

Liber C D
(fol. 300) Inquisition of William Drurys Land

Whereas we Whose names are hereunto Subscribed being of a Jury by virtue of a Comission from the Hon.^{bie} Chancello.^r directed to m.^r William Hopkins & m.^r Mathew Howard of Ann Arundell County Gent being Sworn this fourth day of July Annoꝝ Domini one thousand Six hundred Seventy nine to make Inquiry into the Lands of William Drury &^c late of this Co.^{ty} deꝛed according to the Tenor of the Said Writt

Forasmuch as William Drury late of this County of Ann Arundell who deceased the Eight and Twentieth day of August Annoꝝ Domini one thousand Six hundred Seventy Six haveing to wife in his life time Christian Merikein, who had as by her Right as by Patent fifty acres of Land Lying in the afores.^d County which Land the S.^d Drury lived upon and possessed in time of his and his afores.^d wife's life who dyed Some years before the Said William Drury, Now upon Strict and Diligent Enquiry into the premisses afores.^d We do find that the afores.^d William Drury possessed no other Lands in any part of the aforesaid County but the before menꝛoned fifty acres of Land, By Patent to Xtian Merikein & her heirs Relict of John Merikein late of this County deceased wherefore the S.^d Drury had no other Right and title to the Said Land but by the marriage of the Said Xtian Merikeine who hath to her heir hugh Merikeine her Son born of her Body being of three and twenty years of age of the s.^d Co.^{ty} in whom by our Inquisition we do find the Right of the Inheritance of the aforesaid fifty acres of Land doth pply lay and belong w.^{ch} the Said William Drury dyed in possession of w.^{ch} Said Land there hath been no Improvem.^t made of Since the Death of the s.^d Drury and that the yearly Rents of the Said fifty acres of Land hath been paid by James Rigby of Ann Arundell County Ex.^r of the s.^d Drury deceased and Guardian to the heir of the Said Drury named Xtian Drury begotten and born of the body of the s.^d Xtian Merikein aſs Drury Relict of John Merrikin deceased & mother of the Said Hugh Merikin w.^{ch} Said Orphant of William Drury named Xtian dyed in her minority, And we do also find upon our diligent Enquiry of the Condition of the Said Land to be very mean of it Self naturally besides the Long Continuall use of the Same for more then Twenty years, The best of it to be Cleared & wasted & the timber destroyed no Care being taken for the Improvem.^t thereof Whereon is two Tobacco Houses and one old Dwelling house and Small hogg house w.^{ch} are very much decayed & out of Repair and also the fences to be of no value, and a Small quantity of apple Trees w.^{ch} lay open So that by reason of the mean & poor Condition of the p^rmisses we Cannot value it to better worth with all the premisses & profits thereof than one hundred and fifty

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