

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine of 15 June 1579 by which clear title to lands in Maldon and Woodham Mortimer in Essex passed from Oxford to William Twedy for £280. Proclamation of the fine was made sixteen times, beginning on 2 July 1579 and ending on 16 May 1580. The William Twedy who purchased these lands from Oxford would appear to have been the William Twedy (d.1605) to whom there is a memorial in Little Sampford church in Essex. The Latin inscription states that he distinguished himself as a military commander, and married, as his second wife, Margaret, the daughter of Rooke Green, esquire, of Little Sampford (see <http://www.tweedie.org/im041.htm>). For Oxford's later sale of the manor of Maldon to William Twedy by a fine of 18 April 1580 see CP 25/2/131/1677/22ELIZIEASTER, Item 3.

This is the final agreement made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster on the morrow of Trinity 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 [=15 June 1579], before James Dyer, Robert Monson & Thomas Meade, justices, & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between William Twedy, esquire, querent, and Edward, Earl of Oxenford, Great Chamberlain of England, deforciant, of two messuages, one cottage, one toft, two gardens, two orchards, sixty acres of arable land, fifteen acres of meadow, one hundred acres of pasture, & twelve acres of wood in the parishes of All Saints, St Peter & St. Mary in the town of Maldon & Woodham Mortimer;

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

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

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

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According to the form of the statute the first proclamation was made on the second day of July in Trinity term in the twenty-first year of the within-written Queen;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The thirteenth proclamation was made on the ninth day of May in Easter term in the twenty-second year of the within-written Queen;

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

The fifteenth proclamation on the thirteenth day of May in the same term;

The sixteenth proclamation on the sixteenth day of May in the same term.

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1 Hec est finalis Concordia facta in Curia Domine Regine Apud Westmonasterium in Crastino sancte Trinitatis Anno regnorum

2 Elizabethhe dei gratia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c A Conquesto vicesimo primo coram

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3 Iacobo Dyer Roberto Mounson & Thoma Meade Iusticiarijs & Alijs domine Regine fidelibus tunc ibi

4 presentibus Inter Willelmum Twydie Armigerum querentem et Edwardum Comitem Oxonie Magnum

5 Camerarium Anglie deforciantem de duobus Mesuagijs vno Cotagio vno tofto duobus gardinis duobus

6 pomarijs sexaginta acris terre quindecim acris prati Centum acris pasture & duodecim acris

7 bosci cum pertinentijs in parochijs omnium Sanctorum sancti Petri & sancte Marie in villa de Maldon & Woodham

8 Mortymer Vnde Placitum conuencionis summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem Curia Scilicet quod predictus

9 Comes recognovit predicta tenementa cum pertinentijs esse Ius ipsius Willelmi Vt illa que idem Willelmus habet de

10 dono predicti Comitis Et illa remisit & quieteclamavit de se & heredibus suis predicto Willelmo & heredibus

11 suis Imperpetuum Et preterea Idem Comes concessit pro se & heredibus suis quod ipsi Warantizabunt predicto

12 Willelmo & heredibus suis predicta tenementa cum pertinentijs contra predictum Comitem & heredes suos Imperpetuum Et

13 pro hac recognicione remissione quietaclamacione Waranto fine & Concordia Idem Willelmus dedit predicto

14 Comiti ducentas & octoginta libras sterlingorum

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Secundum formam statuti

Prima proclamatio facta fuit secundo die Iulij termino sancte Trinitatis Anno vicesimo primo Regine infrascripte

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Secunda proclamatio quarto die Iulij eodem termino

tercia proclamatio sexto die Iulij eodem termino

quarta proclamatio octauo die Iulij eodem termino

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

sexta proclamatio vicesimo quarto die Novembris eodem termino

septima proclamatio vicesimo sexto die Novembris eodem termino

octava proclamatio vicesimo octauo die Novembris eodem termino

Nona proclamatio facta fuit sexto die ffebruarij termino sancti Hillarij Anno vicesimo secundo Regine infrascripte

decima proclamatio octauo die ffebruarij eodem termino

vndecima proclamatio decimo die ffebruarij eodem termino

duodecima proclamatio duodecimo die ffebruarij eodem termino

Terciadecima proclamatio facta fuit nono die Maij Termino Pasche Anno vicesimo secundo Regine infrascripte

quartadecima proclamatio vndecimo die Maij eodem termino

quintadecima proclamatio terciodecimo die Maij eodem termino

sextadecima proclamatio sextodecimo die Maij eodem termino

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