

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 29 June 1584 by which clear title to the manor of Sheriffs passed from Oxford to Richard Bowser for £180. Sheriffs in Gaines Colne had been among Oxford's manors granted by the Queen to Leicester on 22 October 1563 for the term of Oxford's minority. For the indenture of bargain and sale, dated 26 June 1584, by which Oxford sold the manor of Sheriffs in Essex to Richard Bowser for £400, see Folger Library MS Z.c.12(4).

This is the final agreement made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster on the quindene 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-sixth [=29 June 1584], before Edmund Anderson, Thomas Meade, Francis Wyndham & William Peryam, justices, & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between Richard Bowser, querent, and Edward, Earl of Oxford, Great Chamberlain of England, deforciant, of the manor of Shreves alias Sheriffs with the appurtenances and of twenty messuages, twenty cottages, twenty gardens, two hundred acres of arable land, twenty acres of meadow, two hundred acres of pasture & twenty acres of wood with the appurtenances in Colne Engaine, Earls Colne, Wakes Colne & White Colne;

Whereof a plea of covenant was summoned between them in the same court, namely that the foresaid Earl acknowledged the foresaid manor & tenements 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 and his heirs to the foresaid Richard and 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 manors & tenements with the appurtenances against the foresaid Earl & his heirs, and against the heirs of John, late Earl of Oxford, father of the same Earl, and against all others claiming by the foresaid John forever;

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

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1 Hec est finalis Concordia facta in Curia Domine Regine apud Westmonasterium A die sancte Trinitatis in quindecim dies Anno regnorum Elizabethhe

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2 dei gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c A Conquesto vicesimo sexto coram Edmundo Anderson Thoma Meade

3 ffrancisco Wyndam & Willelmo Peryam Iusticiarijs & alijs domine Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter Richardum Bowser querentem et Edwardum

4 Comitem Oxonie magnum Camerarium Anglie deforciantem de Manerio de Shryves alias Sheryffes cum pertinentijs ac de viginti mesuagijs

5 viginti Cotagijs viginti gardinis ducentis acris terre viginti acris prati ducentis acris pasture & viginti acris bosci cum

6 pertinentijs in Colne Engayne Erles Colne Colne Wake & Whyte Colne Vnde Placitum conuencionis summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem

7 Curia Scilicet quod predictus Comes recognovit predicta Manerium & tenementa cum pertinentijs esse Ius ipsius Richardi Vt illa que Idem Richardus habet

8 de dono predicti Comitis Et illa remisit & quieteclamavit de se & heredibus suis predicto Richardo & heredibus suis Imperpetuum Et preterea Idem

9 Comes concessit pro se & heredibus suis quod ipsi Warantizabunt predicto Richardo & heredibus suis predicta Manerium & tenementa cum pertinentijs contra

10 predictum Comitem & heredes suos Ac contra heredes Iohannis nuper Comitis Oxonie patris ipsius Comitis Ac contra omnes alios

11 clamantes per predictum Iohannem Imperpetuum Et pro hac recognicione remissione quieteclamacione Waranto fine & concordia Idem Richardus dedit

12 predicto Comiti Centum octoginta libras sterlingorum

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