

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine of 18 November 1583 by which clear title to twelve knights' fees and 30 shillings' rent passed from Oxford to Peter Palmer for £100. In a deed poll in 1588 he is described as Peter Palmer of Lincoln's Inn, gentleman (see ERO D/DMY/15M50/395). Of the seventeen towns and villages mentioned in the fine, the first thirteen are in Essex, the next two are unknown, and the last two are in Hertfordshire. For a list of 103 knights' fees belonging to the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford at his death, some of which correspond to the knights' fees conveyed in the document below, see SP 12/26/49, ff. 105-11.

This is the final agreement made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster on the octave of Saint Martin 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 [=18 November 1583], before Edmund Anderson, Thomas Meade, Francis Wyndham & William Periam, justices, & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between Peter Palmer, esquire, querent, and Edward, Earl of Oxford, deforciant, of twelve knights' fees & thirty shillings' rent with the appurtenances in Salcott Virley, Wormingford alias Withermumford, Wenden, Matching, Little Birch, Rivenhall, Abbess Roding, Yardley, Tolleshunt, Margaret Roding, Little Canfield, Great Maplestead, Widdington, Affladwick(?), Braninge(?), Ayot Mountfitchet & Thele Saint Margaret;

Whereof a plea of covenant was summoned between them in the same court, namely that the foresaid Earl acknowledged the foresaid fees & rents with the appurtenances to be the right of himself, Peter, as those which the same Peter has of the gift of the foresaid Earl, and he has remised & quit-claimed them from himself and his heirs to the foresaid Peter and his heirs forever;

And besides the same Earl has granted for himself & his heirs that they will warrant to the foresaid Peter & his heirs the foresaid fees & rents with the appurtenances against the foresaid Earl & his heirs forever;

And for this acknowledgement, remission, quit-claim, warrant, fine & agreement the same Peter has given to the foresaid Earl a hundred pounds sterling.

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1 Hec est finalis Concordia facta in Curia domine Regine apud Westmonasterium in Octabis sancti

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2 Martini Anno regnorum Elizabethae dei gratia Anglie francie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris

3 &c A Conquesto vicesimo sexto coram Edmundo Anderson Thoma Meade francisco Wyddam

4 & Willelmo Peryam Iusticiarijs & alijs domine Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter Petrum

5 Palmer Armigerum querentem et Edwardum Comitem Oxonie deforciantem de duodecim feodis

6 Militarum [sic?] & triginta solidatis redditus cum pertinentijs in Salcott Vyrley Wormuntesforde alias

7 Withermumforde Wendon Machinge Byrche parua Revenhall Abbas Rothing

8 yardley Tolleshunt Margaretth Rothinge Canfield parua magna Maplested

9 Wedington Affladwick Braninge(?) Ayott Mountfitchett & Thele Saint Margaretth

10 Vnde Placitum conuencionis summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem Curia Scilicet quod predictus Comes

11 recognovit predicta feoda & redditus cum pertinentijs esse Ius ipsius Petri Vt illa que idem Petrus

12 habet de dono predicti Comitis et illa remisit & quieteclamavit de se & heredibus suis predicto

13 Petro & heredibus suis Imperpetuum et preterea idem Comes concessit pro se & heredibus suis quod

14 ipsi Warantizabunt predicto Petro & heredibus suis predicta feoda & redditus cum pertinentijs contra predictum

15 Comitem & heredes suos Imperpetuum et pro hac recognitione remissione quieteclamacione Waranto

16 fine & Concordia idem Petrus dedit predicto Comiti Centum libras sterlingorum

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