



## Rowde

### Feet of Fines for the Period of Henry VIII & 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

John Warneforde, gen., and James Yate, gen., & Johanna Flowe, widow; messuages and lands in Rowde and Foxaunders alias Foxhangers.

#### 1544

William Baylye and Walter Baylye and Thomas Bampfyld, John Bampfyld and Mary his wife; messuages and lands in Rowde, Brougham and Devizes. £300

#### 1561

Mathew Arundel and Henry Charrington and Andrew Baynton and Edward Baynton; messuages and lands in Standley, als. Standeley Abbey or Monastery, Brenhill als. Bremble, Chippenham, Chittow, Rowde, Rowde Standely, Laccoke, Ettonstandely Hasilbury, Standley, Loxwell, and Tudderyngton Kelwates. £2140

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