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Feet of Fines project

Many readers will be aware of the work of our member Chris Phillips in recent years, preparing abstracts in English of those medieval feet of fines that have not yet been published, initially for the period 1360-1509. The abstracts are published on his website[1] together with links to photographs of the original documents on the "Anglo-American Legal Tradition" website.[2] They are searchable by surname and place-name (for both the original spelling and standardised forms). Chris has already completed around 10,000 fines and the Executive Committee of FMG has agreed to provide support during the year ahead to enable him to complete the remaining fines for four counties - Kent, Lincolnshire, Northumberland and Yorkshire. Please refer to Chris's website[2] for further information on what feet of fines are, why they are so called, and how they are useful to the genealogist.

Support by FMG for such work is only possible through the generosity of our members and donors over the years. If you would like to make a donation to the Foundation to enable us to sponsor further such projects in future, please get in touch.[1]

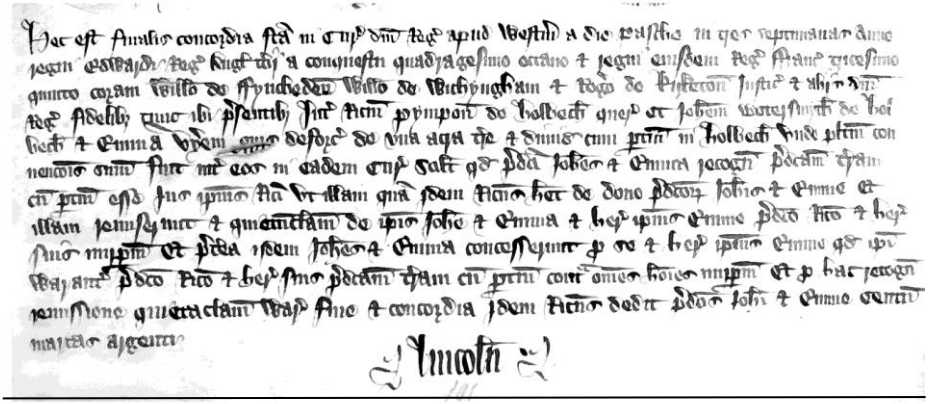


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An example of a "foot of fine"

See the note on page 282 of this journal regarding the "Feet of Fines" project that is currently being sponsored by the FMG.

This example is a short, simple fine from 1374 relating to an acre and a half of land in Holbeach, Lincolnshire. John and Emma Botersmyth' have acknowledged the land to be the right of Richard Pympon', and he has given them 100 marks of silver as warranty, see: http://www.medievalgenealogy.org.uk/fines/abstracts/CP_25_1_142_137.shtml, fine number 21.

1 http://www.medievalgenealogy.org.uk/fines/index.shtml

2 http://aalt.law.uh.edu/

DATABASE OF MEDIEVAL "BOUTEVILLAIN" RECORDS

by Joe Grubb[1]

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In the course of researching the "Butlin" family of Northamptonshire, I have found it useful to collect records relating to the "Boutevillain" surname into a database. This then acts as an *aide-mémoire* for the records. The information contained is not intended to be a complete record of original documents, nor does it seek to replace original research, or to exploit published / unpublished research by others. The original documents or research should be consulted where required.

The data is gleaned from miscellaneous sources, namely published source material; research of original records; printed family and local histories; information provided by other parties; other databases and electronic media. The database currently has about 300 records from the medieval period, and is evolving constantly as more information is added. It is intended that the information can be disseminated to anyone for personal or academic use. With this in mind I have supplied a copy to the FMG, who will be glad to answer queries from members or other interested parties (contact secretary@fmg.ac). It is hoped eventually to develop a web-based format.

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