00	00-00-18

Richard Hyll	goods	03-00-00	00-00-18
William Pyrton	goods	00-40-00	00-00-12
William Bo[dn]hen	goods	03-00-00	00-00-18
William Grasyng	goods	00-20-00	00-00-04
Thomas Grasyng	goods	03-00-00	00-00-18

Richard Ryder	goods	06-00-00	00-03-00
John Lytill	goods	00-20-00	00-00-04
Richard Bo[dn]hen	goods	00-20-00	00-00-04
Laurens Gruffyn	goods	00-20-00	00-00-04

Total			00-55-02
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***Additional Minsterworth among some several unreadable***

[...] Barrett	goods	05-00-00 <sup>1</sup>	00-00-20
William Sparkes	goods	00-20-00	00-00-04
William Hayward	goods	04-00-00	00-02-00
Richard Wylowe	goods	07-00-00	00-03-06
Robert Wattes	goods	00-20-00	00-00-04

Total			00-18-08
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***Knights End***

John More	goods	06-00-00	00-03-00
Thomas Lyttil	goods	06-00-00	00-00-12
William Barrett [Jr.] <sup>2</sup>	goods	00-20-00	00-00-12

Total			00-04-00
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Total			02-12-06
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**1539**

**Muster Roll Minsterworth**

**GRO D837/1**

This roll is dated, in its description in the Gloucester Records Office, as 1591 and also 1539. The roll, by its lettering and contents, is clearly consistent with 1539 rather than the later date.

The ordering of the list corresponds in large part with the published 1522 record of similar purpose. Among those listed are: Thomas Barrett, Sr.; Thomas Barrett, Jr; William Barrett, Sr.; Henry Barrett; William Barrett, Jr.

The notation "a" indicates that the man is able-bodied.

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<sup>1</sup> The units for this valuation seems to be *marks*. One mark was equal to 100 pence, so 5 marks would be a little more than 2 pounds,

<sup>2</sup> "Jr" in original document, but not in published text.

### *Mynsterworth*

(1)	Thomas Parkyns	cote & [sallet]
(2)	a Richard Adams	bow & 12 arrows, sword, dagger
(3)	a John Keylock, Jr.	[parslyute], bow & 12 arrows, sword, dagger
(4)	a John Colyns	bill <sup>1</sup>
(5)	a William Kynge	bill
(6)	a Thomas Hyet [de Worcett]	bow & 6 arrows
(7)	Richard Felde	bill
(8)	John Felde	bill
(9)	a Henry Clifford	sword
(10)	a John Comley	bill
(11)	a William Comley Jr.	bow & 6 arrows
(12)	a Thomas Har[mon]	bow & 6 arrows
(13)	Thomas Barrett Sr.	bill
(14)	William Hunt	sword, dagger
(15)	Nicholas Hayward <sup>2</sup>	bill, dagger
(16)	Henry Watts	bill
(17)	Richard Willowe	glaive ( <i>glef</i> ), [paroplynte]
(18)	Thomas Hayward	glaive
(19)	William Hayward	glaive
(20)	a Thomas Barrett, Jr.	glaive
(21)	Thomas Carter	glaive
(22)	Richard Hay	12 arrows
(23)	a John [Reve]	glaive, sword, dagger
(24)	a Nicholas Keylock	bow & 6 arrows, sword, dagger
(25)	William Adams	bill
(26)	Richard Wilmotts	bow & 6 arrows
(27)	a William Boyfeld	bow & 12 arrows, sword, dagger
(28)	a Thomas Parkyns	
(29)	William Hey[wolle]	bow & 6 arrows
(30)	John Keylock, Sr.	bill, [paroplynte]
(31)	William Arnold	bow & 6 arrows
(32)	William [Hay]	bill
(33)	Thomas Adams	[cote]

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<sup>1</sup> The *bill*, as well as the *glaive*, is a variation of *blade at the end of a pole*.

<sup>2</sup> See will of Agnes Hayward in 1590.

(34)	William Adams, his son	bow & 12 arrows
(35) a	William Grene	bill, dagger
(36)	John Willowe	bill
(37)	Richard Willowe	bow & 6 arrows
(38)	William Barrett, Sr.	bill
(39) a	Henry Barrett	bow & 6 arrows
(40) a	William Cumley	bow & 12 arrows, dagger, [paroplynte]
(41)	Thomas [Letle]	bow & 6 arrows
(42)	William Pirton	bill, dagger
(43) a	William Flower	glaive
(44)	Thomas Cooke	bill
(45) a	William Cooke	glaive
(46) a	William Adams of Mynsterworth	bow & 12 arrows, sword
(47) a	Richard Boyfeld	[bom...]
(48) a	John Flower	bow & 12 arrows
(49) a	John [Hullyn]	bill
(50) a	Robert Hyet	bow & 24 arrows
(51) a	[Gilles] Wilmotts	bow & 6 arrows
(52)	William Hale	bow & 6 arrows
(53)	John Porter [...]	bill, dagger
(54) a	John Feysy	bill, dagger
(55)	William Bougham	bow & 24 arrows
(56)	John [Colleflurne]	glaive
(57)	Richard Church, Sr.	glaive
(58) a	Richard Church, Jr.	bow & 6 arrows, [...]
(59)	Richard Hill	glaive
(60) a	Thomas Hyet	bow & 24 arrows, [...]
(61)	Nicholas Wilmotts	bow & 6 arrows
(62) a	William Barrett, Jr.	[...bers], sword
(63)	Thomas [Oold/Ockle]	glaive
(64) a	John [Wells]	bow & 6 arrows
(65) a	John Grasyng	bow & 6 arrows
(66)	William Bullock	glaive, 6 arrows
(67)	John [er Gl...]	glaive
(68) a	Thomas Awyntle	[...]
(69)	John Huntley	glaive

**1546**      **Bougham**      **William**      **Minsterworth**      **1546/252**  
 Will:            20 Nov 1545  
 Various:        William Yarnold, John Hayle, Agnes Flower,  
                   Elizabeth Willow, Elyn [Nores]  
 Bequest:        ... to Thomas Barrett of Minchinhampton, three shillings,  
                   four pence and a coat of sage lefe (leaf) color.  
 Priest:           John Felton (*goostly father*, i.e., ghostly/spritual father)  
 Daughter/Exec: Jone Bougham  
 Godchildren:   unnamed  
 Other:           children of John Reyse and William Grasyng  
 Witnesses:     John Felton - priest, Thomas Hyett, William Yarnold,  
                   [Bro] Boyfeld

**1587**      **Tax Assessment**      **Minsterworth**      **E 179/247/4**  
 Date:            30 Sep 1587

John Haywarde	terr	00-20-00	00-02-08
John Gwilliam [...]	terr	20-00-00	00-53-08
Arthur Barrett	terr	06-00-00	00-16-00
Richard Yarnolde	terr	06-00-00	00-16-00
William Grasyng	terr	04-00-00	00-10-08
Francis Gough [Clicus]	terr	04-00-00	00-10-08
Richard Fylde and Thomas Pope	terr	03-00-00	00-08-00
Thomas Addames de Minsterworth	terr	00-40-00	00-05-04
Thomas Church	terr	00-40-00	00-05-04
John Pyrtone	terr	00-20-00	00-02-08
Johane Maio, widow ( <i>vid</i> )	terr	00-20-00	00-02-08
William Keylock	bonis	12-00-00	00-20-00
Robert Stephens	bonis	08-00-00	00-13-04
Robert Venne	bonis	07-00-00	00-11-08
John Hyet	bonis	06-00-00	00-10-00
Nicholas Phelpes	bonis	06-00-00	00-10-00
Henry Barrett	bonis	05-00-00	00-08-04
William Mathewe	bonis	04-00-00	00-06-08
William Verrye	bonis	04-00-00	00-06-08
John Perkins	bonis	04-00-00	00-06-08
William Hayward	bonis	03-00-00	00-05-00
Thomas Whyt	bonis	03-00-00	00-05-00
Thomas Barrett de Murcott	bonis	03-00-00	00-05-00
Margaret Willmotts, widow ( <i>vid</i> )	bonis	05-00-00	00-08-04

and Robert Greene, her son-*fillius*<sup>1</sup>

Thomas Addames de Murcott	bonis	04-00-00	00-06-08
Alice Veysey, widow ( <i>vid</i> )	bonis	03-00-00	00-05-00
Margaret Bodnham	bonis	03-00-00	00-05-00
William Combley	bonis	03-00-00	00-05-00
John Wintell	bonis	03-00-00	00-05-00
Richard Hyet	bonis	03-00-00	00-05-00
William Addames	bonis	03-00-00	00-05-00

**1587**      **Willmottes**      **Margery**      **Minsterworth**      **1587/147**

Will:                      07 May 1586  
Probate:                 12 Oct 1587  
Testator:                Margery Wylmote of Minsterworth, wyddowe  
Sons:                     Robert Greene, William Moore<sup>2</sup>, Richard Greene  
Godson:                 William Smyth  
Daughters:             Julian, Margaret, Alice Barrett<sup>3</sup> – wife of William Barrett  
Grandson:              William Moore, son of William  
Grandchildren:        Elizabeth Barrett, Marie Barrett,  
                                 Thomas Barrett, William Barrett  
                                 – children of daughter Alice and William Barrett<sup>4</sup>  
Grandchildren:        Elizabeth, Margaret, Alice, John  
                                 – children of son Richard Greene  
Uncertain:             John Moore  
Granddaughter:        Elizabeth, daughter of son Robert Green  
Debtors:                Sister – Bodnham, Thomas Bodnham, Johane Mayo,  
                                 Thomas Church, John Parkins, Brother – William Hooper  
Witnesses:             William Hoper, William Rosingreve  
Witnesses:             Thomas Adams, Arthur Hassards

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<sup>1</sup> See the 1587 will of Margery (i.e., Margaret) Willmotts identifying Robert Green as one of her sons.

<sup>2</sup> William Moore is her son-in-law. It was customary to sometimes refer to such a relation as *son*. See the 1551 will of Margery's first husband William Green where he names William Moore as son-in-law. It is uncertain which daughter (Julian or Margery) is married to William Moore.

<sup>3</sup> Referencing her son's names, the testator seems to have had two husbands: Greene, Moore, and Wilmottes. Her daughter Alice is more likely the daughter of Greene or Moore, since she is of age to be married and with children.

<sup>4</sup> This appears to be William, son of Henry. (See will for William Barrett, 1588, where he names wife and children.)

**1588**      **Grasing**      **William**      **Minsterworth**      **1588/267**  
Will:            01 Oct 29 Elizabeth (1587)  
Son / Executor: Anthony Gracing  
Overseers:      Richard Mathewe of [Dymy], Nicholas Phelps  
Witnesses:      Arthur Barrett, Arthur Hassard, William Keylock,  
                     Robert Grasing, Thomas Wilmotes, Thomas Bodnham,  
                     Robert Bingle

**1589**      **Bodnham**      **Margaret**      **Minsterworth**      **1589/103**  
Will:            13 Nov 1589 (31 Elizabeth)  
Probate:        12 Dec 1589  
Sons:            Nicholas Bodnham, William Bodnham,  
                     John Bodnham, Thomas Bodnham  
Other:           Elizabeth Hampton - prospective wife of son Thomas  
Gnddaughter: Margaret Bodnam, daughter of son Thomas  
Grandson:      William Bodnam, son of son Thomas  
Grandsons:     Thomas Bodnam & Humphrey Bodnham, sons of son John  
Overseers:      Nicholas Phelps, John Perkins  
Clerk:            Arthur Hassard

**1591**      **Thomas Baynham et al v. William Keylock, et al**      **NA E 134/34Eliz/Hil23**

Abstract

A dispute seems to have arisen over whether or not inhabitants of Minsterworth and Tibberton (defendants) were permitted to freely enter the Forest of Dean with their livestock.

Several deponents recall that many years ago, William Barrett of Minsterworth, and others, were in the Forest with their pigs. Said pigs were impounded by the King's agents until a fine was paid. In counterpoint, others testify that they have always had the freedom of the Forest.

Arthur Barrett is one of the deponents and gives his age as 68 (on 20 Dec 34 Elizabeth -- 1591), making his birth year 1524. This is consistent with his stated age at a similar deposition in 1577.

Partial Transcript:

*Depostions of witnesses taken at Mewnham in the Countie of Gloucester the Nyne and Twentyth daye of December in the Fower and Thirtyth yere of the Reigne of our Soverigne Lady Elizabeth by the grade of God of England Franncce and Ireland Queene Defender of the Faythe [forever] Before Thomas James, Thomas Yate, and Luke Garuons, Gentlemen, Comissioners, by vertue*



*of her majesties Comission out of highenes Courte of Exchequer unto them dyrected, for the examynacion of a matter in controversie there depending between Thomas Bayneham, Josephe Bayneham [Esyniers] and others playntiffs, And Willyum Keylock, Richard Sysemore, and Rychard Rowles, and others Defendants.*

***Ex Parte Defendant***

***Arthur Barrett*** of Mynsterworth within the Countie of Gloucester, yeoman, being one of her Majisties tenants customarye and free ther of the age of Threescore and Eighte yeres or there abouts, sworne and examyned, deposeth and sayeth

*1. To the first Interrogatorie he sayeth that he doth knowe the said Forest of Deane, and the said Manors of Minsterworth and Tybberton, and hath known the same by all the tyme of his memorie.*

*2. To the second he sayeth that de doth know that the said several manors of Mynsterworth and Tybberton are parcell of the Duchye of Lancaster, and that the Queenes Majistie and her highenes progenitors is, and have byn seised of the said manors as in the Right of the said Duchye.*

*3. To the thirde interrogatorie he sayeth that all the Tenants and Inhabitants of the said severall manors of Mynsterworth and Tybberton have used to have comon of pasture for their beasts of all kyndes (sheepe excepted) in the Forest of Deane, and also garbage and pawnage for their hoggs and piggs and other swyne for all the space almost of threescore yeres. And further he sayeth that he hath harde his father saye, that the said Tenants and inhabitants have hadd the lyke Comon there by all his tyme.*

*4. To the Fowerth he sayeth that during the tyme of his remembrance, the Tenants and inhabtants of the said severall manors have used to cutt downe and take woodd and bowes in the said Forest for making hoggs cotes and piggs cotes for their swyne there goeing, and he hymself also hath used to make cotes in lyke sorte.*

*5. To the Fyveth he sayeth That William Keylock, one of the Dedendants, is a customary tenant and also a freeholder to the Queenes Majistie in the Manor of Mynsterworth, and that the said Sysemore, one other of the Defendants, ys a customary Tenant to her highenes in the said manor of Tybberton, And that the said Rowles ys not a customerye tenante nor freeholder in any the said manors, but is tenant for yeres to a customery tenent there.*

*Other Deponants ...*

***John Morwent*** of Rodley, husbandman, aged aboute threescore and ten yeres.

*William Cruse of Englishe Brycknor in the said Countie of Gloucester, husbandman, being of the age of lxii (62) yeres or thereabouts.*

*William Hyett of Rodley in the countie of Gloucester, husbandman of the age of threescore and fowerteene yeres or thereabouts.*

*Richard Agwilliam of Castellmorton in the Countie of Worcet, yeoman of the age of Threescore and tenne yeres or thereabouts.*

*John Pyrton of Mynsterworth in the countie of Gloucester, wever, of the age of Threescore and thirtene yeres or thereabouts.*

*James Donne of Mynsterworth in the countie of Gloucester, husbandman, aged Threescore and twelve yeres or thereabouts.*

*George Kiste of Tybberton in the countie of Gloucester, husbandman, of the age of Fyftie two yeres or thereabouts.*

*William Bythell of Tybberton in the countie of Gloucester, husbandman, of the age of Fyftie sixe yeres or thereabouts.*

*Richard Baker of Huntley in the Countie of Gloucester, husbandman, of the age of Threescore yeres or thereabouts.*

*Robert Crumpe of Chaxhill in the countie of Gloucester, husbandman, of the age of Threescore yeres and upwards.*

*William Draper of Huntley in the Countie of Gloucester, yoman, of the age of Threescore yeres and upwards.*

1592/3	Bodnam	William	Minsterworth	TNA Prob/11/79/i180
	Will:	18 May 1590 (33 Elizabeth)		
	Probate:	18 Mar 1592/3		
	Brothers:	Nicholas Bodnam of Minsterworth, John Bodnam, Thomas Bodnam		
	Nieces:	Margaret and Jane (daughters of John Bodnam) [sic]		
	Nieces:	Margaret and Jane (daughters of Thomas Bodnam) [sic]		
	Nephew:	William Bodnam (son of Thomas Bodnam)		
	Maid:	Margaret		
	Others:	John Baffia, Mr. Wrighte, Elinor Wrighte, John Marse, Thomas Suruige, Robert Mason of the City of Gloucester, Tom Davis, Thomas Wrighte, et al		

Overseers: Nicholas Phelps and Robert Greete of Minsterworth  
Witnesses: William Wrighte, John Mealers, Edward Higgens,  
Thomas Wrighte

1593 **Arthur Barrett v. Richard Arnold, et al**

TNA DL 4/36/36

Abstract

Arthur Barrett, the son of William Barrett and the grandson of William Barrett, and Richard Arnold each lay claim (by lease) to land and two tenements within the Manor of Minsterworth. The first is called, alternatively, (1) Knights House, (2) Knights Place, or (3) Knights End. The second is called Walkline.

Arthur Barrett's claim, one of heirship, is as follows: Joan Cook, daughter of William Cook, made a lease of the property for 60 years to Robert Phipott, whom she subsequently married. She died without children, and so the Right passed to her next of kin – her cousin, William Barrett, grandfather of the Plaintiff, Arthur Barrett. This right of inheritance then came to William Barrett, father of the Plaintiff, and then to Arthur himself.

In further evidence of this, several witnesses report that Arthur, some 25 years earlier, was admitted as rightful tenent and his name placed on a Court Roll to that effect. Also, in a dispute with William Bodnam 13 years earlier, Arthur was declared rightfull tenent by the Manor Court.

The Defendant offers a quite different account. Witnesses report that Joan Cooke did marry Robert Phipott and passed the right to him at her death. He then passed it to his second wife, Alice. Alice Phipott made a lease to Arthur Barrett and, independently, her son-on-law, acting on her behalf, sold the lease to Anthony Arnold.

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*Elizabeth, by the grace of God, Queen of England, France, and Irelande, defender of the faith. To our trustie and welbeloved Richard Atkins, Xpofer<sup>1</sup> George, Rowland Skidmore, Henry Robins, Luke Garnous, and Thomas Alston, gentleman, and to everie of them, greatinge. Whereas complaynte hath been made before our Channcellor and Counsell of our Duchie of Lancaster in our Duchie Chamber at our Castle of Hartforde<sup>2</sup> on behalf of Arthur Barrett, plaintiff against Rycharde Arnold and other defendants for that theye in sondrie wise should wronge him of, for, and concerning twoe messuags and tenaments with appurtenances and Thirtie acres of land, meadowe, and pasture the appurtenances therunto belonginge, parcell of our Mannor of*

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<sup>1</sup> This unusual forename is written thus, consistently, at several occurances.

<sup>2</sup> Perhaps this is *Hertford*, just north of London, where Queen Elizabeth spent much time during her childhood.

*Mynsterworth in our Countie of Gloucester and further as by the bill of Complaint remaynyng upon recorde in our Duchie chamber more at large appereth whereunto the said defendants have made answer and the said plaintiff hath thereunto replied, whereupon the said parties are at full and perfect issue.*

*[... ..] to be ascerteyned of the truth of the premisses and of the Circumstance of the same, and trusting in your wisdoms and discrecions will and require youe unto iiii, iii, or ii (4, 3, or 2) of youe at the leaste at tyme and place conveynent by youe to bee lymyted and apoynted to call before youe by vertue hereof both the said parties and all such other parsonnes as youe shall thinke meete and convenient to enquire of the said matters as well by verve, oathe, evedence, perambulacon<sup>1</sup>, examination of witnesses and by all other waies and means as to your wisdomes and discrecions therein shall seem best.*

*And also to examtne all such witnesses as shall come before youe upon such Interrogatories as eyther of the said parties shall then and there exhibitte and bringe before youe and thereupon of your facts doinges and proceedings herein, wee will and require youe, iiii, iii, or ii (4, 3, or 2) of youe at the leaste by your wrytinge enclosed under your seales with [thers our...lres] to certifie our Chancellor and Counsell of our said Duchie in our Duchie Chamber at our Pallace of Westminster in the [vtas] of the holy Trinity next comynge Nott fayllinge hereof as wee trust youe, provided always that the said plaintiff shall geve unto the said Defendant [8] dayes warninge of the daie, tyme, and place where and when the said Comyssioners shall appoint to sette upon the execution of this our [Comyssyeaven] at our said Pallace of Westminster and the seale of our said duchy, the [xvii] daye of Aprill in the xxxvi<sup>th</sup> (36<sup>th</sup>) yeare of our raigne.*

*(Signature obscured.)*

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*Interrogatories to be ministered to witnesses examined on the part and behalf of Arthur Barrett, complainant, against Richard Arnold, alias Yarnald, and other defendants.*

*1: Inprimis: doe you knowe the said plaintiff and defendant and every or any of them and doe you knowe the mannor or [...] of Mynsterworth in the Countye of Gloucester belonging or parcell of the possessions of the Queenes Magisties Duchy of Lancaster.*

*2: Item: doe you knowe two messuages or tenements and thertye acres*

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<sup>1</sup> *Perambulation* - (to take) a walk about the premisses for the purpose of inspecting the condition or boundaries of the same.

*thereabout of Lande medow and pasture thereunto belonginge or usually held or occupied therewith in Minsterworth aforesaid the one of the said Tenements called knights place, otherwise called knights end the other called Walkelins. And do you not knowe that the said Tenement and premisses are, and time out of minde hathe ben, parcell of the sayd mannor of Minsterworth and parte of the Customarye and base tenure Lands and Tenements of the said mannor. And used to be lett or granted and held by coppye of Courte roll or otherwise by coppye or by the verge or in base tenure accordinge to the custom of the said Mannor in fee simple and of estate of inheritans. And to discende and goe to the next heyre according to the custom of the said mannor the freehoulde and inheritans therof at the [common] Lawe belonginge to the Queenes Majesties or for the tyme of your knowledge, and as you have hearde, have not the sayd tenement and presmies ben so reputed taken and enjoyed as such customary and base tenure Lands and Tenements of the sayd mannor.*

*3. Item: doe you knowe or have hearde that one Johan Phipott, sometimes the wife of Robert Phipott, and the daughter and heyre of William Cooke, was inheritrix, and seised of the sayd Lands and Tenements to her and her heyres according to the said custome of the sayd manor, and that the sayd Johan before her marriage with the said Robert Phipott, Leased the sayd Lands to the said Robert for three schoore (60) yeares or such like tenure.*

*4: Item: doe you knowe or have hearde that the sayd Johan Phipott dyed, seised of the said Lands and Tenements and premises or of the reversion and her said estate of inheritans thereof accordinge to the said custom, not having any issue, child, or children of her body lawfully begotten. And that by and after her decease the said Tenements and premises or the said estate of inheritans therof accordinge to the said custome, descended and came or of right should or ought to have descended and comen in possession or in reversion upon and after the said Leas to one William Barrett as Cosen and next heyre of the said Johan. And doe you not knowe or have sene or hearde of any verdit or presentment verified or contained in any Courte roll or Courterolls of the said mannor of Minsterworth persuinge the same or tendinge to such effecte.*

*5. Item: doe you not know or have hearde that the sayd William Barrett was in his life time seised of the Reversion of the sayd Tenement and premisses of an estate in fee simple or inheritance in base tenure accordinge to the said custome and dyed so therof seised. And that he was grandfather to the now complainant Arthur Barrett and that the said Complainant is heyre of the said William Barrett, his grandfather; that is to saye, son and heyre of William Barrett, deceased, who was likewise seised of the Reversion of the sayd premisses and died so therof seised and was son and heyre of the sayd William Barrett the grandfather, and that the said Complainant is true heyre and rightfull inheritor of the sayd Tenement and premisses.*

6. Item: did you knowe William Bodnam Late of Minsterworth, deceased, in what state of povertye or welthe lived and dyed he and who kept and mainteyned him, and do you knowe or have hearde that Johan Bodnam Deceased, pretended on the defendants part to be grandmother of the said William, had also a sister Called Maude, which Maude was mother unto Richarde Yarnolde, Late of Minsterworth, deceased, which Richard Yarnolde was grandfather unto the said now defendante Richard Arnolde.

7. Item: doe you knowe of your owne knowledge or otherwise have you certenly and credibly heard or ben enformed that the said Johan Bodnam was oldest daughter or one of the daughters of Thomas Cooke, Deceased: And that the said Thomas Cooke was the son of one Lawrence Cooke or of one Richard Cooke. And that the wife of the said Richarde and pretended mother of the said Thomas was called Margett or Margaret and was the daughter of Edith Shaftsbury, how when, by whome, and by what meanes doe you knowe or have hearde or ben enformed of the premisses in this interogatorye mentioned or of any part thereof.

8. Item: doe you not knowe or have hearde that the said now Complainant Arthur Barrett about five and twenty yeares now Last past was by the homage in the Counte of the said mannor accordinge to the custome there presented tenant or next heyer to the said tenement and premisses and was admitted Tenant therof and payed his fine thereupon and therefore accordinge to the custome of the said manor. And hath not the said complainant ever sithence by himself and his undertenant continued the possession or occupacon and taking of the Rents issues revenues and proffits thereof and ben reputed the true and lawfull inheritor or owner therof to your knowledge exceptinge or not withstanding the momentary interruptions or Claymes or pretended title of his said now and former adversaries therin or thereunto.

9. Item: what other matter thinge or circumstance doe you knowe remember or have heard touching or Cocerning the matter title or premisses now in varians in parte of the Complainant said title estate or possession of in or to the said premisses or in dispose of the said Defendants pretended title or Clayme thereunto.

10. Item: do you knowe or have you harde that about xiii (13) years paste the tytyle of the tenements above namyd was in question and sute of Lawe in the Countie of the sayd manor of Mynsterworthe between William Bodnam, Lessor of the premysses for the term of yeares now claymed by the defendante of the one part and the nowe Complainant Arthur Barrett of the other part, whether dyd the sayd Bodnam then clayme the premysses by dysent as heyer to Lawrence Cook, sonn of Thomas Cook, And whether was his right putt to the homage of the sayd mannor to be tryed or not. And whether dyd the sayd homage fynd and [gyve vailid] for the sayd Barrett and against the sayd

*Bodnam or not.*

*11. Item: Do you know or have you heard that the sayd William Bodnam was not in possession of the premysses or eny parte or parcel thereof at the makyinge of the lease whereby the Defendant nowe claymeth the premysses or at eny tyme before or after, And that John Bleek, gentleman, was never in possession of the premysses or eny parte therof by vertue of the sayd lease.*

*(attorney signatures)*

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*Interrogatories to be ministered unto witnesses to be examined on the behalf of Richard Arnold, Defendant to the byll of Complaynt of Arthur Barrett, Complainant.*

*1. Imprimis: whether do you knowe the Plaintiff and Defendant.*

*2. Item: whether do you knowe two messuages or tenements and certeyn land, pasture and meddowe to the same belonging, lyinge, and being in Mynsterworth within the Countie of Gloucester, the one of them called Knights Place and the other Walkings, howe longe have you knowen the same.*

*3. Item: Whethe(r) dyd you knowe William Barrett, father of Arthur Barrett, the Complainant; howe longed dyd you knowe him, and whether within your memory was he, the sayd William, seised of the same Lands yea or no.*

*4. Item: whether do you know or have harde of eny lease that was made of the sayd Lands unto Robert Phipott, by whome and for howe many yeres, Declare in what manner you came to the knowledge or reporte therof.*

*5. Item: whether dyd the sayd Arthur Barrett buye the remainder of the years that were to Cum upon the sayd Phipotte lease; when, of whome, and for howe muche money, and howe many yeres were then to come of the same Lease, And what meanes, intretyes, Composycons, or speches dyd he use to make eny person or persones for the obteynynge therof; Declare to what persones and so what Cause dyd he buye the same lease; And whether was not Anthony Arnold Determynd to have bought the same Lease; yf yea, for what Cause wold he have bought the same and by what means was he putt from yt, And whether dyd the sayd Barrett Cum to the possession therof by means of the sayd lease yea or no, or by eny other meanes declare the whole troeths and circumstances therof.*

*6. Item: what speches dyd you hear Phipotts wyfe use, concerninge Bodman's tytle in or to the sayd Land, and what was his opinion therin and what moved him to depart with his interest; Declare the Certentye therof.*

7. Item: whether dyd not William Bodnam, within shorte tyme after the expyracion of Phipott lease make his Clayme to the sayd Land in varyance, And whether dyd not the Right of the inherytance of the fee simple Lands in Mynsterworth and the Customary lands there decend to him the sayd Bodnam, from one selfe same Anncetor; And whether nowe not the fee simple land yielded to him as heyar unto his sayd father.

8. Item: whether by the Custome of Mynsterworth ought not the customary Lands there to decend to the oldest Daughter yf there be more daughters then one and no heyr male, yea or no.

9. Item: whether dyd you knowe the sayd William Bodnam as sonne and heyre to Thomas Bodnam dyd make eny sale of eny parte of his fee simple Land in Mynsterworth unto William Gracing, yea or no, when and where, was the same doan, And who was attorney to gyve lyvery and seison<sup>1</sup> therof and whether was lyvery and seison therof made accordingly, howe do you know therof, And whether hath not the same Land byn quietly enjoyed by the same William Gracynge, his heyres ever sithens; Declare the Certenty therof.

10. Item: were you present and a wyttnesse as thensolyng and delyvery of a lease made by William Bodnam unto John Bleeke, gentleman, of the lands and tenements in varyannce yea or no; yf you new, what date doeth the same wryttinge bere, when, where, and in presents of what personnes, was the same seallyd and deliveryd.

(11.) Item: were you present and a witness, as thensolinge and delivery of a wryttinge of an assignment of a lease made by John Blyke, gentleman, unto the Defendat, Richard Arnold, of all suche Right, tittle, and interest, as the sayd John Blyke had of and in the land in Question, what Date Doeth the same wryttinge beare, when, where, and in presents of what persones was the same seallyd and delivered.

(attorney signatures)

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Deposycons of witnesses taken at the Boothehall<sup>2</sup> in the Citie of Gloucester the xxii<sup>th</sup> (22<sup>nd</sup>) Daye of May in the xxxvi<sup>th</sup> (36<sup>th</sup>) yeare of the Raygne of oure Soveraygne Lady Queen Elizabeth: Before Xpofor George Esquire, Roland Skidmore, Luke Garuons and Thomas Alston, gentleman: by force of hir

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<sup>1</sup> *livery and seisen* - transfer of possession. A ceremony performed in medieval England that effected the transfer of land from one party to another.

<sup>2</sup> *Booth Hall* -- constructed in 1559 (Westgate Stret), it remained in use until the mid 20th Century.



*majesties Comyssyon to them Directyd forthe of the Courte of hir highness Dowchye of Lancaster, As well on the parte and Behalf of Arthur Barrett, Complainant as on the parte and Behalf of Richard Arnold, gentleman, Defendant.*

***Ex parte Quirents***

***William Keylocke*** of Mynsterworth in the Countie of Gloucester yeoman aged lx (60) yeares or therabout sworne and examined on the Plaintiff's behalf, Deposethe and sayethe as followethe.

1. *To the fyrst Interrogatory he awnsereth affyrmatyvolly*
2. *To the second Interrogatory he sayethe that he knowethe messuages and tenements in the interatory specyfied, And sayethe that the same are parcell of the mannor of Mynsterworth and parte of the Customary and Base tenure Lande of the sayd mannor, And usid to be Letten granntyd and held by Coppy Lande of Courte Rowlle or by the verge in base tenure according to the Custome of the sayd mannor in suche mannor and forme as in the Interrogatory ys specyfied, And ought to Decend and goo to the next heyre according to the Custome of the sayd mannor, And sayethe that the sayd tenements have bin Reputyd taken and enjoyed as such Customarye and base tenure Land by all the tyme of this deponents memory and knowlledge.*
3. *To the third Interrogatory he sayeth, that he this Deponent hath Credibly hard that Johan Cooke, alias Phipott, in that interrogatory namyd was wyfe to the sayd Robert Phipott and Daughter and heyre to the said William Cook, and was inheritrix to the Land and tenements in varyance and seised therof accordinge to the Custom of the sayd mannor, And that the sayd Johan Before hir maryage with the sayd Robert Phipott made a Lease to the sayd Robert of the sayd Land and tenements for lx (60) years, And this Deponent the Rather belevethe the same to be true for yt he hathe seen a lease in wrytting to the same effect.*
4. *To the iii<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup>) he sayethe, that he hathe Credybly harde that the sayd Johane Phipott dyed seized of the Revercon<sup>1</sup> of the tenements in the interrogatory specyfied and had no yssue of hir body begotten, And hathe lykewyse hard that the Revercon of the sayd Lande and tenements by and after hir Decease Decendyed and came to William Barrett in the interrogatory namyd as Cosin and heyre to the sayd Johan Cooke, alius Phipott: And this Deponent sayethe he hathe seene a Courte Rowlle specyfyinge a presentment of the homage of the sayd mannor of Mynsterworth whereby the sayd William Barrett was presentyd to be heyre to the sayd tenement after the Decease of the sayd Johane Cook, alias Phipott.*

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<sup>1</sup> Reversion

5. To the v<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup>) interrogatory he sayethe that he hath hard that William Barrett, grandfather to the Plaintiff, dyed seised of the Revercon of the tenement in the interrogatory specyfied, And that William Barrett, father to the Plaintiff and sonne to the sayd Willyam the grandfather, dyed seised allso of the Revecon of the premisses.

8. To the viii<sup>th</sup> (8<sup>th</sup>) Interrogatory he sayethe that he knowethe that about xxv (25) yeres past the Plaintiff was presentid sworne and admyttyd tenante to premisses at a Court holden within the sayd mannor of Mynsterworth, and payd a fine for the same tenement according to the Custome of the sayd mannor, and hathe taken the profyts therof ever sythens.

10. To the x<sup>th</sup> (10<sup>th</sup>) Interrogatory he sayethe that there was a sute brought in the Courte of the sayd mannor of Mynsterworth about xiii (13) yeres past in the name of William Bodnam in the Interrogatory specyfied afainst the nowe Complainant, and sayeth that the matter and tittle beinge putt upon the homadge to be tryed, they gave verdyct for the sayd Plaintiff Arthur Barrett against the sayd Bodnam, And sayethe that the Defendant, Richard Arnold nowe Claymeth the premysses by a lease from the sayd William Bodnam, and further to that interrogatory he can not depose.

11. To the xi<sup>th</sup> (11<sup>th</sup>) Interrogatory he sayethe that he knowethe that the plaintiff, Arthur Barrett, hathe bin possissid of the tenement in varynace longe before the makinge of the Lease in the interrogatory specyfied and ever sythens, And sayethe that the sayd Bodman was never in possession therof to the knowlledge of this Deponent, And further sayeth that the Defendant, Richard Arnold, or John Bleeke, gentleman, were never in possession therof by vertue of the sayd Lease, to his knowlledge.

**Anthony Callowe** of Churcham in the Countie of Gloucester yeoman aged xxxv (35) yeares or therabout sworne and examyned on the Plaintiff's behalf, Deposethe and sayethe as followethe.

1. To the first Interrogative he awnserethe affyrmatyvly

2. To the second Interrogative he sayethe that he knowethe the messuages tenements and Lands in the interrogative specyfied and sayethe the same are parcell of the mannor of Mynsterworth and parcell of the Customary and base tennure land of the sayd mannor, And have bin usually Letten, granntyd and held by Copy of Court Rowlle as in the sayd interrogatorie is specyfied, And ought to dacend to the next heyar accordinge to the Custome of the sayd mannor, And that the sayd Tenements and Lands have byn so taken and reputyd byall the tyme of this Deponent's knowlledge.

3. To the third interrogatory he sayeth that he hathe Credibly hard that the sayd Johan Cooke, alias Phipott, sumtyme wyfe of the sayd Robert Phipott, was Daughter and heyre of the sayd William Cooke and inheratrix and seised of the sayd Tenements to hir and hir heyres accordinge to the Custome of the sayd mannor and further to that Interrogatory he Cannot Certeynly Depose.

4. To the iiiii<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup>) Interrogatory he sayethe that he hathe Credibly hard that the sayd Johane Phipott died seised of the sayd Lands and tenements or the Revecon therof of an estate of inherytannce according to the Custome of the sayd mannor and had no issue of her body begotten, And that the Right therof in possession or Revercon after hir Decease, Decendyd and came to the sayd William Barrett, grandfather to the Plaintiff (as this Deponent hathe harde), And this Deponent sayethe he hathe seen the Copy of a court Rowlle of the sayd mannor of Mynsterworth tendinge to that effect, beringe Date in the xxii<sup>th</sup> (22<sup>nd</sup>) yeare of the Raygne of our Late Kinge of famosse memory, Kinge Henry<sup>1</sup> the viii<sup>th</sup> and further to that interrogatory he cannot Depose.

5. To the v<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup>) Interrogatory he sayethe that he hathe Credibly hard that William Barrett, grandfather the Plaintiff, and William, his son, father to the Plaintiff, dyed seised of the revercon of the Tenement in question of an estate of inherytannce in base tenure according to the Custome of the sayd mannor, And that the complainant ys Right heyre and the inherytor of the sayd tenements and premisses (as this Deponent verely thinketh).

6/7. To the vi<sup>th</sup> and vii<sup>th</sup> (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>) Interrogatories he sayethe that he know William Bodnam in the interrogatory specyfyed, And that he was a very poore man and Lyved very poorely in the service of Mr. John Bleek, gentleman, father in lawe to the Defendant, And further to thoes interrogatories he cannot Depose.

8. To the viii<sup>th</sup> (8<sup>th</sup>) Interrogatory he sayethe, that he hathe Credibly hard that the Complainant, about xxv (25) yeres past, was by the homage of the sayd mannor of Mynsterworth presentid tennante and next heyre to the tenement in question, and was admyttyd tenant thereunto and made his fine for the same, and this Deponent hathe Seen the Copy of a courte Rowle of the sayd mannor bering Date the xviii<sup>th</sup> (18<sup>th</sup>) Daye of January in the xi<sup>th</sup> (11<sup>th</sup>) yere of hir majesty's Raygne<sup>2</sup> tendinge to that effect. And sayethe that the Complainant sythens (since) the sayd admyttinge hathe had the possession and taken the yssues and profyts therof by him selfe and his undertenents and hathe byn reputyd the true and Lawfull inherytor therof notwithstanding the interupcans and claymes by the nowe defendent and others before tyme made and used.

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<sup>1</sup> That year would be 1531.

<sup>2</sup> This references the present Queen, so the year is 1568/9.

10. To the x<sup>th</sup> (10<sup>th</sup>) Interrogatory he sayethe, that about xiii (13) yeres past ther was a sute brought in the Courte of the Mannor of Minsterworth in the name of William Bodnam or John Bleeke, gentleman, his lesor, agaynst the sayd Plaintiff Arthur Barrett for the tenement nowe in question and that the same was putt for tryall uppon the homage of the sayd mannor and that they gave a verdyct for the sayd Plaintiff Arthur Barrett, And further to that interrogatory he cannot depose.

11. To the xi<sup>th</sup> (11<sup>th</sup>) he sayethe, that he doothe not know neyther hathe hard that the sayed William Bodnam was in possession of the sayd tenement or eny parte therof at the makinge of the sayd Lease by the sayd Bodnam to John Bleeke, gentleman, nor eny tyme before of the premysses by vertue of the sayd Lease.

**Thomas Gracynge** of Elmore in the Countie of the Cytie of Gloucester yeoman aged lxx (70) yeares or therabout sworne and examyned on the Plaintiff's behalf, Deposethe and sayethe as followethe.

1. To the first Interrogative he awnserethe affyrmatyvely

2. To the seconde sayethe that he knowethe the tenements and Lands in the interrogative specyfyed and sayethe further in all things as the former Deponent, Anthony Callowe hathe sayed.

3. To the third interrogatory he sayethe as the sayd Anthony Callowe before him hathe sayed and sayeth further, that he hathe Credybly hard that the sayd Johane before hir maryage with the sayd Phipott made him a Lease of the Tenement in question for the term of lx (60) yeares and further can not Depose.

4. To the iiij<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup>) he sayethe that he hathe Credybly hard that the sayd Johan Phipott dyed seysed of the sayd Lands and tenements or the revercon therof of an estate of inhertytannce accordinge to the custome of the mannor of Mynsterworth and had no issue of hir body begotton and further to that mater he cannot Depose.

5. To the v<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup>) Interrogatory he sayethe that the Plaintiff Arthur Barrett was sonne and heyre to William Barrett, And that the sayd William was sonne and heyre to one William Barrett, And further he cannot depose.

(8.) To the viii<sup>th</sup> (8<sup>th</sup>) Interrogatory he sayethe that aboute xxx (30) yeres past the Plaintiff Arthur Barrett, was by the homage of the mannor of Minsterworth represented to be next heyre to the tenements in question and was admitted tenant therof and payd his fine, accordinge to the Custome of the sayd mannor and hathe enjoyed the same ever sythens, notwithstandinge the interrupcons and claymes of his nowe and former adversayers.

10./11. To the x<sup>th</sup> (10<sup>th</sup>) and xi<sup>th</sup> (11<sup>th</sup>) Interrogatories he sayethe in allthings as Anthony Callowe hathe before Deposed and sayd to the same Interrogatories savinge that he rememberethe not the Certeyn tyme when the sayd sute was brought.

**Robert Venn** of Mynsterworth in the Countie of Gloucester husbandman aged lx (60) yeares or there aboute sworne and examyned on the Plaintiff's behalf, Deposethe and sayethe as followethe.

1. To the first interrogatory he sayethe affirmatyvely.
2. To the second Interrogatory he sayethe in all things as Anthony Callowe before Deposed hathe sayd to the same interrogatory.
3. To the third Interrogatory he sayethe as Thomas Grasinge the former deponent hathe deposid and sayd to the same interrogatory
4. To the iii<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup>) he sayethe in all things as Anthony Callowe hathe sayed, saving that he rememberethe not the Date of the Copye of Courte Rolle.

5/6/7. To the v<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup>), vi<sup>th</sup> (6<sup>th</sup>), and vii<sup>th</sup> (7<sup>th</sup>) Interrogatories he sayethe in all things as the sayd Anthony Callowe hathe deposyd and sayd to the same interrogatories.

8. To the viii<sup>th</sup> (8<sup>th</sup>) he sayethe in all things as the sayd Anthony Callowe hathe sayd to the same interrogatories saving he rememberethe not the Date of the Copye of Courte Rolle.

10/11. To the x<sup>th</sup> (10<sup>th</sup>) and xi<sup>th</sup> (11<sup>th</sup>) Interrogatories he sayethe in all things as the sayd Anthony Callowe hathe Deposed and sayd.

**Thomas Addams** of Morcott in the parishe of Mynsterworth aged fyfty yeares or there aboute, sworne and examyned on the Plaintiff's behalf, Deposethe and sayethe as followethe.

1. To the first interrogatory he sayethe affirmatyvely.
2. To the second Interrogatory he sayethe in all things as Anthony Callowe the former Deponent hathe Deposed and sayd to the same Interrogatory.
3. To the third Interrogatory he sayethe in all things as Thomas Grasinge before him hathe deposid and sayd to the same interrogatory.
4. To the iii<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup>) Interrogatory he sayethe in all things as Anthony Callowe before him Deposid hathe sayd, saving that he rememberethe not the Date of

*the Cope of Courte Rolle.*

*5/6/7. To the v<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup>), vi<sup>th</sup> (6<sup>th</sup>), and vii<sup>th</sup> (7<sup>th</sup>) Interrogatories he sayethe in all things as the sayd Anthony Callowe hathe sayd to the same interrogatories.*

*8. To the viii<sup>th</sup> (8<sup>th</sup>) he sayethe in all things as the sayd Anthony Callowe hathe sayd to the same interrogatories saving he rememberethe not the Date of the Cope of Courte Rolle.*

*10. To the x<sup>th</sup> (10<sup>th</sup>) Interrogatory he sayethe in all things as the sayd Anthony Callowe hathe sayd to the same interrogatory, And sayethe further that the sayd William Barrett made his Clayme to the premisses by dyscent heyre to Thomas Cook, sonne of Lawrence Cook as were as nere as this Deponent nowe rememberethe.*

*11. To xi<sup>th</sup> (11<sup>th</sup>) he sayethe in all things as the sayd Anthony Callowe hathe sayd to the same interrogatorye.*

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**George Hancok** of Hempstid in the Countie of the Cyttye of Gloucester, yeoman, aged Threescore (60) yeares or therabouts, sworne and examyned on the Defendants behalf Deposethe and sayethe as followeth.

*1. To the first Interrogatory he sayethe he knowethe the Plaintiff and the Defendent.*

*2. To the second interrogative he sayethe that he knowethe the lands and tenements in that interrogatory specyfyed and hathe knowen the same for xxiii (23) or xxiiii (24) yeres Last past.*

*3. To the third interrogatory he sayethe that he can not depose eny thinge Certeynly of his owne knowlledge.*

*4. To the iiij<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup>) interrogatory he sayethe, that the sayd Johan Cooke made a lease for lx (60) yeares of the Lands and Tenements in the interrogatory specyfyed to Robert Phipott in the sayd interrogatory namyd, And that after the makege of the sayd Lease, she maryed with the sayd Robert Phipott, And sayethe that the sayed Robert Phipott held the same Lands and Tenements by vertue of the same Lease Duriinge his Life, and at his deathe Left the same Lease to Allyse, his second wyfe, whoes daughter this deponent maryed.*

*5. To the v<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup>) Interrogatory he sayethe that about xxi (21) yeares past the Plaintiff, Arthur Barrett, dyd buye of the sayd Allyse the Remynder of the yeares of the lease made to the sayd Phipott, beinge then aboute two yeares and syxe weeks to over and unexpyred and gave for the same Thirtie pounds;*

*And sayethe that before the sayd Arthur Barrett bought the same lease, Anthony Arnold, father to the Defendent, had bargayned with this Deponent (who Dealt for the sayd Allse, his mother in Lawe therin) and shoulde have gyven for the same lease Twenty seven pounds in money and certeyn other things to the vallue of former marcks, but after the same Conclucion so made, the sayd Anthony Arnold revised the sayd bargayne and yeelded uppe the same by meanes wherof this Deponent bargayned (on the behalf of his sayd mother in Lawe) with the plaintiff Arthur Barrett as aforesayd.*

*6. To the vi<sup>th</sup> (6<sup>th</sup>) Interrogatory he sayethe, that he hathe hard his sayd mother in Lawe often tymes reporte that she had hard hir husband Phipott saye, That his fyrst wyves mother had towld him that after his Lease endyd, Tow Doggs wold stryve for a bone and the iii<sup>rd</sup> (3rd) would cary yt away, And that she thought the Right of the tenements in question to be in Bodnam: And Sayed the further he knowethe no other Cause or considoracon whye his mother in Lawe solde the sayd Tenement but for xxx<sup>l</sup> (30 pounds) in the former Interrogatory specyfied.*

*To the vii<sup>th</sup> (7<sup>th</sup>) viii<sup>th</sup> (8<sup>th</sup>) , ix<sup>th</sup> (9<sup>th</sup>) , x<sup>th</sup> (10<sup>th</sup>) , and xi<sup>th</sup> (11<sup>th</sup>) Interrogatory he can depose nothinge.*

**Thomas Gracynge** of Ellmore in the Countye of the Cytye of Gloucester, yeaman, aged lxx (70) yeares or therabouts, sworne and examyned on the Defendant's behalf depose the and sayethe as followethe.

*1/2. To the fyrste and second interrogatories he speakethe affirmatyely*

*3. To the third interrogative he sayethee that he knew William Barrett, the Plaintiff's father, of Longe tyme, And sayethe he was not seised of the Lands and Tenements in question to this Deponent's knowlledge.*

*4. To the ii<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup>) interrogatory he sayethe, he hathe harde that there was a lease made to Robert Phipott by his wyfe before the maryage between them for lx (60) yeres of the Lands and tenements in question, And that the sayd Plaintiff Arthur Barrett bought the remanent of the years of the sayed verve when there about ii (2) yeres to [over], And that the sayd Arthur Barrett firste came to the possession of the premisses by the sayd Lease.*

*5/6. To the v<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup>) and vi<sup>th</sup> (6<sup>th</sup>) interrogatories he cannot Depose.*

*7. To the vii<sup>th</sup> (7<sup>th</sup>) interrogatory he sayethe that after the end of the Lease made to Phipott, William Bodnam in the interrogatory specyfied, made Clayme to the Lande in varyannce, but howe longe after he knowethe not, And sayeth further that the sayd William Bodnam had Certeyn free Land in Mynsterworth in fee simple which he sold to William Gracynge, this Deponent's brother, And sayethe he hathe hard that the sayd free Land*

*Decendyd to the sayd William Bodnam as heyer to his grandmother who was one of the daughters of Thomas Cooke.*

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*8. To the viii<sup>th</sup> (8<sup>th</sup>) interrogatory he speakethe affirmatyvely.*

*9. To the ix<sup>th</sup> (9<sup>th</sup>) he sayethe he can saye no more then he hathe before sayde in his answer to the vii<sup>th</sup> (7<sup>th</sup>) interrogatory saving that his sayd brother and his heyres have enjoyed such Lands as he bought of the sayd William Bodnam quietly ever sythens the purchase therof.*

***Arthur Morgan** of Hempstyd in the Countie of the Cyttye of Gloucester, gentleman, aged lx (60) or theraboute, sworne and examyned on the Defendant's behalf, Deposethe and sayethe as followethe.*

*1. To the firste interrogatory he annswerethe affirmatyvely.*

*2. To the second interrogative he sayethe that he knowethe the messsuage or tenement in Mynsterworth nowe in the tenure of Arthur Barrett and hathe hard of same Callyd by the name of Knights House or Kinghts Place, and further to that interrogatory he can not depose.*

*3. To the third interrogative he can not depose.*

*4/5. To the iii<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup>) and v<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup>) interrogatories he sayethe, he hathe hard, one Jone Cooke made a Lease for lx (60) yeres to Robert Phipott, in that interogatory specyfied, of Certeyn Lands and Tenements in Mynsterworth which he thinkethe to be the Lands in question, And this Deponent was Requested by Anthony Arnold, the Defendant's father, to be a [meane] that the sayd Anthony Arnold myght buye the same Lease of one Allse Phipott, the second wyfe and widdow of the sayd Robert Phipott, by means wherof this Deponent came to the perfect knowlledge of the sayd lease; And further saythe that the sayd Anthony Arnolde agreed upon a price of xxx<sup>l</sup> (30 pounds) or therabouts for the same lease to gett the possession of the Lands and Tenements therin Conteynyd, wherunto he pretendyd tyle: But afterwards, and befor he had taken assurannce therof, he refusid the same lease, wheruppon the Plaintiff, Arthur Barrett, bargayned with the sayd Allse Phipott for the same lease and bought the remaynder of the terme, being about ii (2) yeeres for the somme of xxx<sup>l</sup> (30 pounds) and therby had the possessyon of the tenements and therin Conteynyd.*

*6. To the vi<sup>th</sup> (6<sup>th</sup>) he can not Depose.*

*7. To the vii<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup>) he sayethe, he hathe hard that shortly after the expyracon of Phillpotts lease, the sayd Bodnam made Clayme to the tenements before specyfied and made a lease therof to John Bleek, gentleman, father in Lawe to*



*the Defendant.*

8. *To the viii<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup>) and rest of the interrogatories he can depose nothinge.*

**William Flower** of Mynsterworth, yeaman, aged lxiii (63) yeares or thereabouts, sworne and examyned on the Defendant's behalf, Deposethe and sayethe as followeth.

1/2. *To the fyrste and second interrogatoryes he annswerethe affirmatyvely.*

3. *To the third interrogatory he Deposethe and sayeth in all things as Thomas Grasinge before Deposeth hathe sayd to the same interrogatory.*

4/5. *To the iiiii<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup>) and v<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup>) interrogatories he sayethe, that he hathe hard, that Arthur Barrett dyd buy a lease of the Lands in varyannce of Robert Phipotts's wyfe, when ther were ii (2) yeres or therabouts to Cum and unexpyred therof, And further he can not depose.*

(6.) *To the vi<sup>th</sup> (6<sup>th</sup>) interrogatory he can not depose.*

(7.) *To the vii<sup>th</sup> (7<sup>th</sup>) he sayethe that after the end of Phipott's lease, the sayd William Bodnam made Clayme to the Lands in Questyon, but howe Longe after he knowethe not, And sayethe that Certeyn free Lands in Mynsterwoorthe Decendyd to the sayd William Bodnam, but from what Anncetor he knowethe not.*

(8.) *To the viii<sup>th</sup> (8<sup>th</sup>) he sayethe affirmatyvely.*

(9.) *To the ix<sup>th</sup> (9<sup>th</sup>) interrogatory he sayethe in all things as Thomas Gracinge before him Deposeth hathe sayd to the same interrogatory.*

*To the rest of the interrogatores he can Depose nothinge.*

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**James Doon** of Mynsterworthe in the Countie of Gloucester husbandman aged lxx (70) yeares of therabouts, sworne and examyned on the Defendant's behalf Deposethe and sayethe as followeth.

1/2. *To the fyrste and second interrogatoryes he sayethe he knowethe the partyes, Plaintiff and Defendant and hathe knowen the Lands in question by the space of threescore (60) yeres Laste paste.*

3. *To the iii<sup>d</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup>) interrogatory he sayethe he knew William Barrett, father of the Plaintiff and sayethe he was never seised of the Lands in variance to the knowledge of this Deponant.*

4/5. To the *iiii<sup>th</sup>* (4<sup>th</sup>) and *v<sup>th</sup>* (5<sup>th</sup>) interrogatories he sayethe that he hathe hard, that Arthur Barrett bought ii (2) of the Last yeres of a lease of the Land varryiannce of Allse Phipott, widdowe of Robert Phipott for xxx<sup>l</sup> (30 pounds), And that the sayd Arthur Barrett after the buyinge therof had the possession of the same Lands and not before.

6. To the *vi<sup>th</sup>* (6<sup>th</sup>) interrogatory he can saye nothinge.

7. To the *vii<sup>th</sup>* (7<sup>th</sup>) interrogatory he sayethe that the sayd William Bodnam sold Certeyn free Land in Mynsterworthe to William Gracinge the elder and Certeyn other free Land to John Veysye, And further to that interrogatory he cannot Depose.

8. To the *viii<sup>th</sup>* (8<sup>th</sup>) interrogatory he sayethe, that by the Custome of the mannor of Mynsterworthe, the base tenure Land decendyth to the oldest syster solly (solely).

9. To the *ix<sup>th</sup>* (9<sup>th</sup>) he sayethe that he can saye no more than he sathe before sayd to the *vii<sup>th</sup>* (7<sup>th</sup>) interrogatory savinge that the sayd John Veysye and William Gracyng the elder enjoyed the Lands by them bought of the sayd Bodnam according to the purchase.

To the rest of the interrogatories he can Depose nothinge.

The remaining pages (10-27) appear to be a first draft of deponants responses, written in a different hand, or at least, a less careful hand.

1594      **John Keylock v. Thomas Baynham      Minsterworth      TNA E 134/36Eliz/Hil21**

Abstract

Depositions taken 03 Apr 1594 concerning the various bondaries of the Manors of Minsterworth and Tibberton, and the Forest of Dean.

*Arthur Barrett* of Minsterworth in the Countie of Gloucester, yeoman, adge of ThreeScore and Tenne yeeres or there abouts, sworn and examyned on the Plaintiffs.

(1) To the first interrogatorie he answereth affirmatyvelie.

(4) To the fowerthe Interrogatorie he sayeth That he knowethe the brooke rimynge under or nere the Towne of Newnehame, descendinge into the Ryver of Seaverne there, Devydinge the same Towne from the saide Forreste, and so assendinge uppe the middest of the same Ryver unto A certeine pasture or meade called Crollingehame, Whiche doth adjoyne to A ditche there called [minkel] meade ditche, whiche extends towardes A grade called Pypers grove, which ditch devydethe the Lyberts of the Citie of Gloucestere from the said

*Lordshippe of Minsterworthe, And saiethe that the liberties of the saide Citie of Gloucester are on the right hande, and the Northe and Easte parte of the said Dytche and the saide Lordshippe of Minsterworthe is on the leafty hande and Sowthwest parte of the same dytche, And also saithe that he knowethe one other dytche, called Monckecon dytche alius Kingesdytche leadinge fromwardes the saide grove called Pypers grove, towardes A place called Dynnymille, All which said severall places and bowndes are the owlde and annciente boundes and Lymmyttes of the said Forreste of Deane on those partes of the same forreste which he verylie belevethe to be true, for that he hath seen an annciente recorde purportinge the true and plaine description of the said bowndes.*

*(5) To the fyveth Interrogatorie he saythe That he knoweth and [have] shootinge from Bollesyreine, whiche he verylie belevethe to be the place called Bolleshane in this Interrogatorie mencioned, And doth also knowe Dynny Hill, Wodleyes bridge, and the Lanonde of Walmore which he verylie belevethe to be the bowndes of those partes of the said Forreste of Deane, for that he hathe seen the same also mencioned and speciallie expressed in the said Record Specified in his answer to the fowerthe Interrogatorie; And further to this Interrogatorie he doth not depose; Savinge that he hathe crediblie hearde that the residue of the places specified in thei Interrogatorie are also parcells of the bowndes of the said forreste.*

*(6) To the sixte interrogatorie he saithe That he knowethe A bridge called Hieghe Bridge, and A meadow nowe called Eltons meade, which he supposethe to be parcell of the bowndes of the said forreste on that parte, the residue of the places mencioned in this interrogatorie he doth not knowe, But saueth that he hath crediblie hearde the same places to be the verie Lymyts and bowndes of thses places of the said forreste.*

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***William Flowere*** of Minsterworth in the Countie of Gloucester, husbandman of the adge of threescore and fowere yeres or there abouts, sworn and examined on the plaintiffs behalf.

*(4/5) To the fowerthe and fythe Interrogatories he saithe and answerethe in all poyntes as John Painter, the former Deponent hath alreadie to the same Interrogatories before Deposited. And further sayethe that he knowethe A place where A Crose did sometime stande, which he hath hearde hath ben called by the name of White Crose<sup>1</sup>, And further cannot Depose.*

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<sup>1</sup> White Cross - Perhaps this is the same location attached to *William Barrett of the Cross* as denoted in the parish register.

1594

**Tax Assessment****Minsterworth****E 179/115/429**

Date: 05 Oct 1594

There are two values recorded. The first is a valuation of land or property and the second, the assessed tax. (See comments in 1599 Assessment.) The present assessment is clearly readable for only a few entries, and not recorded here. (This document is badly damaged.)

*(3 entries unreadable)*

Richard Yarnold	terr	
Arthur Barrett	terr	
William Grasing & Richard, his son	terr	
Thomas [Hoper]	terr	03-00-00
John Pyrton	terr	00-20-00
Thomas Adams	terr	00-40-00
Thomas Church	terr	00-40-00

*(9 entries unreadable)*

[ ... Veary]		00-00-00
[Thomas] Barrett		00-00-00
Thomas Hyet	bo	00-00-00

[John Mayo]

[... Callowe]

[...] Bohnham

*(other unreadable)*

1598

**Tax Assessment****Minsterworth****E 179/116/447**

Date: 16 Oct 1598

John Gwillam	terr	03-00-00	00-12-00
Anthony Keilock	terr	06-00-00	00-24-00
Richard Arnolde	terr	05-00-00	00-20-00
Richard Fylde & Margaret Pope	terr	00-50-00	00-09-00
Thomas Addams de Morecott	terr	00-30-00	00-06-00
Thomas Church	terr	00-40-00	00-08-00
Arthur Barrett	terr	04-00-00	00-16-00
Thomas Wintle	terr	00-30-00	00-06-00
Robert Steephenes	terr	04-00-00	00-16-00
Thomas Addams de Minsterworth	terr	00-40-00	00-08-00
Margaret Phellps, widow ( <i>vid</i> )	bonis	06-00-00	00-08-00

Robert Venne	bonis	04-00-00	00-10-08
Robert Greene	bonis	04-00-00	00-10-08
Daniell Knowles	bonis	03-00-00	00-08-00
John Perkins and Edward Stephens	bonis	04-00-00	00-10-08
Ellinore Muthuwe	bonis	03-00-00	00-08-00
Gwilliam Verry	bonis	04-00-00	00-10-08
Thomas Barrett <sup>1</sup>	bonis	04-00-00	00-10-08
Richard Bodnham	bonis	03-00-00	00-08-00
Daniel Knowles	bonis	04-00-00	00-10-08
Richard Bosley	bonis	03-00-00	00-08-00
John Paunsfoot, gentleman	bonis	07-00-00	00-18-08
Total			12-06-08

**1599 Tax Assessment Minsterworth E 179/116/443**  
 Date: 20 Sep 1599

There are two values recorded. The first seems to be a valuation of property and the second, the assessed tax. The rate is consistently 4 shillings per pound for land (20%) and 2 shillings 8 pence per pound (13.33%) for personal goods. For land, the valuation may be the annual lease rate.

The notation *in terr* likely indicates that the valuation was on land (Latin - *terra*). The alternate notation, *in bon* or *in bonis*, may indicate a valuation of goods (Latin - *bonis*). It is likely that residents were assessed in both categories, but were assessed and paid only on the larger value. (See comments in text for 1522 assessment.) That is, it may be the case that many that were taxed on goods actually owned land, but the assessment would have been lower than for their personal property.

John Agwillam	terr	04-00-00	00-16-00
Anthony Keilock	terr	06-00-00	00-24-00
Richard Yearnold	terr	04-00-00	00-16-00
Arthur Barrett & William Barrett <sup>2</sup>	terr	03-00-00	00-12-00

<sup>1</sup> This *Thomas* may be the father of *William Barrett of the Cross*. (See Men and Armor for GLS 1608 for similar neighbors.)

<sup>2</sup> This entry may be quite informative. Arthur Barrett would be 75 years old here. William, who is almost certainly, *William of Knights Inn*, does not appear with Arthur (or elsewhere) in the 1594 assessment. One possibility is that William is Arthur's grandson and the son of Thomas. (See Richard Wilmotts 1574 will - *Thomas, son of Arthur Barrett*.) Some Thomas Barrett died in 1597, leaving a son William. If the present William is the same, he may indeed be Arthur's grandson.

Thomas Curche (Church)	terr	00-40-00	00-08-00
William Grassinge	terr	00-40-00	00-08-00
Thomas Hyet	terr	00-40-00	00-08-00
Thomas Addams de Morecott	terr	00-20-00	00-04-00
Thomas Awintle	terr	00-20-00	00-04-00
Johanna Grassinge, widow ( <i>vid</i> )	terr	00-20-00	00-04-00
Thomas Adams de Minsterworth	terr	00-20-00	00-04-00
Richard Filde	terr	00-20-00	00-04-00
Robert Stephens	terr	03-00-00	00-12-00
John Pauncfotte, gentleman	bonis	05-00-00	00-13-04
Margaret Phillipps	bonis	07-00-00	00-18-08
Robert Venn	bonis	04-00-00	00-10-00
Robert Grene	bonis	03-00-00	00-08-00
Daniel Knowles	bonis	03-00-00	00-08-00
John Perkins & Edward Stephens	bonis	04-00-00	00-10-00
Thomas Barrett	bonis	04-00-00	00-10-00
Richard Bodenham	bonis	[.....]	[.....]
William Verry	bonis	[.....]	00-08-00
Richard Bosley	[.....]	[.....]	[.....]
William Yearnold	[.....]	[.....]	[.....]

*Further damaged and unreadable entries*

<b>1603</b>	<b>Greene</b>	<b>Robert</b>	<b>Minsterworth</b>	<b>1603/ 75</b>
	Will:	13 Jun 1603		
	Probate:	01 Dec 1603		
	Sons:	Robert Greene, Thomas Greene, William Greene, Richard Greene		
	Daughters:	Elizabeth, Margery - daughter of late wife Mary		
	Late Wife:	Mary		
	Wife:	Dorothie		
	Uncertain:	William Gracinge		
	Brother:	Richard Greene		
	Overseers:	William Barrett Sr., Thomas Bodnham, Thomas Hooper		
	Witnesses:	Richard Rolls, Thomas Bodnham, William Barrett Sr., Thomas Hooper		

Comment: The four sons are always spoken of in pairs: {Robert & Thomas}, {William & Richard}. Robert and Thomas are certainly older as they inherit

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land. It seems likely then that Robert and Thomas were born to his late wife Mary, and William and Richard to his now wife Dorothy.

William Barrett Sr. would be nephew to the testator. (William Sr. is the son of William Barrett and Alice Green.)

**1606      *Watson v. Keylock and Bodnham Minsterworth*      TNA DL 4/49/44 & DL 4/51/81**  
***Preliminary Abstract***

In 1565 (08 Elizabeth) Hugh Greene (deceased) leased some land and tenements (known as Sturmes and Stowts) to Nicholas Keylock for a period of 60 years. Keylock was permitted to pass the lease on to his wife and/or children. (See his 1572 will where lease is conditionally passed to his son Thomas.)

At issue seems to be whether or not they could in turn sublet to another party, as seems to have occurred. In particular, sub-leases were given to Thomas Barrett, William Barrett the younger and William Barrett the elder. Elizabeth Watson, the daughter of Alice (Greene) Butts and the granddaughter of Hugh Greene (and his wife Ellen) claims right of inheritance and says that these leases to third parties violates the terms of the original lease.

A later (1647) survey of the manor records: *A suite and messuages called Sturmes (rent 5 shillings, 3 pence). A messuage and land called Stowts (rent 4 shillings, 6 pence). Bothe of them together are two Mundayes land A cottage, Garden, and Orchard in the tenure of Jone Bodnam.*

*Tenant as heyre was Hugh Greene, but now John Lumley in right of his mother as heyre to both the Mundayes land and to the Cottage. Tenant by lease is Julyan the wife of Francis Cooke for the messuage called Stowts, and the other parcells of land belonging to Sturmes, which was then in grant to Nicholas Keylocke, except also in Mr. Pates lease is excepted.*

*Tenant also by lease was John Sparry, now Thomas Clisseld for a suite, orchard, and close called Sturmes, And for a Cottage garden and orchard late in the tenure of Jone Bodnam, widow. Q about the cottage, H. Greene had not it.*

The 1646 will (1647 probate) of John Keylock, son of the defendant, leaves remaining years on the lease of Sturmes to his wife Julian. From this, we infer that she remarried to Francis Cooke (above).

***Beginning of Transcript***

*James, by the grace of God, king of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the faith; to out trusted and welle loved Thomas Ridge, William Morrer, Alexander Hatton, clarke (clerk) and Richard Arnold, gentleman, and*

*to everie of them [greetinge] whereas matter dependoth in variance before our Channcellor and Councell of our Duchie of Lancaster in our Duchie Chamber of our pallace of Westminster between Elizabeth Watson, plaintiff and John Keylocke and others, Defendants, wherein the said parties are [preceeded] and growen to a full and perfect yssue as by the pleadings there remayninge of record appereth [... willinge] to be ascertened of the truthe of the said matter, will and require you iii (3) or ii (2) or i (1) of you at the leaste at tyme and place convenient by you to be lymitted and appointed callinge before you by vertue hereof the said plaintiff and defendants and all such other persons as you shall thinke meete to inquire of the said matter as [shall bylieve] hath the evidence perambulacion [exaioco..] of witnesses as by all other good waies and meanes as to you shall seeme best.*

*As allsoe to examine all such witnesses as shall come before you as well on the parte of the plaintif as of the defendants upon such Interrogatories as shalle exhibited and brought unto you touchinge the said matter and the circumstances thereof.*

*And thereupon of your factes and doeings and proceedings herein we will [... ..] you iii (3) or ii (2) or i (1) of you at the leaste by your writinges inclose under your seales together with these parties to certifie our said Chancellor and Councell of our said Duchie of Lancaster in our Duchie Chamber at our said pallace of Westminster in [... pasthe] next Cominge not faylings hereof as we [...] you provided allwaies that the said plaintiff shall geve to the said defendants, or any one of them, xiiii (14) daies warninge of the tyme and place of the execucion of these our [lres] proven at our said pallace of Westminster under the seal of our said Duchie of Lancaster the thirteenth daie of February in the third yere of our raigne of England, Franice and Ireland and of Scotland the xxxix<sup>th</sup> (29th).*

### ***Interrogatories***

Interrogatories to be ministered to certen wittnesses to be produced and examined upon the part and behalf of Elizabeth Watson, wyddow, Complainant, against John Bodnam and John Keylock, Defendants.

1. Imprimis: Whether doo you know the partyes plaintiffe and Defendants or any of them and howe long have you knowene them or any of them.

2. Item: Whether doe you know or have you Credibly hard that Hugh Greene, Late of Westminster Deceased, was grandfather of the Complainant and some tymes one of the musitions (musicians) of King Henry the Eighth and how Long since hath the said Hugh Greene Dyed as you know or have credibly hard.

3. Item: Whether doe you know two messuages, tenamants, or mease places with Divers parcells of Land, meadow and pasture thereunto, belonging,



called and knowen by the name of Mondayes Lands, thene called and knowen by the name of Sturmes and the other by the name of Aylmonnds, alias Strouts, And how long have you knowen the same.

4. Item: Whether are the said two messuages, tenaments, mease places and the Lands and heredetaments there unto belonging, Anncient Coppinghold or Customary Lands, Parcell of the said Mannor of Minsterworth, and whether were the same Anncyently tearmes as caled Modayes Lands, and whether have the same tyme out of mynd [Dyn] Demise and Demiseable according to the custome of the said mannor as you knowen or have Credibly hard.

5. Item: Whether was the said Hugh Greene in his Lyfe tyme about xl (40) years synce Lawfully seized of the said two messuages, tenaments, and meese places and other the premises of a Customary estate of Inheritance to him and his heyers according to the custom of the said mannor and Dyed therof of such estate seyzed, And whether was the said Hugh Greene in his Lyfe tyme, And att the tyme of his Decease comonly Reputed and taken to bye the Customary heyre of the said [tenament] and premisses and the true and Rightfull owner of the Customarye estate of inheritance of and in the same by Discent from his anncestors as you know, have hard, or verily thinke.

6. Item: Whether doe you know or have Credibly hard that the said Hugh Greene had yssue one only child named Alice Green, his sole daughter and heyre, And whether by the custom of the said mannor, Dyd or Aught the said Customarye messuages, tenaments or meesplaces and other the premises by and after the Decease of the said Hugh, to Descend and come unto the said Alice Greene as his sole Daughter and heyre, And whether did the said Alice after the Decease of her said father att a Court helden within the foresaid mannor make her claime to the said Lands and premisses And what was the cause she was not admitted tenant thereunto as you know, have hard or verily thinke.

7. Item: Whether was the said Alice Greene being the Daughter and heyre of the said Hugh, twyce maryed, name by first to one John Thornbury and after to one Butts, and whether had the said Alice yssue by the said John Thornebury or by the said Butts, the said Elizabeth, the now Complainant, And whether was the Complainant the sole Daughter and heyre of the said Alice as you know or have credibly hard.

8. Item: Whether by the Custome of the said mannor of Minsterworth Dyd the or Aught the said Customarye message or tenaments and other the premisses to Descend and come unto the Complainant as the Daughter and heyre of the said Alice, her mother, yf the said Alice was the legitimate Daughter of the said Hugh Greene as you know or have Credibly hard.

9. Item: Whether by the Custome of the said mannor, may a Customary Tenant of the said mannor holding by a Lease for tearme of years, Devise and Lett his Customary Tenement and Lands whereof he ys so possessed for tearme of years by Indenture or Deed Indentured for the tearme of three score years or more, And what ys the Custome in that behalf as you knowe or have Credibly hard.

10. Item: Whether yf a Customarye Tenant of the said mannor Do Devise and Lett his Customary Lands within the said mannor to any person or persons for any Longer tearme or greater number of years then lx (40) years and the same to Continue and Like effect in possession Imediatly from and after the making of such Demise or Lease, is the sae Lease utterly voyd by the Custome of the said mannor, And hath byn so [inputed] and taken to be Dureing all the tyme of your Remembrance as you know or have hard. Declare your whole knowledge concerning the Custome of the said mannor in that behalf.

11. Item: Whether have you seen or have read the Demise or Lease in writing or the Counterpoint thereof pretended by the Defendants to have byn made of the messuages and Lands in variance by the said Hugh Greene, the Complainants grandfather [with] Nycholas Keylock, grandfather of the said John Keylock, one of the Dedendants, And whether ys there any instromit, Provision, or Condicion therein that yf the Lessor Doe Demise, Sett, Lett or assigne the Lands and tenements thereby Demised, or any lart parcell thereof to any person or persons other then only to his wyfe and Children or some of them, that then the same Lease should be voyd or to that or the Lyke effect and what date hath the said Lease beare, and for what tearme was yt made as you know or have hard. Declare your whole knowledge touching the contents of this [arcler].

12. Item: Whether Doe you know or have Credibly hard that the said Lands and Tenements soe Devised or Divers or some other part or parcells therof have synthence the making of the said Lease byn Devised, Sett, and Lett to sundry persons other then to the wyfe, child, or children of the said Lessor and purport of the Condicion or Proviso contained in the said Lease. Declare your whole knowledge therin and in what manner the said Lands have byn demised, sett and Lett and to whom.

13. Item: Whether Doe you know or have Credibly hard yf Richard Byrd, gentleman, Late Steward of the mannor Dyd hertofore and procure and Cause Ellen Greene, Late wyfe of Hugh Green <and> Alice Butts, sole Daughter of the said Hugh and Elizabeth [Late] Daughter of the sayd Alice, who was Late wyfe to the [foresayd] Robert Watson, Deceased, Late husband of the Complainant and a syster of the Complainants now [Late] wyfe Deceased to enter into any one or more obligacions or Lands obligatory unto [...] of greater sumes of money with Condicion that they and the Complainant nor any of them should not make any entry, Claime or Tytle to the Lands in Varyance

nor seek to be admitted Tennants thereunto, nor to any such purpose or effect, what were the penaltyes of the said Bonds And the effect and substance of the Commands therof as you know or have Credibly hard. Declare the same to your Best Remembrance.

*Deposition of witnesses had and taken att Huntley in the County of Gloucester before William Mercer, Thomas Kinge, Alexander Hatton, Clearkes and Richard Arnold, Gentleman, by vertue of the Kinges magisties Commission, directed out of his hyghnes Court of his Duchie of Lancaster for examincon of att witnesses concerninge matter att yssue dependinge in the same Courts betwene Elizabeth Wattson, plaintiff, and John Keylocke and John Boddendam, Defendants, Dicesimo quinto Aprilis Anno Diu 1606 (15 Apr 1606).*

**Anthonye Keylocke** of Minsterworth in the County of Gloucester, yeoman of the age of thirtie and five yeares or therabouts, sworne and examined.

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12. To the twelfe interrogatory this Deponant sayth that he knoweth that certen parcels of the sayd Lands and Tenements had, sythence the making of the sayd Lease, byn Devised to other than the wyfe and children of the sayd Nycholas Keylock, being meece [strangeus] to the sayd Leassor as namely to Thomas Barrett, William Barrett the younger, and William Barrett the elder, And sayth that some of the Devises have possessed the parcells he Devised for sundry yeares but att what Rents this Deponant knoweth not.

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**Arthur Barrett** of Minsterworth in the County of Gloucester, yeoman of the age of fourescore years or therabouts, sworne and examined.

1. To the first interrogatory sayth that he knoweth the parties plaintiffs and defendants.

2. To the second he sayth that he did know Hewgh Greene, Grandfather to the Complainant and sometymes one of the musicians of King Henry the Eight, and he sayth the sayd Hugh Greene died about thirty years sythence (since) as he taketh yt. And further sayth that Hugh Greene affirmed to him, this deponant, that Alice, mother to the Complaynant, was this the sayd Huges Lawfull Daughter and also sayth that the sayd Alice did tell him this Deponent

*and others, that the Complanant was her Daughter.*

*3. To the third he sayth that he knoweth the two messuages, tenemants, or meese places which diverse parcells of Land meadow and pasture therunto belonging called and knowen by the name of mundayes Lands and being within his Magisties Mannor of Minsterworth in the County of Gloucester, parcell of the possions of his highnes Duchie of Lancanter, the on(e) called by the name of Sturmes and the other of [Strouts], and that he hath knowen the same for these threescore and ten yeares.*

*4. To the fourth he deposeth not.*

*5/6. To the fith and sixth he sayth that the sayd Hugh Greene was about forty years agoe, att the tyme of the making of the lease for threescore years to Nycholas Keylock, true and right heir of the premises now in varyance according to the Custome of the sayd Manor of Minsterworth, and was therof Lawfully seyzed to him and his heyers, and was comonly reputed the Customarie heir of the premises att the tyme of his decease.*

*And further sayth that the sayd Hugh Greene had yssue one only Child named Alice Greene, his sole Daughter and knowen heire of the premises as the same Hugh himself reported to this Deponant. And that the sayd Alice Greene ys mother to the now Complaynant, And moreover sayth that he hath Credibly hard that Richard Byrd, Gentleman, Steward of the sayd Manor, did [procure] the sayd Alice, mother of the Defendant, as also the last wyfe of the sayd Hugh, to passe away thire interest, in parte of the premisis and rents therof for very small somes of money.*

***William Barrett***<sup>1</sup> *of Minsterworth in the County of Gloucester, yeoman of the age of liiii (54) years or therabouts, sworne and examined.*

*1. To the first interrogatory sayth that he knoweth the defendants.*

*2. To the second he sayth that he cannot depose.*

*3/4. To the third and fourth he sayeth that he hath knowen the messuages, tenements and Lands called Mondayes Lands, the one called Sturmes and the other Stronts, and the same were and are parcell of the Mannor of Minsterworth, and of the possession of the Duchie of Lancaster by all the tyme*

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<sup>1</sup> This entry strengthens the supposition that the present William<sup>D</sup> is the son of Arthur<sup>E</sup>, above -- living together at the place known as Knights End. (See the 1599 tax assessment.) Arthur's<sup>E</sup> birth year is consistently placed as 1524. William<sup>D</sup> (b. 1552) is then father to Arthur<sup>C</sup> (b. 1599) and Ralph (b. 1607). Else, there is an additional generation (another William) inbetween.

*of his, this deponants, rememberance, And further sayth that all the sayd premises are annicient Customary Lands, parcell of the sayd Mannor.*

*5. To the fifth this Deponant sayth that he hath [conceyved] by sight of the Lease of the messuages and Lands called Strouts Devised by Hugh Greene to Nycholas Keylock for threescore years, which Lease he, this Deponant, hath sundry tymes read that the sayd Hugh Greene in this Interrogatory named was att the making of the same Lease, right heire and owner of the same by an estate of Inheritance according to the Custome of the sayd Mannor.*

*6/7. To the sixt and seaventh he cannot depose.*

*8. To the Eighth he sayth that by the Custome of the sayd Mannor of Minsterworth, the Customary messuages or tenements and other the premisses ought to Decend and come to the Conplainant as sole Daughter of the sayd Alice, hir mother, yf the sayd Alice was Legitimate daughter of the sayd Hugh Greene.*

*9. To the nyneth he sayth that a Customary Tenant maye not hould any such estate in the sayd mannor by Lease above the tearm of threescore years, And that such a Customary tenant houlding by Lease may pass his whole estate for his whole tearm or parte therof soe that he doth it in open Court. But yf such Customary tenannt for tearms Deviseth the Lands or Tenements, he soe houldeth, or any parte thereof, and reseaveth the [sayd] of Court, and [...ice] therto incident to himself, the Devisor, then he may Lease such estate of his out of Court elsewhere.*

*10. To the tenth interrogatory he sayth that every Lease of Customary Lands and Tenements belonging to the said mannor ought to Comence and take effect by the Custome, att the Date of the Leases, and may not contynue above the tearme of thirty years, And that all leases of the said Customary Land exceeding on(e) day or more above lx (60) years are utterly voyd, as this Deponent hath hard from annicient tennants and ys persuaded is true.*

*11. To the xi<sup>th</sup> (11th) this Deponant sayth that he now hath, and for these many years hath had in his Custody, the Devise of the messuage and Lands called Streuth, parte of the premeses now in question, Leased by the sayd Hugh Greene to Nycholas Keylock in that Interrogatory named and further sayth that in the sayd Devise, this [provision] is contayned that the said Nycholas should not Devise, sett, Lett or assigne the Lands and Tenements therby Devised to any person or persons for the said tearm or any parte thereof other then only to his wyfe and Children or or some of them without the consent of the said Hugh Greene or his heires in writinge first obteyned.*

*And this Deponent moreover sayth that the same Lease was Dated the xi<sup>th</sup> (11th) daye of October in the Eighth year of the Raigne of Queen Elizabeth and the tearme thereof was threescore years, beginning at the same Date<sup>1</sup>.*

*12. To the xii (12th) Interogatory he saith that the Defendant John Keylock and his mother hath Leased certain parts of the premises called Strouts for certen years to William Barrett the elder and to Thomas Barrett jointly, to William Addames and to Richard Bosley, But thinketh that the same Leases are not contrary to the [provision] in his answeere to the xi<sup>th</sup> (11th) Interogatory menconed.*

*13. To the xiii<sup>th</sup> (13th) Interogatory he saith that he hath hard men of Credite speake of certen obligacions taken of the plaintiff and others in this Interogatory named, for preventing or Letting their Claime to the premises now in question. But the partyculars therof he can not sett Downe.*

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***Arthur Barrett** of Minsterworth in the County of Gloucester, yeoman of the aged fourescore years or therabouts, sworne and examined, deposeth as foloweth.*

*1. To the first interrogatory he sayeth he knoweth the two messuages or meesse places and twoe mondayes Landes in the Interogatory mentioned nowe in the [tennce] of the Defendants in this Interogatory named or of one of them, And also knoweth that Hugh Greene, deceassed, was possessed thereof as a Customary Tennante of the Manor of Minsterworth in the sayde interogatory specified.*

*2. To the second he sayeth that the forsayde Hughe Greene aboute the viii<sup>th</sup> (8th) yeare of the raigne of our late Sovereigne Lady Queen Elizabeth, did, by his Indenture, devise and grant unto Nicholas Keylocke in this Interogatory named the messuage and Lands in this Interogatory mencioned for the Terme of Threescore yeares for a yearely Rent in the sayde Indenture reserved for tertanty whereof he referreth himselfe to the sayde Indenture, And alsoe sayeth that he, this Deponent, was a wytnesse to the sealinge and deliverye of the sayde Leasse, And further sayeth that the sayde Nicholas Keylocke or his assignes hath ever since the makinge of the sayde Leasse received the issues and profyttes of the same, And hathe payde the [Chife] Rent thereof accordingly.*

*4. To the fowerth he sayeth that the forsayde Hughe Greene in or aboutes the*

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<sup>1</sup> The regnal year 08 Elizabeth is 1566, so a 60-year lease would have 20 years remaining.

*viii<sup>th</sup> (8th) yeare of the Queenes magisties Raingne aforesayde did by his Indenture Devise and grant to Richard Pates, Esquire, Deceased, the meese place and orchard in the Interogatory mencioned for the Terme of lx (60) yeares at the yearely rent of Twoe Shillinges Sixe Pence therein [referred] and that this Deponent was a wytnesse to the sealings and delyvery thereof, And that the sayde Richare Pates or his assignes have ever since the makinge of the sayde Indenture received the issues and profyttes thereof, And as he thinketh yt is nowe in the possession of one John Ellis.*

<b>1608</b>	<b>Bodnam</b>	<b>John</b>	<b>Minsterworth</b>	<b>1608/ 61</b>
	Will:	01 Jul 1608		
	Probate:	Nov 1608		
	Wife:	Johane		
	Brother:	William (deceased)		
	Sons:	Thomas, John, Francis		
	Daughters:	Margaret, Jane, Johane, Joyce, Anne		
	Clerk:	Alexander Hatton		
	Witnesses:	Thomas Hooper, Nicholas Bodnam		

<b>1614</b>	<b>Adams</b>	<b>Henry</b>	<b>Minsterworth</b>	<b>1614/ 49</b>
	Will:	05 Jan 1613; Probate 23 [Jan] 1614		
	Wife:	Mary Adams		
	Godchildren:	John [Payne], Margaret Brether, Elsabeth (Elizabeth) Adams, and Anne Barrett, the daughter of Jone Barrett Each to receive six pence.		
	Daughter:	Jone Adams		
	Witnesses:	Thomas Bodnam, Richard Brether		
	Overseers:	Thomas Bodnam, Richard Brether		

*In the name of God, Amen. I Henry Adames being in perfect memory, praises bee to God, doe make my last will and testament in manner and forme following: first, I comitt my soule into the hasdes of God my Creator; secondly, my body to be buryed in the church yard in Minsterworth. Thirdly, I give to the poore of the parish, twelve pence.*

*Item: I gave [prior] by deed of gift unto my daughter Jone Adams, these thinges following before two witnesses – Thomas Bodnam and Richard Brether – and same delivered unto them part for the whole in the behalf of my daughter Jone, to [lately] pay unto her [...] home after my decease.*

*Item: I give unto her foure poundes, my best fetherbed, the second best yearling, the best payre of sheets [...ing] one payre,*

*Item: I give unto her two towels, one [bearing] sheet, one pillows [beece], one bord cloth of linen [wro... ...].*

*Item: I give her the best boulster and a Double [ca...as], two candlesticks – the best and the worst.*

*Item: I give her [seven] pewter dishes, one salt seller, the dishes Aforesayd, and sixteenene my wife is to make the [... ..] until it come unto seaven Dishes for my Daughter Jone.*

*Item: I give her a [cofer].*

*Item: I give unto my Godchildren six pence a peece. John Payne, six pence. Margaret Brether, six pence. Elisabeth Adams, six pence. Anne Barrett, daughter of Jone Barrett, six pence.*

*Item: I make my wife, Mary Adames, full and whole executrix of all my good [...] whatsoever. And I make Thoman Bodnam and Richard Brether my overseers , and I give unto them twelve pence a peece. Anno Domi 1613.*

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<b>1625</b>	<b>Brether</b>	<b>Richard</b>	<b>Minsterworth</b>	<b>1625/152</b>
	Will:	27 May 1625		
	Son:	Nicholas Brether		
	Daughters:	Elizabeth, Margaret, Johane and Alice Brethers		
	Unknown:	Johan Barrett, the Elder, Peter Shepard, Francis Yorke Anthony [Rickats], Johan Greene		
	Executrix:	Daughter – Elizabeth Brether		
	Overseers:	John Sparry, Thomas Adams		
	Witnesses:	John Sparry, Thomas Adams, William Bonham, Thomas Williams (original signatures)		

<b>1636</b>	<b>Tax Assessment (ship money)</b>	<b>Minsterworth</b>	<b>E 179/275/5</b>
	Date:	05 Dec 1636	
	Richard Simes		00-12-06
	William Godwine		00-01-02
	Richard Fewtrer		00-06-03
	Thomas Phelps		00-04-02
	William Hyett		00-06-03
	Robert Bodnam		00-04-02
	---- Adams, widow		00-08-04
	Dorthea Bushell		00-06-00
	Thomas Disserd		00-08-04
	Anthony Grazinge		00-16-08
	---- Stones, widow		00-02-01



Thomas Little	00-08-04
William Hiett	00-10-05
Servient Webb	00-02-03
John Hyett	00-04-02
Daniel White	00-03-06
Thomas Addams	00-12-06
William Keylock	00-06-00
<i>Inhabitantes willa de Adsett</i>	<u>08-11-09</u>

**1638      Keylock      Isabel      Minsterworth      NA prob/11/178 Image 1022**

Will:                    15 May 1636

Sons:                    Thomas Keylock (oldest son),  
William Keylock (second son), Anthony Keylock

Daughter:              Jane Hyett (the elder)

Gr-daughter:          Jane Hyett (the younger – under 18 years of age)

Grandson:              Anthony Hyett, son of Jane Hyett

Daughter, et al:      Daughter-Anne Addams, her husband, Thomas Addams, and  
their Children, Joane/Johane and Anne Addams.

Neighbors:              Mr. John Sparry, Richard Pirton

Witnesses:              Richard Pyrton, John Smallman<sup>1</sup>, Robert Bodnham

**1645      Sadler      James      Minsterworth      1645/ 75**

Will Probate:          22 Nov 1645

Sons:                    in order: John, James, Georgeant

Wife, Executrix: Isabel

Debtors (bond) : Thomas Auston (6 pounds), John Strowde (3 pounds)  
Arthur Barrett the elder<sup>2</sup> (4 pounds)  
William Adams the younger (26 shillings)  
Thomas Wintel the elder (10 pounds)

Other Debtors: Robert Lowe (4 pounds), Francis Cooke (6 pounds)  
Thomas Combs (32 shillings), John Parry (20 shillings)  
William Wittington (18 shillings, 4 pence)  
William Varnam (3 shillings), Robert Bodnam (4 shillings)  
William Whibby (2 shillings, 10 pence)  
William

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<sup>1</sup> There is a John Smallman in Westbury on Severn with son William, baptized in 1607.

<sup>2</sup> Arthur <sup>C</sup> Barrett the elder would be 46 years or age here and his son, Arthur <sup>B</sup> Barrett the younger, 24.