

SUMMARY: The document below is a memorandum dating from 1598 which describes three legal documents by which Oxford and Lord Burghley entailed lands on Oxford's three daughters, Elizabeth, Bridget and Susan Vere. The first is an indenture of bargain and sale in 1590/1 by which Oxford sold Castle Hedingham to Lord Burghley for life with an entail to Oxford's three daughters and their issue, with remainder to the heirs of the body of John de Vere (1516-1562) 16th Earl of Oxford. The second is an indenture of bargain and sale in 1591-2 by which Oxford sold Hedingham Priory to Lord Burghley for life with a similar entail to Oxford's daughters and their issue, with remainder to the heirs of the body of John de Vere (1482-1540), 15th Earl of Oxford. The third is an indenture between Lord Burghley and seven named individuals by which Lord Burghley entailed three manors, Boothby and Beechfield in Lincolnshire and Clawson in Leicestershire, to Oxford's three daughters and their issue, and in default of such issue to Sir Robert Cecil (1563-1612) and his heirs, and in default of such heirs to Lord Burghley's right heirs.

A note of lands assured to the 3 ladies, the daughters of the Earl of Oxford

LM: A {nn}o 33 R{egine} Eliz{abethe} [=1590-1]

A bargain & sale of the honour, castle, manor, parks, etc. of Hedingham from Edward, Earl of Oxford, unto William, Lord Burghley, for life, the remainder after his decease to the Ladies Elizabeth, Bridget, & Susan Veare [=Vere] & to the heirs of their bodies, & for default of issue of the said Lady Elizabeth, the remainder of all her portion to the Ladies Bridget & Susan Vere & the heirs of their bodies, & for default of issue of the said Lady Bridget, the remainder of her portion to the Ladies Elizabeth & Susan & their heirs, and for default of issue of the Lady Susan, the remainder of all her portion to the Ladies Elizabeth & Bridget etc., and for default of issue of their bodies, the remainder to the heirs of the body of John, late Earl of Oxford, father of the said Earl, etc.

A {nn}o 34 R{egine} Eliz{abethe} [=1591-2]

A bargain & sale of Hedingham Priory, etc. from Edward, Earl of Oxford to William, Lord Burghley, for life, the remainder to the Lady Elizabeth Vere & the heirs of her body, & for default of such issue, the remainder to the Ladies Bridget & Susan Vere & the heirs of their two bodies, & for default of issue of the body of Lady Bridget, the remainder of her portion unto the Lady Susan & her heirs, & for default of issue of the Lady Susan, the remainder of her portion to the Lady Bridget Vere & her heirs, and for default of issue of the bodies of the said 3 Ladies, the remainder to the heirs of the body of John de Vere, late Earl of Oxenford, grandfather of the said now Earl, etc.

3o Martii A {nn}o 40o R{egine} Eliz{abethe} [=3 March 1598]

A deed of entail between William, Lord Burghley, on the one part, and Sir Robert Cecil, knight, etc., the Dean of Westminster, Francis Bacon, Anthony Irby, Vincent Skinner, Robert Wingfield & Richard Ogle whereby the said Lord Burghley covenanteth to stand seized of the manor of Boothby in the County of Lincoln & of the manor of Beechfield etc. in the said county, & of the manor of Clawson in the county of Leicester to the use of himself for life, & afterwards to the use of the Lady Elizabeth, Countess of Derby, Lady Bridget & Lady Susan Vere, & the heirs of their bodies, & afterwards to the use of Sir Robert Cecil, knight, & the heirs of his body, & afterwards to the use of the right heirs of the said Lord Burghley.

Endorsed: Conveyance of the young Ladies Vere