

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine of 18 April 1580 by which clear title to the manor of Maldon in Essex passed from Oxford to William Twedy for 130 marks. Proclamation of the fine was made sixteen times, beginning on 9 May 1580 and ending on 13 February 1581. The William Twedy who purchased the manor of Maldon from Oxford would appear to have been the William Twedy (d.1605) to whom there is a memorial in Little Sampford church in Essex. The Latin inscription states that he distinguished himself as a military commander, and married, as his second wife, Margaret, the daughter of Rooke Green, esquire, of Little Sampford (see <http://www.tweedie.org/im041.htm>). For Oxford's earlier sale to William Twedy of lands in Maldon and Woodham Mortimer by a fine of 15 June 1579 see CP 25/2/131/1674/21ELIZITRIN, Item 22.

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 William Twedy, esquire, querent, and Edward, Earl of Oxenford, Great Chamberlain of England, deforciant, of the manor of Maldon with the appurtenances, and of three messuages, two cottages, one stall, one garden, one orchard, one acre of arable land & sixty shillings rent with the appurtenances in the parishes of All Saints & Saint Peter in the town of Maldon;

Whereof a plea of covenant was summoned between them in the same court, namely that the foresaid Earl has acknowledged the foresaid manor & tenements with the appurtenances to be the right of himself, William, as those which the same William has of the gift of the foresaid Earl, and he has remised & quit-claimed them from himself & his heirs to the foresaid William & his heirs forever;

And besides the same Earl has granted for himself & his heirs that they will warrant to the foresaid William & his heirs the foresaid manor & tenements with the appurtenances 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 William has given to the foresaid Earl one hundred & thirty marks.

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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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1 Hec est finalis Concordia facta in Curia Domine Regine Apud Westmonasterium A

2 die Pasche in quindecim dies Anno regnorum Elizabethhe dei gratia Anglie

3 ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c A Conquesto vicesimo secundo

4 coram Iacobo Dyer Thoma Meade & Francisco Wyndam Iusticiarijs & alijs
5 domine Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter Willelmum Twidye Armigerum
6 querentem et Edwardum Comitem Oxonie Magnum Camerarium Anglie deforciantem
7 de Manerio de Maldon cum pertinentijs ac de tribus mesuagijs duobus Cotagijs
8 vno Stallo vno gardino vno pomario vna acra terre & sexaginta
9 solidatis redditus cum pertinentijs in parochijs omnium Sanctorum & sancti Petri in
villa
10 de Maldon Vnde Placitum conuencionis summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem Curia
11 Scilicet quod predictus Comes recognovit predicta Manerium & tenementa cum
pertinentijs esse Ius
12 ipsius Willelmi Vt illa que Idem Willelmus habet de dono predicti Comitis Et illa
13 remisit & quieteclamavit de se & heredibus suis predicto Willelmo & heredibus suis
14 Imperpetuum Et preterea Idem Comes concessit pro se & heredibus suis quod ipsi
15 Warantizabunt predicto Willelmo & heredibus suis predicta Manerium & tenementa
cum pertinentijs contra
16 predictum Comitem & heredes suos ac contra heredes Iohannis nuper Comitis
17 Oxonie defuncti patris ipsius Comitis Imperpetuum Et pro hac recognicione
18 remissione quietaclamacione Waranto fine & Concordia Idem Willelmus dedit
predicto Comiti Centum & triginta Marcas Argenti

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Secundum formam statuti

Prima proclamatio facta fuit Nono die Maij termino Pasche Anno vicesimo secundo
Regine infrascripte

Secunda proclamatio vndecimo die Maij eodem termino

Tercia proclamatio terciodecimo die Maij eodem termino

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

undecima proclamatio vicesimo sexto die Novembris eodem termino

duodecima proclamatio vicesimo octavo die Novembris eodem termino

Terciadecima proclamatio facta fuit septimo die februarij termino sancti Hillarij Anno vicesimo tercio Regine infrascripte

quartadecima proclamatio nono die februarij eodem termino

quintadecima proclamatio undecimo die februarij eodem termino

sextadecima proclamatio terciodecimo die februarij eodem termino

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