

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the Close Rolls of a recognizance in the amount of £1000 acknowledged by Oxford to Thomas Barfoot (d.1591/2) of Lambourne, gentleman, Thomas Luther (d.1586) of Stapleford Tawney, yeoman, and his son, Anthony Luther, on 29 May 1582 in connection with indentures of 28 May 1582 for the sale of property. The property in question has not yet been identified.

By 1547 the manor of Lambourne had passed to Robert Barfoot, a member of the Mercers' Company, who died in that year (see TNA C 142/84/55). Robert's successor was his son Thomas. The manor descended in the Barfoot family until 1733.

See 'Lambourne: Manors', A History of the County of Essex: Volume 4: Ongar Hundred (1956), pp. 76-81. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=15568>

For an earlier recognizance in the amount of £1100 acknowledged by Oxford to Thomas Barfoot (d.1591/2), Thomas Luther (d.1586), Edmund Taverner & John Collen on 2 October 1574 in connection with indentures dated 1 October 1574 for a lease and the sale of timber in Colne Park, see TNA C 54/950, Part 25.

For the will of Thomas Barfoot, dated 4 February 1591 and proved 8 April 1592, see TNA PROB 11/79, ff. 232-3.

For the will of Thomas Luther, dated 21 March 1586 and proved 16 May 1586, see TNA PROB 11/69, ff. 201-2.

The recognizance below is also mentioned in TNA PRO 30/34/14, No. 3.

LM: Recognizance between the Earl of Oxford and Barfoot

Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxenford, Great Chamberlain of England, Viscount Bulbeck & Lord of Badlesmere & Scales, having appeared personally before the Lady Queen in her Chancery, acknowledged himself to owe to Thomas Barfoot of Lambourne in the county of Essex, gentleman, Thomas Luther of Stapleford Tawney in the said county, yeoman, & Anthony Luther, son of the said Thomas Luther, one thousand pounds of good & lawful money of England, to be paid to the same Thomas, Thomas & Anthony or any of them or their executors, attorneys or assigns or any (pl. & s.) of them on the feast of the Birth of Saint John the Baptist next to come after the date of this recognizance;

And if he shall not have done [+so], he has granted etc., that then etc.

Witness herself, the Lady Queen, at Westminster on the twenty-ninth day of May in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of the Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God of England, France & Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith etc.

The condition of this recognizance is such that if the above-bound the right honourable Edward, Earl of Oxenford, his heirs, executors and administrators and every of them for his and their part do at all times hereafter and from time to time well and truly observe, perform, fulfil and keep all and every the covenants, grants, articles and agreements which on his and their or any of their parts or behalf are or ought to be observed, performed or kept comprised or specified in a certain pair of indentures bearing date the eight and twentieth day of this instant month of May in the year above-written made between him the said Earl, on thone party and the above-named Thomas Barfoot, Thomas Luther and Anthony Luther on thother party according to the tenor, purport, effect and plain meaning of the same indentures, that then this present recognizance shall be utterly void and of none effect, or else to stand in full strength and virtue.

LM: Recognitio inter Oxonie Comitem et Barfoote

1 Edwardus de Vere Comes Oxenforde magnus Camerarius Anglie Vicecomes Bulbeck & Dominus

2 de Badlesmere & Scales coram domina Regina in Cancellaria sua personaliter constitutus recognouit se

3 debere Thome Barfoote de Lamborne in Comitatu Essex Generoso Thome Luther de Stapleford Tawney

4 in dicto Comitatu yoman & Anthonio Luther filio dicti Thome Luther Mille libras bone & legalis monete

5 Anglie Soluendas eisdem Thome Thome & Anthonio aut eorum alicui vel eorum executorum attornatorum vel assignatorum

6 siue eorum aliquorum vel alicuius in ffesto Natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste proxime futuro post datum huius

7 Recognicionis Et nisi fecerit concessit &c quod tunc &c Teste ipsa domina Regina apud Westmonasterium vicesimo nono

8 die Maij Anno regni domine Elizabethhe dei gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c vicesimo quarto