

SUMMARY: This document is the fine by which Oxford transferred clear title to the manors of Overhall and Netherhall in Suffolk to Richard Peacock and Rowland Martin on 20 January 1583 for £800. The legal transfer of title to Peacock and Martin by means of this fine appears to have been a preliminary step in the eventual transfer of these manors to the use of the heirs of Thomas Skinner. For Oxford's receipt of £13,400 from Peacock, Martin and Thomas Skinner for the sale of these manors as well as the park of Lavenham in Suffolk and the manors of Castle Camps and Fowlmere in Cambridge see TNA C 146/7040. For other documents related to this sale see TNA C 54/1159, TNA C 54/1176, TNA C 147/152, and TNA C 147/231.

This is the fine made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster on the morrow of 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 twenty-five [=20 January 1583], before Edmund Anderson, Thomas Meade, Francis Wyndham & William Periam, justices, & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between Richard Peacock & Rowland Martin, querents, and Edward, Earl of Oxenford, Great Chamberlain of England, deforciant, of the manors of Overhall & Netherhall with the appurtenances and two hundred messuages, one hundred cottages, four mills, four dovecots, two hundred gardens, one thousand acres of arable land, five hundred acres of meadow, one thousand & five hundred acres of pasture, three hundred acres of wood, one hundred acres of furze & heath & forty pounds rent with the appurtenances in Lavenham alias Lanham, Cockfield, Thorpe Morieux, Preston, Brent Eleigh, Acton, Melford, Shimpling & Alpheton alias Aulton, and also the advowson of the church of Lavenham alias Lanham;

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

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

And for this acknowledgement, remission, quit-claim, warrant, fine & agreement the same Richard & Roland have given to the foresaid Earl eight hundred pounds sterling.

1 Hec est finalis Concordia facta in Curia Domine Regine apud Westmonasterium in Crastino sancte Trinitatis Anno regnorum Elizabethe dei gratia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c

2 A Conquesto vicesimo quinto coram Edmundo Anderson Thoma Meade ffrancisco Wyndam & Willelmo Peryam Iusticijs & alijs domine Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter Ricardum

3 Pecock & Rolandum Martyn querentes et Edwardum Comitem Oxonie Magnum Camararium [sic?] Anglie deforciantem de Manerijs de Overhall & Netherhall cum pertinentijs Ac de ducentis

4 Mesuagijs Centum Cotagijs quatuor Molendinis quatuor Columbarijs ducentis gardinis Mille acris terre quingentis acris prati Mille & quingentis acris pasture

5 trescentis acris bosci Centum acris Iampnorum & bruere & quadraginta libratas redditus cum pertinentijs in Lavenham alias Lanham Cockfild Thorpe Morieux Preston Brent

6 Illeigh Acton Melford Shymplyng & Alpheton alias Aulton Necnon de advocacione ecclesie de Lavenham alias Lanham vnde Placitum conuencionis summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem

7 Curia Scilicet quod predictus Comes recognovit predicta Maneria tenementa & redditus cum pertinentijs ac Aduocationem predictam esse ius ipsius Ricardi vt illa que ijdem Ricardus & Rolandus habent de dono

8 predicti Comitis Et illa remisit & quieteclamavit de se & heredibus suis predictis Ricardo & Rolando & heredibus ipsius Ricardi Imperpetuum Et preterea idem Comes concessit pro se & heredibus suis quod

9 ipsi Warantizabunt predictis Ricardo & Rolando & heredibus ipsius Ricardi predicta Maneria tenementa & redditus cum pertinentijs Ac Aduocationem predictam contra omnes homines Imperpetuum Et pro hac recognicione remissione

10 quitaclamacione Waranto fine & concordia ijdem Ricardus & Rolandus dederunt predicto Comiti Octingentas libras sterlingorum