

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine of 20 January 1577 by which clear title to the manor of Battles Hall in Essex passed from Oxford to his friend and kinsman, Charles Arundel, and was returned to Oxford by Arundel. Under the Act of Parliament of 23 January 1552 under which the 16th Earl's lands were restored to him after Somerset's fraud and extortion, the 16th Earl's brother Aubrey Vere had been given a life estate in Battles Hall (see WARD 8/13 and HL/PO/PB/1/1551/5E6n35). By the 16th Earl's indenture of 2 June 1562, the reversionary interest in Battles Hall came to Oxford and his heirs (see PRO C 54/626). It seems likely that Oxford's uncle Aubrey Vere had died by 1577, and that the fine was a means of regularizing Oxford's title to the property. Proclamation of the fine was made sixteen times, beginning on 5 February 1577 and ending on 28 November 1577. For Oxford's later sale of the manor of Battles Hall to John Byrd by a fine of 18 April 1580, see CP 25/2/131/1677/22ELIZIEASTER, Item 9).

This is the final agreement made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster on the octave of Hilary 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 nineteenth [=20 January 1577], before James Dyer, Richard Harper, Roger Manwood & Robert Monson, justices, & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between Charles Arundel, esquire, querent, and Edward, Earl of Oxenford, deforciant, of the manor of Battishall alias Battles Hall with the appurtenances, and of two messuages, two cottages, six tofts, six gardens, six orchards, three hundred acres of arable land, forty acres of meadow, one hundred acres of pasture, forty acres of wood, three hundred acres of furze & heath, ten pounds of rent & common of pasture with the appurtenances in Stapleford Abbots;

Whereof a plea of covenant was summoned between them in the same court, namely that the foresaid Earl has acknowledged the foresaid manor, tenements, rents & common of pasture with the appurtenances to be the right of himself, Charles, as those which the same Charles has of the gift of the foresaid Earl, and he has remised & quit-claimed them from himself & his heirs to the foresaid Charles & his heirs forever;

And besides the same Earl has granted for himself & his heirs that they will warrant to the foresaid Charles & his heirs the foresaid manor, tenements, rents & common of pasture with the appurtenances against the foresaid Earl & his heirs forever;

And for this acknowledgement, remission, quit-claim, warrant, fine & agreement the same Charles has granted to the foresaid Earl the foresaid manor, tenements, rents & common of pasture with the appurtenances, and has restored them to him in the same court, to have & to hold to the same Earl & his heirs of the chief lords of that fee by the services which appertain to the foresaid manor, tenements, rents & common of pasture forever.

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According to the form of the statute the first proclamation was made on the fifth day of February in Hilary term in the nineteenth year of the within-written Queen;

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

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

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

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

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

The seventh proclamation on the seventeenth day of May in the same term;

The eighth proclamation on the twentieth day of May in the same term.

The ninth proclamation was made on the eighteenth day of June in Trinity term in the nineteenth year of the within-written Queen;

The tenth proclamation on the twentieth day of June in the same term;

The eleventh proclamation on the twenty-second day of June in the same term;

The twelfth proclamation on the twenty-sixth day of June in the same term.

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

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

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

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

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1 Hec est finalis Concordia facta in Curia Domine Regine Apud Westmonasterium in Octabis sancti Hillarij Anno

2 regnorum Elizabethe dei gratia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c A Conquesto decimo

3 nono Coram Iacobo Dyer Ricardo Harpur Rogero Manwood & Roberto Mounson Iusticiarijs & alijs

4 domine Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter Carolum Arundell Armigerum querentem et Edwardum

5 Comitem Oxonie deforciantem de Manerio de Battyshall alias Battylshall cum pertinentijs Ac de duobus

6 mesuagijs duobus Cotagijs sex toftis sex gardinis sex pomarijs trescentis acris terre quadraginta

7 acris prati Centum acris pasture quadraginta acris bosci trescentis acris iamprorum & bruere decem

8 libratis redditus & Communia pasture cum pertinentijs in Stapleford Abbott Vnde Placitum conuencionis

9 summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem Curia Scilicet quod predictus Comes recognovit predicta Manerium tenementa redditus

10 & Communiam pasture cum pertinentijs esse ius ipsius Caroli Vt illa que idem Carolus habet de dono

11 predicti Comitis Et illa remisit & quieteclamavit de se & heredibus suis predicto Carolo & heredibus suis

12 Imperpetuum Et preterea idem Comes concessit pro se & heredibus suis quod ipsi Warantizabunt predicto Carolo &

13 heredibus suis predicta Manerium tenementa redditus & Communiam pasture cum pertinentijs contra predictum Comitem

14 & Heredes suos Imperpetuum Et pro hac recognicione remissione quietaclamacione Waranto fine & Concordia

15 Idem Carolus concessit predicto Comiti predicta Manerium tenementa redditus & Communiam pasture cum pertinentijs

16 Et illa ei reddidit in eadem Curia habenda & tenenda eidem Comiti & heredibus suis

17 De Capitalibus dominis feodi illius per seruicia que ad(?) predicta Manerium tenementa redditus & Communiam pasture

18 pertinent Imperpetuum

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Secundum formam statuti

Prima proclamatio facta fuit quinto die ffebruarij termino sancti Hillarij Anno decimo nono Regine infrascripte

secunda proclamatio septimo die ffebruarij eodem termino

tercia proclamatio nono die ffebruarij eodem termino

quarta proclamatio duodecimo die ffebruarij eodem termino

Quinta proclamatio facta fuit terciodecimo die Maij termino Pasche Anno decimo nono Regine infrascripte

sexta proclamatio quartodecimo die Maij eodem termino

septima proclamatio decimo septimo die Maij eodem termino

octaua proclamatio vicesimo die Maij eodem termino

Nona proclamatio facta fuit decimo octauo die Iunij termino sancti Trinitatis anno decimo nono Regine infrascripte

decima proclamatio vicesimo die Iunij eodem termino

vndecima proclamatio vicesimo secundo die Iunij eodem termino

duodecima proclamatio vicesimo sexto die Iunij eodem termino

Terciadecima proclamatio facta fuit vicesimo primo die Novembris Termino sancti Michaelis Anno vicesimo Regine infrascripte

quartadecima proclamatio vicesimo tercio die Novembris eodem termino

quintadecima proclamatio vicesimo sexto die Novembris eodem termino

sextadecima proclamatio vicesimo octavo die Novembris eodem termino

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