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SUMMARY: Extract from the will of Robert, Earl of Leicester, written with his own hand at Middelburg in the Low Countries on 1 August 1587, and proved on 16 September 1588. The extract concerns thirteen parcels of land, formerly part of the manor of Cranbrook which Leicester had purchased from Oxford in 1585 (see also ERO D/DCw/T46/56 and Evelyn MS 258b). Although Leicester sold the manor of Cranbrook to Sir Horatio Palavcino (1540?-1600) soon after purchasing it from Oxford, he retained these thirteen parcels to augment Wanstead park, and in his will he grants them to his wife, Lettice.

Item, there be thirteen parcels of ground which I bought of the Earl of Oxenford, being sometime belonging to the house of Cranbrook, and I reserved purposely to be joined to the park of Wanstead, as also the parcel of ground called Watermans which I bought of the Earl of Buckhurst, both which I do also freely give and grant to my said wife forever with the manor of Wanstead already assured unto her.