

SUMMARY: The document below is 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. The indenture was signed by Oxford at his mansion of Fisher's Folly in Bishopsgate. In the schedule of debts accompanying the indenture of 30 January 1575 drawn up by Oxford before he left on his continental tour (see ERO D/Drg2/25), the following amounts appear as owing by Oxford to Richard Bowser, presumably representing purchases from Bowser in his trade as a saddler:

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| To Richard Bowser | £240 |
| To Richard Bowser | £22 2s |

Oxford may have sold his manor of Sheriffs to Richard Bowser to satisfy these debts. For the fine, dated 29 June 1584, by which title to Sheriffs passed from Oxford to Richard Bowser, see TNA CP 25/2/132/1694/26ELIZITRIN, Item 24.

Richard Bowser died in 1586, and his son, John Bowser (d.1615), inherited the manor of Sheriffs. For a lawsuit in Chancery brought by Roger Harlakenden (d.1603) against John Bowser in 1594 concerning a parcel of land called the Galle belonging to Oxford's former manor of Sheriff's, see TNA C 3/242/4.

In 1605 John Bowser sold the manor of Sheriffs to Lawrence Caldwell (see <http://generation13.net/Celticcumbria-eastofengland/colneengaine5.html>), and in connection with this sale, on 15 November 1605 he assigned to Caldwell the recognizance in the amount of £210 which Oxford had made to Richard Bowser (d.1586) on 26 June 1584 in connection with the sale of the manor of Sheriffs (see ERO D/DSx/475).

For the nuncupative will of John Bowser (d.1615), see TNA PROB 11/126, f. 216.

This indenture made the 26th day of June in the six and twentieth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc., between the right honourable Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxenford, Viscount Bulbeck, Lord Great Chamberlain of England and Lord of Badlesmere and Scales of thone part, and Richard Bowser, citizen and saddler, of thother part;

Witnesseth that the said Earl for and in the consideration of the sum of four hundred pounds of good and lawful money of England to him, the said Earl, beforehand well and truly contented and paid by the said Richard Bowser, whereof and wherewith the said Earl acknowledgeth himself by these presents to be well and truly satisfied, contented and paid, and thereof and of every part thereof doth clearly acquit and discharge the said Richard Bowser, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns and every of them, by these presents hath given, granted, enfeoffed, bargained and sold and by these presents

doth give, grant, enfeoff, bargain and sell unto the said Richard Bowser, his heirs and assigns, forever all that the manor called Shryves alias Sheriffs with all and singular his rights, members and appurtenances in the county of Essex, and also all and singular messuages, houses, edifices, buildings, barns and stables, orchards, gardens, lands, tenements, meadows, feedings, pastures, commons, woods, underwoods, heaths, furze, moors, marshes, waters, fishings in the rivers, rents, reversions, services, courts, perquisites of courts, waifs, estrays, knights' fees, wards, marriages, escheats, fines, reliefs, heriots and all other rights, jurisdictions, liberties, privileges, profits, commodities, advantages, emoluments and hereditaments whatsoever to the said manor or any part thereof belonging or in any wise appertaining or demised, letten, used, occupied, accepted, reputed or taken as part, parcel or member of the same manor or any part thereof, with all and singular their appurtenances situate, lying or being in the towns, parishes, hamlets or fields of Colne Engaine, Earls Colne, Colne Wake and White Colne or any of them in the said county of Essex, together with the reversion, reversions, remainder and remainders of all and singular the premises and every part and parcel thereof, and all the rents and services to the same manor or to the same reversions or remainders of any of them incident or belonging, and all th' estate, right, title, interest and demand of the said Earl in and to the premises and every part and parcel thereof;

And the said Earl for the considerations aforesaid doth also by these presents give, grant, bargain and sell unto the said Richard Bowser, his heirs and assigns, all and singular the evidence, deeds, charters, escripts, court rolls, rentals, books of account and survey, writings and muniments whatsoever only touching and concerning the premises hereinbefore mentioned to be bargained or sold or only touching or concerning any part or parcel thereof, all which said evidence, deeds, charters, escripts, court rolls, rentals, books of accounts and survey, writings and muniments whatsoever or so many of them as now been in the hands, custody or possession of the said Earl or of any other person or persons to his use or by his delivery and which he may lawfully get or come by without suit in the law, together with the true copies of all such other evidences, deeds, charters, escripts, court rolls, rentals, books of account and survey, writings and muniments whatsoever as do concern the premises or any parcel thereof jointly with any other manors, messuages, lands, tenements or hereditaments and which he, the said Earl, or any other person or persons to his use or by his delivery and knowledge now have or hath and which he may likewise get or come by without suit in the law as is aforesaid, the said Earl for himself, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, doth covenant and grant to and with the said Richard Bowser, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns and every of them by these presents safely to deliver or cause to be delivered at the now mansion house of the said Earl in Bishopsgate Street in London, late Jasper Fisher's, unto the said Richard Bowser, his heirs or assigns, in and upon the feast-day of All Saints next coming after the date hereof, or to the person of the same Richard Bowser at some time before the said day the same copies and every of them, to be written at the costs and charges of the said Richard Bowser, his heirs or assigns or some of them;

To have and to hold the said manor, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services, hereditaments and all other the premises hereinbefore mentioned to be bargained or sold, with all and singular their appurtenances and every part and parcel thereof, unto the said

Richard Bowser, his heirs and assigns, to th' only use and behoof of the same Richard Bowser, his heirs and assigns, forever;

And the said Earl for himself, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns and every of them, doth covenant and grant to and with the said Richard Bowser, his heirs and assigns and every of them, by these presents that he, the said Earl, at the time of th' ensealing and delivery of these present indentures now is and at the time of the first estate to be made & executed by force or mean of any of the covenants, grants or articles comprised in this indenture shall be the sole, true and rightful owner of all and singular the said manor, messuages, lands, tenements and all other the premises hereinbefore mentioned to be bargained or sold with th' appurtenances and of every part and parcel thereof, and solely, rightfully and absolutely seised thereof and of every part and parcel thereof in his demesne as of fee simple or fee-tail general with the fee simple expectant to his own proper use and behoof without the limitation of any use or uses to alter, change or determine the same, and whereof there is no reversion or remainder in our said Sovereign Lady, the Queen's Majesty;

And that he, the said Earl, now hath and then shall have good right, full power and lawful authority to convey and assure the premises before in and by these presents mentioned to be bargained and sold and every parcel thereof with th' appurtenances unto the said Richard Bowser, his heirs and assigns, to th' only use and behoof of the same Richard Bowser, his heirs and assigns, forever according to the true intent and meaning of these present indentures;

And also that he, the said Earl, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, or some of them, at his, their or some of their own proper costs and charges shall and will at all times hereafter and from time to time well and sufficiently acquit, exonerate and discharge or otherwise within one month next after request to be thereof publicly and notoriously made at the now chief capital mansion house or castle of Hedingham in the said county of Essex, save and keep harmless as well the said Richard Bowser, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns and every of them, for and concerning the said manor, messuages, lands, tenements and other the premises hereinbefore mentioned to be bargained & sold and every parcel thereof, as also the same manor, messuages, lands, tenements and all other the premises before in or by these presents mentioned to be bargained or sold and every parcel thereof of and from all and all manner of former bargains, former sales, gifts, grants, mortgages, leases, jointures, dowers, uses, wills, entails, fees, fines, issues, amerciaments, bonds, writings obligatory, statutes merchant and of the Staple, recognizances, extents, judgments, executions, rents and arrearages of rents, and of and from all other charges, estates, rights, titles, troubles and encumbrances whatsoever had, made, done, caused or knowledged by the said Earl or by the right honourable John, late Earl of Oxenford, father to the said now Earl, or either of them or by any of their [-or any of their] ancestors or any other person or persons whatsoever by his, their or either of their titles, assents, means or procurements, the covenants, grants and articles comprised in this present indenture and one lease thereof heretofore made by the said Earl to one Edward Hamond for the term of one & twenty years whereupon the yearly rent of six pounds twelve shillings 8d is reserved and shall be yearly payable to the

said Richard Bowser, his heirs and assigns, during the continuance of the said lease only forprised and excepted;

And the said now Earl for himself, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, covenanteth and granteth to and with the said Richard Bowser, his heirs and assigns & every of them by these presents, that he, the said now Earl, and his heirs and all and every other person and persons and their heirs now lawfully having, claiming or pretending to have or that at any time hereafter shall or may lawfully have, claim or pretend to have any manner of estate, interest and demand of, in or to the premises hereinbefore mentioned to be bargained or sold and every part thereof in, by, from or under the said now Earl or in, by, from or under the said right honourable John, late Earl of Oxenford, father of the said now Earl, or either of them or any of their ancestors (other than the said Edward Hamond or his assigns for the said term only), and every of them shall and will at all times hereafter for and during the space of five years next ensuing the date hereof at and upon the lawful and reasonable request and at the costs and charges in the laws of the said Richard Bowser, his heirs or assigns or some of them, do, make and knowledge, suffer, cause and procure to be done, made, knowledged and suffered all and every such further lawful and reasonable act & acts, thing and things, devise and devises in the law for the further and more better assurance, surety, sure making and conveying of all and singular the said manor, messuages, lands, tenements and all other the premises hereinbefore mentioned to be bargained and sold and every parcel thereof with th' appurtenances to be conveyed and assured unto the said Richard Bowser, his heirs and assigns, to th' only use and behoof of the same Richard Bowser and of his heirs and assigns forever according to the true intent and meaning of these present indentures, be it by fine, feoffment, recovery with double or single voucher or vouchers, deed or deeds enrolled, the enrolment of these presents, release, confirmation with warranty of the said now Earl and of his heirs against himself, the said now Earl, his heirs and assigns and every of them, and against all & every other person and persons lawfully claiming in, by, from or under the said Earl that now is, or in, by, from or under the said John, late Earl of Oxenford, father of the said now Earl, or otherwise with like warranty or without warranty as by the said Richard Bowser, his heirs or assigns, or as by his or their counsel learned in the laws shall be reasonably devised or advised and required, provided always that the said now Earl or his heirs shall not be compelled or compellable for the doing, making or performing of any of the said acts or things touching or concerning the said further assurance before mentioned to travel out or from the place where he, they or any of them shall be at the time of any request thereof to be had or made as is aforesaid;

And further that he, the said Richard Bowser, his heirs and assigns and every of them, shall or may at all times hereafter according to the true intent and meaning of these presents have, hold, occupy and quietly enjoy the said manor, messuages, lands, tenements and all other the premises hereinbefore mentioned to be bargained and sold with th' appurtenances and every part and parcel thereof as well without the let, trouble or interruption of himself, the said now Earl, his heirs and assigns, and every or any of them, as also without the lawful let, disturbance, trouble, expulsion or eviction of all and every other person and persons whatsoever lawfully claiming in, by, from or under the said now Earl or in, by, from or under the said right honourable John, late Earl of

Oxenford, deceased, father to the said now Earl, or any of their ancestors or in, by, from or under his, their or any of their title, estate or interest;

In witness whereof the parties abovesaid to these present indentures interchangeably their hands and seals have put, given the day and year first abovesaid.

Edward Oxenford

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[=Taken and acknowledge at the house of the foresaid Earl of Oxford near the gate of the City of London called Bishopsgate on the 26th day of June in the 26th year of Queen Elizabeth before Francis Wyndham, one of the Justices of Common Pleas of the said Lady Queen]