



LITTLE 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?

1386

One month from Easter (1). John Syward, clerk, and John Hogenorton, vicar of Hungerford, plaintiffs. John Scot and Elizabeth his wife, deforciant. Manor of Little Bedwyn (Estbedewynde). Right of John Syward, plaintiff's by gift of deforciant, grant back and render to deforciant. to hold to them and the heirs of their bodies. Successive remainders to John Shawe and Alice his wife, the heirs of their bodies, and his right heirs.

1395

Oct. of Michaelmas (2). John Sydelee and Margery his wife, and John Stapilhille, junior, and Joan his wife, plaintiffs; John Scot, deforciant. Manor of Little Bedwyn (Estbedewynde). Right of Margery and Joan; remise and quitclaim to plaintiffs and heirs of Margery and Joan, rendering 5 marks yearly to deforciant. during his life, half at Easter and half at Michaelmas., with licence to distrain. To hold free of rent after death of deforciant.

1408

Oct. of Martinmas (3). John Lane, chaplain, and Walter Morant, plaintiffs; John Sidele and Margery his wife, deforciant. Four messuages, 2 carucates, 12 acres wood and 85. 9d. rent in Little Bedwyn (Estbedewynde). Right of John Lane, plaintiff's by gift of deforciant, grant back and render to deforciant. and the heirs of their bodies. Successive remainders to the heirs of the body of Margery, the heirs of the body of John Sidele, and the right heirs of Margery

1428

Oct. of Trinity. (4) (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 of wood in Little Bedwyn (Estbedewynde) and Great Bedwyn (Westbedewynde). Right of Walter, plaintiff's by gift of deforciant.; remise and quitclaim to plaintiff. (Warranty.) Consideration. 20 marks.

1434

Oct. of Hilary (5). (Made quin. of Trinity. 8 Henry VI [1430] (6) . 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.

1434

Quin. of Easter (7). Robert Colyngbourne, plaintiff; Richard Axsmyth and Anne his wife. deforcians. Six acres of land, 4 acres wood and 5hillings. rent in Little Bedwyn (Estbedewynde). Right of pl. by gift of deforcians; remise and quitclaim to plaintiff. (Warranty.) Cons. 20 marks.

1438

One month from Easter (8). Nicholas Wotton, plaintiff. Richard Axsmyth and Anne his wife deforcians. A third part of the manor of Little Bedwyn (Estbedewynde). Right of Nicholas by gift of deforcians; remise and quitclaim to plaintiff. (Warranty.) Consideration. 100 marks.

1498

One month from Easter. (9) Thomas Coke, plaintiff; John Sturmy and Isabel his wife, deforcians. Manor of Knowle (Knoll) and 3 messuages, 2 tofts, 200 acres of land, 10 acres meadow, 200 acres pasture and 10 acres wood in Henset (Hynsette), Timbridge (Tymerigge), Rudge (Rigge), Totteridge (Teterigge) and Little Bedwyn (Bedwyn). Right of plaintiff, by gift of deforcians; remise and quitclaim to plaintiff. (Warranty.) Consideration. 200 marks.

OPC Notes:

1. In 1386 Easter day was 22nd April
2. In 1395 Oct (8th) Michaelmas was 6th October.
3. In 1408 Oct (8) Martinmas 18th Nov
4. In 1428 Trinity Sunday was 30th May so Oct (8) Trinity was 6th June.
5. Hilary is on 13th Jan so Oct (8) Hilary is 20th Jan 1433/4
6. In 1430 Trinity Sunday was 11th June so Quin (5) Trinity was 15th June.
7. In 1434 Easter Sunday was on 28th March so Quin (5) Easter was 1 Apr.
8. In 1438 Easter Sunday was 13th April so "One month from Easter" was on or around 13th May.
9. In 1498 Easter Sunday was 15th April so "One month from Easter" was on or around 1th May.