

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine of 20 January 1584 by which clear title to the manor of Great Yeldham passed from Oxford to Thomas Plome and Edmund Plome for £600. At the time of the Queen's grant of Oxford's lands to Leicester on 22 October 1563, the 'rent & farm of the site of the manor of Yeldham Hall' was in the tenure of Robert Plome. It seems likely that Thomas Plome and Edmund Plome were his sons.

This is the final agreement made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster on the octave of Saint Hilary 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-sixth [=20 January 1584], before Edmund Anderson, Thomas Meade, Francis Wyndham & William Periam, justices, & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between Thomas Plome & Edmund Plome, querents, and Edward, Earl of Oxford, Great Chamberlain of England, deforciant, of the manor of Great Geldham alias Gellam alias Nether Yeldham alias Yeldham Hall with the appurtenances and of forty messuages, twenty tofts, two mills, two dovecots, forty gardens, forty orchards, six hundred acres of arable land, fifty acres of meadow, five hundred acres of pasture, a hundred acres of wood, a hundred acres of moor, a hundred shillings' rent & the rent of six capons with the appurtenances in Great Geldham alias Nether Yeldham, Castle Hedingham, Sible Hedingham, Tilbury-juxta-Clare, Stambourne, Wethersfield, Toppesfield, Halstead & Great Maplestead, and also of the advowson of the church of Great Geldham;

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

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

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

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1 Hec est finalis Concordia facta in Curia domine Regine apud Westmonasterium in Octabis sancti Hillarij Anno regnorum Elizabethe dei gracia Anglie ffrancie &

2 Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c A Conquesto vicesimo sexto coram Edmundo Anderson Thoma Meade ffrancisco Wyndam & Willelmo Peryam

3 Iusticiarijs & alijs domine Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter Thomam Plome & Edmundum Plome querentes et Edwardum Comitem Oxonie

4 magnum Camerarium Anglie deforciantem de Manerio de magna Geldham alias Gellam alias nether yeldham alias yealdam hall cum pertinentijs ac de

5 quadraginta mesuagijs viginti toftis duobus molendinis duobus Columbarijs quadraginta gardinis quadraginta pomarijs sexcentis

6 acris terre quinquaginta acris prati quingentis acris pasture Centum acris bosci Centum acris More Centum solidatis redditus & redditu

7 sex Caponum cum pertinentijs in magna Geldham alias nether yeldham Hedingham ad Castrum Hedingham Syble Tylburye iuxta Clare

8 Stamborne Wethersfeld Toppesfeld Halsted & Maplested Magna necnon de aduocacione ecclesie de magna Geldham

9 Vnde Placitum conuencionis summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem Curia Scilicet quod predictus Comes recognovit predicta Manerium tenementa & redditus cum pertinentijs ac

10 Aduocacionem predictam esse ius ipsius Thome Vt illa que idem Thomas & Edmundus habent de dono predicti Comitis Et illa remisit & quieteclamavit

11 de se & heredibus suis predictis Thome & Edmundo & heredibus ipsius Thome Imperpetuum Et preterea idem Comes concessit pro se & heredibus suis quod ipsi Warantizabunt

12 predictis Thome & Edmundo & heredibus ipsius Thome predicta Manerium tenementa & redditus cum pertinentijs ac Aduocacionem predictam contra predictum Comitem & heredes

13 suos Ac contra heredes Iohannis nuper Comitis Oxonie patris ipsius Comitis Ac contra heredes Edmundi Dewperye Imperpetuum Et pro hac recognitione

14 remissione quietaclamacione Waranto fine & Concordia ijdem Thomas & Edmundus dederunt predicto Comiti sexcentas libras sterlingorum

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