

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 18 April 1580 by which clear title to the manors of Waltons and Netherhall in Essex passed from Oxford to George Golding and his wife, Mary, for £320. Licence to alienate was granted to Oxford on 1 March 1580 (see TNA C 66/1194, m. 16).

A second fine from Oxford to Golding of the same manors of Waltons and Netherhall, but which included additional property, was levied on 22 May 1581 (see TNA CP 25/2/131/1682/23ELIZITRIN, Item 31). With a few exceptions, the additional property included in the second fine from Oxford to Golding appears to consist of property sold by Oxford to Richard Brooke and Nicholas Lambert by indentures of 14 April and by a fine of 18 April (see TNA CP 25/2/131/1677/22ELIZIEASTER, Item 28). It thus appears that Brooke and Lambert transferred their interest in this additional property to Golding, after which the additional property was included in the second fine from Oxford to Golding on 22 May 1581. If so, this would provide a rationale for the condition in a recognizance for 1000 marks dated 17 April 1580 by which Oxford is required, for Golding's benefit, to perform the covenants in his indentures of 14 April 1580 with Brooke and Lambert (see TNA C 54/1095, Part 25).

George Golding was Oxford's maternal uncle, the half-brother of Oxford's mother, Margery Golding. He was appointed as Oxford's auditor on 14 January 1572, and a few months after this sale he was one of six officers appointed on 17 September 1580 to Oxford's council (see ERO D/DRg 2/27).

For the will of Mary Golding see TNA PROB 11/119, ff. 304-5.

This is the final agreement made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster on the quindene of Easter in the year of the reigns of Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France & Ireland, Defender of the Faith, etc. from the Conquest the twenty-second [=18 April 1580], before James Dyer, Thomas Meade & Francis Wyndham, justices, & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between George Golding, gentleman, & Mary his wife, querents, and Edward Earl of Oxenford, Great Chamberlain of England, deforciant, of the manors of Waltons alias Waltuns & Netherhall with the appurtenances, and of twenty messuages, twenty tofts, four mills, twelve dovecots, one hundred gardens, one thousand acres of arable land, three hundred acres of meadow, eight hundred acres of pasture, four hundred acres of wood, four hundred acres of furze & heath, ten acres of marsh, ten pounds of rent, & common of pasture for all animals with the appurtenances in Purleigh alias Purley alias Purlie, Mundon alias Munden, Woodham Mortimer, Lawling, Woodham Ferrers, Danbury alias Dandbury alias Danbery super montem, Norton alias Cold Norton, Stow Maries alias Stoe alias Stoke alias Stock, North Fambridge alias North Fanbridge, Gestingthorpe alias Gestinthrop alias Gestthrop alias Gesthorp alias Gestrop alias Gastlingthorp, Otten Belchamp alias Belcham alias Otin Belcham, Foxearth, Belcham William alias Belcham William alias Water Belcham alias Water Belchamp, Belcham Saint Paul alias Belcham Saint Paul alias Paul's

Belchamp, Bulmer, Ovington, Twisted alias Twinstead, Stambourne, Tilbery alias Tilbury alias Tilbury juxta Clare, Ridgewell alias Reddeswell, Little Yeldham alias Over Yeldham alias Little Geldham alias Over Geldham alias Little Gelham alias Over Gelham, Wickham [St.?] Paul, Codham, Pebmarsh, Hullbridge, South Hanningfield, East Hanningfield, South Fambridge, Hockley, Rawreth, Rettendon alias Retenden, Little Maplestead alias Little Mapsted, Great Maplestead alias Great Mapsted, Hemmingham alias Hedingham ad castrum alias Castle Hemmingham alias Castle Hedingham, and of view of frankpledge with the appurtenances in Waltons alias Waltuns & Netherhall, and also the advowson of the church of Gestingthorpe alias Gestingthrop alias Gesthrop;

Whereof a plea of covenant was summoned between them in the same court, namely that the foresaid Earl has acknowledged the foresaid manor [sic], tenements, rents, common of pasture & view of frankpledge with the appurtenances, and the advowson aforesaid, to be the right of himself, George, as those which the same George and Mary have of the gift of the foresaid Earl, and he has remised & quit-claimed them from himself & his heirs to the foresaid George & Mary & to the heirs of the same George forever;

And besides the same Earl has granted for himself & his heirs that they will warrant to the foresaid George & Mary & the heirs of the same George the foresaid manor, tenements, rents, common of pasture & view of frankpledge with the appurtenances, and the advowson aforesaid, against the foresaid Earl & his heirs and against the heirs of John, late Earl of Oxenford, deceased, father of the same Earl, forever;

And for this acknowledgement, remission, quit-claim, warrant, fine & agreement the same George & Mary have given to the foresaid Earl three hundred & twenty pounds.

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According to the form of the statute the first proclamation was made on the ninth day of May in Easter term in the twenty-second year of the within-written Queen;

The second proclamation on the eleventh day of May in the same term;

The third proclamation on the thirteenth day of May in the same term;

The fourth proclamation on the sixteenth day of May in the same term.

The fifth proclamation was made on the fifteenth day of June in Trinity term in the twenty-second year of the within-written Queen;

The sixth proclamation on the seventeenth day of June in the same term;

The seventh proclamation on the twentieth day of June in the same term;

The eighth proclamation on the twenty-second day of June in the same term.

The ninth proclamation was made on the twenty-first day of November in Michaelmas term in the twenty-third year of the within-written Queen;

The tenth proclamation on the twenty-third day of November in the same term;

The eleventh proclamation on the twenty-sixth day of November in the same term;

The twelfth proclamation on the twenty-eighth day of November in the same term.

The thirteenth proclamation was made on the seventh day of February in Hilary term in the twenty-third year of the within-written Queen;

The fourteenth proclamation on the ninth day of February in the same term;

The fifteenth proclamation on the eleventh day of February in the same term;

The sixteenth proclamation on the thirteenth day of February in the same term.

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2 vicesimo secundo coram Iacobo Dyer Thoma Meade & ffrancisco Wyndam Iusticiarijs & alijs domine Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter Georgium Golding Generosum & Mariam vxorem eius

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5 bruere decem acris Marisci decem libratibus redditus & communia pasture pro omnibus animalibus cum pertinentijs in Purleigh alias Purley alias Purlie Mundon alias Munden Woodham Mortymer

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15 illa que ijdem Georgius & Maria habent de dono predicti Comitis Et illa remisit & quieteclamavit de se & heredibus suis predictis Georgio & Marie & heredibus ipsius Georgij Imperpetuum

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Secundum formam statuti

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Secunda proclamatio vndecimo die Maij eodem termino

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quarta proclamatio sextodecimo die Maij eodem termino

Quinta proclamatio facta fuit quintodecimo die Iunij termino sancte Trinitatis Anno vicesimo secundo Regine infrascripte

sexta proclamatio decimo septimo die Iunij eodem termino

septima proclamatio vicesimo die Iunij eodem termino

octava proclamatio vicesimo secundo die Iunij eodem termino

Nona proclamatio facta fuit vicesimo primo die Novembris Termino sancti Michaelis Anno vicesimo tercio Regine infrascripte

decima proclamatio vicesimo tercio die Novembris eodem termino

vndecima proclamatio vicesimo sexto die Novembris eodem termino

duodecima proclamatio vicesimo octavo die Novembris eodem termino

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