



Adam de Stratton

Courts Rolls of Adam De Stratton - (And before him to Isabel de Forz, Countess of Aumale.) Entry fines and payments for entry not expressly called fines are in general much higher than reliefs or heriots.

In Stratton the average payment over thirteen entries is £3 18s. One fine upon a single virgate amounts to the enormous sum of £14 13s. 4d. A fine and an entry fee, the fine said to be for half a virgate on the demesne, amount to £5 6s. 8d. Four payments are made in instalments. Stratton court also twice regulated exchanges of land, exacting 6d. for the privilege and three times at Stratton the court amerced those who entered, sold, or bought land without permission, but the amercement, here stated, was surprisingly small.

Besides the fees to be drawn from licences the lord once or twice took an aid of his tenants at Stratton it was done at the September court in 1278 and yielded 30s.

In 1283 a suitor to Stratton court acted contemptuously because he refused to participate in an inquest. In at least two instances the inquests decided or were summoned to decide not merely the particular issue but a general point of principle, once whether the men of Stratton should pasture their beasts on Slade Keys after the hay had been lifted, and once about the rights to ancestral land of children 'of the hearth' on the remarriage of widowers with whom they were living. These are in the nature of solemn declarations of manorial custom.

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In 1290 Edward I carried out a purge of corruption in the royal administration, with Adam de Stratton as one of the main targets.