

SUMMARY: This entry in the notebook of Oxford's maternal uncle, George Golding, states that Oxford's wedding took place on 16 December 1571 at Whitehall, and that it was a double wedding at which Oxford married Anne Cecil while Edward Somerset (c.1550-1628), then styled Lord Herbert, later 4th Earl of Worcester, married Elizabeth Hastings (d.1621). The circumstances of this double wedding are highly unusual in that Elizabeth Hastings was one of the two sisters of Henry Hastings (c.1536?-1595), 3rd Earl of Huntingdon, to whom Oxford had been contracted in marriage at age 12 by an indenture made on 1 July 1562 between his father, the 16th Earl of Oxford, and Huntingdon (see HL HAP o/s Box 3(19)). When Oxford became the Queen's ward after his father's death on 3 August 1562, the Queen failed to uphold the marriage contract which had been made for him by his father, nor did she offer him a marriage, as his legal guardian, at any time while he was under age.

EDWARD DE VERE, Earl of Oxenford, did the 16th day of December 1571 anno xiiijto Regine Elizabeth marry the Lady his wife named Anne Cecil, one of the daughters of Sir William Cecil, knight, Lord of Burghley, at the court then being at Whitehall by Westminster. The same day, year and place the Lord Herbert, son and heir of the Earl of Worcester, did marry the Lady Hastings, sister to Henry, Earl of Huntingdon.