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SUMMARY: The document below is a notice of the death of Oxford's father, John de Vere (1516-1562), 16<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, in a manuscript containing brief pedigrees.

The pedigree for the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl shows his first marriage to Dorothy Neville (d. 6 January 1548?), daughter of Ralph Neville (1498-1549), 4<sup>th</sup> Earl of Westmorland, and their daughter, Katherine de Vere (1538-1600), wife of Edward Windsor (1532?-1575), 3<sup>rd</sup> Baron Windsor, as well as his second marriage to Margery Golding (d.1568), the daughter of 'Golding, esquire', and sister of Sir Thomas Golding (d.1571), and their children, Edward de Vere, 17<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, and Mary de Vere. Two shields below the pedigree appear to have been intended for coats of arms, but are blank. The notice of the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's death and burial appears below the shields.

Although the date of the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's burial is recorded in the document below as 25 August 1562, according to the parish register of Castle Hedingham (ERO D/P 48/1/1), he was buried on 31 August 1562.

Similar brief pedigrees and death notices appear on the same folio of the manuscript for William Dacre (1500-1563), 3<sup>rd</sup> Baron Dacre of Gilsland, who is said to have died 12 November 1563 (the *ODNB* entry gives his date of death as 18 November 1563), and William Paget (1505/6-1563), 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Paget, who is said to have died 9 June 1563 (the *ODNB* entry gives his date of death as 9 or 10 June 1563). The three pedigrees in this folio of the manuscript thus concern peers who died in 1562 and 1563.

This John Vere, Earl of Oxford, deceased at his Castle of Hedingham in Essex on Monday the 3 of August in the 4 year of the Queen our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth etc. 1562, and was buried on Tuesday the 25 of August next ensuing at the parish church of Hedingham.