

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine of 20 January 1584 by which clear title to the manors of Tilbury-juxta-Clare, Nortofts and Skaths passed from Oxford to Israel Amyce for £640.

This is the final agreement made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster on the octave of Hilary 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-sixth [=20 January 1584], before Edmund Anderson, Thomas Meade, Francis Wyndham & William Periam, justices, & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between Israel Amyce, esquire, querent, and Edward, Earl of Oxford, Great Chamberlain of England, deforciant, of the manors of Tilbury, Nortofts and Skaths with the appurtenances and of three messuages, three tofts, three gardens, six hundred acres of arable land, a hundred acres of meadow, six hundred acres of pasture, a hundred acres of wood, a hundred acres of furze & heath, forty acres of marsh & a hundred shillings' rent with the appurtenances in Tilbury, Belchamp St Paul, Belchamp Otten, Great Yeldham, Little Yeldham, Ovington, Ridgewell & Toppesfield, and of the advowson of the church of Tilbury;

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

And besides the same Earl has granted for himself & his heirs that they will warrant to the foresaid Israel & his heirs the foresaid manors, tenements & rents with the appurtenances and the foresaid advowson against all men forever;

And for this acknowledgement, remission, quit-claim, warrant, fine, & agreement the same Israel has given to the foresaid Earl six hundred & forty pounds sterling.

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1 Hec est finalis concordia facta in Curia Domine Regine apud Westmonasterium in Octabis sancti Hillarij

2 Anno regnorum Elizabethhe dei gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c A Conquesto

3 vicesimo sexto coram Edmundo Anderson Thoma Meade ffrancisco Wyndam & Willelmo

4 Peryam Iusticiarijs & alijs domine Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter Israelem Amyce Armigerum

5 querentem et Edwardum Comitem Oxonie magnum Camerarium Anglie deforciantem de Manerijs de Tylbury

6 Nortofftes & Skathes cum pertinentijs Ac de tribus mesuagijs tribus toftis tribus gardinis sexcentis acris

7 terre Centum acris prati sexcentis acris pasture Centum acris bosci Centum acris Iampnorum &

8 bruere quadraginta acris marisci & Centum solidatis redditus cum pertinentijs in Tylbury Belchamp

9 sancti Pauli Belchamp Otten yeldham magna yeldham parua Ovyngton Redgewell &

10 Toppisfild ac de aduocacione ecclesie de Tylbury Vnde Placitum conuencionis summonitum fuit inter

11 eos in eadem Curia Scilicet quod predictus Comes recognovit predicta Maneria tenementa & redditus cum pertinentijs

12 ac aduocacionem predictam esse ius ipsius Israelis Vt illa que idem Israel habet de dono

13 predicti Comitis et illa remisit & quieteclamavit de se & heredibus suis predicto Israeli & heredibus suis

14 Imperpetuum et preterea idem Comes Concessit pro se & heredibus suis quod ipsi Warantizabunt predicto Israeli &

15 heredibus suis predicta Maneria tenementa & redditus cum pertinentijs ac aduocacionem predictam contra omnes

16 homines Imperpetuum et pro hac recognicione remissione quietaclamacione Waranto fine & concordia Idem

17 Israel dedit predicto Comiti sexcentas & quadraginta libras sterlingorum

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