

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 22 May 1581 by which clear title to the manors of Waltons and Netherhall in Essex passed from Oxford to George Golding and his wife, Mary, for £320. Licence authorizing Oxford to alienate the manors of Waltons and Netherhall had been granted on 1 March 1580 (see TNA C 66/1194, m. 16), and there had been an earlier fine of 18 April 1580 involving the same manors (see TNA CP 25/2/131/1677/22ELIZIEASTER, Item 36).

The second fine below includes additional property. With a few exceptions, the additional property included in the second fine appears to consist of property sold by Oxford to Richard Brooke and Nicholas Lambert by indentures of 14 April and by a fine of 18 April (see TNA CP 25/2/131/1677/22ELIZIEASTER, Item 28). It thus appears that Brooke and Lambert transferred their interest in this additional property to Golding, after which the additional property was included in the second fine below. If so, this would provide a rationale for the condition in a recognizance for 1000 marks dated 17 April 1580 by which Oxford is required, for Golding's benefit, to perform the covenants in his indentures of 14 April 1580 with Brooke and Lambert (see TNA C 54/1095, Part 25).

George Golding was Oxford's maternal uncle, the half-brother of Oxford's mother, Margery Golding. He was appointed as Oxford's auditor on 14 January 1572, and a few months after this sale he was one of six officers appointed on 17 September 1580 to Oxford's council (see ERO D/DRg 2/27).

For the will of Mary Golding see TNA PROB 11/119, ff. 304-5.

This is the final agreement made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster on the morrow of Holy 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-third [=22 May 1581], before James Dyer, Thomas Meade, Francis Wyndham & William Periam, justices, & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between George Golding, gentleman, & Mary, his wife, querents, and Edward, Earl of Oxenford, deforciant, of the manors of Waltons alias Waltuns alias Waltonnes & Netherhall with the appurtenances, and of twenty-one messuages, twenty-two tofts, four mills, thirteen dovecots, one hundred & three gardens, one thousand & eighty acres of arable land, three hundred & twenty acres of meadow, nine hundred acres of pasture, five hundred acres of wood, five hundred acres of furze & heath, twenty acres of marsh, ten pounds of rent & common of pasture for all animals with the appurtenances in Purleigh alias Purley alias Purlye alias Purle alias Purleg alias Purlee, Mundon alias Munden alias Mondon, Woodham Mortimer alias Wodeham Mortimer, Lawling, Woodham Ferrers alias Wodeham Ferrers, Danbury alias Dandbury super montem alias Danbery, Norton alias Cold Norton, Stowe Marice alias Stowe Maries alias Stoe alias Stoke alias Stock, North Fambridge alias North Fanbridge alias North Fambrigg alias North Fanbrege, Gestingthorpe alias Gestingthrop alias Gesthorp alias Gestthrop alias Gestrop alias Gastlingthorp, Otten alias Oton alias Ottin Belchamp alias Belcham, Foxearth, Belchamp

William alias Belcham William, Walter Belcham alias Water Belchamp, Belchamp Saint Paul alias Belcham Saint Paul alias Paul's Belcham, Bulmer, Ovington, Twisted alias Twinstead, Stambourne, Tilbery alias Tilbury alias Tilbury juxta Clare, Ridgewell alias Riddeswell, Little Yeldham alias Over Yeldham alias Little Geldham alias Over Geldham alias Little Gelham alias Over Gelham, Wickham Wickham [sic] [+St.?] Paul, Codham, Pebmarsh, Hullbridge, South Hanningfield, East Hanningfield, South Fambridge, Fambridge [sic?], Hockley, Rawreth, Rettenden alias Retendon, Great Mapilstead alias Maplestead alias Mapsted, Little Mapilstead alias Maplestead alias Mapsted, Henningham alias Hedingham ad castrum alias Castle Henningham alias Hedingham, and of view of frankpledge with the appurtenances in Waltons alias Waltuns alias Waltones & Netherhall, and also the advowson of the church of Gestingthorpe alias Gestingthrop alias Gesthrop;

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

And besides the same Earl has granted for himself & his heirs that they will warrant to the foresaid George & Mary & the heirs of the same George the foresaid manors, tenements, rents, common of pasture & view of frankpledge with the appurtenances, and the advowson aforesaid, against the foresaid Earl & his heirs and against the heirs of John, late Earl of Oxenford, deceased, father of the foresaid Earl, forever;

And for this acknowledgement, remission, quit-claim, warrant, fine & agreement the same George & Mary have given to the foresaid Earl three hundred & twenty pounds.

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

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

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

The fourth proclamation on the fourteenth 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-fourth 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-fifth 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-fourth 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 twenty-first day of May in Easter term in the twenty-fourth year of the within-written Queen;

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

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

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

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Secundum formam statuti

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quinta proclamatio facta fuit vicesimo primo die Novembris termino sancti Michaelis Anno vicesimo quarto Regine infrascripte

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