

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine of 29 May and 15 June 1584 by which clear title to the manor of Hayes passed from Oxford to Thomas Willows and John Pratt for 400 marks.

This is the final agreement made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster on the morrow of the Ascension of the Lord 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 [=29 May 1584], before Edmund Anderson, Thomas Meade, Francis Wyndham & William Periam, justices, & after on the morrow of Holy Trinity in the abovesaid year of the reigns of the same Queen Elizabeth [=15 June 1584] there granted and recorded before the same justices & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between Thomas Willows & John Pratt, querents, and Edward, Earl of Oxford, deforciant, of the manor of Hayes in Stow Maries alias Hayes in Stow Marsh with the appurtenances and of three messuages, one barn, one water-mill, one dovecot, one garden, one orchard, a hundred acres of arable land, forty acres of meadow, a hundred & twenty acres of pasture, six acres of wood, forty acres of fresh marsh, a hundred & eighty acres of salt-marsh & ten shillings' rent with the appurtenances in Stow Maries alias Stow Marsh, North Fambridge & Cold Norton alias Gold Norton, and also of the advowson of the church of Stow Maries alias Stow Marsh;

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 and the foresaid advowson to be the right of himself, Thomas, as those which the same Thomas & John have of the gift of the foresaid Earl, and he has remised & quit-claimed them from himself and his heirs to the foresaid Thomas & John & the heirs of the same Thomas forever;

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

And for this acknowledgement, remission, quit-claim, warrant, fine & agreement the same Thomas & John 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 Crastino Ascensionis domini Anno regnorum

2 Elizabethhe dei gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c A Conquesto vicesimo sexto coram Edmundo

3 Anderson Thoma Meade ffrancisco Wyndam & Willelmo Peryam Iusticiarijs & Postea in Crastino sancte

4 Trinitatis Anno regnorum eiusdem Regine Elizabethhe supradicto ibidem concessa & recordata coram eisdem Iusticiarijs & alijs domine

5 Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter Thomam Wyllowes & Iohannem Pratt querentes et Edwardum

6 Comitem Oxonie deforciantem de Manerio de Hayes in Stowe Marys alias Hayes in Stowe Marshe cum

7 pertinentijs Ac de tribus Mesuagijs vno horreo vno Molendino aquatico vno columbare vno gardino vno pomario Centum

8 acris terre quadraginta acris prati Centum & viginti acris pasture sex acris bosci quadraginta acris

9 marisci frisci Centum & octoginta acris Marisci salsi & decem solidatis redditus cum pertinentijs in Stowe Marys alias

10 Stowe Marshe Northfambridge & Coldnorton alias Goldnorton necnon de Aduocacione ecclesie de Stowe

11 Marys alias Stowe Marshe Vnde Placitum conuencionis summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem Curia Scilicet quod

12 predictus Comes recognovit predicta Manerium & tenementa cum pertinentijs Ac Advocacionem predictam esse ius ipsius Thome

13 vt illa que ijdem Thomas & Iohannes habent de dono predicti Comitis Et illa remisit & quieteclamavit de

14 se & heredibus suis predictis Thome & Iohanni & heredibus ipsius Thome Imperpetuum Et preterea Idem Comes

15 concessit pro se & heredibus suis quod ipsi Warantizabunt predictis Thome & Iohanni & heredibus ipsius Thome predicta

16 Manerium & tenementa cum pertinentijs Ac Advocacionem predictam contra predictum Comitem & heredes suos Imperpetuum Et pro

17 hac recognitione remissione quietaclamacione Waranto fine & concordia ijdem
Thomas & Iohannes dederunt predicto

18 Comiti quadringentas Marcas Argenti

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