



Potterne

Feet of Fines for the period of Henry VIII, Edward 6, Mary & Elizabeth I

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.

1541

William Dautesey and Ambrose Dautesey and John Gilbert, son and heir of George Gilbert; messuages and lands in Lavynnton, Cannynge and Worton. 400 marks

1542

Henry Bruncker, Richard Woodcokys, Roger Blade and John Warnesford and Peter Morgan, armiger, and Elizabeth his wife; messuages and lands in Orcheston St Mary, Tyleshyde, Pottern, Marston, and Stepull Assheton. £140

1549

Thomas Longe, William Longe, and Henry Longe and William Stourton, knt., Lord Stourton and Elizabeth his wife, manors of Powlesholte, Madyndon als. Wynterbourne, Madynton Awlton and Abylnton; messuages and lands, one fulling-mill, rent of a ib. of pepper and a quarter of a ib. of ginger in Powlesholte, Worton, Merton, Potern, Chetowe Chenell, Hurste, Awlton, Madynton alias Wynterbourne, Madynton, Abylntongetou and Chesynbury with free fishery in the waters of Awlton and Abylnton. £255 sterling.

1551

Virgil Pledall and Robert Baynard and James Yate, gen., and Johanne his wife and Edward Flower, gen., son and heir of Johanne, manor of Worton; messuages and lands in Worton, Pottern, Rowde and Foxander alias Foxhanger. £353.

1551

James Yate and Johanna his wife, and Edward Flower, son and heir to the siad Johanne, and John Flower; messuages and lands in Worton, in the parish of Potterne.

1556 & 57

Robert Trew, gen., and Thomas Pudsey, arm; messuages and lands in Bysshoppes Cannyngs, Stert, and Potterne. £156

1563

John Heskyns, son of Richard Heskyns and Richard Heskyns; lands in Potterne. £30

1566

Thomas Reve and Richard Mydlecott and John Mydlecott, son of the aforesaid Richard; messuage, lands, and

common pasture for 100 sheep in Shrewton, Wynterborne Shrewton, Cernett, Marston, Potterne and Wootton Bassett. £80

1573

Thomas Hale, sen. And Thomas Hale, jnr. And Thomas Flowre, and John Flowre, sen., gen.; messuages and land in Worton and Potterne. 160 marks.

Source: Wiltshire Notes & Queries, Volumes 3, 4, 5 & 7