

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine of 11 June 1582 by which clear title to lands in Belchamp Otten, Foxearth and Liston passed from Oxford to John Mayer for £43. The purchaser appears to have been the John Meyer of Long Melford who was involved in a dispute in 1567-70 over property belonging to Oxford while Oxford was still underage (see <http://www.foxearth.org.uk/blog/2005/02/snokeshill-and-horsemarsh-feud.html>).

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-fourth [=11 June 1582], before Edmund Anderson, Thomas Meade, Francis Wyndham & William Periam, justices, & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between John Mayer, querent, and Edward, Earl of Oxford, deforciant, of twenty acres of arable land, three acres of meadow & seven acres of pasture with the appurtenances in Belchamp Otten, Foxearth & Liston;

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

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

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

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1 Hec est finalis Concordia facta in Curia domine Regine Apud Westmonasterium in Crastino sancte

2 Trinitatis Anno regnorum Elizabethhe dei gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei

3 defensoris &c A Conquesto vicesimo quarto coram Edmundo Anderson Thoma Meade ffrancisco

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4 Wyndam & Willelmo Peryam Iusticiarijs & alijs domine Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus

5 Inter Iohannem Mayer querentem et Edwardum Comitem Oxonie deforciantem de viginti acris terre

6 tribus acris prati & septem acris pasture cum pertinentijs in Otton Belchamp ffoxherd

7 & Iyston Vnde Placitum conuencionis summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem Curia Scilicet quod predictus

8 Comes recognovit predicta tenementa cum pertinentijs esse Ius ipsius Iohannis Vt illa que Idem Iohannes

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

10 Iohanni & heredibus suis Imperpetuum Et preterea idem Comes concessit pro se & heredibus suis

11 quod ipsi Warantizabunt predicto Iohanni & heredibus suis predicta tenementa cum pertinentijs contra omnes homines

12 Imperpetuum Et pro hac recognicione remissione quietaclamacione Waranto fine & Concordia idem

13 Iohannes dedit predicto quadraginta & tres libras sterlingorum

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