

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine, dated 11 June 1582, in the Court of Common Pleas by which clear title to thirty messuages and other property in the parish of St Botolph without Bishopsgate passed to Oxford from Richard Wolriche and his wife, Anne. For the copy on the patent rolls, dated 10 November 1602, of the Queen's pardon of alienation to Oxford for having purchased these properties from Richard Wolriche and his wife, Anne, in 1582, see TNA C 66/1580, m. 17.

The lands in question had been the property of Jasper Fisher (d.1579), whose London mansion, Fisher's Folly, Oxford owned from circa 1580 until 1588. According to his inquisition post mortem taken at the Guildhall on 10 November 1580, Fisher's heirs were two female cousins, Katherine Norwood, widow, and Anna Woulrytche, wife of Richard Woulrytche, the daughters and heirs of Cecily Taylor, late wife of Robert Taylor and sister of John Fisher, father of the said Jasper Fisher, both of whom were aged 40 years and more at the time of the taking of the inquisition.

Of the properties left by Jasper Fisher, the inquisition states:

*Jasper Fysshier was seised in his demesne as of fee of 1 capital messuage with all the buildings, yards, gardens, &c., thereto belonging, situate at Bishopsgate, London, which formerly were the 6 gardens late purchased of Martin Bowes, Knight, deceased, and of Thomas Bowes and Martin Bowes his sons, and of William Clopton, esq.; all that alley called Toddes Alley with all the houses, &c., within the same; and divers cottages, orchards, gardens, lands, &c., situate in the parish of St. Botolph without Bisshopsgate in London, now or late in the several tenures of Nicholas Parkinson and Robert Egles: which said alley and other the premises last mentioned were late of Christopher Campyon and afterwards of Nicholas Culverwell, and by him conveyed to the said Jasper Fysher and his heirs; and 9 gardens now reduced into one with certain cottages or tenements in Houndesdytche within the said parish of St. Botolph with the gardens thereto adjoining, now or late in the tenure of the said Jasper Fysshier, John Goodwyn, Knight, William Savage, Thomas Milles, Robert Medcaulf, Edward Strete, John Powell, — Goustone, widow, Henry Glyne alias Glyme, Nicholas Hollidaye, Thomas Maynerd, Christopher Lawrence, Hugh Wattes alias Walker, William Nicholls and John Wilkensonne: which said gardens and tenements were late purchased of William Ryges and William Bugberd, gentlemen.*

*The capital messuage and other the premises lately purchased of Martin Bowes are held in free burgage of the city of London, and are worth per ann., clear, £20. The said alley and other the premises late purchased of Christopher Campyon and Nicholas Culverwell are held of the Queen in chief, by knight's service, but by what part of a knight's fee the jurors do not know, and are worth per ann., clear, £5. The tenements, gardens, &c., late purchased of William Ryges and William Bugberd are held of the Queen as of her manor of East Greenwich in co. Kent, by fealty only, in free socage and not in chief, and are worth per ann., clear, £5.*

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See 'Inquisitions: 1580', Abstracts of Inquisitiones Post Mortem for the City of London: Part 3 (1908), pp. 19-32. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=65888>.

For the will of Jasper Fisher (d.1579), see TNA PROB 11/61, ff. 362-3.

This is the final agreement made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster on the morrow of Holy 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 the twenty-fourth [=11 June 1582] before Edmund Anderson, Thomas Meade, Francis Wyndham & William Peryam, justices, & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between Edward, Earl of Oxford, Great Chamberlain of England, querent, and Richard Wolryche & Anna, his wife, deforciant, of thirty messuages, twenty cottages, twenty tofts, thirty gardens, ten orchards and the moiety of one reservoir & the water-pipes of lead belonging to the same reservoir with the appurtenances in the parish of Saint Botolph without Bishopgate, London;

Whereof a plea of covenant was summoned between them in the same court, namely that the foresaid Richard & Anne acknowledged the foresaid tenements & moiety with the appurtenances to be the right of the same Earl, and remised & quit-claimed them from the same Richard & Anne & their heirs to the foresaid Earl & his heirs forever;

And besides the same Richard & Anne have granted for themselves & the heirs of the same Anne that they will warrant to the foresaid Earl & his heirs the foresaid tenements & moiety with the appurtenances against the foresaid Richard & Anne & the heirs of the same Anne forever;

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

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According to the form of the statute the first proclamation was made on the twenty-seventh day of June in Trinity term in the twenty-fourth year of the within-written Queen;

The second proclamation on the thirtieth day of June in the same term;

The third proclamation on the second day of July in the same term;

The fourth proclamation on the fourth day of July in the same term.

The fifth proclamation was made on the twenty-first day of November in Michaelmas term in the twenty-fifth year of the within-written Queen;

The sixth proclamation on the twenty-third day of November in the same term;

The seventh proclamation on the twenty-sixth day of November in the same term;

The eighth proclamation on the twenty-eighth day of November in the same term.

The ninth proclamation was made on the fifth day of February in Hilary term in the twenty-fifth year of the within-written Queen;

The tenth proclamation on the seventh day of February in the same term;

The eleventh proclamation on the ninth day of February in the same term;

The twelfth proclamation on the twelfth day of February in the same term.

The thirteenth proclamation was made on the sixth day of May in Easter term in the twenty-fifth year of the within-written Queen;

The fourteenth proclamation on the eighth day of May in the same term;

The fifteenth proclamation on the tenth day of May in the same term;

The sixteenth proclamation on the thirteenth day of May in the same term.

1 Hec est finalis concordia facta in Curia Domine Regine apud Westmonasterium in Crastino Sancte Trinitatis Anno regnorum Elizabethe dei

2 gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c a Conquesto vicesimo quarto coram Edmundo Anderson Thoma Meade

3 ffrancisco Wyndam & Willelmo Peryam Iusticiarijs & alijs domine Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter Edwardum Comitem

4 Oxonie magnum Camerarium Anglie querentem et Richardum Wolryche & Annam vxorem eius deforciantes de triginti mesuagijs viginti

5 Cotagijs viginti toftis triginta gardinis decem pomarijs ac de medietate vnus Castelli & Canaliu Plumbi

6 eidem Castello spectantium cum pertinentijs in parochia sancti Botolphi extra Bisshoppigate London vnde Placitum conuencionis

7 summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem Curia Scilicet quod predicti Richardus & Anna recognoverunt predicta tenementa & medietatem cum pertinentijs esse ius

8 ipsius Comitis Et illa remiserunt & quieteclamaverunt de ipsis Richardo & Anna & heredibus suis predicto Comiti & heredibus suis Imperpetuum

9 Et preterea ijdem Richardus & Anna concesserunt pro se & heredibus ipsius Anne quod ipsi Warantizabunt predicto Comiti & heredibus suis

10 predicta tenementa & medietatem cum pertinentijs contra predictos Richardum & Annam & heredes ipsius Anne Imperpetuum Et pro hac recognicione

11 remissione quietaclamacione Waranto fine & concordia Idem Comes dedit predictis Richardo & Anne sexcentas libras

12 sterlingorum

London

Secundum formam statuti

Prima proclamatio facta fuit vicesimo septimo die Iunij Termino sancte Trinitatis Anno vicesimo quarto Regine infrascripte

secunda proclamatio tricesimo die Iunij eodem termino

tercia proclamatio secundo die Iulij eodem termino

quarta proclamatio quarto die Iulij eodem termino

Quinta proclamatio facta fuit vicesimo primo die Novembris termino sancti Michaelis Anno vicesimo quinto Regine infrascripte

sexta proclamatio vicesimo tercio die Novembris eodem termino

septima proclamatio vicesimo sexto die Novembris eodem termino

octava proclamatio vicesimo octauo die Novembris eodem termino

Nona proclamatio facta fuit quinto die ffebruarij Termino sancti Hillarij Anno Vicesimo quinto Regine infrascripte

decima proclamatio septimo die ffebruarij eodem termino

Vndecima proclamatio nono die ffebruarij eodem termino

duodecima proclamatio duodecimo die ffebruarij eodem termino

Terciadecima proclamatio facta fuit sexto die Maij Termino Pasche Anno vicesimo quinto Regine infrascripte

quartadecima proclamatio octauo die Maij eodem termino

quintadecima proclamatio decimo die Maij eodem termino

sextadecima proclamatio terciodecimo die Maij eodem termino