

SUMMARY: This note dates from after Oxford's mother's death in 1568, and records the lands in her jointure and their values. It likely formed part of the documentation in Oxford's lawsuit against the Queen in 1570-1 for the revenues from those lands which the Queen had claimed as part of Oxford's wardship after his mother's death. For the lawsuit, see PRO WARD 9/518. In WARD 8/13, prepared in late 1564, the Countess' jointure had been valued at £444 15s. The note below indicates that the value of the Countess' jointure circa 1570-1 was £468 22d. Its value in 1570-1 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 Worleston noted in the memorandum below. It is also worth noticing that, according to the memorandum, Robert Christmas had continued to receive a £20 annuity out of the manor of Worleston 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 Pentlowe	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 Worleston & 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 Worleston 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.

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