



## SOUTH TIDWORTH

### 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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#### 1399

Quin. Of Easter (1). Richard Beckote and Alice his wife, plaintiffs Peter Courtenay, knight, and Margaret his wife, deforciant. Half the manor of Corhampton (Cornhampton), and of 2 messuages, 1 carucate and 1 virgate and 5 marks rent in South Tidworth (Suthtudeworth) and Warnford (Warneford), Hants, and 5shillings rent in North Tidworth (Northtudeworth), Wilts. Grant and render to plaintiffs. To hold to plaintiffs (Warranty) Consideration £20.

#### 1424

Morrow of Martinmas (2). William Gerard, parson of South Tidworth (Southtodeworth) and John Deverell, plaintiffs; William Alisaundre and Edith his wife, and Robert Peny and Joan his wife, deforciant. Three messuages, 3 tofts, 1 dovecot, 255 acres of land, 5 acres meadow, 400 acres pasture, 30 acres wood and rents of 20shillings and 2 roses in South Tidworth and Shipton Bellinger (Shepton Benger), Hants, and 5shillings rent in North Tidworth (Northtodeworth), Wilts. Right of William Gerard, plaintiff's by gift of deforciant. Grant back and render to William Alisaundre of 1 messuage and 15 acres of land in Shipton Bellinger. To hold to him. Also grant back and render to William Alisaundre and Edith of the other tenements to hold to them during their lives with remainder to Robert Peny and Joan and the heirs of Joan.

#### 18 Henry VI

#### 1439

Oct. of Michaelmas. (3) (Made quin. Of Trinity 17 Henry VI) (4). John Rowedon, clerk, and Robert Colpays, plaintiffs; William Chamberleyn and Joan his wife, deforciant. Manor of South Tidworth (Southtodeworth), and 20 messuages, 6 tofts, 2 dovecots, 286 acres of land, 10 acres meadow, 400 acres pasture, 30 acres wood and rents of 20shillings and 2 roses in South Tidworth, Winchester (Wynton), Southampton (Suthampton), Littleton (Lytelton), Sparkford (Sparkeford) and Chilcombe (Chiltecombe) and the advowson of South Tidworth, Hants, and 5s. rent in North Tidworth (Northtodeworth), Wilts. Right of Robert, pl.'s having the manor, 18 messuages, 3 toftshillings 1 dovecot, 46 acres of land, 5 acres meadow and the advowson by gift of deforciant; remise and quitclaim to plaintiffs. (Warranty.) Grant back and render to deforciant To hold to deforciant and the heirs male of their bodies. Also grant to deforciant of reversion of 2 messuages, 3 tofts, 1 dovecot, 240 acres of land and 5 acres meadow, the pasture, wood and rents, which William Alisaundre and Edith his wife hold for the term of their lives in South Tidworth and North Tidworth of the inheritance of Robert. To hold to deforciant and the heirs male of their bodies. Successive remainders of

the manor, 2 messuages, 3 tofts, 1 dovecot, 240 acres of land, 5 acres meadow, the pasture, wood and rent to the heirs of Joan and the right heirs of William, and of 18 messuages, 3 tofts, 1 dovecot, 46 acres of land and 5 acres meadow to the heirs of the body of William and his right heirs.

OPC Notes:

1. In 1399 Easter Day was 30th Mrch so Quin (5) of Easter was 3 April
2. Martinmas is 11 Nov so the Morrow of Martinmas is 12th Nov.
3. Michaelmas is 29 Sep so Oct (8th) of Michaelmas is 6th October.
4. In 1439 Trinity Sunday was 31st May so Quin (5) Trinity was 4th June.