

SUMMARY: The document below is a note of the lands which comprised the jointure of Margery Golding (d.1568), Countess of Oxford, and their annual rental values. It likely formed part of the documentation in preparation for the Queen's lawsuit against Oxford in 1570-1 in which the Queen claimed the revenues from Margery Golding's jointure from the time of the Countess' death on 2 December 1568 until Oxford came of age on 12 April 1571. For the legal arguments and judgment in that lawsuit, see Dyer's report under the year 1571 on the Documents page on this website. In TNA WARD 8/13, prepared in late 1564, the Countess' jointure had been valued at £444 15s. The present document indicates that the value of the Countess' jointure circa 1570 was £468 22d. Its value in 1570 was thus very close to its value in 1564, taking into account the improvement of £20 which the Countess had made in the value of the manor of Willaston noted in the memorandum below. It is also worth noticing that, according to the memorandum, Robert Christmas, while in Leicester's service, had continued to receive an annuity of £20 out of the manor of Willaston after the 16th Earl's death, despite the fact that the manor formed part of the Countess' jointure.

The jointure of the late Countess of Oxenford

Essex

The manor of Tilbury juxta Clare, per annum	£37 vltra parcum ibidem
The manors of Barwicks & Scotneys, per annum	£32 5s 5-1/2d
The manor of Easton Hall, per annum	£13 6s 8d
The manor of Netherhall in Gestingthorpe, per annum	£12
Brownes tenement in Toppesfield	57s
Paynes tenement in Pentlow	60s
Garnons in Tendring	60s
The manor of Downham, per annum	£32
The manor of Fingrith Hall, per annum	£41 9s 2d
The manor of Gibcrack, per annum	£32 11s

Cambridge

The manor of Fowlmere	£39 18s 5-1/2d
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Cheshire

The manor of Warmingham	£55 5s 10d
The manor of North Rode	£19 13s 11d
The manor of Blacon	£15 10s
The manor of Ashton	£21 16s 8d
The manor of Willaston & th' east gate of Westchester, per annum	£26 7s 8d

Northamptonshire

The manor of Easton Maudit	£24
The manor of Marston Trussell	£23
The manor of Thorpe Malford	£17

Warwickshire

The manor of Bilton, per annum	£16
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Totals by estimation by year £468 22d.

Memorandum. I am informed the said late Countess did improve the manor of Willaston in the county of Cheshire twenty pounds by year, for the which Mr Christmas hath yearly out of the premises by letters patents of the gift of the late Earl of Oxenford during his life twenty pounds by year.