

SUMMARY: The document below is an exemplification of the fine of 25 November 1591 by which Oxford transferred clear title to the honour and castle of Hedingham and the manors of Hedingham, Shetleford, and Parkes to Lord Burghley and his heirs for £800. The exemplification is held by the Lancashire Record Office, which suggests that it may have been a copy in the possession of Oxford's daughter, Elizabeth Vere, and her husband William Stanley, 6th Earl of Derby. For the original fine, see TNA CP 25/2/135/1723/33/34ELIZIMICH, Item 74. For the later fine by which Oxford and his second wife, Elizabeth Trentham, transferred the manors of Castle Hedingham and Gosfield to Lord Burghley and his heirs and to Oxford's three daughters Elizabeth, Bridget, and Susan Vere on 9 April 1592 see TNA CP 25/2/135/1725/34ELIZIEASTER, Item 44.

Elizabeth by the grace of God of England, France & Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith etc., to all to whom our present letters shall have come, greeting. Know that among the records and feet of fines with proclamations thereof made according to the form of statute in such case lately published and provided before our Justices of the Common Pleas at Westminster in Michaelmas term in the thirty-third and thirty-fourth years of our reign there is contained thus:

Essex

This is the final agreement made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster on the quindene of St. 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 thirty-fourth [=25 November 1591], before Edmund Anderson, Francis Wyndham, William Periam & Thomas Walmesley, justices & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between William Cecil, knight of the right honourable Order of the Garter, Baron of Burghley & Great Treasurer of England, querent, and Edward, Earl of Oxford, deforciant, of the honour of Hedingham alias Heningham and of the castle called Hedingham Castle alias Heningham Castle, and of the manors of Hedingham at Castle Hedingham alias Heningham, Shetleford & Parkes with the appurtenances, and of two hundred messuages, two hundred cottages, one hundred tofts, ten mills, forty dovecots, two hundred gardens, two hundred orchards, three thousand acres of arable land, one thousand acres of meadow, four thousand acres of pasture, one thousand acres of wood, four thousand acres of furze & heath, two hundred acres of moor, one thousand acres of fresh marsh, free fisheries, free warren, common of pasture for all beasts, & ten pounds rent with the appurtenances in Hedingham alias Heningham alias Castle Hedingham alias Heningham Castle, Great Maplestead, Little Yeldham, Gestingthorpe, Sibley alias Sible alias Sibley Heningham, Gosfield, Nether Yeldham, Over Yeldham, Toppesfield alias Topsfield & Stambourne, and also of the chapels of Castle Hedingham, Sible Hedingham, Great Yeldham & Little Yeldham with the appurtenances, and of all & all manner of tithes, portions, pensions, oblations & obventions whatsoever arising, resulting, or renewing of & in the parishes of Hedingham alias Heningham alias Castle

Hedingham alias Heningham Castle, Great Maplestead, Little Yeldham, Gestingthorpe, Sibley alias Sible alias Sibley Heningham, Gosfield, Nether Yeldham & Over Yeldham, and also of knights' fees, wards, marriages, reliefs, goods & chattels of felons & fugitives, escheats, fairs, markets, tolls, liberties & franchises with the appurtenances, and of views of frankpledge & whatever to view of frankpledge belongs with the appurtenances in Hedingham alias Heningham alias Castle Hedingham alias Heningham Castle, Great Maplestead, Little Yeldham, Gestingthorpe, Sibley alias Sible alias Sibley Heningham, Gosfield, Nether Yeldham, Over Yeldham, Toppesfield alias Topsfield & Stambourne, and also of the advowsons & rights of patronage of the churches of Castle Hedingham, Stansted, Sible Hedingham, Great Maplestead, Little Maplestead & Gosfield;

Whereof a plea of covenant was summoned between them in the same court, namely that the foresaid Earl has acknowledged the foresaid honour, castle, manors, tenements, fishing, warrens, common of pasture, rents, chapels, tithes, portions, pensions, oblations, obventions, knights' fees, wards, marriages, reliefs, goods & chattels of felons & fugitives, escheats, fairs, markets, tolls, liberties, franchises & views of frankpledge with the appurtenances and advowsons & rights of patronage aforesaid to be the right of him, William, as those which the same William has of the gift of the foresaid Earl, and he has remised & quit-claimed them from himself & his heirs to the foresaid William & his heirs forever;

And besides the same Earl has granted for himself & his heirs that they will warrant to the foresaid William & his heirs the foresaid honour, castle, manors, tenements, fishings, warrens, common of pasture, rents, chapels, tithes, portions, pensions, oblations, obventions, knights' fees, wards, marriages, reliefs, goods & chattels of felons & fugitives, escheats, fairs, markets, tolls, liberties, franchises & views of frankpledge with the appurtenances and advowsons & rights of patronage aforesaid against all men forever;

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

In testimony of which thing we have caused our seal appointed for sealing writs in the Bench aforesaid to be affixed by our deputy to these presents. Witness E. Anderson at Westminster the 29th day of November in the thirty-fourth year of our reign.

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