

INVENTORY OF FORMER CASTLE RISING MAYOR ROBERT DODDING

Inventory of Robert Dodding Died 1743 NRO ANW 23/24/3

An inventory of all and singular the Goods, Chattels and Credits and personal estate of Robert Dodding Esq., late Mayor of Castle Rising in the County of Norfolk, deceased, taken and appraised on 25th day of July 1748.

	£	s	d
First Cash at the time of his death	8	12	0
Wearing apparel	1	10	0
In the Parlor The bed as it stands and the clock	3	10	0
also two chests of drawers and a corner cupboard	1	5	0
also three tables and eleven chairs and four boxes	0	15	0
also erthen ware, glasses and salts	0	7	6
also tea kettle, tea pot, coffee pot of tin and two brass candlesticks			
and a box and looking glass	0	10	6
Closet in the Parlor. Two beer casks and glass bottles	0	2	6
Four pr of pillow beers, three pr of sheets, three table cloths			
And a dozen of napkins	0	12	0
In the Pantry. Three beer tubs, a meat pickle and three scale beams	0	15	0
In the Kitchen. Three brass kettles, two skellets, two skimmers, two			
..... and two warming pans	1	1	0
also eighteen pewter dishes and two Dz of plaits,weight	2	6	0
also a....., three spits, two dripping pans, two broiling pans, a			
dresser, four tables, nine old chairs and spice drawers	0	7	6
also a tea chest, a corn sieve, colander, pye pans, funell, an old			
tea kettle, two pr of bellows, a pr cob irons, pr tongs, three			
hakes, a fire iron, four candlesticks, two grid irons, one			

brandlet, an iron pottage pot	0	15	0
also erthen ware and a hanging cupboard	0	3	6
Backhouse. Two small coppers, chern and minging trough	1	15	0
also a mash tub, three small tubs, one cooler, four pails, four cheese vats, a beef fork and two sauce pans.	0	12	0
The Dayry. Two trays, one butter cooler, six milk coolers	0	10	0
Also three bowls, 50 small cheeses and two lazy backs	0	12	0
Kitchen Chamber. Ten bushels of rye, a screen, a bushel measure and a bushel of barley	1	5	0
also the bed as it stands, a cradle, two riddles, an old fan, two panils, two pillions, two saddles, a male pillion, a pair of pads and two.....	1	10	0
Parlour Chamber. Three beds as they stand, one old cupboard and all other things and lumber.	2	15	0
The Hay House. Seven syths, a coop and other things.	0	5	0
Two sows, seven pigs and a trough	4	0	0
Six hives of bees	0	10	0
All the fowles on the premises	1	0	0
A wagon and two carts	10	0	0
Two ploughs, a pr of harrows, a cart harness	1	10	0
Four acres of rye, two acres of wheat and rye and two acres of pease.	6	10	0
The six acre close of hay, the Mayor's Carr of hay, the Parson's Pightle's hay and the grass in Paradise and ye oat grown.	7	0	0
A prew of oats, very bad	0	12	6

Four year-old buds and seven wheanling calves	7	10	0
Twelve middle aged cows and eight old ones	33	12	0
Two old horses, three old mares, two colts and a filly.	18	10	0
One yearling foal	1	10	0
One cross cutting saw, the muck in ye yards and bins	1	0	0
Ploughing twenty acres to earths.	3	0	0

An acre in the town rates whose permitting is supposed due to the deed.

Mayor's salary by my Ld Andover's curtesy	13	6	0
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[This suggests that Andover, the son of Henry Bowes Howard -----

<i>was paying the Mayor's salary</i>	140	10	0
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even though Dodding was a Walpole appointee.]

Valued and appraised by us – Matthew Withered, Thomas

Clemence Dodding swore to the truth of this inventory

Clemence Dodding X mark

*Robert Dodding attended the Leet Court 24 times between 1712 and 1742. In 1714 he was elected Pinder of Hog-ringer. He was Mayor 5 times, in 1735, 37, 39 41 and 43. He must have died in office. He was a Walpole man and succeeded John Haton. He was followed by John Wakefield, Castle Rising's longest serving Mayor. **William** Dodding, who was probably his father had been Mayor of the town in 1695, 1697, 1700, 1702 and 1704. He had been involved in the events associated with the Walpole/Howard electoral pact, and seems to have been nominated by Thomas Howard. It seems therefore that the Doddings were a family who had affinities to both the Howards and the Walpoles. **William** died in 1708 and was described as a clerk. **Henry** Dodding attended the Leet Court regularly from 1719 to 1742 and on several occasions was a constable for the town. **Thomas** Dodding attended the Leet Court from 1705 until 1719. He was Constable on several occasions. **Robert Dodding junior** the second son of Robert and Marie Dodding, attended the Leet Court in 1735 at the age of 20, and was elected both Sergeant-at-Mace and Constable. It was a custom in the town to appoint the sons of Mayors to be Sergeants-at-Mace. It was his only appearance; he died soon after in 1738 at the age of 23. Robert's eldest son **William** attended the Leet Court in 1738 at the age of 24, after the death of his brother and he also was elected Sergeant-at-Mace. He continued to attend until 1742. This*

was the last year in which a member of the Dodding family had any connection with the Leet Court.

Unfortunately the records of baptisms, marriages and deaths for the period of the late 17th century are missing but it seems likely that **William** Dodding, the first of that name to be found in the Leet Court, was the father of **Robert**, **Thomas** and **Henry**. All three of these men were married, although we have no records of the marriages. **Robert** was married to Marie; **Thomas** was married first to Mary, who died in 1710 and then by 1715 to Elizabeth. **Henry** was married to Mary. All three brothers and their wives were producing children in the first half of the 18th century. **Robert** and **Marie** had 2 sons, William and Robert, and a daughter, Mary. Robert's wife, Marie (or Marina) died in 1720. **Thomas** had two sons Henry and William with **Mary** and with his second wife **Elizabeth** they had 4 sons none of whom lived more than a few years. **Henry** was married to **Mary** and they had 9 children between 1722 and 1736. **Thomas**, who was a warrener, died in 1722 and Elizabeth in 1741. **Robert**, whose inventory is above died in 1743. We have no record of **Henry**'s death.

The only member of the family from the third generation to play a known part in the life of the village is **William** Dodding, the probable grandson of the original William Dodding.

Clemence Dodding, who witnessed the inventory is recorded as having married Henry Goodson of Castle Rising in 1744. She may have been a niece of Robert but there is no evidence of a birth under that name.