

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 22 May 1592 by which clear title to the manor of Inglesthorpe passed from Oxford to Thomas Albery and John Newett for 200 marks. For the Queen's licence authorizing Oxford to alienate Inglesthorpe to Albery and Newett, see TNA C 66/1383, m. 6.

Thomas Albery and John Newett seem never to have obtained possession of the manor of Inglesthorpe, and it is possible that they were involved in the purchase merely as agents for John Drawater (d.1597), who obtained the manor of Inglesthorpe at about this time, allegedly as a reward for having assisted Roger Harlakenden in defrauding Oxford in the sale of Colne Priory.

The will of John Drawater (TNA PROB 11/90, ff. 431-2) contains this clause:

*First, my express will and meaning is that all that my manor and farm of Ingesthorpe alias Inglesthorpe in the parish of White Colne in the county of Essex with all rights, profits and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging and all my estate, interest, right, claim and demand of, in and to the same shall with all convenient speed after my decease be fully and absolutely bargained and sold to the most advantage.*

For the judgment of the Court of Chancery on 10 February 1600 stating that 'Felton and Drawater', two of Oxford's servants, 'confederated' with Roger Harlakenden in the sale of Colne Priory in order to 'persuade Oxford that the lands were no more worth than Harlakenden offered', see TNA C 78/104, mm. 27-8. For the interrogatories in that case in which it was suggested that Harlakenden conveyed the manor of Inglesthorpe to Drawater as compensation for Drawater's participation in the fraudulent sale of Colne Priory, see TNA C 24/239/46 and TNA C 24/275, Item 77.

Since Drawater died before judgment was rendered in Oxford's lawsuit concerning the fraudulent sale of Colne Priory, it seems likely that even had Oxford attempted to recover against him, he would not have been able to, particularly since Drawater directed his executors to sell the manor of Inglesthorpe immediately after his death and to distribute the proceeds to various relatives.

The manor of Inglesthorpe was also called Insteps. See 'White Colne: Manors and other estates', *A History of the County of Essex: Volume 10: Lexden Hundred (Part) including Dedham, Earls Colne and Wivenhoe* (2001), pp. 131-133. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=15202>.

The Thomas Albery mentioned in the fine below may have been the Thomas Albery (d. 1605), who was an English merchant active in the Spanish Netherlands.

This is the final agreement made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster on the morrow of Holy Trinity 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 thirty-fourth [=22 May 1592], before Edmund Anderson, Francis Wyndham, William Peryam & Thomas Walmesley, justices, & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between Thomas Albery, gentleman, & John Newett, gentleman, querents, and Edward, Earl of Oxford, deforciant, of the manor of Ingysthorpe alias Ingesthorpes alias Inglesthorpe with the appurtenances and of one messuage, two tofts, one dovecot, three gardens, one orchard, two hundred acres of arable land, fifty acres of meadow, one hundred acres of pasture, forty acres of wood, forty acres of furze & heath, twenty acres of marsh & forty shillings rent with the appurtenances in Ingesthorpe alias Ingysthorpes alias Inglesthorpe, White Colne, Colne Engaine, Pebmarsh, Lamarsh, Alphamstone, Colne Wake & Earls Colne;

Whereof a plea of covenant was summoned between them in the same court, namely that the foresaid Earl acknowledged the foresaid manor and tenements with the appurtenances to be the right of the same 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 & 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 he will warrant to the foresaid Thomas & John & the heirs of the same Thomas the foresaid manor & tenements with the appurtenances against all men forever;

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

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1 Hec est finalis Concordia facta in Curia Domine Regine Apud Westmonasterium in Crastino sancte Trinitatis

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

3 tricesimo quarto coram Edmundo Anderson ffrancisco Wyndam Willelmo Peryam &

4 Thoma Walmysley Iusticiarijs & alijs domine Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter Thomam

5 Albery Generosum & Iohannem Newett Generosum querentes et Edwardum Comitem Oxonie

6 deforciantem de manerio de Ingysthorpe alias Ingesthorpes alias Inglesthorpe cum pertinentijs

7 ac de vno Mesuagio duobus toftis vno Columbario tribus gardinis vno pomario ducentis

8 acris terre quinquagintis acris prati Centum acris pasture quadraginta acris bosci

9 quadraginta acris iamprorum & bruere viginti acris Marisci & quadraginta solidatis

10 redditus cum pertinentijs in Ingesthorpe alia Ingysthorpes alias Inglesthorpes, Colne Alba Colne Engayne Pedmarshe lamarshe Alphamstone Colne Wake & Erles

11 Colne vnde Placitum Conuencionis summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem Curia Scilicet quod predictus Comes

12 recognovit predicta Manerium & tenementa cum pertinentijs esse ius ipsius Thome vt illa que iudem Thomas &

13 Iohannes habent de dono predicti Comitis Et illa remisit & quieteclamavit de se & heredibus suis

14 predictis Thome & Iohanni & heredibus ipsius Thome Imperpetuum Et preterea idem Comes

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

16 Thome predicta Manerium & tenementa cum pertinentijs contra omnes homines Imperpetuum Et pro hac recognicione

17 remissione quieteclamacione Waranto fine & Concordia iudem Thomas & Iohannes

18 dederunt predicto Comiti ducentas Marcas Argenti

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