

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the Close Rolls of a recognizance in the amount of £800 acknowledged by Oxford to John Shuckburgh of Birdingbury, one of the six Clerks in Chancery, on 19 May 1580 in connection with indentures dated 16 May 1580 for the sale of the manor of Bilton.

See also:

'Parishes: Bilton', A History of the County of Warwick: Volume 6: Knightlow hundred (1951), pp. 30-35. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=57089>

*In 1481 Sir William Trussell died seised of the manor, which was valued at £14 and was stated to be held of the Prior and Convent of Barnwell, Cambridgeshire. At this time his son Edward was only 2 years old, and the manor came into the king's hands. He died in 1499 when his daughter and ultimate heiress Elizabeth was still a minor, and his son John died, holding the manor of the Prior of Barnwell, in 1500. Elizabeth was granted in wardship to John Vere, afterwards 15th Earl of Oxford, in 1507, whose second wife she became, and to whose family the manor of Bilton passed for some 70 years. In 1574 Edward, Earl of Oxford, leased it to John, Lord Darcy, and in 1580 he sold it to John Shuckburgh, who immediately leased it to Edward Cordell. John Shuckburgh died in 1599, having by deed of 8 November 1595 settled the manor on his sons Henry and Francis in tail male successively.*

LM: Recognizance between the Earl of Oxford and Shuckburgh

Edward Earl of Oxford, having appeared personally before the Lady Queen in her Chancery, acknowledged himself to owe to John Shuckburgh of Birdingbury in the county of Warwick, esquire, eight hundred pounds of lawful money of England, to be paid to the same John Shuckburgh or his designated attorney, executors or assigns on the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel next to come after the date of this recognizance;

And if he shall not have done [+so], the foresaid Earl wishes & grants for himself, his heirs, executors & administrators that the said sum of money be levied of all his lands, tenements, goods & chattels to the use & behoof of the same John, his heirs & assigns, wheresoever they may be found;

Witness the Queen at Westminster on the nineteenth day of May in the twenty-second year of the reign of our said Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God of England, France & Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith etc.

The condition of this recognizance is such that if the above-bounden Edward, Earl of Oxenford, his heirs, executors and assigns and every of them do well and truly for his and

their parts hold, observe, perform, fulfil and keep all and singular the covenants, grants, articles and agreements contained and specified in a pair of indentures bearing date the sixteenth day of May last past made between the said Earl on the one party and the above-named John Shuckburgh on thother party, except such covenants in the same indentures specified as do concern the delivery of evidences, which on the part and behalf of the said Earl, his heirs, executors and assigns and every of them are to be holden, observed, performed, fulfilled and kept, except before excepted, according to the intent and true meaning of the same indentures, that then this present recognizance to be void and of none effect, or else it to stand in full force, effect and virtue.

LM: Recognitio inter Oxonie Comitem et Shuckburghe

1 Edwardus Comes Oxonie coram domina Regina in Cancellaria sua personaliter constitutus recognouit se debere Iohanni Shuckburghe

2 de Byrdingburie in Comitatu Warruici Armigero octingentas libras legalis monete Anglie soluendas eidem Iohanni Shuckburghe

3 aut suo certo Attornato executoribus vel assignatis suis in ffesto sancti Michaelis Archangeli proxime futuro post datum huius recognicionis

4 Et nisi fecerit predictus Comes vult & concedit pro se heredibus executoribus & administratoribus suis quod dicta pecunie summa leuetur

5 de omnibus terris tenementis bonis & catallis suis ad opus & vsum ipsius Iohannis heredum & assignatorum suorum vbicumque fuerint inuentis Teste Regina apud

6 Westmonasterium decimo nono die Maij Anno regni dicte domine nostre Elizabethhe dei gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c

7 vicesimo secundo