

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine of 9 February and 6 May 1579 by which clear title to the manor of Langdon Hills in Essex passed from Oxford to Thomas Mildmay for £310. Lands in Langdon Hills had been among Oxford's properties granted by the Queen to Leicester on 22 October 1563 for the term of Oxford's minority, and the feodary John Glascock's survey of 1562 indicates that they were leased to Thomas Mildmay at that time (see WARD 8/13 and ERO D/DU 65/72). The Thomas Mildmay to whom Oxford sold the manor of Langdon Hills would appear to have been Sir Thomas Mildmay (d.1608) of Moulsham Hall in Essex, eldest son of Thomas Mildmay (d.1567) of Moulsham Hall and Bishops Hall, sheriff of Essex and Hertfordshire. His uncle was Sir Walter Mildmay (d.1589), Chancellor of the Exchequer.

This is the final agreement made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster on the octave of the Purification of Blessed Mary 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 twenty-first [=9 February 1579], before James Dyer, Robert Monson & Thomas Meade, justices, and afterwards on the quindene of Easter [=6 May 1579] in the abovesaid year of the reigns of the same Queen Elizabeth there granted & recorded before the same justices & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between Thomas Mildmay, gentleman, querent, and Edward, Earl of Oxenford, deforciant, of the manor of Langdon Hills with the appurtenances, and of two messuages, two gardens, three hundred acres of arable land, twenty acres of meadow, sixty acres of pasture, forty acres of wood & ten shillings rent with the appurtenances in Langdon Hills, Laindon, Dunton & Horndon on the Hill;

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

And besides the same Earl has granted for himself & his heirs that they will warrant to the foresaid Thomas & his heirs the foresaid manor & tenements with the appurtenances against all men forever;

And for this acknowledgement, remission, quit-claim, warrant, fine & agreement the same Thomas has given to the foresaid Earl three hundred & ten pounds sterling.

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According to the form of the statute the first proclamation was made on the twenty-fifth day of May in Easter term in the twenty-first year of the within-written Queen;

The second proclamation on the twenty-seventh day of May in the same term;

The third proclamation on the thirtieth day of May in the same term;

The fourth proclamation on the first day of June in the same term.

The fifth proclamation was made on the second day of July in Trinity term in the twenty-first year of the within-written Queen;

The sixth proclamation on the fourth day of July in the same term;

The seventh proclamation on the sixth day of July in the same term;

The eighth proclamation on the eighth day of July in the same term.

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

The tenth proclamation on the twenty-fourth day of November in the same term;

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

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

The thirteenth proclamation was made on the sixth day of February in Hilary term in the twenty-second year of the within-written Queen;

The fourteenth proclamation on the eighth day of February in the same term;

The fifteenth proclamation on the tenth day of February in the same term;

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

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1 Hec est finalis concordia facta in Curia Domine Regine apud Westmonasterium in Octabis Purificacionis

2 beate Marie Anno regnorum Elizabethhe dei gratia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei

3 defensoris &c A Conquesto vicesimo primo coram Iacobo Dyer Roberto Mounson & Thoma

4 Meade Iusticiarijs & Et Postea A die Pasche in quindecim dies Anno regnorum eiusdem

5 Regine Elizabethhe supradicto ibidem concessa & recordata coram eisdem Iusticiarijs & alijs

6 domine Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter Thomam Myldmay Generosum querentem

7 et Edwardum Comitem Oxonie deforciantem de Manerio de Langdon Hylles cum pertinentijs

8 Ac de duobus mesuagijs duobus gardinis trescentis acris terre viginti acris prati

9 sexaginta acris pasture quadraginta acris bosci & decem solidatis redditibus cum

10 pertinentijs in Langdon Hylles Layndon Dunton & Hornedon super Montem Vnde

11 Placitum conuencionis summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem Curia Scilicet quod predictus Comes

12 recognovit predicta Manerium & tenementa cum pertinentijs esse ius ipsius Thome Vt illa que idem Thomas

13 habet de dono predicti Comitis Et illa remisit & quieteclamavit de se & heredibus suis

14 predicto Thome & heredibus suis Imperpetuum Et preterea idem Comes concessit pro se &

15 heredibus suis quod ipsi Warantizabunt predicto Thome & heredibus suis predicta Manerium & tenementa

16 cum pertinentijs contra omnes homines Imperpetuum Et pro hac recognitione remissione quietaclamacione

17 Waranto fine & concordia Idem Thomas dedit predicto Comiti trescentas &

18 decem libras sterlingorum

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Secundum formam statuti

Prima proclamatio facta fuit vicesimo quinto die Maij Termino Pasche Anno vicesimo primo Regine infrascripte

secunda proclamatio vicesimo septimo die Maij eodem termino

Tercia proclamatio tricesimo die Maij eodem termino

quarta proclamatio primo die Iunij eodem termino

Quinta proclamatio facta fuit secundo die Iulij Termino sancti Trinitatis Anno vicesimo primo Regine infrascripte

sexta proclamatio quarto die Iulij eodem termino

septima proclamatio sexto die Iulij eodem termino

octava proclamatio octavo die Iulij eodem termino

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

decima proclamatio vicesimo quarto die Novembris eodem termino

undecima proclamatio vicesimo sexto die Novembris eodem termino

duodecima proclamatio vicesimo octavo die Novembris eodem termino

Terciadecima proclamatio facta fuit sexto die february termino sancti Hillarij anno vicesimo secundo Regine infrascripte

quartadecima proclamatio octavo die february eodem termino

quintadecima proclamatio decimo die february eodem termino

sextadecima proclamatio duodecimo die february eodem termino

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