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Inhabitants of West Kent 1487

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The following listing is taken from a Common Plea Roll at the Public Record Office (CP 40/997 commencing on membrane 148) and was originally incorrectly reported by Henry R. Plomer in the *British Archivist*.¹ The listing forms part of the evidence in the dispute between Sir John Legh and his receiver, John Tuttesham, described as late of West Peckham, Kent, gent., who collected the rents for Michaelmas 3 Henry VII (1487). He is almost certainly the John Tuttesham given in 1574 as the grandfather of Thomas Tuttesham of West Peckham.² The hearing of the action for the recovery of this money took place in the Court of Common Pleas in the Michaelmas Term of 3 Henry VIII (1511) when John Tuttesham claims to have fully accounted with the said John Legh at Stokwell [Stockwell], Surrey on the 20 October 4 Henry VII (1488). Sir John Legh of Stockwell, Surrey was made a Knight of Bath on the 17 November 1501 upon the marriage of Prince Arthur the elder brother of king Henry VIII.³ In his will proved

on 10 December 1523 Sir John Legh, knight, states that he bought this Kentish estate of Thomas Barham and John Holden and Anne his wife.⁴ The *inquisition post mortem* dated at Gravesend on 25 November 15 Henry VIII (1523) for his Kentish estates has survived.⁵ He was possessed of two parts of the manors of Oxnothe, Stansted, Offham, Ditton, Mascalles and Copgrove, Snodbeme and Peckham in Hadlow, divided into five parts. Details of his actual land holdings recorded in the IPM are given as footnotes below. When he died 27 August 1523 his heir was John Legh his nephew, then aged 21 years, the son of his brother Ralph Legh.

In the following transcript *quadrans* (farthing) is shown as $\frac{1}{4}$ d and obolus (half-penny) as $\frac{1}{2}$ d, $\frac{1}{4}$ d and $\frac{1}{2}$ d as $\frac{3}{4}$ d and half a farthing as $\frac{1}{8}$ d. All Roman figures have been changed to Arabic numbers.

¹ Page 35. (There was only one volume edited by Richard Holworthy commencing in 1913 it was issued in parts finally amalgamating with *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica* in 1921.) As this is a scarce work a corrected version is recorded here. Not only were there errors of transcription but Holsworthy incorrectly thought that the court case concerned the collection of tithes.

² 'Visitation of Kent, 1574', *Harleian Society* Vol. lxxv (1924), p. 39. William Hampton's lands in West Peckham passed to John Tuttesham, gent., in 1495-6: *Archaeologia Cantiana*, Vol. XV, (1883) p. 387. Original documents CKS: U522.

³ Information supplied by Colin J. Parry.

⁴ PRO: PROB 11/21 quire 15, folio 115. The manor of Oxen Hoath was in the possession of Sir Richard Colepeper, Sheriff of Kent in 1471, and died possessed of it in 1484. By his first wife Sybil he had three children Elizabeth who married Henry Barham of Teston, Margaret and Ann: *Sussex Archaeological Collections*, Vol. 48 p. 80. His second wife was Isabell daughter and coheir of Ottiwel Worsley by whom he had two daughters, one of whom Joyce, born 1480, was married first to Ralph Legh of Stockwell, Under-sheriff of London, and secondly to Lord Edmund Howard, third son of the Duke of Norfolk: Rev. Howard Chadwick, *Notes on the church and parish of West Peckham*, (1935) p. 27.

⁵ PRO: C142/40/69. (There are two versions for his Surrey estates 15 Henry VIII, C142/40/12(2) & E150/1076/3.)

*Oxnothe in the parish of Est
Pekham⁶*

John Walter	9d
Hugh Tunbrigge	27s 10½d
Michael Waren	2s 4½d
Roger Haccher	5d
William Sowter	14s 6½d
Stephen Bowreman	22¾d
John Broke	22d
William A Fenn	2s 10½d
John Legh	3s 5d
Thomas Master	12s 2½d
Agnes Bouget	15d
Nicholas Lucas	10¼d
William Gyllam	4d
James Scas	22¾d
John Reve	3d
Henry Master	5s 1d
William Bullen	9s 1½d
John Tunbrigge	10¼d
Peter Godwyn	2s 10d
Richard Kebull	2s 4d
John Gillam	6s
John Bele junior	30s
Richard Kebull	2s
Stephen Carpenter	5s
John A Woode	2s
William Atwode	4s

*Badlesmere in the parish of
Shipburn⁷*

⁶ Oxen Hoath is in the parish of West Peckham. J. K. Wallenberg, *The Places names of Kent*, (1934) p. 159 and Hasted vol. V, (1798) pp. 63-64. IPM: 200a. land, 40a. meadow, 100a. pasture, 40a. wood held of the heirs of Henry Grey, Lord of Codnore by fealty and rent of one pair of spurs. Valued in all issues above the repris £23-7s 3¼d.

⁷ Dr Gordon Ward's Place Name Index says that in 1584 the manor of Badilsmere was held with that of Oxenhoth manor. The reference for this is *Lambert Larking Kent Note Book X/257/66 & X/250/39*. These are deposited at CKS in U1823 but were unavailable for examination as the collection is uncatalogued. Hasted, vol. V, (1798) p. 23, says, 'At a small distance southward from Plaxtool-street, lies the seat of Fairlawn, the house of which is at the extremity of the parish of

Richard Haught	15s 4d
Prior of Tunbrigge	7s
Prioress of Dertford	15d
John Chowne of Fayrelane	5s 9d
James Pecham	10d
Thomas Wodcok	2s 2d
William Owtrede	2s 2d
John Bealde	3s 1d
John Hayte	3s
John Chown of Shipburn	6d
Robert Bissshop	16½d
William Watte	20½d
Hugh Tunbrigge	10s
John Bele junior	10d
James Wattys & Hugh Tunbrigge	8d

Hadlowe⁸

John Bishopp	11s 6¼d
John a Barton	10s 8½d
Thomas Fisher	4s 7¼d
Peter Fisher	3s ¼d
John Freman	16d
John Fruter	16½d
Richard Pynchon	5s 4½d
John Wybarn	45s 10¾d
Richard Fichet	15s 3¼d
John Godyng	20½d
Richard Fromond	26s 3½d
John Fromond	3s 2½d
Henry Wyseman	56s 7½d
William Bealle	18½d
Richard Cardon	6s 1½d
Henry Pulter	8d
Nicholas Becher	2s 10¼d

Wrotham, part of the stables belonging to it being in that of Shipborne. ... at the latter end of the reign of Henry IV it was alienated to Chowne.' This manor is not given in the IPM. [See Kent Records New Series Vol. 3 pp. 102-126 for Shipbourne deeds 1423-1823.]

⁸ IPM: Manor of Peckham in Hadlow, 60a. land, 15a. meadow, 4a. wood, held of Henry Guildford, knight, as of his manor of Hadlow, by fealty and rent of 7½d, value £15 16s 5¼d. See an account in Hasted vol. V, (1798) p. 177.

Wroteham

James Pecham	11s
William Culpeper	20d
William Hodesole	53s 11d
Robert Granesden	31s 3d
William Granesden	21d
Robert Godfrey	6s 4d
Thomas Knowe	22d
William Rumney	3s 6d
Richard Dawe	4s 2d
Roger Bery	3d
John Dawe	3s 3½d
John Scudder	3s 1d
William at Wode	11s 1d
Henry Asshley	7s
Robert Barbour	12s
John Lane	2s 10d
John Launce	1d
Richard Goodman	3s 4d
Thomas Bright	3s 6d
Henry Kyng	13d
John Knowe	13½d
John Granesdon	4s 6¼d
John Lane junior	16s
John Lane son of	2s 6d
Richard Lane	
John Page	3d
Thomas Nysell	4d
Robert Lane	4d
Thomas Lane	4d
Cristine Kytayer	2d
Henry Asseborne	4d
Agnes Goger	2d
John Dawe	2d
Richard Lane	2d

*Yealdyng*¹⁰

John Gratford	12s 7d
George Nevyll, knight, Lord of Bergevenny	14s

¹⁰ IPM: Manor of Snodbeme 120a. of land, 10a. of meadow, 4a. of wood, held of the manor of Yalding by fealty and rent of 23½d, value £7.

William Gratford	21d
John Jope	26s 6d
William Swythyngton	2s 11d
Robert Jamys	4s 6d
William Clerke	6d
Isabella Budde	9d
John Downer	6d
John Stroder	6d

*Offham*¹¹

Thomas Hoke	15½d
John Holbeme	1¼d
Henry Migate	19d
John Migate	3s 2½d
Robert Annon	2s 9½d
Thomas Sprynget	4s 3¾d
Richard Migate	20¾d
William Palmer	3s 5¼d
William Sylby	10½d
John Sprynget	13¾d
Thomas Cowper	8½d
James Rawlyns	½d
Thomas Ters	4s 8½d
Edmund Watton	13s 7d
John Hoke	16d
John Hawkyns	4d

*Merden*¹²

Thomas Tere	60s
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¹¹ IPM: 80a. land, 4a. meadow, 30a. of wood held of Henry Wyatt knight, for fealty & 16s for all services; value £7-13s 6¼d. Wallenberg says Snodbeam was in the parish of Offham.

¹² Marden township was held of the manor of East Peckham. Furley, *Weald of Kent*, (1874) Vol. II pt. 2, p. 715.

The manor lands in the IPM not given in the above were 140a. land, 40a. wood in Stansted held of William Archbishop of Canterbury by fealty and rent for all services; value £12 7s 11d and 220a. land, 6a. meadow and 140a. wood in manor of Ditton held of the heirs of Henry Grey, Lord of Codnore for a rent for all services. The value above the repris for this was £20 12s 7d.