

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the Close Rolls of a recognizance in the amount of £1100 acknowledged by Oxford to Thomas Barfoot (d.1591/2) of Lambourne, Thomas Luther (d.1586) of Stapleford Tawney, Edmund Taverner & John Collen on 2 October 1574 in connection with indentures dated 1 October 1574 for a lease and the sale of timber in Colne Park. This lease and sale of timber in Colne Park is mentioned by Roger Harlakenden (d.1603), who later purchased Colne Park from Oxford:

In the 17th year of her Majesty's reign [=1574-5] th' Earl of Oxenford demised Colne Park for 21 years to Masters Barfoot and Luther, reserving £80 rent, and selleth to the said Barfoot and Luther all the wood and timber upon the said park excepting a small number for reparations and boots.

See BL Lansdowne 77/81, f. 198.

By 1547 the manor of Lambourne had passed to Robert Barfoot, a member of the Mercers' Company, who died in that year (see TNA C 142/84/55). Robert's successor was his son Thomas. The manor descended in the Barfoot family until 1733.

See 'Lambourne: Manors', A History of the County of Essex: Volume 4: Ongar Hundred (1956), pp. 76-81. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=15568>

For a later recognizance in the amount of £1000 acknowledged by Oxford to Thomas Barfoot (d.1591/2) of Lambourne, gentleman, Thomas Luther (d.1586) of Stapleford Tawney, yeoman, and his son, Anthony Luther, on 29 May 1582 in connection with indentures of 28 May 1582 for the sale of property, see TNA C 54/1146, Part 26.

For the will of Thomas Barfoot, dated 4 February 1591 and proved 8 April 1592, see TNA PROB 11/79, ff. 232-3.

For the will of Thomas Luther, dated 21 March 1586 and proved 16 May 1586, see TNA PROB 11/69, ff. 201-2. In the will, Thomas Luther mentions 'my sister, Anne Taverner, widow,' which suggests that the Edmund Taverner mentioned in this recognizance was the husband of Thomas Luther's sister, Anne Luther.

This recognizance is also mentioned in TNA PRO 30/34/14, No. 3.

LM: Recognizance between the Earl of Oxford & Barfoot and others

Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford, Great Chamberlain of England, Viscount Bulbeck & Lord of Badlesmere & Scales, having appeared personally before the Lady Queen in her Chancery, acknowledged himself to owe to Thomas Barfoot, gentleman, Thomas Luther, Edmund Taverner & John Collen one thousand & one hundred pounds of good & lawful

money of England, to be paid to the same Thomas, Thomas, Edmund & John or their or either of their designated attorney, executors or assigns on the feast of All Saints next to come;

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

Witness the said Lady Queen at Westminster on the second day of October in the sixteenth 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 th' above-bounden Edward, Earl of Oxenford, his heirs, executors and assigns, do well and truly for his and their parts hold, observe, perform, fulfil and keep all and singular the covenants, grants, clauses, promises and agreements comprised and specified in a pair of indentures bearing date the first day of this present month of October made between the said Earl on thone party and th' above-named Thomas Barfoot, Thomas Luther, Edmund Taverner & John Collen on thother party which on the part and behalf of the said Earl, his heirs & assigns [-and assigns] are to be holden, observed, performed, fulfilled & kept according to the tenor, purport, effect and true meaning of the same indentures, that then this present recognizance to be void & of none effect, or else it to stand and abide in full force, effect & strength.

LM: Recognitio inter Comitem Oxonie & Barfoot et alias

1 Edwardus de Vere Comes Oxonie magnus Camerarius Anglie vicecomes Bulbecke & dominus de Badlessmere

2 & Scales coram domina Regina in Cancellaria sua personaliter constitutus recognovit se debere Thome

3 Barfott Generoso Thome Luter Edwardo Tauerner & Iohanni Collen Mille & Centum libras bone & legalis

4 monete Anglie Soluendas eisdem Thome Thome Edwardo & Iohanni aut eorum alteri siue eorum certo Attornato executoribus vel

5 assignatis suis in festo omnium sanctorum proxime futuro Et nisi fecerit predictus Comes Oxonie vult & concedit pro se heredibus executoribus

6 et assignatis suis quod dicta pecunie summa leuetur & recuperetur de omnibus & singulis terris tenementis bonis & cattallis

7 ipsius Comitis ac heredum & assignatorum suorum ad opus & vsum ipsorum Thome Thome Edwardi & Iohannis executorum

8 & administratorum suorum vbicumque inuentis fuerint Teste dicta domina Regina apud Westmonasterium secundo die

9 Octobris Anno regni dicte domine nostre Elizabethhe dei gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c sextodecimo