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Amongst the various classes of documents preserved in the Public Record Office, there are few which are of greater value to the Topographer or Genealogist than the *Inquisitiones Post Mortem*.

In each county an "Escheator" was appointed, whose duty it was to seize into the King's hands all lands held of the crown *in capite*. He received a writ "*De diem clausit extremum*," commanding him on the death of any tenant *in capite*, to summon a jury to enquire, (1) of what lands he died seized, (2) by what rents or services the same were held, and (3) who was his next heir and of what age. It is evident that these Inquisitions are full of valuable matter. The return of the jury was forwarded into the King's Chancery, whence a transcript was sent to the Exchequer, so that the proper officers might levy the relief and services due. These Inquisitions (or Escheats, as they are sometimes incorrectly termed) commence with the third year of Henry III. (1218-1219), and extend to 20 Car. I. (1644-5.) The Court of the King's Wards was established by Act of Parliament, 32 Hen. VIII. cap. 46, on account of the abuse which had arisen of compelling persons who were not crown tenants to sue out their livery. The Inquisitions returned into this Court extend from 38 Henry VIII. to 20 Charles I.; and a list of those relating to the crown tenants who held property in Leicestershire (411 in number) is given below. It has never before been printed.

A Calendar of the Chancery Inquisitions Post Mortem, from Henry III. to Richard III., was printed in 1806-1828, in four folio volumes. There is a MS. Index in the Public Record Office, in nine volumes, to the Chancery Inquisitions from 1 Henry VII. to Car. II. A Calendar of the Exchequer Inquisitions was printed

in the Appendix to the Tenth Report of the Deputy-Keeper of Public Records; those for Leicestershire may be found at pp. 208-218. A Calendar of the Duchy of Lancaster Inquisitions from Edward I. to Car. I. was printed in 1823; and some of these are abstracted in the Appendix to the 39th Report of the Deputy-Keeper. There is no printed Calendar of the Inquisitions returned into the Court of Wards and Liveries, but there is a MS. Calendar, in two volumes, in the Public Record Office; from this MS. Calendar the following list of Leicestershire Inquisitions is taken.

CALENDAR OF LEICESTERSHIRE INQUISITIONS POST MORTEM RETURNED INTO THE COURT OF WARDS AND LIVERIES.

34 HENRY VIII. TO 5 JAMES I.

<i>Date of Inq. p. m.</i>	<i>Name of deceased Tenant in capite.</i>	<i>P. R. O. reference to Inq. p. m.</i>	
		<i>Vol.</i>	<i>Page.</i>
3-5 Edw. VI. ..	Allen, Henry ..	5	57
3-7 Eliz. ..	Allen, Edward ..	25	123
36 Hen. VIII. ..	Ashby, Geo. ..	1	120
35 Hen. VIII. ..	Ashby, Will. ..	1	57
1 & 2 Jac. I. ..	Avney, Rob. ..	28	102
9-11 Eliz. ..	Babington, Tho. ..	11	151
2-5 Jac. I. ..	Beaumont, Sir Henry ..	30	101
3-7 Jac. I. ..	Beaumont, Sir Henry ..	25	35
1-2 Jac. I. ..	Bedell, Will. ..	27	80
1-2 Jac. I. ..	— — — — — ..	27	105
3-5 Edw. VI. ..	Bellgrave, Robert ..	5	81
3-5 Edw. VI. ..	— — — — — ..	5	121
1-2 Jac. I. ..	Bent, Rich. ..	28	5
1-3 P. & M. ..	Bent, Tho. ..	7	51
20-24 Eliz. ..	Blounte, Godfred. ..	20	15
30-34 Eliz. ..	Blunt, Michael ..	23	93
15 & 16 Eliz. ..	Borough, Rich. ..	14	119
15 & 16 Eliz. ..	Bradgate, Rich. ..	14	56
43 & 44 Eliz. ..	Bradgate, Rich. ..	26	169
17 & 18 Eliz. ..	Bradgate, Will. ..	16	64
33 & 34 Eliz. ..	Bradshaw, Geo. ..	23	28
4 & 5 Eliz. ..	Browne, Sir Humfrey, Knt. ..	9	20
26-29 Eliz. ..	Brudenell, Sir Edmund, Knt. ..	21	121
3-5 Edw. VI. ..	Brudenell, Sir Tho. Knt. ..	5	36
3-7 Jac. I. ..	Bruerne, John ..	25	20
3-7 Jac. I. ..	— — — — — Thomas ..	25	41
1 & 2 Jac. I. ..	Burdet, Will. ..	28	28
5-7 Eliz. ..	Burton, Rob. ..	10	80
1-5 Jac. I. ..	Carper, Everard ..	29	143
1-3 Eliz. ..	Cave, Rich. ..	8	56
15 & 16 Eliz. ..	Cave, Sir Tho., Knt. ..	14	55

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29 & 30 Eliz. ..	Clarke, Henry .. ..	22	17
17 & 18 Eliz. ..	Cloughton, Catherine, widow	16	106
17 & 18 Eliz. ..	Collie, Anthony .. ..	17	10
1-3 Jac. I. ..	Cope, Geo. .. ..	27	107
11 & 12 Eliz. ..	Crofts, Tho. .. ..	12	38
1-3 Jac. I. ..	Digby, Will. .. ..	27	108
1 Edw. VI. ..	Dockary, John .. ..	4	50
9-11 Eliz. ..	Draper, John (Lunatic) ..	11	133
2 Edw. VI. ..	Dygbye, John .. ..	4	79
35-42 Eliz. ..	Everard, Rich. .. ..	24	75
16 & 17 Eliz. ..	Fareham, Tho. .. ..	15	58
29 & 30 Eliz. ..	Faunt, Anthony .. ..	22	91
17 & 18 Eliz. ..	Faunte, Will. .. ..	17	26
2 Edw. VI. ..	Felding, Sir Will. Knt. ..	4	18
1-3 Jac. I. ..	Goddard, Tho. .. ..	27	94
20 Eliz. ..	Golston, Tho. .. ..	19	122
1-3 Eliz. ..	Grey, Tho. .. ..	8	78
20-24 Eliz. ..	Hall, Reginald .. ..	20	134
1 & 2 Jac. I. ..	Hall, Simon, .. ..	28	17
26-29 Eliz. ..	Hartop, Will. .. ..	21	24
5 & 6 Edw. VI.	Harve, Eliz., widow .. ..	6	87
5-7 Eliz. ..	Haselrigg, Barth. .. ..	10	87
19 & 20 Eliz. ..	Hawford, Will. .. ..	18	94
19 & 20 Eliz. ..	Hodgson, Rich. .. ..	18	109
19 & 20 Eliz. ..	————— Rob. .. ..	18	133
29 & 30 Eliz. ..	Hovye, Will. .. ..	22	27
1-3 Eliz. ..	Huntingdon, Francis, Earl of	8	46
20-24 Eliz. ..	Hurste, Rich. .. ..	20	219
1 & 5 Jac. I. ..	Jenkins, Will. .. ..	29	139
3-5 Edw. VI. ..	Kendall, Will. .. ..	5	3
12-14 Eliz. ..	Kevill, Henry .. ..	13	101
29 & 30 Eliz. ..	Mason, Henry .. ..	22	28
2 Edw. VI. ..	Methwold, John .. ..	3	103
1 & 2 Jac. I. ..	Michell, John .. ..	28	24
18-20 Eliz. ..	Neale, Tho. .. ..	18	38
35-42 Eliz. ..	Noell, John .. ..	24	76
30-34 Eliz. ..	Norwich, Simon .. ..	23	13
12-14 Eliz. ..	Olyver, Tho. .. ..	13	110



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5-7 Eliz. ..	Parkeyns, Tho. ..	10	9
20 Eliz. ..	Payne, Thos. ..	19	20
3-7 Jac. I. ..	Payne, Tho. ..	25	16
1 & 2 Jac. I. ..	Pepper, Tho. ..	28	20
5 & 6 Edw. VI. ..	Pole, German ..	6	20
17 & 18 Eliz. ..	Poole, Will. ..	16	92
16 & 17 Eliz. ..	Pratt, John (Idiot) ..	15	77
37 Hen. VIII. ..	Pryor, John ..	2	99
3-5 Edw. VI. ..	Pulteney, Francis ..	5	56
5-7 Eliz. ..	Rutland, Henry, Earl of ..	12	48
43 & 44 Eliz. ..	Savage, Geo. ..	26	153
5 & 6 Edw. VI. ..	Sayvell, John ..	6	105
3-5 Edw. VI. ..	Scrope, John, Lord ..	5	114
20-24 Eliz. ..	Segrave, Will. ..	20	149
20 Eliz. ..	Sharpe, John ..	19	102
17 & 18 Eliz. ..	Sherard, Geo. ..	16	39
1 & 5 Jac. I. ..	Skeffington, Will. ..	29	79
35 Hen. VIII. ..	Skevyngton, Tho. ..	1	67
1 & 5 Jac. I. ..	Smith, Francis ..	29	154
20-24 Eliz. ..	Smyth (alias Walton) John ..	20	202
5-7 Eliz. ..	Smythe, Mary, widow, heir of John Morton ..	10	44
1 & 2 Jac. I. ..	Stanford, John ..	28	10
5 & 6 Edw. VI. ..	Stansfylde, Rich. ..	6	56
3-5 Edw. VI. ..	Staresmore, John ..	5	138
1-3 Jac. I. ..	Swayne, John ..	27	103
2-5 Jac. I. ..	Tatam, Arthur ..	30	100
3-5 Edw. VI. ..	Turvell, Sir Will., Knt. ..	5	37
2-5 Jac. I. ..	Villers, Sir Geo. ..	30	25
5-7 Eliz. ..	Villers, Rich. ..	10	20
15 & 16 Eliz. ..	Vincent, Anthony ..	14	72
37 Hen. VIII. ..	Vowe, Will. ..	2	21
11 & 12 Eliz. ..	Waldram, Roger ..	12	44
1-3 Eliz. ..	Waldram, Will. ..	8	30
20-24 Eliz. ..	Walton (alias Smyth) John ..	20	202
3-7 Jac. I. ..	Ward, Tho. ..	25	130
1-3 Jac. I. ..	Webbe, Will. ..	27	215
43 & 44 Eliz. ..	Whalley, Ralph ..	26	90
20 Eliz. ..	Wightman, Rich. ..	19	168
3-5 Edw. VI. ..	Wightman, Tho. ..	5	184
11 & 12 Eliz. ..	Wightman, Tho. ..	12	40
20-24 Eliz. ..	Wilson, John ..	20	96
43 & 44 Eliz. ..	Wright, Rich. ..	26	83

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		<i>Vol.</i>	<i>Page.</i>
Car. I. ..	Wright, Tho. ..	7	18
3-7 Jac. I. ..	Wyeth, Henry ..	25	15
35 Hen. VIII. ..	Wygston, Roger ..	1	56
35 Hen. VIII. ..	Wynter, Robert ..	1	43 & 44

1 JAMES I. TO 20 CHARLES I.

<i>Date of Inq. p. m.</i>	<i>Name of deceased Tenant in capite.</i>	<i>P. R. O. reference to Inq. p. m.</i>	
		<i>Bundle.</i>	<i>No.</i>
21 Jac. I. ..	Armeston, Will ..	46	107
6 Car. I. ..	Armeston, Will ..	48	78
(?) 16-17 Jac. I. ..	Asheby, Geo. ..	28	66
(?) Jac. I. ..	Babington, Humphrey ..	19	21
14 Jac. I. ..	Babington, Mathew ..	24	120
6 Car. I. ..	Baddie, Edw. ..	49	50
20 Jac. I. ..	Bale, Sir John ..	36	47
18 Jac. I. ..	Ballard, Thomas ..	31	100
21 Jac. I. ..	Ballard, Thomas ..	36	6
15 Car. I. ..	Banastre, Dynham ..	62	272
17 Jac. I. ..	Baresby, Will. ..	29	104
6 Jac. I. ..	Barfeild, Edw. ..	11	16
17 Jac. I. ..	Barford, Arthur ..	28	42
16 Car. I. ..	Barrsdale, Charles ..	63	186
22 Jac. I. ..	Bartine (alias Caster), John ..	46	177
3 Car. I. ..	Baseley, Edw. ..	46	113
6 Car. I. ..	Basse, Edw. ..	48	62
15 Jac. I. ..	Baynbridge, Will. ..	25	138
7 & 8 Jac. I. ..	Beaumont, Sir Henry ..	3	67, 90
8 & 9 Jac. I. ..	Beaumont, Sir Henry ..	5	75
6 Jac. I. ..	Beaumont, Sir Henry ..	10	2
6 Jac. I. ..	Beaumont, Sir Henry ..	11	56
(?) 1 Car. I. ..	Beaumont, Sir Thomas ..	42	123
14 Car. I. ..	Belgrave, Thomas ..	60	71
7 Car. I. ..	Bennett, George ..	49	78
10 Car. I. ..	Bennett, George ..	54	132
1-3 Jac. I. ..	Bent, Ambrose ..	6	86
9 Jac. I. ..	Bent, John ..	13	86
13 Jac. I. ..	Bent, John ..	59	232
7 Jac. I. ..	Bent, Thomas ..	5	220
15 Car. I. ..	Bent, William ..	62	47
10 Car. I. ..	Binnes, Edw. ..	55	98
16 Jac. I. ..	Bluntt, Robert ..	26	50
16 Car. I. ..	Boothby, Rich. ..	63	200
11 Jac. I. ..	Boroughe, Thomas ..	18	212
2 Car. I. ..	Botham, Hugh ..	46	92
10 Car. I. ..	Bowne, Will. ..	55	106

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19 Jac. I.	.. Braddell, John ..	..	83 64
10 Car. I.	.. Bradford, Will. ..	..	55 108
1-4 Jac. I.	.. Brigges, James ..	..	1 63
14 Car. I.	.. Broadgate, Will. ..	..	60 97
15 Jac. I.	.. Broadshawe, Geo. ..	..	25 252
14 Jac. I.	.. Brokesbye, Robert ..	..	24 180
18 Jac. I.	.. Burdett, Richard ..	..	52 84
4 Car. I.	.. Burdett, William ..	..	47 33
18 Jac. I.	.. Burrowes, Tho. ..	..	30 119
6 Car. I.	.. Burrowes, Tho. ..	..	48 37
11 Car. I.	.. Burton, John ..	..	58 181
4 Car. I.	.. Buswell, John ..	..	47 37
6 Car. I.	.. Buswell, John ..	..	48 40
1 Car. I.	.. Cade, Tho. ..	..	42 119
19 Jac. I.	.. Carter (alias Robinson), Dionysius ..	..	33 53
12 Car. I.	.. Carter, Everard ..	..	58 165
22 Jac. I.	.. Caster (alias Bartine), John ..	..	46 177
(?) 7 & 8 Jac. I.	.. Cave, Anthony ..	..	12 79
8 Jac. I.	.. Cave, Henry ..	..	12 97
7 & 8 Jac. I.	.. Cave, Tho. ..	..	3 213
16 Jac. I.	.. Cave, Tho. ..	..	28 59
7 Car. I.	.. Chamberlaine, Francis ..	..	52 53
14 Car. I.	.. Chamberlaine, John ..	..	61 14
12 Car. I.	.. Chapman, Tho. ..	..	57 30
18 Jac. I.	.. Charnell, Edward ..	..	30 135
12 Car. I.	.. Cherrie, Robert ..	..	58 145
21 Jac. I.	.. Choysse, Thomas ..	..	37 85
12 Car. I.	.. Churchman, Richard ..	..	58 135
4 Car. I.	.. Clarke, Haslingtatam ..	..	46 124
3 Car. I.	.. Clarke, Joseph ..	..	69 130
12 Car. I.	.. Collyns, William ..	..	58 171
12 Car. I.	.. Coltman, William ..	..	56 181
6 Car. I.	.. Cotes, Alexander ..	..	54 153
8 Car. I.	.. Cotton, William ..	..	51 13
6 Car. I.	.. Cowper, Gilbert ..	..	49 49
1-6 Jac. I.	.. Coye, William ..	..	2 78
2 Car. I.	.. Crofte, Thomas ..	..	43 95
11 Jac. I.	.. Croxall, Thomas ..	..	15 98
10 Car. I.	.. Croxall, Thomas ..	..	58 159
11 Jac. I.	.. Croxall, Thomas ..	..	40 88
22 Jac. I.	.. Dalbye, John ..	..	43 51
6 Car. I.	.. Dand, John ..	..	48 47
4 Car. I.	.. Dannett, John ..	..	46 121
18 Jac. I.	.. Davenport, John ..	..	31 39
12 Car. I.	.. Davenport, Thomas ..	..	56 193
13 Car. I.	.. Davenport, William ..	..	60 25
7 Car. I.	.. Davers, Francis ..	..	52 67