

Feet of Fines for Harpenden, Henry VIII to James II (1509-1688).

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THE documents in the Public Record Office from which the following abstracts have been made—known as *Fines*, *Final Concords* or *Feet of Fines*—form a continuous series, covering an unbroken period of over six centuries, from the time of Richard I down to the beginning of the last century. They are deeds, relating for the most part (though not exclusively) to real property—land, houses, and the like—by which the property was transferred or conveyed from one owner to another.

They derive their name—Fine (Finis or Finalis Concordia)—from the words with which they begin, “Haec est finalis concordia,” and from the fact that they were in theory supposed to bring to an amicable end, with the consent of the judge, legal proceedings which had been instituted to settle the ownership of property. But these proceedings were for the most part purely fictitious. Originally, no doubt, the suit was a real one; and possession by judgment of the Court being found to give an effective and unassailable title, the idea of the fictitious suit was invented in order to obtain the same security, without the trouble and expense of a real suit at law. Complete safety was ensued to a purchaser, owing to the fact that a duplicate of the Fine was preserved, “of record,” in the custody of the Court.

In form, the Fines were written on parchment in triplicate—in the early ones, in very small writing. The “Foot” of the Fine was written like the counter-foil of an ordinary modern cheque, on the left hand side of the parchment; along the right edge of the writing the word “Cyrographum” was written vertically, in bold writing extending from top to bottom of the sheet; the “Foot” was then severed from the rest of the parchment by a wavy cut (indenture) passing through the word “Cyrographum.” The “Foot” was the

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official part of the document, and remained in the custody of the Court; it is easily seen that the method of "indenting," even without the added precaution of the handwriting divided by the indent, was a certain safeguard against forgery.

The remaining part of the parchment was similarly divided into two equal parts, horizontally, by an indenture cutting through the mystic word "Cyrographum," and a copy of the agreement made on each part, each party to the suit retaining one.

In accordance with the idea of a law suit on which the system of Fines was based, the purchaser is always described in the document as the "querent" or plaintiff, and the vendor as the "deforciant" or defendant. Fines were written in Latin; but it has been thought better to print these abstracts in an English translation. Nothing is lost thereby, and reference to them is perhaps simplified for the ordinary reader.

The utility of these documents to the historian and genealogist cannot be exaggerated. By their aid, the succession of manors and landed estates can be traced from very early times, and over very long periods. Marriages can in some cases be proved by them, and the issue of such marriages, at a period long before the evidence of parochial registers is available; and even now they can at times supply the place of lost or defective parish books.

Thirty years ago the late Mr. W. Brigg printed, in his *Herts Genealogist*, the whole of the Fines for the county of Hertford for the Tudor period, 1509-1608. Recently the Fines for Harpenden were, for a special purpose, abstracted for me from the originals in the Public Record Office by Mr. Hoiworthy and Miss D. Shilton, of Chancery Lane, for the period 1608 to 1688. When it was decided to print the latter in these *Transactions*, it was thought that their usefulness might be enhanced if the Harpenden Fines in Mr. Brigg's series were picked out and reprinted in the present article. This has accordingly been done, and the following list includes, it is believed, all the Harpenden Fines between the years 1509 and 1688. Every care has been taken to make the list accurate and complete;

but mistakes are bound to occur—*humanum est errare*—and one can only follow the example of the merchant who safeguards himself by adding at the foot of his invoices the cryptic letters “E. and O.E.”—errors and omissions excepted.

HARPENDEN FEET OF FINES.

* An asterisk signifies that the Fine will be found in the bundle known as “Divers Counties.”

1512. Easter Term. 4 Henry VIII.

William Say, kt., Thomas Blount and William Tattorne, clerk, *quer.* Roger Puleston, kt., and Joan his wife, *deforc.* A third part of the manor of Ayot St. Laurence, and of the advowson of the church there and of twelve messuages, lands and rent, &c., in Ayot St. Laurence, Whathamsted, Harveden, Gustawodd, Brodewater, Stevenage, Codicote, Burley, Hatfeld, Radwell, Graveley, Welyen and Wyndrigge, the town of St. Albans, Westwyk, Luton, Kympton, Sandrigge and Charleton.

1515-6. Hilary Term. 7 Henry VIII.

*William Stanley, gent., and Thomas Lucas, gent., *quer.* Thomas Byllyngton and Agnes his wife, daughter and heir of Edward Spenlove, *deforc.* Manor of Aygnellys and twelve messuages, lands and rent in Hamlamstede and Harpeden.

1517. Easter Term. 9 Henry VIII.

Edward Belknapp, kt., Edward Grevil, kt., Edward Ferrers, kt., William Skevyngton, kt., Gerard Danett, esq., William Shelly, esq., Thomas Purefoy and William Rose, *quer.* William Wystowe, gent., and Ursula his wife, *deforc.* Eight messuages and lands in Redbourn, Flansted, Wethampsted and Harpeden.

1540. Michaelmas Term. 32 Henry VIII.

Edmund Broket, esq., and Edmund Bardolf, esq., *quer.* Thomas Eden, esq., son and heir of Henry Eden, and Richard Eden, gent., *deforc.* Manor of Howe and lands and rent in Harpeden, Whetehampsted and Redburn.

1544. Easter Term. 36 Henry VIII.

John Neell, *quer.* Thomas Vvall, *deforc.* Messuage and land in Harpeden.

1545. Michaelmas Term. 37 Henry VIII.

Robert Orwell, clerk, and John Ryxson, *quer.* John Butler, esq., and Greselida his wife, *deforc.* Manors of Lammars, Butlers and Bridelles and ten messuages, lands and rent in Whethampsted, Harpeden, Sandryge, Redborn, Kympton and Lawrence Ayatt.

1549. Easter Term. 3 Edward VI.
John Sybly and Margery his wife, *quer.* Thomas Dryver, *deforc.*
Messuage and lands in Harpden and Whethampstede.

1550. Michaelmas Term. 4 Edward VI.
Matthew Cressy, *quer.* William Lewen and Alice his wife, John
Dey *alias* George and Agnes his wife, and John Sutton and
Joan his wife, *deforc.* Moiety of a messuage and garden in
Whethampsted and Harpden.

1552. Easter Term. 6 Edward VI.
Edward Brockett, junior, gent., and Nicholas Brockett, gent.,
quer. Edmund Bardolf, esq., and Elizabeth his wife, *deforc.*
Manors of Rathamsted, Sawncey Hoo *alias* Howe, Clovettes,
Hylles and Thames, and messuages, lands and rents in
Whethampsted, Harpenden and Kympton.

1556. Michaelmas Term. 3 & 4 Philip & Mary.
John Alway, *quer.* William Catlyn and Elizabeth his wife, *deforc.*
Messuage and lands in Kympton, Whetamstede and Harpesden.

1557. Easter Term. 3 & 4 Philip and Mary.
Christopher Smyth, esq., *quer.* John Sheffield and Emma his
wife, one of the daughters and heirs of John Ley, *deforc.* A
seventh part of a messuage and lands in Harpden and
Wethampsted.

1558-9. Hilary Term. 1 Elizabeth.
William Hawsy *alias* Chamber, *quer.* William Hunte and Agnes
his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpeden in the parish
of Whethamsted.

1561. Michaelmas Term. 3 & 4 Elizabeth.
Joan Podyfate, Grace Podyfatte and Agnes Podyfatte, *quer.*
Roger Smythe and Agnes his wife, daughter and heir of
Thomas Holderne, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpeden
and Whethamsted.

1562. Easter Term. 4 Elizabeth.
John Cristyan, *quer.* William Savyle, gent., and Anne his wife,
deforc. Moiety of manor of Pygottes *alias* Whethamsted and
ten messuages and lands in Whethamsted and Harpden.

1563-4. Hilary Term. 6 Elizabeth.
Nicholas Brockett, esq., *quer.* Thomas Thrале and Elizabeth his
wife, *deforc.* Lands in Harpeden in the parish of Whethamsted.

1566. Michaelmas Term. 8 & 9 Elizabeth.
William Aunsell, *quer.* William Catlyn and Elizabeth his wife,
deforc. Messuage and lands in Harpeden.

1567. Trinity Term. 9 Elizabeth.
Richard Rede, kt., *quer.* Henry Gape, gent., and Joan his wife
and Nicholas Fynche of Flowers and Elizabeth his wife, *deforc.*
Two messuages and lands in Redborne, Harpenden and
Whethamsted.

1570. Michaelmas Term. 12 & 13 Elizabeth.
Francis Aldrych and Edward Vaughan, gents., *quer.* Christopher Smyth, esq. and Margaret his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpeden in the parish of Whithamstede.

1573. Easter Term. 15 Elizabeth.
*Richard Rede, kt., *quer.* Francis Sill and William Cocke, *deforc.* Manor of Pepshull *alias* Pepshall and the site of the late Priory of Redborne and twenty messuages and lands in Redborne, Flamsted, Harpenden and the parish of St. Michaels.

1573-4. Hilary Term. 16 Elizabeth.
John Moyer, *quer.* John Rumbold and Joan his wife, *deforc.* A third part of a messuage and lands in Harpeden and Whethamsted.

1574. Easter Term. 16 Elizabeth.
Edward Bardolf, gent., *quer.* Elizabeth Bardolf, widow, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpden in the parish of Whetamsted.

1574-5. Hilary Term. 17 Elizabeth.
Sampson Wolferston, gent., *quer.* Thomas Apowell and Margaret his wife, *deforc.* Three messuages and lands in St. Peters, St. Andrews, St. Albanes and Harpeden *alias* Hardyn.

1575-6. Hilary Term. 18 Elizabeth.
Edmund Bardolfe, esq., *quer.* Thomas Appowell and Margaret his wife, *deforc.* Two messuages and lands in Wethampsted *alias* Wethamsted and Herpden *alias* Herpenden.

1576. Easter Term. 18 Elizabeth.
Edmund Bardolf, esq., *quer.* Thomas Doggett and Alice his wife, *deforc.* The fourth part of a messuage and lands in Harpeden and Whethamsted.

1576. Trinity Term. 18 Elizabeth.
Robert Norrys, *quer.* William Norrys and Mary his wife, *deforc.* Two messuages and lands in Harpeden.

1576-7. Hilary Term. 19 Elizabeth.
Henry Butler, esq., *quer.* Philip Butler, esq., and Grisel Butler, widow, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpeden and Kenesbourne.

1577-8. Hilary Term. 20 Elizabeth.
Richard Pecock, *quer.* Edmund Bardolphe, esq., and Elizabeth his wife, and Elizabeth Bardolphe, widow, *deforc.* Manor of Laurans and six messuages and lands in Redborne. A warranty against the heirs of Matthew Cressey of Harpeden, esq., deceased.

Nicholas Brokett, esq., *quer.* Thomas Appowell and Margaret his wife, *deforc.* Lands in Harpenden and Whethampsted.

1578. Trinity Term. 20 Elizabeth.

George Rotheram, esq., and William Tooocke, esq., *quer.* Edward Smyth and Dorothy his wife, Humphrey Meade and Anne his wife, and William Preston and Frances his wife, *deforc.* Three parts of the Manor of Chylwycke (in four parts divided) and of ten messuages and land in Chylwicke, Seynt Michells, Harpeden, Sandrige and Redborne.

1579-80. Hilary Term. 22 Elizabeth.

John Moyer and Grace his wife, *quer.* Philip Clarke and Agnes his wife, *deforc.* A third part of a messuage and lands in Harpeden and Whethamsted.

William Preston, *quer.* John Puckering, esq., and Jane his wife and John Mauchell, esq., and Ursula his wife. Lands in Childwicke *alias* Chilwicke, Seynt Michells, Harpeden, Sandrige and Redborne and a fourth part of the manor of Childwicke. Also ten messuages and lands in same places.

1584. Michaelmas Term. 26 & 27 Elizabeth.

William Neale, *quer.* Thomas Neale and Elizabeth his wife, *deforc.* Lands in Harpenden.

1585. Easter Term. 27 Elizabeth.

William Auncell, *quer.* George Hayward and Joan his wife, and John Grunwyn and Elizabeth his wife, *deforc.* Two parts of a messuage and lands (in three parts divided) in Herpenden.

1585-6. Hilary Term. 28 Elizabeth.

Edmund Bardolf and Richard Bardolf, gent., *quer.* Edward Dockwra, gent., and Elizabeth his wife, and Nicholas Fynche and Joan his wife, *deforc.* Lands in Whethamsted, Harpeden and Redbourne.

1588. Easter Term. 30 Elizabeth.

John Crystian, *quer.* Thomas Beverley, gent., and Simon Beverley, gent., son and heir apparent of the said Thomas, *deforc.* Moiety of the Manor of Pygottes *alias* Whethamsted and moiety of two messuages and lands in Whethamsted and Harpeden.

1589-90. Hilary Term. 32 Elizabeth.

John Mower and Grace his wife, *quer.* Thomas Hore and Alice his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpeden and Whethamstede.

1590. Easter Term. 32 Elizabeth.

Edward Sybley, junior, *quer.* Edward Sybley, senior, George Sybley, Roger Sybley, Thomas Sybley, Agnes Sybley and John Musgrave and Ellen his wife, *deforc.* Lands in Wheathampsteade and Harpenden.

1593. Michaelmas Term. 35 & 36 Elizabeth.

Innocent Rede, esq., *quer.* John Stampe, gent., and Isabell his wife, *deforc.* The third part of a messuage and lands in Redburne and Harpeden.

George Neele, *quer.* Edmund Bardolffe, senior, esq., Richard Bardolffe, senior, gent., and Richard Bardolffe, junior, gent., *deforc.* Messuages and lands in Harpeden *alias* Harden.

1594-5. Hilary Term. 37 Elizabeth.

Robert Simonds, *quer.* George Ollypp and Elizabeth his wife, Thomas Cooke and Joan his wife, John Crawley and Margaret his wife, and Agnes Walter, widow, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpeden.

1595. Trinity Term. 37 Elizabeth.

John Neele, Robert Christian and William Flynden *alias* Cutt, *quer.* Edmund Bardolf, esq., and Margaret his wife, and Richard Bardolf, junior, *deforc.* Land in Whethampsted and Harpeden *alias* Harden.

1595. Michaelmas Term. 37 & 38 Elizabeth.

Thomas Grundwyn, *quer.* Edmund Bardolf, esq., and Margaret his wife, and Richard Bardolf, junior, *deforc.* Lands in Whethampsted and Harpeden *alias* Harden.

Edward Haward, *quer.* John Brockett, gent., *deforc.* Messuage and land in Harpeden *alias* Harden.

Robert Symonds, *quer.* Edward Bardolfe, gent., and Katherine his wife, Edmund Bardolfe, esq., and Margaret his wife, Richard Bardolfe, gent., son and heir of the said Edmund. Lands in Harpeden *alias* Harden.

1596. Trinity Term. 38 Elizabeth.

Thomas Carpenter, *quer.* Philip Boteler, kt., and Anne his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Whethampsted, Harpyden and Kympton. A warranty against John Boteler, kt., and Grisill his wife.

Nicholas Neele and George Neele, *quer.* Henry Butler, esq., and Alice his wife, and John Butler, gent., and Elizabeth his wife. Messuage and lands in Harpeden, Kenesbourne and Whethamsted.

Thomas Hoo, esq., and Thomas Walkeden, gent., *quer.* Edmund Bardolffe esq., *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpeden and Whethamsted.

1596-7. Hilary Term. 39 Elizabeth.

George Peryent, esq., *quer.* Philip Boteler, kt., and Anne his wife, *deforc.* Manors of Lammers *alias* Lammershe, Dalamers, Butlers and Brydells and ten messuages and lands in Wheathamsted, Little Ayott, Ayott St. Lawrence, Sandridge, Kympton and Harpeden.

1599. Easter Term. 41 Elizabeth.

George Neele, *quer.* Francis Meverell, esq., and Robert Meverell, esq., and Elizabeth his wife, *deforc.* Manor of Inges and a barn and lands in Harpenden and Whethampstede and Redborne.

William Payce, *quer.* Thomas Shrimpton, gent., and Elizabeth his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpden and Whethamstede.

1599. Michaelmas Term. 41 & 42 Elizabeth.
 Nicholas Sibley and Christopher Grunnys, *quer.* Edmund
 Bardolfe, esq., and Richard Bardolfe, junior, gent., *deforc.*
 Four messuages and lands in Whethamsteede and Harpeden.

1600. Easter Term. 42 Elizabeth.
 George Rotheram, gent., *quer.* Edward Bardolphc, gent.,
deforc. Messuage and land in Harpeden.

1600. Trinity Term. 42 Elizabeth.
 John Myles, *quer.* George Carpenter and Elizabeth his wife,
deforc. Land in Harpeden.

1600. Michaelmas Term. 42 & 43 Elizabeth.
 *George Wyngate, esq., *quer.* Richard Norrys and Alice his wife,
deforc. Land in Harpeden.
 Edward Clarke, *quer.* Thomas Ansell and Elizabeth his wife,
deforc. Messuage and lands in Harpeden.
 George Carpenter, *quer.* George Neale and Joan his wife, *deforc.*
 Lands in Harpenden, Kennesborne and Whethampsteede.

1602. Michaelmas Term. 44 & 45 Elizabeth.
 Edmund Neele, *quer.* George Neele, *deforc.* Messuage and
 land in Harpeden.
 Mark Stubbinge, clerk, and Ralph Rotheram, gent., *quer.*
 Richard Bardolfe, junior, gent., and Mary his wife, and
 Richard Bardolfe, senior, gent., and Grace his wife, *deforc.*
 Lands in Redborne, Harpenden *alias* Hardinge and Whetam-
 steed. A warranty against the heirs of Edmund Bardolfe, esq.,
 brother of the said Richard, deceased, and against Edward
 Dockwra, gent., and Eliza his wife.

1606. Easter Term. 4 James I.
 George East, *quer.* William Hawsey *alias* Halsey *alias* Chamber
 and Alice his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpeden
 and Whethampstead.

1608. Easter Term. 6 James I.
 Ralph Coungesbve, kt., John Boteler, kt., Nicholas Boteler, esq.,
 and Edward Pulter, gent., *quer.* Philip Perient, esq., *deforc.*
 Manors of Lammers *alias* Lammershe *alias* Delamers, Butlers
 and Brydclles, and two messuages, lands and rents in
 Whethamstede, Sandridge and Harpeden.

1609. Easter Term. 7 James I.
 Alexander Packer and Adam Walle, *quer.* George Perient,
 kt., . . . by, kt., John Boteler, kt., Nicholas Boteler, esq.,
 and Edward Pulter, gent., *deforc.* Manors of Lammers *alias*
 Lamer . . . and Butlers, and five messuages, lands and rent
 in Whethamstede and Harpeden.

1610. Trinity Term. 8 James I.
 John Ellis, gent., *quer.* Henry Frowycke, esq., and Anne his
 wife, Robert Abbott, clerk, and Elizabeth his wife, *deforc.*
 Three messuages and lands in Harpeden and Whethampsted.

1611. Easter Term. 9 James I.

John Luke kt., *quer.* George Neele and Joane his wife, *deforc.* Lands and rent in Harpeden *alias* Hardinge and Whethamsted. Edward Clarke, *quer.* Richard Bardolfe, esq., and Edward Bardolfe, gent., son and heir apparent of the said Richard, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpeden *alias* Hardinge and Whethamsted.

1611. Michaelmas Term. 9 James. I.

Francis Lacon, kt., Roland Lacon, esq., and Edward Lacon, esq., *quer.* John Brockett, kt., and Elizabeth his wife, John Brockett, esq., and Margaret Bardolfe, widow, *deforc.* Manor of Makereyend, six messuages, two water mills, lands and rent in Wethamstedd, Harpedyn and Kympton.

1612. Easter Term. 10 James I.

Edward Clarke, *quer.* Thomas Vyall and Joan his wife, *deforc.* Lands in Harpeden. John Ellis, gent., and Robert Abbott, junior, clerk, *quer.* Edward Bardolfe, gent., Henry Frowyke, esq., and Anne his wife, Robert Abbott, senior, clerk, and Elizabeth his wife, *deforc.* Six messuages, lands and rent in Harpeden and Whethamsted. John Luke, kt., and John Brockett, esq., *quer.* Richard Bardolfe, esq., and Edward Bardolfe, gent., son and heir apparent of the said Richard, *deforc.* Manors of Rothamstede, Sansey, Clavelles and Tames, and six messuages, one water mill, lands and rents in Harpeden, Whethamsted, Kympton and Redborne. John Cutt and George Easte, *quer.* John Christian, John Moore and Rose his wife, Thomas Thompson and Elizabeth his wife, and William Newson, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpeden and Whethamsted.

1612. Michaelmas Term. 10 James I.

Walter Greene, *quer.* John Christian, gent., *deforc.* Manor of Picottes *alias* Pigottes *alias* Piggottes, and two messuages, lands and rents in Whethamsted and Herpeden. Edward Abbott, *quer.* Robert Abbott, clerk, and Elizabeth his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpeden *alias* Hardinge and Whethamsted.

1612-3. Hilary Term. 10 James I.

John Ellis, gent., and John Crosby, gent., *quer.* Henry Frowyke, esq., and Ann his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpeden and Whethamsted. William Pope, *quer.* Henry Frowyke, esq., and Anne his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and land in Harpeden in the parish of Whethamsted.

1613. Trinity Term. 11 James I.

Edmund Neele and Thomas Neele, *quer.* Edward Bardolph, gent., *deforc.* Lands in Harpeden.

1613. Michaelmas Term. 11 James I.

Edward Clarke, *quer.* John Moore and Rose his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Whethamsted and Harpeden.

Lands in Harpeden.

John Ellis, gent., and Robert Abbott, junior, clerk, *quer.* Edward

1617. Easter Term. 15 James I.

John Garrard, kt., *quer.* George Perient, kt., and Elizabeth his wife, *deforc.* Manor of Bridells *alias* Bridalls, and two messuages and lands in Sandridge, Harpeden and Kympton.

1618. Easter Term. 16 James I.

Edward Clarke, *quer.* John Brockett, junior, esq., and Jane his wife, *deforc.* Lands in Harpeden and Whethamsted.

1619. Easter Term. 17 James I.

Edward Neale and Sarah his wife, *quer.* Thomas Gunys and Elizabeth his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpeden in the parish of Whethamsted.

1619. Michaelmas Term. 17 James I.

Lewis Owen, esq., and Thomas Shrimton, gent., *quer.* Francis Green, esq., and Joan his wife, and Laurence Raynsford and Elizabeth his wife, *deforc.* Two messuages and lands in St. Albans, and in the parishes of Whethamsted and Harpeden.

1620. Easter Term. 18 James I.

Francis Coomes, esq., Nicholas Bristowe, esq., *quer.* John Brockett, esq., *deforc.* Manor of Mackeryend, six messuages, two water mills, lands and rent in Whethampsted, Harpenden and Kimpton.

1620. Trinity Term. 18 James I.

Henry and William Payne, gents., *quer.* Philip Payne, gent., and Sarah his wife, *deforc.* The third part of one messuage, and lands in Whethamsted and Harpenden.

Nathan Cotton, *quer.* George Smyth, kt., and Judith his wife, Henry Wallopp, kt., and Thomas Brewster, esq., *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpenden *alias* Hardyng and Whethamsted.

Thomas Neale, *quer.* George Smyth, kt., and Judith his wife, Henry Wallopp, kt., and Thomas Brewster, esq., *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpenden *alias* Harding and Whethamsted.

1621. Trinity Term. 19 James I.

John Leman, kt., *quer.* Edward Bardolfe, esq., and Priscilla his wife, and Christopher Allanson, *deforc.* Manors of Rothamsted, Clavells and Tames, and two messuages, lands and rents in Rothamsted, Harpeden and Whethamsted.

Edmund Wright, *quer.* Robert Carpenter and Ethelreda his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpeden and Whethamsted.

1622. Michaelmas Term. 20 James I.

Richard Sheppard, *quer.* Richard Reade, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpeden in the parish of Whethamsted.

Richard Shepherd and Elizabeth his wife, *quer.* John Miles and Prudence his wife, *deforc.* Lands in Harpeden in the parish of Whethamsted.

1623. Easter Term. 21 James I.

Thomas Fitch and Abraham Corselis, *quer.* Edward Bardolfe, esq., and Priscilla his wife, *deforc.* Manors of Rothamsteede, Hoe, Sansey, Clovells and Tames, and twenty messuages, lands and twelve free rents in Rothamsteede, Harpeden, Wethamsteede, Kimpton and Redborne.

1625. Easter Term. 1 Charles I.

John Peartch and Reginald Leigh, *quer.* John Miles and Prudence his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Redborne and Harpeden in the parish of Whethamsted.

1625. Michaelmas Term. 1 Charles I.

Robert Carpenter, *quer.* Thomas Chappell and Marian his wife and Thomas Gunnis and Elizabeth his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpeden and Whethampsted.

1626. Michaelmas Term. 2 Charles I.

Edward Neele and Richard Lawrence, *quer.* Henry Frowyke, esq., and Anne his wife, *deforc.* Land in Harpeden.
Katherine Barnard, widow, *quer.* Mark Stubbing, clerk, John Stubbing, gent., and John Christian, gent. and Elizabeth his wife, *deforc.* Messuages and lands in Whethamsted and Harpeden.

1626-7. Hilary Term. 2 Charles I.

Thomas Tickeridge, *quer.* Edmund Wright and Martha his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpeden and Whethamsted.

1627. Easter Term. 3 Charles I.

Thomas Androwe, esq., and Richard Shortgrave, gent., *quer.* William Preston, gent., and Alice his wife, *deforc.* Manor of Childwicke, ten messuages, lands and rents in Childwicke, St. Michael's, Harpeden, Sandridge, Redburne and Kynsbury.
Edward Heyward, junior, *quer.* Thomas Cutt, senior, *deforc.* Land in Harpeden and Whethamsted.

1627. Michaelmas Term. 3 Charles I.

John Ellis, gent., *quer.* Anne Frowyke, widow, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpeden and Whethamsted.

1628. Easter Term. 4 Charles I.

Thomas Levett, esq., *quer.* Thomas Brockett, esq., *deforc.* Manor of Mackeryend and six messuages, two water mills, lands and rent in Whethamsted, Harpenden and Kimpton.
Robert Daniell and Richard Harman, *quer.* Robert Streete and Anne his wife, *deforc.* Lands, &c., in Harpeden and Wethamsted. Warranty against the said Robert Streete and Anne, and the heirs of the same, and against Edward Bardolphe and Mary his wife.

1628. Michaelmas Term. 4 Charles I.

William Nichols, *quer.* Thomas Kilby, junior, and Joan his wife, *deforc.* Lands in Harpeden.

1629. Michaelmas Term. 5 Charles I.

Thomas Saunders, esq., *quer.* John Neale, *deforc.* Two messuages, lands, &c., in Whethamsted, Harpeden and Sandridge.

Francis Tavener, esq., and Henry Hale, gent., *quer.* Simon Hale, gent., and Judith his wife and Susanna Meridale, widow, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Whethamsted and Harpeden.

William Kentishe, *quer.* Thomas Saunders, esq., and Mary his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Whethamsted, Harpeden and Sandridge.

1630. Trinity Term. 6 Charles I.

William Diconson, gent., *quer.* Robert Carpenter and Audrey his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpeden and Whethamsted.

1630. Michaelmas Term. 6 Charles I.

Esias Ladkyn, gent., *quer.* Philip Payne, gent., *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Whethamsted and Harpenden.

William Dicenson, gent., *quer.* John Cutt and Elizabeth his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpeden and Whethampsted.

1631. Easter Term. 7 Charles I.

Thomas Trott, Walter Saunders and George Tyler, *quer.* George Neale and Agnes his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpeden.

1631. Trinity Term. 7 Charles I.

William Dicconson, gent., and Robert Peirson, *quer.* Walter Medborne and Sarah his wife, and Robert Carpenter, *deforc.* Lands in Harpeden and Whethamsted.

1632. Trinity Term. 8 Charles I.

Thomas Neele, *quer.* Nicholas Neale and Alice his wife, *deforc.* Lands in Harpeden in the parish of Whethamsted.

1633. Michaelmas Term. 9 Charles I.

Henry Ewer, esq., and Joshua Bailey, *quer.* John Broket, senior, esq., and John Brocket, junior, gent., son and heir of the said John, *deforc.* Two messuages, lands, &c., in Whethamsted, Harpenden and Kempton.

William Bailey, gent., and Jonas Bailey, gent., *quer.* William Downehall, esq., and Francis Crawley, kt., one of the justices of the King's Bench, John Brockett of Whethamsted, esq., William Carter, gent., John Brockett of Casswell, esq. and Elizabeth his wife, and Thomas Levett, esq. and Margaret his wife, *deforc.* Messuages, lands, &c., in Whethamsted, Harpenden and Kempton.

1633-4. Hilary Term. 9 Charles I.

Henry Kentish, *quer.* John Woodward and Agnes his wife, and William Brockett, gent. and Jane his wife, *deforc.* Land in Harpenden.

1634. Michaelmas Term. 10 Charles I.
 William Diconson, gent., *quer.* Thomas Heyward and Mary his wife, *deforc.* Land in Harpeden and Whethamsted.
 John Taylor, *quer.* Edward Clarke, Philip Axtell and Susanna his wife, and Alice Clarke, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Whethampsted and Harpeden.

1635. Easter Term. 11 Charles I.
 John Kilbye, *quer.* William Kilbye and Eilzabeth his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpeden and Wethamsted.

1635. Trinity Term. 11 Charles I.
 Philip Axtell, *quer.* Edward Clarke, *deforc.* Messuage, lands, &c., in Harpenden *alias* Hardinge and Whethamsted.

1636. Easter Term. 12 Charles I.
 William Diconson, gent., *quer.* Thomas Smyth and Anne his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and land in Harpenden *alias* Harpeden.

1636. Michaelmas Term. 12 Charles I.
 Nathaniel Cotton, gent., *quer.* John Kilby and Alice his wife and Jonas Cotton, gent. and Anne his wife, *deforc.* Three messuages, lands, &c., in Harpeden, Whethamsted and Flamsted.

1637. Easter Term. 13 Charles I.
 Godman Jenkyn, gent., *quer.* Philip Axtell and Susanna his wife. Messuage, lands, &c., in Harpenden *alias* Harpeden *alias* Hardinge and Whethampsted.

1637-8. Hilary Term. 13 Charles I.
 James Ellis, esq., and Alexander Humfries, gent., *quer.* John Brockett, senior, esq., and John Brockett, junior, son and heir apparent of the said John Brockett, senior, *deforc.* Manor of Sansey, and six messuages, lands and rent in Whethamsted, Harpeden and Kympton.

1638. Michaelmas Term. 14 Charles I.
 William Britten, *quer.* Thomas Niccoll and Elizabeth his wife, Margaret Niccoll, *deforc.* Land in Harpeden.
 Thomas Stubbin, and William Feltwell, *quer.* George Cristian, *deforc.* Manor of Piggotts *alias* Piccatts *alias* Wheat-hampsteed. Mesuage and lands in Harpeden, Adwick and Whethamsteed.
 William Catlyn, Thomas Kilbye, *quer.* Thomas Niccolls and Elizabeth his wife, and Margaret Niccolls, widow, *deforc.* Land in Harpeden.

1639-40. Hilary Term. 15 Charles I.
 Thomas Diconson, gent., and Richard Rothwell, gent., *quer.* George Hayward, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpeden.
 Robert Seeling, *quer.* Edward Meridall, John Meridall, Laurence Meridall and Luke Meridall, gents., *deforc.* Messuage and land in Harpenden and Whethamsteed.

1640. Easter Term. 16 Charles I.

Jonathan Browne, Doctor of Law, Dean of Hereford, *quer.*
Thomas Nicholles, gent., and Alice his wife, *deforc.* Messuage
and lands in Harpenden and Whethamsted.

1640. Michaelmas Term. 16 Charles I.

Valentine Lawrence, gent., *quer.* John Brokett, esq., and
Elizabeth his wife, and John Brokett, gent., *deforc.* Land
in Whethamsted and Harpenden.

Philip Marshall, *quer.* John Kilbie and Anne his wife, and
Valentine Lawrence, gent., *deforc.* Lands in Whethamsted
and Harpenden.

1640-1. Hilary Term. 16 Charles I.

Edmund Smyth, esq., *quer.* Thomas Barrington, kt. and bt.,
and Judith his wife, *deforc.* Manor of Annables *alias*
Kingsbornehall *alias* Kinesbornehall, and three messuages,
lands and rents in Harpenden and Whethamsted.

1642-3. Hilary Term. 18 Charles I.

William Dicconson, gent., *quer.* Edward Purratt and Mary his
wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpenden *alias* Harden.

1643. Michaelmas Term. 19 Charles I.

John Bulwer, gent., and Richard Goddard, clerk, *quer.* Thomas
Dicconson, gent., and Elizabeth his wife, *deforc.* Messuage
and lands in Harpenden *alias* Harden.

1646. Michaelmas Term. 22 Charles I.

Ralph Skynner, gent., *quer.* John Brokett, esq., and Mary his
wife, *deforc.* Three messuages and lands, &c., in Whet-
hamsted, Hatfield, Sandridge and Harpenden.

1647. Michaelmas Term. 23 Charles I.

John Wittewronge, kt., *quer.* Edward Hayward, senior, and
Edward Heyward, junior, and Susanna his wife, *deforc.* Land
in Whethamsted and Harpenden.

1647-8. Hilary Term. 23 Charles I.

Jeremiah Knight and John Ashton, *quer.* Josiah Martyn, gent.
and Faith his wife, and Samuel Baker and Elizabeth his wife,
deforc. Manors of Sancy, Rothamsted and Clavells, three
messuages, two mills, lands, &c., in Kempton, Rothamsted,
Whethamsted and Harpenden.

1648. Michaelmas Term. 24 Charles I.

Richard Wood, senior, Richard Wood, junior, gents., *quer.*
John Baylie, junior, and Sarah his wife, John Baylie, senior,
and Katherine his wife, and William Willett and Mary his
wife, *deforc.* Two messuages, lands, &c., in Harpenden *alias*
Hardyng, Tring, Wiggington and Barkhamsted St. Peter
and St. Mary *alias* Norchurch.

1649. Trinity Term.

Richard Mills, *quer.* John Allen, junior, gent., and Jane his wife, *deforc.* Lands in Wethamstead and Harpenden. Warranty against the said John Allen and Jane his wife and against the heirs of Richard Bardolph, deceased, father of the said Jane.
 John Ellis, gent., and Peter Scutt, *quer.* Thomas Diconson, esq., *deforc.* Messuage, lands, &c., in Harpenden *alias* Harpenden and Whethampsted *alias* Whethamsted.
 Nathaniel Eles, clerk, *quer.* John Abbot and Elizabeth his wife, John Beninge and Alice his wife, *deforc.* Land in Harpenden *alias* Hardinge and Whethamsted.

1649. Michaelmas Term.

Robert Seale and John Kilby, *quer.* William Nickolls, *deforc.* Land in Harpenden and Whethamsted.

1650. Hilary Term.

John Wittewronge, kt., *quer.* John Abbott and Elizabeth his wife, John Benning and Alice his wife, John Bayley and Sarah his wife and William Theed and Mary his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpenden *alias* Hardinge.

1650. Michaelmas Term.

John Wittewronge, kt., *quer.* John Allen and Jane his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpenden and Whethamsted.
 Thomas Stubbing, *quer.* George Christian and Joan his wife, *deforc.* Manor of Piggotts *alias* Piccatts *alias* Whethamsted, and messuage, lands, &c., in Harpenden, Aldwicke and Wethamsted.

1651. Trinity Term.

John Wittewronge, kt., *quer.* Affabell Katlyn and Sarah his wife *deforc.* Land in Whethampsted and Harpenden *alias* Hardinge.

1652. Michaelmas Term.

Thomas Stubbing, *quer.* George Cristian and Joane his wife, William Preston and Elizabeth his wife and Thomas Nicholls and Elizabeth his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpenden and Whethamsted.

1653. Trinity Term.

Henry Shashaw and John Leonard, *quer.* Edward Thomas and Thomasin his wife, Ellen Thomas and William Browne and Sarah his wife, *deforc.* Two messuages and lands in St. Albans and Harpenden.

1655. Easter Term.

Jeremy Beckett, *quer.* Ezechiell Weedon and Elizabeth his wife, Samuel Baker and Elizabeth his wife, and Josias Martin and Faith his wife, *deforc.* Manors of Sauncey, Rothamsted and Clavells, and messuage, lands, &c., in Kympton, Wethamstead and Harpenden.

1656. Trinity Term.

Robert Jenkyn, *quer.* Godman Jenkyn and Elizabeth his wife, *deforc.* Two messuages and lands in Harpeden *alias* Harding.
 Nathaniel Eles, clerk, *quer.* Thomas Engeham and Mary his wife, *deforc.* Lands in Harpenden.
 James Rudston, esq., *quer.* Thomas Kilby and Mary his wife, *deforc.* Land in Harpenden and Whethamsted.

1658. Hilary Term.

Thomas Nicholl, esq., *quer.* Solomon Sibley, the elder, and Susanna his wife, Solomon Sibley, the younger, Rose Sibley, William Pond and Jonöthan Bennett, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Whethamsted and Harpenden.

1658. Easter Term.

George Mun, *quer.* John Cutt and Elizabeth his wife, and Mark Catlyn, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpenden and Wethamsted.

1661. Trinity Term. 13 Charles II.

Thomas Webb, *quer.* Edward Greene, gent., *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpenden and Whethamsted.

1661. Michaelmas Term. 13 Charles II.

Susanna Webb, widow, *quer.* William Gwilliams, esq., and Mary his wife, and James Harrington, esq., and Frances his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpenden and Whethamsted.

1662. Trinity Term. 14 Charles II.

William Eeles, gent., and Humphrey Taylor, gent., *quer.* Nathaniel Eeles, clerk, Robert Cooper and Anne his wife, William Bodicote and Katherine his wife, Moses Parratt and Lidia his wife, Philip Wilson and Mary his wife, and John Sheppard and Mary his wife, *deforc.* Two messuages and lands in Harpenden and Hertford (*sic*, qu. Co. Hertford?).
 Jonas Bray and John Sampson, *quer.* Thomas Cutt and Anne his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpenden and Whethamsted.

1662. Michaelmas Term. 14 Charles II.

John Wittewrongé, kt., and bart., *quer.* Thomas Stubbing, merchant, and Anne his wife, and William Stubbing, gent., *deforc.* Lands in Harpenden and Whethamsted.

1663-4. Hilary Term. 15-16 Charles II.

Solomon Smith, *quer.* Samuel Smith and Sarah his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Whethampstede and Harpenden. Warrant against the said Samuel Smith and his heirs for ever.

1664-5. Hilary Term. 16-17 Charles II.

William Bursey, *quer.* James Barker, clerk, and Mary his wife, *deforc.* Two messuages and lands in Whethampsted and Harpenden.

- 1664-5. Hilary Term. 16-17 Charles II.
William Bursey and John his wife, *quer.* Robert Goldsmyth and Margaret his wife, Francis Goldsmith, Henry Goldsmith, and Humphry Taylor, gent., and Anne his wife, *deforc.* Lands in Kimpton and Harpenden.
1667. Trinity Term. 19 Charles II.
Thomas Diconson, esq., *quer.* John Wittewronge, kt. and bt., and James Wittewronge, esq., *deforc.* Manor of Rothamsted, and three messuages, lands, etc., in Whethampsted and Harpenden.
- 1667-8. Hilary Term. 19-20 Charles II.
William Bursey, *quer.* William Ellis and Lucy his wife, *deforc.* Lands in Whethampsted and Harpenden.
1668. Easter Term. 20 Charles II.
Humfry Taylor, gent., *quer.* Mathew Joyner and Susannah his wife, and Edward Perratt and Anne his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and land in Whethampsted and Harpenden.
1668. Michaelmas Term. 20 Charles II.
William Bursey, *quer.* Anthony Farrington, esq., and Sarah his wife, Winifred Grunwyn, widow, and Thomas Grunwyn, *deforc.* Messuage, lands, etc., in Whethampsted and Harpenden.
1669. Trinity Term. 21 Charles II.
Stephen Ewer, gent., John Nicoll, gent., *quer.* John Parkyne and Mary his wife, *deforc.* Two messuages and lands in Bayford and Harpenden.
1671. Easter Term. 23 Charles II.
Richard Emerton, *quer.* Jeremiah Beckett and Samuel Beckett, *deforc.* Manors of Stauncey (*sic*, qu. Sauncey?), Rothamsted and Cavell (*sic*, qu. Clavells?) and messuage and lands in Kimpton, Whethampsted and Harpenden.
Edward Coomes, *quer.* John Clarke, *alias* Springell, and Alice his wife, *deforc.* Lands in Harpenden.
1672. Easter Term. 24 Charles II.
James Reading, esq., and Thomas Newton, gent., *quer.* Edmund Smyth, esq., and Grace his wife, *deforc.* Manor of Anables *alias* Kingsborne Hall *alias* Kinesborne Hall and three messuages, lands and rent in Harpenden and Whethampsted.
William Howe and Mary his wife, and Anne Burchmore, *quer.* Edward Hayward and Susanna his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpenden.
1673. Michaelmas Term. 25 Charles II.
Thomas Sheppard, *quer.* William Sheppard and Susanna his wife, *deforc.* Lands in Harpenden and Whethampsted.

Thomas Hunsden, gent., *quer.* John Hunsden, gent., and Susana his wife, *deforc.* Three messuages, lands, etc., in Hitchen, Ippolletts, Walden Regis, Offley, Whethampsted, Harpenden and Kempton.

1674. Easter Term. 26 Charles II.

Thomas Bush, *quer.* Thomas Sickling and Anne his wife, and Thomas Amps and Dorothy his wife, *deforc.* Lands in Harpenden. Warranty against the said Thomas Sickling and Anne, and the heirs of the said Anne, and against Ellen Partyngton, sister of the said Anne, and Dorothy, and their heirs for ever.

1677. Trinity Term. 29 Charles II.

William Crawley, *quer.* Jeremy Sibley and Abigail his wife, *deforc.* Two messuages and lands in Wethampsted and Harpenden.

1678. Easter Term. 30 Charles II.

William Tyler, *quer.* William Beldon and Ann his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Harpenden, Redbourne and Whethampsted.

1678. Trinity Term. 30 Charles II.

Edward Fuller, *quer.* Miles Tompkins and Mary his wife, *deforc.* Lands in Whethampstead and Harpenden.

1680. Michaelmas Term. 32 Charles II.

Richard Heyward, *quer.* Richard Austin and Mary his wife, *deforc.* Lands in Harpenden *alias* Harpenden.

1680-1. Hilary Term. 32-3 Charles II.

Sarah Eeles, widow, *quer.* Thomas Hales, esq., and Mary his wife, *deforc.* Lands in Harpenden *alias* Harpenden *alias* Harden.

1681. Easter Term. 33 Charles II.

Samuel Garrard and John Howkins, gent., *quer.* Richard Emarton, gent., and Susanna his wife, *deforc.* Manors of Mackery, Sauncey, Rothamsted and Clavells and three messuages, lands, etc., in Whethampsted, Harpenden and Kympton.

1681-2. Hilary Term. 33-4 Charles II.

Henry Watts, *quer.* Richard Austin, and Thomas Griffen and Katherine his wife, *deforc.* Lands in Harpenden *alias* Harpenden.

1683. Michaelmas Term. 35 Charles II.

Edward Collings, Nathan Clement and Elizabeth his wife, *quer.* John Gale and Elizabeth his wife, Solomon Smith and Anne his wife, William Edwarde and Mary his wife, and William Cressley and Sarah his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and land in Harpenden.

1684. Trinity Term. 36 Charles II.
John Wittewronge, kt. and bart., James Wittewronge, esq., and James Marshall, gent., *quer.* Humfrey Taylor, gent., and Sarah his wife, Samuel Taylor and Anne his wife, John Taylor and Susanna his wife, and Samuel Perratt and Sarah his wife, *deforc.* Two messuages and lands in Harpenden *alias* Harpenden *alias* Harding.

1685. Michaelmas Term. 1 James II.
Godman Jenkyn, esq., John Hobbs and John Adkins, *quer.* Humfry Taylor, gent., and Sarah his wife, Samuel Taylor and Anne his wife, Henry Nicolls and Sarah his wife, and William Edwards and Mary his wife, *deforc.* Lands in Wheathamsted and Harpenden.

1685-6. Hilary Term. 1-2 James II.
Thomas Kentish and John Nicoll, gent., *quer.* Thomas Nicholl, esq., and Susan his wife, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in Whethamsted and Harpenden.

1686-7. Hilary Term. 2-3 James II.
Godman Jenkyn, esq., Robert Jenkyn, gent., *quer.* William Neale, *deforc.* Messuage and lands in the hamlet of Harpenden in the parish of Wheathamsted.

1687. Michaelmas Term. 3 James II.
Richard Goodall, *quer.* John Stubbing, *deforc.* Manor of Piggotts *alias* Piccatts *alias* Whethamstead and lands, etc., in Whethamstead, Harpenden and Aldwick.
John Garrard, bart., Godman Jenkyn, esq., and Robert Jenkyn, junior, gent., *quer.* Robert Sammon and Mary his wife, and William Harris and Elizabeth his wife, *deforc.* Two messuages and lands in Weathampsted and Harpenden.

1688. Michaelmas Term. 4 James II.
Joseph Mitchell, Robert Jenkyn, junior, gent., *quer.* Richard Emerton, junior, gent., *deforc.* Manor of Sauncy, Rothamsted and Clavill and lands in Kympton, Wheathamsted and Harpenden.