



GREAT BEDWYN

FEET OF FINES 1377-1509

The Purpose of a Fine.

To add strength and security to a conveyance that had already been virtually effected was then the prime motive for making or, as it was called, 'levying' a fine. This is shown by two Wiltshire examples. On 17 May 1287 Edward I granted by letters patent to Matthew son of John, knight, among other things the castle and manor of Devizes for life. In Michaelmas term in the same year Matthew acquired by fine the same estate from the king and Eleanor the queen?

The records are of The Court of Common Pleas and are held in The Public Record Office under CP 25(1)

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1428

¹Oct. of Trin. (Made one month from Easter). Walter Sydele and Richard Sydele, plaintiffs; John Sydele and Margery his wife, deforciant. One toft, 1 carucate, 2 acres meadow and 4 acres wood in Little Bedwyn (Estbeddewynd) and Great Bedwyn (Westbeddewynd). Right of Walter, plaintiff's by gift of deforciant; remise and quitclaim to plaintiff. (Warranty.) Consideration. 20 marks. (1)

1430

²Oct. of Hilary. (Made quin. of Trinity. 8 Henry VI [1430]). Robert Colyngborne and John Stapelhille, plaintiffs; Henry Clerk and Christina his wife, deforciant. One messuage, 1 carucate, 2 acres meadow and 4 acres wood in Great Bedwyn (Westbedewynde), Little Bedwyn (Estbedewynde) and Shalbourne (Shaldeborne). Right of Robert, plaintiff's by gift of deforciant; remise and quitclaim to plaintiffs. (Warranty.) Consideration. 100 marks. (2)

1469 9 Edward IV

³Morrow of All Souls. Richard Chokke, William Courtenay and Thomas Seymour knights, and Peter Courtenay and Walter Osborne, clerks, and George Houton and Edward Basyng, plaintiffs; Edmund Hungerford, knight and Margery his wife, deforciant. Manors of Barton (Berton), Stanton St. Bernard (Staunton Fitzherberd), Stoke (Stok) and Great Durnford (Great Durneford), and 43 messuages, 1 mill, 3 carucates and 600 acres. ofland, 164 acres meadow, 800 acres. pasture, 100 acres wood and 10s. rent in Eastrop (Estrop), Calcutt (Colcote), Ampney (Amney), Moredon (Mordon), Marston (Merston), Highworth (Hyworth), Blunsdon (Blundeston), Stratton St. Margaret (Stratton), Haydon Wick (Haydon Wyke), Widhill (Wydehill), Sevenhampton (Sevnehampton), Great Chelworth (Great Cheleworth), Little Chelworth (Little Cheleworth), Wanborough (Wamborough), Stokke (Stok), Great Bedwyn (Westbedewyn), Hungerford,

¹ In 1428 Trinity Sunday was 30th May so Oct (8th) was 6th June.

² In 1429/30 Hilary was 13th Jan so Oct (8th) Hilary was 20th Jan.
Trinity Sunday was 11th June so 5 (quin) Trinity was 11th June

³ In 1469 (as now) the Morrow of All Souls was 3 Nov

'Colneshanger' and Great Durnford, Wilts, and the manor of Luckington (Lokynton) and 6 messuages, 200 acres of land, 40 acres meadow, 200 acres pasture and 405. rent in Luckington, Frome and Kilmersdon (Gilmersdon), Som. Right of Thomas, plaintiff's by gift of deforciant, remise and quitclaim to plaintiffs. (Warranty.) Consideration. £1,000. (3)

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