

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 6 May 1584 by which clear title to the manor of Vaux passed from Oxford to his servant, Israel Amyce, for £300. For the licence dated 2 March 1584 by which Oxford was granted permission to alienate his manor of Vaux to Israel Amyce, see TNA C 66/1248, mm. 22-3.

The manor of Vaux had been among Oxford's manors granted by the Queen to Leicester on 22 October 1563 for the term of Oxford's minority.

By another fine on the same day, 6 May 1584, clear title to the manors of Rayhouse and Cranbrook passed from Israel Amyce and his wife, Martha, to Oxford for £300 (see TNA CP 25/2/132/1693/26ELIZIEASTER, Item 39). It seems likely that the two transactions were related, and involved an exchange of manors for a purpose which is as yet unclear.

This is the final agreement made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster on the quindene of Easter 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 [=6 May 1584], before Edmund Anderson, Thomas Meade, Francis Wyndham & William Periam, justices, & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between Israel Amyce, esquire, querent, and Edward, Earl of Oxford, deforciant, of the manor of Vaux alias Foes with the appurtenances and of ten messuages, five tofts, one dovecot, ten gardens, two hundred & forty acres of arable land, forty acres of meadow, sixty acres of pasture, sixty acres of wood, forty acres of furze & heath & a hundred shillings' rent with the appurtenances in Belchamp Otten, Belchamp Walter, Belchamp St Paul, Little Yeldham, Gestingthorpe & Tilbury;

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

And besides the same Earl has granted for himself & his heirs that they will warrant to the foresaid Israel & his heirs the foresaid manor, tenements & rents with the appurtenances against the foresaid Earl & his heirs, and against the heirs of John, late Earl of Oxford, and against all others claiming by the foresaid Earls & their heirs, forever;

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

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