

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 28 June 1585 and 6 October 1585 by which clear title to the manors of Cranbrook and Rayhouse passed from Oxford to the Earl of Leicester for £160. Oxford did not inherit the manors of Cranbrook and Rayhouse, and the reason for his involvement with them is unexplained.

Other documents in a complicated series of transactions between Oxford, Leicester, Israel Amyce and Thomas Skinner involving Leicester's manors of Wansted and Stonehall, as well as the manors of Cranbrook and Rayhouse, include the following:

TNA PROB 11/56, ff. 265-6

Last will and testament, dated 4 June 1573, of Roger Amyce, father of Oxford's servant, Israel Amyce, mentioning a deed poll by which the manor of Cranbrook had been conveyed to Israel Amyce and his wife, Martha.

TNA CP 25/2/131/1677/22ELIZIEASTER, Item 23

Fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 2 May 1580 by which Leicester transferred clear title to the manors of Wanstead and Stonehall to Thomas Skinner for £40.

TNA CP 25/2/131/1686/24ELIZITRIN, Item 41

Fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 11 June 1582 by which Thomas Skinner and his wife, Blanche, transferred clear title to the manors of Wanstead and Stonehall to Leicester for £80.

TNA CP 25/2/132/1691/25/26ELIZIMICH, Item 39

A second fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 6 October 1583 by which Thomas Skinner and his wife, Blanche, transferred clear title to the manors of Wanstead and Stonehall to Leicester for £80.

TNA CP 25/2/132/1693/26ELIZIEASTER, Item 39

Fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 6 May 1584 by which Israel Amyce and his wife, Martha, transferred clear title to the manors of Cranbrook and Rayhouse to Oxford for £300.

TNA CP 25/2/132/1693/26ELIZIEASTER, Item 43

Fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 6 May 1584 by which Oxford transferred clear title to the manor of Vaux in Essex to Israel Amyce for £300.

TNA CP 25/2/132/1693/26ELIZIEASTER, Item 46

A third fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 18 May 1584 by which Thomas Skinner and his wife, Blanche, transferred clear title to the manors of Wanstead and Stonehall to Leicester for £80.

Evelyn MS 258b

Entry dated 16 June 1585 in an account book of Leicester's for £50 in part payment for the manors which he had purchased from Oxford.

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Indenture of defeasance dated 6 July 1585 of a statute staple dated 5 July 1585 acknowledged by Israel Amyce to Leicester, the condition being that the statute staple would be void provided Amyce discharged Leicester, and the manors of Cranbrook and Rayhouse conveyed by Oxford to Leicester and Amyce, from bonds made by Amyce to Thomas Skinner.

TNA C 66/1278, m. 5

Pardon of alienation, dated 3 February 1586, to Leicester for his purchase from Oxford and Israel Amyce of the manor of Rayhouse by indenture dated 9 June 1585 without prior licence from the Queen.

TNA C 66/1281, m. 38

Pardon of alienation, dated 4 May 1586, to Leicester for his purchase from Oxford of the manors of Cranbrook and Rayhouse without prior licence from the Queen

TNA PROB 11/73

Extract from Leicester's will dated 1 August 1587 mentioning thirteen parcels of land formerly belonging to the manor of Cranbrook which Leicester had purchased from Oxford in 1585.

This is the final agreement made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster three weeks after 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-seventh [=28 June 1585], before Edmund Anderson, Francis Wyndham & William Peryam, justices, and afterwards on the octave of Saint Michael in the abovesaid year of the reigns of the same Queen Elizabeth [=6 October 1585] there granted and recorded before Edmund Anderson, Francis Wyndham, William Peryam & Francis Rodes, justices, & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between Robert, Earl of Leicester, querent, and Edward, Earl of Oxford, deforciant, concerning the manors of Cranbrook alias Cranebrookes & Rayhouse with the appurtenances, and twenty messuages, ten tofts, three dovecots, twenty gardens, eight orchards, five hundred acres of land, two hundred acres of meadow, three hundred acres of pasture, one hundred acres of wood, six hundred acres of furze & heath & eight pounds rent with the appurtenances in Cranbrook alias Cranebrookes, Rayhouse, 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 Earl of Oxford has acknowledged the foresaid manors, tenements & rents with the appurtenances to be the right of the same Earl of Leicester as those which the

same Earl has of the gift of the foresaid Earl of Oxford, and has remised & quit-claimed them from himself & his heirs to the foresaid Earl of Leicester & his heirs forever;

And besides the same Earl of Oxford has granted for himself & his heirs that they will warrant to the foresaid Earl of Leicester & his heirs the foresaid manors, tenements & rents with the appurtenances against the foresaid Earl of Oxford & his heirs forever;

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

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

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

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

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

The fifth proclamation was made on the fifth day of February in Hilary term in the twenty-eighth 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 ninth day of May in Easter term in the twenty-eighth year of the within-written Queen;

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

The eleventh proclamation on the thirteenth day of May in the same term;

The twelfth proclamation on the sixteenth day of May in the same term;

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

The fourteenth proclamation on the eighteenth day of June in the same term;

The fifteenth proclamation on the twentieth day of June in the same term;

The sixteenth proclamation on the twenty-second day of June in the same term.

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1 Hec est finalis Concordia facta in Curia Domine Regine Apud Westmonasterium A die sancte Trinitatis in tres

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

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

4 Willelmo Peryam Iusticiarijs Et postea in Octabis sancti Michaelis Anno regnorum eiusdem

5 Regine Elizabethhe supradicto ibidem Concessa & recordata coram Edmundo Anderson ffrancisco

6 Wyndam Willelmo Peryam & ffrancisco Todes Iusticiarijs & alijs Domine Regine fidelibus

7 tunc ibi presentibus Inter Robertum Comitem Leicestrie querentem et Edwardum Comitem

8 Oxonie deforciantem de Manerijs de Cranebrooke alias Cranebrookes & Rayhouse cum

9 pertinentijs ac de viginti mesuagijs decem toftis tribus Columbarijs viginti gardinis octo

10 pomarijs quingentis acris terre ducentis acris prati trescentis acris pasture

11 Centum acris bosci sexcentis acris Iampnorum & bruere & octo libratis redditus

12 cum pertinentijs in Cranebrooke alias Cranebrookes Rayhouse Barking magna Ilford

13 parua Ilford Wansted Roomford Haveringe Hornechurche Dagenham & Woodford

14 Vnde Placitum conuencionis summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem Curia Scilicet quod predictus Comes

15 Oxonie recognovit predicta Maneria tenementa & redditus cum pertinentijs esse Ius ipsius Comitit

16 Leicestrie Vt illa que idem Comes habet de dono predicti Comitis Oxonie Et illa remisit

17 & quietaclamavit de se & heredibus suis predicto Comiti Leicestrie & heredibus suis Imperpetuum Et

18 preterea idem Comes Oxonie concessit pro se & heredibus suis quod ipsi Warantizabunt predicto Comiti Leicestrie

19 & heredibus suis predicta Maneria tenementa & redditus cum pertinentijs contra predictum Comitem Oxonie

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

21 & Concordia idem Comes Leicestrie dedit predicto Comiti Oxonie Centum & sexaginta

22 libras sterlingorum

Secundum formam statuti

Prima proclamatio facta fuit vicesimo secundo die Novembris termino sancti Michaelis Anno vicesimo octauo Regine infrascripte

Secunda proclamatio vicesimo quarto die Novembris eodem termino

tercia proclamatio vicesimo sexto die Novembris eodem termino

quarta proclamatio vicesimo nono die Novembris eodem termino

Quinta proclamatio facta fuit quinto die ffebruarij termino sancti Hillarij Anno vicesimo octauo Regine infrascripte

sexta proclamatio octauo die ffebruarij eodem termino

septima proclamatio decimo die ffebruarij eodem termino

octaua proclamatio duodecimo die ffebruarij eodem termino

Nona proclamatio facta fuit nono die Maij Termino Pasche Anno vicesimo octauo Regine infrascripte

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decima proclamatio vndecimo die Maij eodem termino

vndecima proclamatio terciodecimo die Maij eodem termino

duodecima proclamatio sextodecimo die Maij eodem termino

Terciadecima proclamatio facta fuit sextodecimo die Iunij Termino sancte Trinitatis  
Anno vicesimo octauo Regine infrascripte

quartadecima proclamatio decimo octauo die Iunij eodem termino

quintadecima proclamatio vicesimo die Iunij eodem termino

sextadecima proclamatio vicesimo secundo die Iunij eodem termino

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