

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 20 January 1582 by which clear title to the manor of Flanderswick passed from Oxford to William Lewin (d.1598), Anthony Luther and Thomas Gooche the younger for 400 marks. For the recognizance in the amount of £800 entered into by Oxford in connection with this sale, see TNA C 54/1145, Part 25.

William Lewin accompanied Oxford for part of his continental tour in 1575/6, and left Oxford a bequest of 100 ounces of gilt plate in his will. For the will of William Lewin, see TNA PROB 11/91, ff. 1-6.

This is the final agreement made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster on the octave of Saint 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-fourth [=20 January 1582], before James Dyer, Thomas Meade, Francis Wyndham & William Peryam, justices, & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between William Lewin, Anthony Luther & Thomas Gooche, querents, and Edward, Earl of Oxford, Great Chamberlain of England, deforciant, of the manor of Flanderswick alias Flammerswick with the appurtenances and of four messuages, four gardens, a hundred acres of arable land, forty acres of meadow, a hundred acres of pasture & twenty shillings' rent with the appurtenances in Purleigh, Mundon, Lawling, Norton & Woodham Mortimer;

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

And besides the same Earl has granted for himself & his heirs that they will warrant to the foresaid William, Anthony & Thomas & the heirs of the same William the foresaid manor & tenements with the appurtenances against the foresaid Earl & his heirs forever;

And for this acknowledgement, remission, quit-claim, warrant, fine & agreement the same William, Anthony & Thomas have given to the foresaid Earl four hundred marks of silver.

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

2 regnorum Elizabethhe dei gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c a conquesto vicesimo quarto

3 coram Iacobo Dyer Thoma Meade ffrancisco Wyndham & Willelmo Peryam Iusticiarijs & alijs domine

4 Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter Willelmum Lewyn Antonium Iuther & Thomam Gooche querentes

5 et Edwardum Comitem Oxonie magnum Camerarium Anglie deforciantem de Manerio de fflaunderswick alias

6 fflammerswick cum pertinentijs ac de quatuor mesuagijs quatuor gardinis Centum acris terre quadraginta

7 acris prati Centum acris pasture & viginti solidatis redditus cum pertinentijs in Purleigh Mundon

8 Lawling Norton & Woodham Mortymer Vnde Placitum conuencionis summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem [+Curia]

9 Scilicet quod predictus Comes recognovit predicta Manerium & tenementa cum pertinentijs esse ius ipsius Willelmi Vt illa

10 que ijdem Willelmus Antonius & Thomas habent de dono predicti Comitis Et illa remisit &

11 quieteclamavit de se & heredibus suis predictis Willelmo Antonio & Thome & heredibus ipsius Willelmi

12 Imperpetuum Et preterea idem Comes concessit pro se & heredibus suis quod ipsi Warantizabunt predictis Willelmo

13 Antonio & Thome & heredibus ipsius Willelmi predicta Manerium & tenementa cum pertinentijs contra predictum

14 Comitem & heredes suos Imperpetuum Et pro hac recognicione remissione quietaclamacione Waranto fine &

15 concordia ijdem Willelmus Antonius & Thomas dederunt predicto Comiti quadringentas Marcas

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