

HENRY IDEN of Islington, Middlesex. Will proved in Prerogative Court of Canterbury December 1568. To JANE Sandford, my late wife's daughter, 400 marks. Mentions Elizabeth Payne his kinswoman. To Sir Walter Mildmay, Knt., £100 on certain conditions of recovering money. Leaves his leases in Highbury, Clerkenwell, and Finsbury to George Sandford, also legacies to John Fremonger, George Haies, and William Wrott, etc. Proved by George Sandford.

An Inquisition Post Mortem 11 Elizabeth (1569) concerning Henry Iden of Iselden otherwise Islington recites possessions, and that John Gilbert of Sandwich, Kent, Gent., and Joane, wife of John Rigden of Westwell, Kent, are cousins and next heirs, viz., John, son of Thomasyne Gilbert, sister of Richard Iden, father of said Henry, and Joane, daughter of Agnes Brett, another sister of Richard Iden, father to said Henry.

An Inquisition Post Mortem taken 12 Elizabeth (1569-70) recites possession of a further estate, and concludes as last.

An Inquisition Post Mortem of said Henry 17 Elizabeth (1575) recites as before, the Jurors finding that Thomas Moone was cousin and next heir, viz., son and heir of W^m Moone, son and heir of Margaret Moone, who was daughter and heir of Alexander Iden, who was brother of Richard, who was father of said Henry, and Thomas Moone at the death of Henry was aged 13 years on Dec. 30 last.

[The preceding three Inquisitions shew that whenever a fresh heir was found, or further property discovered, it was the practice to hold a fresh enquiry. As no other Inquisition occurs Thomas Moone must be considered the final and rightful heir.]

Note.—All the above Iden family bore the old fesse in their coat armour; the following detailed below bore the chevron:—

ALEXANDER IDEN of Westwell. Will proved in Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1457. To be buried in St. Martin's Orgar Church, London. Daughters Ann, Elizabeth, Elinor, and mentions his wife Elizabeth, appointing her and Stephen Norton ex'ors.

[Sir William Crouner, Lord Mayor of London 1413 and 1423, built a Chapel to St. Martin's Orgar Church, in which he was buried, which explains Alexander Iden being buried there, as being the burial-place of his wife's family.]

THOMAS IDEN of Malmains in Stoke. Will proved at Consistory Court of Rochester April 1513 by Robert Iden *alias* Hervy. To be buried in the body of the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in Stoke. Bequests to William Iden, son of Alexander Iden my son, Robert Iden my son, Edward my son, Jasper my son, Alice Iden my daughter. Bequests of apparel belonging to the Chapel of Malmains to be given to the Altar of Stoke. Also bequests to the poor of the Convent of Canterbury, and to maintain lights for ever for the outside of the Church of Stoke. Residue to Robert my son, ex'or. Sir William Crouner, Knt., to be supervisor. My feoffes Edward Poynings, Knt., Edward Guilford, Esq., and John Butler, Gent. To son Jasper my myl and lands at Chalkewell when 20 years old; if he die to son Edmund. My executor shall buy a stone and lay it over me and my wife, with the pictor of a man and woman and the pictor of a little man child, etc.

An Inquisition Post Mortem of above Thomas Iden of Stoke, taken at Rochester Castle 4 Henry VIII. (1512-13). The Jurors say that Thomas Iden was seised of the manors of Malmains, Ufton, Cheynes Court, a tenement called Croft, and water-mill, the advowson of the Chapel of the perpetual Chantry of Malmains, with the appurt's in Stoke, St. Mary's, Tunstall, Sittingbourne, Milton near Bobbing, Chart near Sutton Vallence, and Bobbing in the county of Kent in his demesne as of fee, and the same came to William Iden as cousin and heir of Thomas, viz., son of Alexander Iden, son of Thomas Iden aforesaid. The manor was held of John, Earl of Oxford, as of the manor of Plumpton, Sussex, by Knight's service. Ufton Manor (except eleven acres of land), held of the King in soccage as of his manor of Milton by fealty and rent of assize, the eleven acres being held of William Crouner, Knt., in soccage of his manor of Tunstall. Croft tenement and mill held of the Abbot of Boxfield and Prior of Leeds. The said Thomas died 1 March 1512, and William Iden is cousin and next heir, viz., son and heir of Alexander, son and heir of Thomas, and same William is aged 14 years and more.

[Hasted says (vol. ii., p. 407) that Cheynes Court descended from *John* Iden, who died possessed of it 4 Henry VIII. This evidently is an error or slip, as it was *Thomas* who so left it. He further says it passed