

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 18 April 1580 by which clear title to lands in sixteen villages in the area of Maldon in Essex passed from Oxford to Richard Brooke and Nicholas Lambert for 130 marks. Details of the lands included in this sale are found in ERO D/DHn/T59:

*Jackletts Farm, Fambridge Farm, Waltons manor house and land, Scotts Farm, Burnt House Farm, Lanes Farm, all in Purleigh; Salesfrith Farm, East Hanningfield; Parslowes Manor Farm, Imbers Farm, Fawknars Hall and Bowers Farm, all in Good Easter; Beeleigh Mills, Maldon, sold by Edward de Veer, Earl of Oxford to Richard Brooke and Nicholas Lambert and later sold by Sir Henry Mildmay to William Waterson*

A recognizance dated 17 April 1580 in the amount of 1000 marks entered into by Oxford to George Golding refers to indentures dated 14 April 1580 between Oxford and 'Richard Brooke of Brentwood in the county of Essex, gentleman, and Nicholas Lambert, servant to the said Earl', see TNA C 54/1095, Part 25.

Golding had earlier purchased the manors of Waltons and Netherhall from Oxford. For the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 18 April 1580 (the same date as the fine below) by which clear title to the manors of Waltons and Netherhall passed from Oxford to George Golding and his wife, Mary, see TNA CP 25/2/131/1677/22ELIZIEASTER, Item 36.

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 the property sold by Oxford to Brooke and Lambert by the indentures of 14 April and mentioned in the fine below. 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 of the recognizance in which Oxford is required, for Golding's benefit, to perform the covenants in his indentures of 14 April 1580 with Brooke and Lambert.

It seems likely that the Richard Brooke who purchased these lands from Oxford was the same Richard Brooke who a few days earlier had witnessed the indenture of 10 April 1580 by which Oxford sold the manor of Fingrith to Richard Branthwaite (see BHE3252 in the English Deeds Collection of the Harvard Law Library). Richard Branthwaite was in Oxford's service in 1580, as were at least two of the other witnesses to the indenture, Nicholas Bleake and George Golding.

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 Richard Brooke & Nicholas Lambert, querents, and Edward, Earl of Oxenford, Great Chamberlain of England, deforciant, of one messuage, two cottages, two tofts, one dovecot, three gardens, eighty acres of land, twenty acres of meadow, eighty acres of pasture, sixty acres of wood, twenty acres of furze & heath, ten acres of marsh, & common of pasture for all animals with the appurtenances in Stow Maries alias Stow alias Stoke alias Stock, Purleigh alias Purley alias Puley, Mundon alias Munden, Woodham Mortimer, Lawling, Woodham Ferrers, Danbury alias Dandbury alias Danbery super montem, Norton alias Cold Norton, North Fambridge alias North Fanbridge, Hullbridge, South Hanningfield, East Hanningfield, South Fambridge, Hockley, Rawreth & Rettendon alias Rettinden;

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

And besides the same Earl has granted for himself & his heirs that they will warrant to the foresaid Richard & Nicholas & the heirs of himself, Richard, the foresaid tenements & common of pasture 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 Richard & Nicholas have given to the foresaid Earl one hundred & thirty marks of money.

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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.

Examined

1 Hec est finalis Concordia facta in Curia Domine Regine Apud Westmonasterium A die Pasche in quindecim dies

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

3 vicesimo secundo coram Iacobo Dyer Thoma Meade & ffrancisco Wyndam Iusticiarijs & alijs domine

4 Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter Ricardum Brooke & Nicholum lambert querentes et Edwardum

5 Comitem Oxonie Magnum Camerarium Anglie deforciantem de vno mesuagio duobus Cotagijs duobus toftis vno

6 Columbario tribus gardinis octoginta acris terre viginti acris prati octoginta acris pasture

7 sexaginta acris bosci viginti acris Iampnorum & bruere decem acris Marisci & communia pasture

8 pro omnibus animalibus cum pertinentijs in Stowe Maris alias Stoe alias Stoke alias Stocke Purleigh

9 alias Purley alias Pulye Mundon alias Munden Woodham Mortymer Lawlinge

10 Woodham fferrys Danbury alias Dandbury alias Danbery super Montem Norton alias

11 Coldenorton Northffambridge alias Northfanbridge Hulbridge Southannyngfeild

12 Est Hannyngfeild Southfambridge Hockley Rawreth & rettindon alias Rettinden Vnde

13 Placitum conuencionis summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem Curia Scilicet quod predictus Comes recognovit predicta tenementa

14 & Communiam pasture cum pertinentijs esse Ius ipsius Ricardi Vt illa que ijdem Ricardus & Nicholus habent

15 de dono predicti Comitis Et illa remisit & quieteclamavit de se & heredibus suis predictis Ricardo &

16 Nicholo & heredibus ipsius Ricardi Imperpetuum Et preterea Idem Comes concessit pro se & heredibus suis

17 quod ipsi Warantizabunt predictis Ricardo & Nicholo & heredibus ipsius Ricardi predicta tenementa & Communiam pasture cum

18 pertinentijs contra predictum Comitem & heredes suos ac contra heredes Iohannis nuper Comitis Oxonie defuncti

19 patris ipsius Comitis Imperpetuum Et pro hac recognicione remissione quietaclamacione Waranto fine &

20 Concordia ijdem Ricardus & Nicholus dederunt predicto Comiti Centum & triginta Marcas

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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

vndecima proclamatio vicesimo sexto die Novembris eodem termino

duodecima proclamatio vicesimo octauo die Novembris eodem termino

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

quartadecima proclamatio nono die ffebruarij eodem termino

quintadecima proclamatio vndecimo die ffebruarij eodem termino

sextadecima proclamatio terciodecimo die ffebruarij eodem termino

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