

Reginald de Hales, received from her former husband, William, the son of Gregory.*

From the Liberate Rolls we learn that in 1210 Gilbert de Finemere was serving with the army in Ireland.† On the 20 July, in that year, he was at Carrickfergus, and a month later, Thursday after the Assumption, at Dublin‡.

In 1219, according to the Register of St. Osmund, lately published in the Record series, now preserved amongst the episcopal records of Salisbury, Gilebertus de Finemere was one of the attesting witnesses to an exchange of land at Wokingeham, made by Radulphus Ruffus, of Wokingeham, with the dean and chapter of Salisbury.

In 1224-5, 9 Henry III., Gilbert de Finemer was one of the collectors of a subsidy of a fifteenth for Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire. The "Testa de Nevill," which is a document of the time of Henry III., or Edward I., shows that Gilbert de Finemere held a knight's fee in chief in the county of Oxford.§

Simon de Finymere held land at Aston Clinton, Bucks, in 1249; and again "Simon de la Fenymere tenet 13 acras."||

By the middle of the thirteenth century, the Finemeres had become connected with, and probably resident in the town of Calne, a place with which they and their descendants have been associated up to the present day.

The Hundred Rolls, I. 241, show that in the 38th and 39th Henry III., and again in the 49th year of that King's reign, 1254-55 and 65, Gilbert de Finemore acted as juror for the town of Kaune; and later in the same reign, Geoffrey de Finemore was a juror for the hundred of Caune.

In 52 Henry III., 1267-8, Gilbert de Finemere appeared as witness in a plea relating to land in Blackland, a village near Calne.**

In 1272, at the feast of the purification, Gilbert de Finemere and Geoffrey his son, granted to Robert de Rode [? Rowd, near Calne], a croft in Tazeward. This was witnessed by William Scriptor, Walter Phelip, Richard Papa, Geoffrey de ———, Henry Phelip de Quemerford, Richard de la Ford, and Richard de Tazeward.

A charter which is undated, although evidently executed about the same period as the last, states that Adam, the son of Ralph Horn, with the consent, and at the request of his wife, Dionisia, granted to William, the son of Richard de Finemore, a messuage and croft

* *Pedes Finlum*, by J. Hunter, I. 166.

† It is worth noting that King John stayed at Finmere on several occasions; he was there on the 19th January, and the 20 July, 1208; again on the 15th and 16th July, 1212; and lastly, on the 11th, 13th, and 17th November, 1213. So that it is very probable that Gilbert de Finemere and King John were well acquainted with one another.

‡ Liberate Rolls, 117, 200, 222.

§ Close Rolls, II. 74, b.

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** *Registrum Malmesburienae*, 11. 107.