

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 5 May 1592 by which clear title to Colne Priory passed from Oxford and his second wife, Elizabeth Trentham (d.1612), to Richard Harlakenden for £200. For the licence dated 1 February 1592 authorizing Oxford and his second wife, Elizabeth Trentham, to alienate to Richard Harlakenden the manor of Colne alias Colne Priory in Earls Colne; the site of the late Priory of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint John the Evangelist in Earls Colne; the advowson of the vicarage of the church of Earls Colne; and tithes & view of frankpledge in the towns named in the licence, see TNA C 66/1392, mm. 23-4.

The extant documents indicate that the negotiations for the sale of Colne Priory had been between Oxford and his then servant, Roger Harlakenden (d.1603), and that Oxford had expected Roger Harlakenden to be the actual purchaser. However by indenture dated 7 February 1592 Roger Harlakenden purchased the Priory in the name of his eldest son and heir, Richard Harlakenden (see ERO D/DU/256/1). For Roger Harlakenden's fraud against Oxford in the sale of Colne Priory, see TNA C 78/104, mm. 27-8.

Although fines were usually proclaimed sixteen times, the fine below was proclaimed only four times.

This is the final agreement made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster on the morrow of the Ascension of the Lord 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 [=5 May 1592], before Edmund Anderson, Francis Wyndham, William Peryam & Thomas Walmesley, justices, & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between Richard Harlakenden, gentleman, querent, and Edward, Earl of Oxford, & Elizabeth, his wife, deforciant, of the manor of Colne alias Colne Priory in Colne Comitibus alias Earls Colne with the appurtenances, and the site of the late Priory of Mary the Virgin & Saint John the Evangelist in Colne Comitibus alias Earls Colne with the appurtenances, and also twenty messuages, two mills, twenty gardens, twenty orchards, four hundred acres of land, one hundred & twenty acres of meadow, three hundred acres of pasture, three hundred acres of wood, one hundred acres of moor & eighty shillings rent with the appurtenances in Earls Colne alias Colne Comitibus, Aldham, Lavenham, Sible Hedingham, Great Maplestead, Little Maplestead, Bures ad Montem alias Mount Bures, Halstead, Colne Engaine, White Colne, Colne Wake & Great Tey, and also the rectory of Earls Colne alias Colne Comitibus with the appurtenances, and the advowson of the vicarage of the church of Earls Colne alias Colne Comitibus, and also all & all manner of tithes, portions, pensions, oblations & obventions whatsoever growing, resulting or renewing in the parishes of Colne Engaine, Colne Comitibus alias Earls Colne, Great Tey alias Much Tey, Aldham, Halstead, Sible Hedingham, Great Maplestead, Bures ad Montem alias Mount Bures, and also view of frankpledge & whatever to view of frankpledge belongs with the appurtenances in Earls Colne alias Colne Comitibus, White Colne, Colne Wake, Colne Engaine, Fordham, Feering, Aldham, Much Tey, Little Tey,

Coggeshall, Markshall, Stisted, Halstead, Great Maplestead, Little Maplestead, Pebmarsh & Bures ad Montem alias Mount Bures;

Whereof a plea of covenant was summoned between them in the same court, namely that the foresaid Earl & Elizabeth acknowledged the foresaid manor, site, tenements, rectory, tithes, portions, pensions, oblations, obventions & view of frankpledge with the appurtenances and the advowson aforesaid to be the right of the same Richard as those which the same Richard has of the gift of the foresaid Earl & Elizabeth, and they have remised & quit-claimed them from themselves, the Earl & Elizabeth, and their heirs to the foresaid Richard and his heirs forever;

And besides the same Earl & Elizabeth have granted for themselves & the heirs of the same Earl that they will warrant to the foresaid Richard & his heirs the foresaid manor, site, tenements, rectory, tithes, portions, pensions, oblations, obventions & view of frankpledge with the appurtenances and the advowson aforesaid against all men forever;

And for this acknowledgement, remission, quit-claim, warrant, fine & agreement the same Richard has given to the foresaid Earl & Elizabeth two hundred marks sterling.

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According to the form of the statute, the first proclamation was made on the eighth day of May in Easter term in the thirty-fourth year of the within-written Queen;

The second proclamation was made on the thirtieth day of May in Trinity term in the thirty-fourth year of the within-written Queen;

The third proclamation was made on the tenth day of November in Michaelmas term in the thirty-fourth year of the within-written Queen;

The fourth proclamation was made on the twenty-fifth day of January in Hilary term in the thirty-fifth year of the within-written Queen.

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14 quietaclamacione Waranto fine & Concordia idem Richardus dedit predictis Comiti & Elizabethhe Ducentas libras sterlingorum

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Secundum formam statuti

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Secunda proclamatio facta fuit tricesimo die Maij termino sancte Trinitatis Anno tricesimo quarto Regine infrascripte

Tercio proclamatio facta fuit decimo die Novembris termino sancti Michaelis Anno tricesimo quarto Regine infrascripte

Quarta proclamatio facta fuit vicesimo quinto die Ianuarij termino sancte Hillarij Anno tricesimo quinto Regina infrascripte

Examinatus