

in Whetham,\* which Ralph the Forester, held "of me and my father," and three acres of land "which I received with Dionisia, my wife, in frank marriage in Finemore." "For this gift the said William gave me 22<sup>s</sup>; and to Dionisia, my wife, 2<sup>s</sup>; and to my first-born son, 1<sup>s</sup>." Witnesses—Walter de Calest, chaplain; Gilbert de Anull, Gilbert de Finemore, Alexander de Teseward, Robert de Teseward, and Walter, his brother.

The Patent Roll of 3 Edward I. [1274-5], mentions an assize of mort d'ancestor, arraigned by William de Finemere, against Thomas, the son of Roger de Finemere, respecting lands in Finemere.†

In 1279, William de Finemere held lands in Lullingston [Lillingston Darell?], Bucks, a village only six miles from Finemere.‡

In 7 Edward I., 1278-9, Hugh de Finemere held a virgate of land in Oxfordshire; and about the same period, a Hugh Fynamur is mentioned as having money transactions with the bailiffs of Norwich.‡

By an undated charter, previous to 1290, William de Camville granted to Gilbert de Finemore a messuage croft and land in Caleston.§

Gilbert de Finemore witnessed another grant also earlier than 1290, by John Avenel, to Walter Alfrick and Cristina, his wife, of certain land in Thaseward.

By another charter undated, but before 1290, John Ruffus granted to Gilbert de Finemore, his kinsman [cognatus], all his land in Blakelonde for four marks, and a yearly rent of ten shillings, in addition to homage and service; and by a subsequent charter, also without date, John le Rus, of Raggele, granted to John de Treminetes, a yearly rent of ten shillings, which Gilbert de Finemere used to pay for land in Blakelande.§

John Avenel, of Thaseworde, by another charter without date, granted to Robert de Holeden and Margaret, his wife, a croft called Sefers. To this the witnesses were, Adam le Chamberlayn, William Asser, Hugh le Setere, Gilbert de Finemore, William de Thasewarde, and Walter de Crudesherd.

By another charter, which we may ascribe to some period between 1290 and 1300, Henry de Finemore released to his brother, Geoffrey de Finemore, a tenement at Blakelonde which he had by the gift of his father, Gilbert de Finemore. The consideration was forty shillings of silver, and a certain portion of land, pasture, and moor at Finemore, "so contained in a charter which I hold from the said Geoffrey." To

\* Though, of course, it is impossible to identify this messuage as occupying the site of the present Whetham House, yet it is clear from this and the succeeding charters, that the Fynamores and their descendants in the female line have been the principal land owners in this place for upwards of six hundred years. An unbroken succession for so long a period as this is very rare, and if for that reason alone is worthy of special note.

† Patent Roll, 3 Edw. I., m. 7.

‡ Public records.

§ Registrum Malmesburiense, I. 264, 102. II. 257.