

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine of 30 May 1580 by which clear title to the manor of Fingrith in Essex passed from Oxford to Richard Branthwayte for £200. The manor of Fingrith had been part of the jointure of Oxford's mother, Margery Golding (d.1568). Licence to alienate was granted to Oxford on 1 March 1580 (see C 66/1194, m. 6). See also the deed of bargain and sale between Oxford and Branthwayte (Harvard Law Library BHE3252). It would appear that shortly after the levying of the fine, Branthwayte sold the manor of Fingrith to Sir Walter Mildmay (1520/1-1589), Chancellor of the Exchequer, who apparently purchased it for his son, Humphrey Mildmay (c.1552-1613), who held the manor on 10 December 1591 when an extent was issued against it by the Queen for Oxford's debt to the Court of Wards (see ERO D/DB T92BA). Morant says of this manor:

[The 16th Earl of Oxford's] son Edward, squandering his estates, sold this to Richard Branthwaite, gentleman. But he alienated it again, soon after, to Sir Walter Mildmay, Chancellor of the Exchequer, of whom you have an account under Danbury. His second son, Humfrey, had this estate, and Danbury place. He died 9 August 1613.

See Morant, Philip, *The history and antiquities of the county of Essex*, 2 vols. (London: Osborne, 1768), at vol. II, p. 58.

On 17 September 1580, a few months after the levying of the fine below, Oxford appointed Branthwayte as a member of a council of six officers to whom he gave control over certain of his financial affairs (see ERO D/DRg 2/27). For Richard Branthwayte's will, see TNA PROB 11/84, ff. 336-8.

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-second [=30 May 1580], before James Dyer, Thomas Meade & Francis Wyndham, justices, & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between Richard Branthwayte, gentleman, querent, and Edward, Earl of Oxenford, Great Chamberlain of England, deforciant, of the manor of Fingerith alias Fringrith alias Fingrith Hall with the appurtenances, and of one hundred messuages, one hundred gardens, one thousand acres of arable land, four hundred acres of meadow, eight hundred acres of pasture, two hundred acres of wood, two hundred acres of furze & heath, & ten pounds rent with the appurtenances in Fingrith, Blackmore, Doddinghurst, Shenfield, Thoby, Writtle, Roxwell, Fryerning, Ingatestone, Kelvedon, Margaretting, High Ongar, Stondon & Norton Mandeville, and of one fair in Fingrith;

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 & fair with the appurtenances to be the right of himself, Richard, as those which the same Richard has of

the gift of the foresaid Earl, and he has remised [+&] quit-claimed them from himself & his heirs to the foresaid Richard & his heirs forever;

And besides the same Earl has granted for himself & his heirs that they will warrant to the foresaid Richard & his heirs the foresaid manor, tenements, rents & fair with the appurtenances against the foresaid Earl & his heirs and against the heirs of John, late Earl of Oxenford, father of the foresaid Earl, forever;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The sixteenth proclamation on the eighth 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

2 regnorum Elizabethhe dei gratia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c A conquesto vicesimo

3 secundo coram Iacobo Dyer Thoma Meade & ffrancisco Wyndam Iusticiarijs & Alijs domine Regine

4 fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter Ricardum Branthwaytt generosum querentem et Edwardum Comitem

5 Oxonie Magnum Camerarium Anglie deforciantem de Manerio de ffingrith alias ffingerith alias ffingrith

6 hall cum pertinentijs ac de centum mesuagijs centum gardinis Mille acris terre quadringentis

7 acris prati octingentis acris pasture ducentis acris bosci ducentis acris Iampnorum &

8 bruere & decem libratis redditus cum pertinentijs in ffingrith Blackamore Dodinghurst Shenfeild

9 Thoby Wryttle Rockeswell ffrierninge Ingerston Kelden Margettinge Highehonger

10 Stondon & Norton Mandevyle ac de vno Nundino in ffingrith Vnde Placitum conuencionis

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

12 redditus & Nundinum cum pertinentijs esse Ius ipsius Ricardi Vt illa que idem Ricardus habet de

13 dono predicti Comitis Et illa remisit [+&] quieteclamavit de se & heredibus suis predicto Ricardo &

14 heredibus suis Imperpetuum Et preterea idem Comes concessit pro se & heredibus suis quod ipsi

15 Warantizabunt predicto Ricardo & heredibus suis predicta Manerium tenementa redditus & Nundinum cum pertinentijs

16 contra predictum Comitem & heredes suos Ac contra heredes Johannis nuper Comitis Oxonie patris

17 predicti Comitis Imperpetuum Et pro hac recognitione remissione quietaclamacione Waranto fine & concordia

18 Idem Ricardus dedit predicto Comiti ducentas libras sterlingorum

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Secundum formam statuti

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

Secunda proclamatio decimo septimo die Iunij eodem termino

Tercia proclamatio vicesimo die Iunij eodem termino

quarta proclamatio vicesimo secundo die Iunij eodem termino

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

sexta proclamatio vicesimo tercio die Novembris eodem termino

septima proclamatio vicesimo sexto die Novembris eodem termino

octava proclamatio vicesimo octavo die Novembris eodem termino

Nona proclamatio facta fuit septimo die ffebruarij Termino sancti Hillarij Anno vicesimo tercio Regine infrascripte

decima proclamatio non die ffebruarij eodem termino

vndecima proclamatio vndecimo die ffebruarij eodem termino

duodecima proclamatio terciodecimo die ffebruarij eodem termino

Terciadecima proclamatio facta fuit primo die Maij Termino Pasche Anno vicesimo terciio Regine infrascripte

quartadecima proclamatio terciio die Maij eodem termino

quintadecima proclamatio sexto die Maij eodem termino

sextadecima proclamatio octauo die Maij eodem termino

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