

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 6 May 1584 by which clear title to the manors of Rayhouse and Cranbrook passed from Israel Amyce and his wife, Martha, to Oxford for £300. By another fine on the same day, clear title to the manor of Vaux passed from Oxford to Israel Amyce for £300. It seems likely that the two transactions were related, and involved an exchange of manors for a purpose which is as yet unclear.

Israel Amyce and his then wife, Thomasine (nee Carew), were deforciantes in a fine in Trinity term 1590 of the manors of Rayhouse and Cranbrook in which Oxford's brother-in-law, Robert Cecil, and Thomas Owen, serjeant at law, were plaintiffs (see TNA CP 25/2/134/1718/32 ELIZITRIN, Item 12 in Emmison, F.G., ed., *Feet of Fines for Essex, Vol. VI 1581-1603*, (Oxford: Leopard's Head Press, 1993), p. 77). After Israel Amyce's death, Thomasine married Oxford's first cousin, John Vere (d.1624) of Kirby Hall. For the will of Thomasine (nee Carew) Amyce Vere, see TNA PROB 11/181, ff. 229-30.

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-sixth [=6 May 1584], before Edmund Anderson, Thomas Meade, Francis Wyndham & William Periam, justices, & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between Edward, Earl of Oxford, querent, and Israel Amyce, esquire, and Martha, his wife, deforciantes, of the manors of Rayhouse and Cranbrook with the appurtenances and of ten messuages, five tofts, two dovecots, ten gardens, a hundred acres of arable land, sixty acres of meadow, three hundred acres of pasture, thirty acres of wood, forty acres of furze & heath, forty acres of marsh, a hundred shillings' rent & common of pasture with the appurtenances in Barking, Great Ilford, Little Ilford, Wanstead, Romford, Havering, Hornchurch, Dagenham & Woodford;

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

And besides the same Israel & Martha have granted for themselves & the heirs of himself, Israel, that they will warrant to the foresaid Earl & his heirs the foresaid manors, tenements, rents & common of pasture with the appurtenances against the foresaid Israel & Martha & their heirs forever;

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

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

2 Anno regnorum Elizabethhe dei gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c A Conquesto vicesimo

3 sexto coram Edmundo Anderson Thoma Meade ffrancisco Wyndam & Willelmo Peryam Iusticiarijs & alijs

4 domine Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter Edwardum Comitem Oxonie querentem et Israelem

5 Amyce Armigerum & Martham vxorem eius deforciantes de Manerijs de Rayhowse & Cranebroke cum pertinentijs

6 ac de decem mesuagijs quinque toftis duobus Columbarijs decem gardinis Centum acris terre sexaginta

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8 quadraginta acris marisci Centum solidatis redditus & communia pasture cum pertinentijs in Barkinge

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10 Woodford Vnde Placitum conuencionis summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem Curia Scilicet quod predicti Israel

11 & Martha recognoverunt predicta Maneria tenementa redditus & Communiam pasture cum pertinentijs esse Ius ipsius Comitit

12 vt illa que idem Comes habet de dono predictorum Israelis & Marthe Et illa remiserunt & quieteclamaverunt

13 de ipsis Israele & Martha & heredibus suis predicto Comiti & heredibus suis Imperpetuum et preterea ijdem

14 Israel & Martha concesserunt pro se & heredibus ipsius Israelis quod ipsi Warantizabunt predicto Comiti & heredibus

15 suis predicta Maneria tenementa redditus & communiam pasture cum pertinentijs
contra predictos Israelem & Martham

16 & heredes suos Imperpetuum Et pro hac recognicione remissione quietaclamacione
Waranto fine & Concordia

17 idem Comes dedit predictis Israeli & Marthe trescentas libras sterlingorum

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