

RIXON family

Edward the elder of Tonbridge died 1568 – Will illegible on film.

Probable children of Edward include:

1) John of Tonbridge died 1583

Per Will: Wife Margaret
 Sons Richard & James
 Daughters Elizabeth, Mary & Margaret

Children all adult, therefore John aged 50+ (ie bn c1535)

No information in Pembury records

2) Margaret Rixon

1564 - Married Richard Amherst, therefore bn c1540

R'd Amherst is mentioned as 'brother-in-law' in James's Will, therefore M'garet & James are siblings

1602 - Died

3) James of Pembury, yeoman died 1592 (eldest child bn 1565, therefore James bn c 1540)

Per Will & Baptisms: Wife Elizabeth
 Sons William ? not bap Pem
 Matthew bn 1572
 Edward bn 1565
 John bn 1567
 Richard 1576 – 82 (not mentioned in Will)
 Daughters Margaret bn 1570
 Anne bn 1574
 Helen bn 1579 (Ellen in bap reg)
 Elizabeth bn 1583

Left land: a Mansion, where he dwelt, with outbuildings, land etc called *Brookes (to east of Pelles)

land called (Fairfield/ Farmfield) in Pem & Tonbridge

land at Leygreen, Frant

The surviving sons of James:

1) William

Destined to be a shoemaker (per father's will), and inherited only money. As not bap Pem could be eldest – bap Ton? But then would have inherited. Nothing more is known of him.

2) Edward d 1594

_Inherited from father - everything equally with brother John (was he already sick?)

a) Father's mansion with all land etc called Brookes and land adjoining that father had bought.

b) Land called Fairfield in Pem & Ton in occupation John & Wm Lorkin

Per Will:

Was unmarried as no mention of wife or children and he left all household goods etc to mother

Had a nephew Edward Rixon (Probably son of John as William can be discounted & Matthew's only son was John)

As to the distribution of his lands he refers to his father's Will. Possibly giving brother Matthew a 20 year interest in it and then leaving it to nephew Edward.

Matthew is the executor, with kinsmen Richard Amherst the elder & the younger as overseers with Matthew Hartridge. (RA elder was Aunt Margaret's husband)

3) Matthew d 1604

Inherited from father:

a) Tenement etc at Leygreene, Frant absolutely

b) Some interest in Copyhold land called Brookes & Pelles in Tonbridge

Per Will & Baptisms:	Wife	Mary	
	Son	John	bn 1603
	Daughters	Anne	bn 1599
		Elizabeth	bn 1600 (no name in bap register)
	God children	John Martin	
		Ann May(son)	

Could these be children of 2 of his sisters?

Son John to inherit at age 21 but if he dies before then, then land at Frant to go to brother John, absolutely.

There is considerably more concerning his lands.

4) John

***1641** – Indenture between John Rixon of Penshurst & Thomas Colman of Wadhurst.

(Land including as below)

1678 - John Children of Tonbridge to Rose Cheeseman wdw

A mess/tent in Pem known as **Brookes** in tenure of Thomas Larkin

North – highway copping Crouch to Woodgate

West – Dicers Lane (?*Cornford Lane*)

South/East – Mess & Lands of William Baker

Also, **Farmefield** and the 2 brookes (14acres)

And 52acres in Pembury, & Tonbridge

East – Dicers Lane

South – Charles Amherst & James Codd

North/West – land called Kells & **Pells (qv)**

North – Robert Smith & Charles Amherst & Thomas Howlett

Is this the 'Brookes' mentioned in 1553 grant of land to Neville?

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