



Feet of Fines for Berkshire.

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[EDITORIAL PREFACE].

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Acton Pile for consenting to transcribe for this journal these important documents, which are of immense value in tracing the history of lands and manors. The *Pedes Finium* or "Feet of Fines" differ from the Fine Rolls which contain accounts of fines paid to the Crown for licenses to alienate lands, for freedom from knight service, or being knighted, for renewals of charters, etc. The fine or contract recorded before a judge, had five parts, (1) the original writ, (2) license of the Crown giving the parties liberty to record, (3) the concord itself, (4) the note of the fine, an abstract of the original concord, and (5) the foot of the fine which always begins thus—"Hœc est finalis concordia facta in curia Dom. Regis apud Westm" etc. It was the official summary of the concord, was cut off in an indented line (hence the word *indenture*) so as to tally with the part delivered to the suitor and prove its authenticity, and retained by the court. No manorial history can be considered satisfactory until these records have been consulted (vide Dr. Cox's *How to write the History of a Parish*). Berkshire antiquaries and all who are interested in genealogy and family histories, will therefore be grateful to the transcriber for thus placing at their disposal this valuable source of information. The transcriber in this number furnishes us with the latest document, and will work backwards to those of earlier times. The material parts of the initial Fine are given in full; the rest are abbreviated. Any reader who wishes to have further particulars of any Fine can have them by applying to the Editor, who will publish in subsequent numbers those which are asked for.

A CALENDAR OF THE FEET OF FINES FOR BERKSHIRE.

- etc. after "house" or "houses" includes one or more of the following :—
gardens, stables, orchards, dovehouses, malthouses, corn-mills, barns.
etc. after "land" or "lands" includes one or more of the following :—
tythes, free warren, free fishing, common of turbary, rents and special
rights of pasturage.
w. stands for "his wife."
psh—parish.
land—any quantity less than 20 acres.
lands—20 acres and over.

MICHAELMAS 33 GEO II.

- (1.) From the day of St. Martin in fifteen days and afterwards in eight days of St. Hilary, between William Wood, plaintiff, *and* John Collins and Sarah his wife, deforciant, of 1 messuage, 1 barn, 2 stables, 1 garden, 1 orchard, 20 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow, 2 acres of pasture in Stanford in the Vale of the White Horse. £60.
(2.) Joseph Smith *and* John Smith and Mary, w, and Richard Belcher, junior and Elizabeth, w; land, etc. in Longcut, Shrivenham, Letcombe Regis, and Childrey. £60.
(3.) Timothy Hibberd *and* John Povey and Belinda, w; lands in Gosey als Goshay and Stanford in the Vale. £60.
(4.) Thomas Osgood *and* Edward Walter; house and garden in Newbury. £60.
(5.) John Lamb *and* Edward Newbery and Elizabeth, w; house in psh of St. Lawrence in Reading. £60.
(6.) Joseph Mould *and* Joshua Thatcher and Elizabeth, w, and William Churchill and Elizabeth, w; house and lands in Great Farringdon and Great Coxwell. £60.
(7.) Mary Pocock, widow *and* John Taylor and Molly, w; house, etc., and lands in West Hagborne. £200.
(8.) James Mead, Esq., and John Lock, Esq., *and* James King and Alice, w, Mary Micklem and Deodatus Staverton; house, etc., and lands in psh of Bray. £60.
(9.) John Pain *and* John Keeley and Dinah, w; house, etc., and land in Remenham. £60.
(10.) Henry Keene *and* Thomas Cotham and Elizabeth, w, John Keene and Catharine, w, and Mary Keene, spinster; 4/7ths of houses, etc., lands and free fishing in Streatley and Wallingford. £100.
(11.) William Cooper *and* William Dotheridge and Elizabeth, w, John Dotheridge, Thomas Bates and Ann, w, John North and Elizabeth, w; toft and land in psh of Wokingham. £60.
(12.) Ann Scroggs *and* Thomas Turner; house, etc., and lands in East Challow in psh of Letcombe Regis. £100.
(13.) Thomas Stroud *and* Stephen Finch, senr., and Susanna, w, and Stephen Finch, junr., and Sibell, w; house and lands in Baydon, Co. Wilts, and land in Lamborne, Co. Berks. £160.

TRINITY 32 AND 33 GEO II.

- (14.) Philip Olive, gent *and* Henry Olive, gent; house in New Windsor. £60.

(15.) Edmund Byron, Esq., *and* Sir John Reade, bart ; Manor of Byddon als Beddon, als Budon, als Beedon, and houses, etc., and lands, etc., in Abingdon, Barton North Court, St. Hellins, Stanmere als Stanmore, Pumney and Appleford. £2700.

(16.) John Cotterell *and* Robert North and Elizabeth, w, Edward Wise, gent, and William Pitt, Esq. ; barns and lands in pshes of Barkham, Arborfield, Wokingham and Warfield. £100.

(17.) Fulwar, Lord Craven *and* Sir Henry Inglefield, bart, and Catherine, w ; houses, etc., and lands in Kingston Winslow, Ashbury als Ashbary, and Odstone als Edstone. £560.

(18.) William Wright, and Thomas Graham *and* William Harris and Elizabeth, w ; house, etc., and land in psh of Aston Tirrold. £60.

(19.) William Field, gent *and* Harriott Barker, spinster ; houses, etc., and lands in Sunning and Twyford. £220.

(20.) William Turton, Esq., *and* William Dewe, Esq., and Sarah, w ; land in Kingston Lisle and psh of Sparseholt. £60.

(21.) James Rosiere, gent *and* John Jebb, Doctor in Divinity, and Ann, w ; house, etc., and lands in the Hamlett of Coworth in of psh Old Windsor. £100.

(22.) Philip Olive, gent *and* Henry Olive, gent ; house, etc., and land in Bray. £60.

(23.) Matthew Justice *and* John Shepherd ; $\frac{1}{4}$ th of houses, etc., and lands in Streatley. £60.

(24.) John Painter, senr., *and* John Pryer and Elizabeth, w ; houses, etc., and lands in Stanford in the Vale of the White Horse, Childrey and Wantage. £120.

(25.) Rowland Thomlinson *and* George Gilbourne and Ann, w, William Whitmore and Mary, w, and Sarah Whitmore, widow ; house, etc.. in Sunninghill. £60.

(26.) William Jarvis *and* James Symonds and Ann, w, Thomas Symonds and Henry Davies ; house, etc., and land in Childrey and Stanford in the Vale. £60.

(27.) John Blandy *and* Richard Ayres and Jane, w, and Ralph Whitehorn, senr., and Elizabeth, w ; house, etc., and land in Kingston Bagpuize and Fyfield. £60.

(28.) Thomas Groves *and* John Holmes and Ann, w ; $\frac{1}{3}$ rd of house and land in psh of Wargrave. £60.

(29.) Cyprian Cotterell and Samuel Trash *and* William Lane and Mary, w ; cottage, etc., and land in psh of Wokingham, Co. Wilts, and house, etc., in Newbury, Co. Berks. £120.

EASTER 32 GEO II.

(30.) Jeffry Cripps and Richard Prowse *and* John Prickett and Elizabeth, w, and Abraham Deane and Susannah, w ; house, etc., and lands in West Hanne and East Hanne. £100.

(31.) Mary Cooke, widow, *and* Bernard Bedwell and Martha, w, Edgate Sandwell and Frances, w, and Elizabeth Bell, widow ; houses, etc., in Wantage. £100.

(32.) Daniel Bevan, clerk *and* Richard Gregory, senr., and Margaret, w, and Richard Gregory, junr. ; land in South Moreton. £60.

(33.) Richard Tilleard *and* James Burgess and George Burgess ; houses and

lands in Burghfield, Gresly als Greshall, Sulhampstead Abbotts, Sulhampstead Banister, Wokefield, Shinfield and Hartley. £200.

(34.) John Cooke *and* William Haycraft and Mary, w, John Hall and Sarah, w, and Philip Kent and Elizabeth, w; houses, etc., in Abingdon. £120.

(35.) Seymour Richmond, gent, *and* Thomas Tubb and Catherine, w; land, etc., in Sparseholt. £60.

(36.) John Finch *and* Edward Le Grand and Susannah, w; house, etc., and lands in psh of Church Lamborne. £60.

(37.) Samuel Sparks *and* Tesdale Webb and Catharine, w; house, etc., and land in psh of Farringdon. £60.

(38.) Thomas Cotton *and* Jeremiah Illsley and Tabitha, w; house, etc., and land, etc., in Finchampstead. £60.

(39.) Thomas Stonestreet, gent, *and* Philip Montague, clerk; lands in Wingfield. £60.

(40.) William Hazell *and* John Arundell; house, etc., and lands, etc., in Crookham, in psh of Thatcham. £60.

(41.) John Bailey of Thatcham *and* John Baily of Westrigge and Ann, w, and William Pratt; houses, etc., and land, etc., in Thatcham and Wantage. £60.

(42.) John Tyrrell, Esq., *and* William Rimes and Mary, w; houses, etc., and lands in pshes of Marcham and Kingston Bagpuize. £200.

(43.) John Hughes, gent, *and* Joseph Sayer, gent; Manor of Amwicke als Antwicke and house, etc., and lands and free fishing in Letcombe Regis. £460.

HILARY 32 GEO II.

(44.) John Lawrence, gent *and* Richard Leach als Gregory and Elizabeth, w, and William Cheyncey, gent, and Jonathan Bush; house, etc., and lands in East Garston, Up Lamborne and Chipping Lamborne. £100.

(45.) Nathaniel Robarts *and* Caleb Self and Mary, w, Edward White Phillips and Mary Robarts; houses, etc., in Abingdon. £120.

(46.) Samuel Slocock *and* John Taylor; houses, etc., in Newbury. £120.

(47.) William Simonds *and* George Reynolds and Sarah, w; house, etc., and land in psh of Sandhurst. £60.

(48.) Joseph Trone *and* William Pitt and Elizabeth, w; house, etc., and land in Maidenhead in psh of Cookham. £60.

(49.) Jonathan Chadwick Durden, Esq., *and* Henry Bilson Legge, Esq., and Mary, w; house and lands in Sulhampstead Abbott and Sulhampstead Banister. £60.

(50.) Richard Limbrey *and* Richard Carter, and John Applebee and Mary, w; houses, etc., and land, etc., in Cookham, Thatcham and Woolhampton. £60.

(51.) William Simonds *and* Nathaniel Brassey and Hannah, w; houses, etc., in psh of St. Lawrence in Reading. £260.

(52.) Richard Tilleard *and* Henry Plant, Esq., and Jane, w; lands in Shinfield, and in the Hamlett or Liberty of Whitley, in psh of St. Giles in Reading, and also in psh of St. Lawrence in Reading. £60.

(53.) Michael Barnes, gent, *and* Elizabeth Clark, widow; house and land, etc., in psh of St. Mary in Reading. £60.

(54.) William Kilbourn *and* James Walton and Ann, w; land in psh of Wingfield. £60.

- (55.) Robert Hall, gent, *and* John Buckridge and Elizabeth, w ; land, etc., in psh of Buckland. £60.
- (56.) Thomas Clutterbuck *and* Samuel Teale and Sarah, w ; house, etc., land, etc., in Baulking als Battleking. £60.
- (57.) Elizabeth Evans *and* Thomas Joel and Sophia, w ; house and lands in Newbury. £160.
- (58.) Richard Tilleard *and* William Phillips and Elizabeth, w ; houses, etc., and lands in Sonning, Woodley and Sanford. £260.
- (59.) John Hipplesey and Joseph Hawksworth als Butler *and* Edward Hawksworth als Butler and Elizabeth, w ; house, etc., and land in Chipping Lamborne. £60.
- (60.) Richard Money, gent, *and* John Kimber and Mary, w, Ann Kidgell, spinster and Francis Kidgell, gent ; house, etc., and lands in Everington als Iverington in psh of Yattendon. £100.
- (61.) Chrysostom Lansdell, Esq., *and* John Craven, clerk, and Elizabeth, w ; lands in Speen. £60.
- (62.) Henry Fludger *and* William Blandy and Ann, w, Charles Blandy and Mary, w, Ann Blandy, spinster, Mary Blandy, widow, and Harford Dobson ; house, etc., and land in Sottwell and in psh of Brightwell. £60.
- (63.) James Barker, Esq., *and* John Cox and Friziline, w, and John Norton and Isabella, w ; house, etc., land, etc., in Barfield and Winkfield. £60.
- (64.) Richard Farr *and* John Reynolds Golding and Hannah, w, and John Head ; house, etc., and lands in Letcombe Regis and Wantage. £100.
- (65.) Thomas Willmot and Thomas Nash, senr., *and* William Sherman and Sarah, w, Amos Pratt and Martha, w, Maria Stanyford, Vienna Stanyford and John Harris and Mercy, w ; houses, etc., and land in psh of St. Giles in Reading, Co. Berks, and house, etc., in Northwarborough in psh of Odiham, Co. Southton. £180.
- (66.) Edward Francis *and* Thomas Talmage and Elizabeth, w ; houses, etc., land, etc., in Ramsbury, Co. Wilts, and house, etc., and lands in Chipping Lamborne and Up Lamborne, Co. Berks. £160.
- (67.) Peter Birt *and* Abraham Paice and Penelope, w, and William Paice and Dinah, w ; houses, etc., lands in Finchampstead, Newbury, Reading and Winkfield, Co. Berks, and house, etc., and lands in Whitechurch and Rotherfield, Peppard, als Pepper, Co. Oxford, and houses, etc., and land in Shinfield, Co. Wilts. £580.
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- (68.) Jane Tame, widow *and* John Spratley and Elizabeth, w ; house, etc., and land in Bray. £60.
- (69.) Acres Temple *and* Thomas Spicer and Christian, w, and Charles Sherwood, junr. ; lands in Sandford. £60.
- (70.) John Rowland *and* Thomas Perry, gent, and Martha Perry, widow ; house, etc., and lands in pshes of Alder als Aldworth and Ashamstead. £400.
- (71.) Ralph Day, gent, *and* John White and Elizabeth, w ; houses, etc., and land in Bray. £60.
- (72.) Israel Pottinger *and* Thomas Hancock and Sarah, w ; houses in Newbury. £100.
- (73.) William Ward and Edward Carter *and* Mary Coombe, widow, and Stephen Wicksted and Jane, w ; house, etc., and lands in Bucklands Marsh and in the west side of Buckland in psh of Buckland. £60.

- (74.) John Hobbis *and* Cornelius Darling, junr., and Mary, w; land in psh of Wantage. £60.
- (75.) John Cowdrey, junr., *and* Cornelius Darling, senr., and Cornelius Darling, junr., and Mary, w; house, etc., in Wantage. £60.
- (76.) Robert Vansittart, Esq., *and* William Grover, Esq., and Carolina, w; house, etc., in psh of St. Lawrence in Reading. £60.
- (77.) Henry Knapp *and* Richard Clement; house, etc., in Wanting als Wantage. £60.
- (78.) Daines Barrington, Esq., and John Morton, Esq., *and* Richard Aston and Susannah, w; houses, etc., and lands in psh of Wantage. £300.
- (79.) Moses Allnutt *and* John Spindler and Katherine, w, and Henry Spindler; house, etc., lands, etc., in Sutton Wick, Appleford and Sutton Courtney. £100.

TRINITY 31 AND 32 GEO II.

- (80.) Philadelphia Bedford *and* Daniel Woodam and Elizabeth, w; house and land in Chipping Lamborne. £60.
- (81.) Bond Spindler *and* John Davies and Jane, w, Thomas Kerby and Christian Rea; moiety of house, etc., and land in Eaton Hastings. £60.
- (82.) Henry Reddington *and* John Seagood and Sarah, w; house in New Windsor. £60.
- (83.) Francis Higgs *and* Thomas Bell and Hannah, w; house in psh of St. Lawrence in Reading. £60.
- (84.) John Pratt, senr., *and* William Pratt and Elizabeth, w; house in Wantage. £60.
- (85.) Thomas Cotton *and* Thomas Oliver and Elizabeth, w; house and lands in Finchamstead. £60.
- (86.) John Green *and* Charles Hughes, gent, and Mary Hughes, spinster; house in Abingdon. £60.
- (87.) Richard Payne, clerk *and* John Arndell and Rebecca, w, and Ann Arndell, spinster; houses, etc., and land in Wantage. £60.
- (88.) Thomas Roberts *and* John Smith and Elizabeth, w; house, etc., in Cholsey. £60.
- (89.) John Coates *and* Thomas Banister, William Paice and Dinah, w, and Abraham Paice and Penelope, w; house, etc., lands, etc., in Finchamstead. £100.
- (90.) George Jones, gent, *and* Henry Webb; houses, etc., and land in Newbury. £100.
- (91.) William Holwell, clerk *and* Thomas Dodwell and Hannah, w; house, etc., lands, etc., in pshes of Besselsleigh, Cumner als Comner, Wootton and Boreshill. £120.
- (92.) John Steel *and* Anthony Gregory and Mary, w, Elizabeth Gregory, widow, and Hugh Chiles and Mary, w; houses, etc., in Wallingford and Sutton Courtney. £100.
- (93.) Robert Needham, Esq., *and* John Cox and Elizabeth, w, and Richard Clement; house, etc., and land in Wallingford and Wantage als Wanting. £60.
- (94.) Walter Edwards, Esq., *and* Mary Middleton, widow; moiety of Manor of Wheatenhurst als Whitminster, and houses, etc., lands, etc., in Henbury, Westerleigh, Whitminster, Mangotsfield als Mangersfield, Bitton als Button, Sisson als Sison, the forest of Kingswood, Arlingham, Thornbury and Puckle-

church, etc., in Co. Gloucester, and also of the Manors of Lydlinch and Hydes, etc., in Co. Dorset, and of the moiety of the Manors of Great Bradley and Little Bradley, and moiety of houses, etc., and lands in Cookham, Great Bradley and Little Bradley in Co. Berks, and lands in Co's. Southton, Somerset, Oxford, Bucks, and city of Bristol. £5580.

(95.) John Cleeve, clerk *and* Ambrose Reddall and Sarah, w; rents in Over Englisham and Nether Englisham in Co. Berks, and in Over Englisham and Nether Englisham in Co. Wilts. £440.

EASTER TERM 31 GEO II.

(96.) James Poore, gent *and* Sir Martin Wright, kt. and Elizabeth, w; lands, etc., in pshs of Kennington, Poole, Sandford and Yestly. £60.

(97.) Robert Tunstall *and* Samuel Baldwin *and* Robert Harland, Esq., and Susannah, w; house, etc., and lands in the hamlet of Coworth in psh of Old Windsor. £100.

(98.) Joseph Nias *and* John Burchell and Mary, w; house, etc., in Newbury. £60.

(99.) Henry Fletcher *and* Michael Belcher and Ann, w; moiety of house and land in the psh of Buscott. £60.

(100.) Robert Lush *and* Edmund Coake, gent, and Mary, w; houses, etc., and lands in East Hanney and in the psh of West Hanney. £60.

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Proceedings of Societies.

BERKS ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—During the Winter Session some valuable and interesting lectures have been delivered, though with the exception of the "Reading Pageant" and Major Godsall's "Conquest of Britain," the subjects have not been connected with the County. On January 30th, Dr. H. A. Powell gave a very interesting lecture on "Japan and its Gardens," beautifully illustrated by lantern slides. On February 13th, Mr. Arthur W. Sutton gave a valuable lecture on "A Camping Tour in Petra," which was much appreciated by a large audience, his lantern slides being greatly admired. On March 19th, Mr. Albin White gave a very interesting lecture on "The Land of Lley, a little known corner of Wales," his illustrations being excellent. The next Meeting of the Society on May 18th, will be the Annual Meeting, when the President will give a Lecture on the Churches of Cholsey and South Moreton. The annual reports will be presented at this meeting, and the Officers elected.