

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine of 18 April 1580 by which clear title to the manor of Gobions in Essex passed from Oxford to Edward Lawrence for £600. Gobions had been among Oxford's manors granted by the Queen to Leicester on 22 October 1563 for the term of Oxford's minority. Edward Lawrence may have been the son of the 16th Earl's bailiff of the manor of Gobions, John Lawrence. Proclamation of the fine was made sixteen times, beginning on 9 May 1580 and ending on 13 February 1581.

This is the final agreement made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster on the quindene of Easter 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-second [=18 April 1580], before James Dyer, Thomas Meade & Francis Wyndham, justices, & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between Edward Lawrence, gentleman, querent, and Edward, Earl of Oxenford, Great Chamberlain of England, deforciant, of the manor of Gubions alias Gobions with the appurtenances and of ten messuages, one dovecot, ten gardens, four hundred acres of arable land, one hundred acres of meadow, two hundred acres of pasture, forty acres of wood, twenty acres of furze & heath, one hundred acres of rushes, four hundred acres of marsh & one hundred shillings rent with the appurtenances in East Tilbury, West Tilbury & Mucking, and view of frankpledge with the appurtenances in East Tilbury;

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 & view of frankpledge with the appurtenances to be the right of himself, Edward Lawrence, as those which the same Edward has of the gift of the foresaid Earl, and he has remised & quit-claimed them from himself & his heirs to the foresaid Edward Lawrence & his heirs forever;

And besides the same Earl has granted for himself & his heirs that they will warrant to the foresaid Edward Lawrence & his heirs the foresaid manor, tenements, rents & view of frankpledge against the foresaid Earl & his heirs forever;

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

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

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

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

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

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

The sixth proclamation on the seventeenth day of June in the same term;

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

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

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

The tenth proclamation on the twenty-third 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 seventh day of February in Hilary term in the twenty-third year of the within-written Queen;

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

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

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

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1 Hec est finalis Concordia facta in Curia Domine Regine Apud Westmonasterium A die Pasche in quindecim dies Anno

2 regnorum Elizabethe dei gratia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c A Conquesto vicesimo secundo coram

3 Iacobo Dyer Thoma Meade & ffrancisco Wyndam Iusticiarijs & alijs domine Regine fidelibus tunc ibi

4 presentibus Inter Edwardum Lawrence Generosum querentem et Edwardum Comitem Oxonie Magnum

5 Camerarium Anglie deforciantem de Manerio de Gubbyons alias Gobyons cum pertinentijs ac de decem mesuagijs

6 vno Columbario decem gardinis quadringentis acris terre Centum acris prati ducentis acris

7 pasture quadraginta acris bosci viginti acris iampnorum & bruere Centum acris Iuncarie quadringentis

8 acris Marisci & Centum solidatis redditus cum pertinentijs in Est Tilbury West Tylbury & Mukynge ac de visu

9 ffranci plegij cum pertinentijs in Est Tilbury Vnde Placitum conuencionis summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem Curia

10 Scilicet quod predictus Comes recognovit predicta Manerium tenementa redditus & visum ffranci plegij cum pertinentijs esse Ius

11 ipsius Edwardi Lawrence Vt illa que Idem Edwardus habet de dono predicti Comitis Et illa remisit &

12 quieteclamavit de se & heredibus suis predicto Edwardo Lawrence & heredibus suis Imperpetuum Et preterea Idem Comes

13 concessit pro se & heredibus suis quod ipsi Warantizabunt predicto Edwardo Lawrence & heredibus suis predicta Manerium tenementa

14 redditus & visum ffranci plegij cum pertinentijs contra predictum Comitem & heredes suos Imperpetuum Et pro hac

15 recognicione remissione quietaclamacione Waranto fine & Concordia Idem Edwardus Lawrence dedit predicto

16 Comiti sexcentas libras sterlingorum

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Secundum formam statuti

Prima proclamatio facta fuit Nono die Maij termino Pasche Anno vicesimo secundo Regine infrascripte

Secunda proclamatio vndecimo die Maij eodem termino

Tercia proclamatio terciodecimo die Maij eodem termino

quarta proclamatio sextodecimo die Maij eodem termino

Quinta proclamatio facta fuit quintodecimo die Iunij termino sancte Trinitatis Anno vicesimo secundo Regine infrascripte

sexta proclamatio decimo septimo die Iunij eodem termino

septima proclamatio vicesimo die Iunij eodem termino

octava proclamatio vicesimo secundo die Iunij eodem termino

Nona proclamatio facta fuit vicesimo primo die Novembris termino sancti Michaelis Anno vicesimo tercio Regine infrascripte

decima proclamatio vicesimo tercio die Novembris eodem termino

vndecima proclamatio vicesimo sexto die Novembris eodem Termino

duodecima proclamatio vicesimo octavo die Novembris eodem termino

Terciadecima proclamatio facta fuit septimo die ffebruarij termino sancti Hillarij Anno vicesimo tercio Regine infrascripte

quartadecima proclamatio nono die ffebruarij eodem termino

quintadecima proclamatio vndecimo die ffebruarij eodem termino

sextadecima proclamatio terciodecimo die ffebruarij eodem termino

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