

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 18 November 1584 by which clear title to a messuage and other property in Sible Hedingham and Gosfield passed from Oxford to his servant, Nicholas Bleake for 100 marks. For the recognizance in the amount of £400 which Oxford acknowledged in Chancery on 16 November 1584 to Nicholas Bleake in connection with this sale, see TNA C 54/1196, Part 23.

For other documents concerning Oxford's servant, Nicholas Bleake, see his last will and testament, dated 17 November 1600 and proved 16 January 1601, TNA PROB 11/97, ff. 53-4.

This is the final agreement made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster on the octave of Saint Martin 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-seventh [=18 November 1584] before Edmund Anderson, Thomas Meade, Francis Wyndham & William Peryam, justices, & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between Nicholas Bleake, querent, and Edward, Earl of Oxford, deforciant, of one messuage, one garden, seventy acres of land, four acres of meadow, forty acres of pasture, three acres of wood & three shillings rent with the appurtenances in Sible Hedingham & Gosfield;

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

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

And for this acknowledgement, remission, quit-claim, warrant, fine & agreement the same Nicholas has given to the foresaid Earl one hundred marks of silver.

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According to the form of the statute, the first proclamation was made on the twenty-first day of November in Michaelmas term in the twenty-seventh year of the within-written Queen;

The second proclamation on the twenty-third day of November in the same term;

The third proclamation on the twenty-fifth day of November in the same term;

The fourth proclamation on the twenty-eighth day of November in the same term;

The fifth proclamation was made on the sixth day of February in Hilary term in the twenty-seventh year of the within-written Queen;

The sixth proclamation on the eighth day of February in the same term;

The seventh proclamation on the tenth day of February in the same term;

The eighth proclamation on the twelfth day of February in the same term;

The ninth proclamation was made on the seventeenth day of May in Easter term in the twenty-seventh year of the within-written Queen;

The tenth proclamation on the nineteenth day of May in the same term;

The eleventh proclamation on the twenty-first day of May in the same term;

The twelfth proclamation on the twenty-fourth day of May in the same term;

The thirteenth proclamation was made on the twenty-third day of June in Trinity term in the twenty-seventh year of the within-written Queen;

The fourteenth proclamation on the twenty-fifth day of June in the same term;

The fifteenth proclamation on the twenty-eighth day of June in the same term;

The sixteenth proclamation on the thirtieth day of June in the same term.

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1 Hec est finalis Concordia facta in Curia Domine Regine apud Westmonasterium in Octabis sancti

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

3 &c A Conquesto vicesimo septimo coram Edmundo Anderson Thoma Meade ffrancisco Wyndam

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

5 Bleake querentem et Edwardum Comitem Oxonie deforciantem de vno mesuagio vno
gardino

6 septuaginta acris terre quatuor acris prati quadraginta acris pasture tribus acris

7 bosci & tribus solidatis redditus cum pertinentijs in Hedyngem Scible & Gosfeild
Vnde

8 Placitum conuencionis summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem Curia Scilicet quod
predictus Comes recognouit

9 predicta tenementa cum pertinentijs esse Ius ipsius Nicholai vt illa que idem Nicholaus
habet de

10 dono predicti Comitis et illa remisit & quietaclamauit de se & heredibus suis predicto
Nicholao

11 & heredibus suis Imperpetuum et preterea idem Comes concessit pro se & heredibus
suis quod ipsi

12 Warantizabunt predicto Nicholao & heredibus suis predicta tenementa cum
pertinentijs contra predictum Comitem &

13 heredes suos Imperpetuum et pro hac recognicione remissione quietaclamacione
Waranto fine &

14 Concordia idem Nicholaus dedit predicto Comiti Centum Marcas Argenti

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Secundum formam Statuti

Prima proclamatio facta fuit vicesimo primo die Novembris termino sancti Michaelis
Anno vicesimo septimo Regine infrascripte

secunda proclamatio vicesimo tercio die Novembris eodem termino

tercia proclamatio vicesimo quinto die Novembris eodem termino

quarta proclamatio vicesimo octavo die Novembris eodem termino

Quinta proclamatio facta fuit sexto die february termino sancti Hillarij Anno vicesimo septimo Regine infrascripte

sexta proclamatio octavo die february eodem termino

septima proclamatio decimo die february eodem termino

octava proclamatio duodecimo die february eodem termino

Nona proclamatio facta fuit decimo septimo die Maij Termino Pasche Anno vicesimo septimo Regine infrascripte

decima proclamatio decimo nono die Maij eodem termino

undecima proclamatio vicesimo primo die Maij eodem termino

duodecima proclamatio vicesimo quarto die Maij eodem termino

Terciadecima proclamatio facta fuit vicesimo tercio die Iunij Termino sancte Trinitatis Anno vicesimo septimo Regine infrascripte

quartadecima proclamatio vicesimo quinto die Iunij eodem termino

quintadecima proclamatio vicesimo octavo die Iunij eodem termino

sextadecima proclamatio tricesimo die Iunij eodem termino

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