

SUMMARY: The document below is a memorandum said to date from 1594 concerning Oxford's claim to rights in Waltham Forest and Havering. See the description in *A Catalogue of the Lansdowne Manuscripts in the British Museum*, 1819, p. 147 at:

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77. A declaration of an unnamed person what offices in the Queen's Manor of Havering are justly claimed by Lord Oxford, 1594.

For another description of the rights claimed by Oxford in Waltham Forest and Havering Park, see TNA SP 14/2/63, f. 160.

During Queen Elizabeth's reign, Oxford's efforts to reclaim his rights in Waltham Forest and Havering Park were unsuccessful, with Oxford stating that the Queen 'flatly said whether it were mine or hers she would bestow it at her pleasure'. For letters and memoranda in which Oxford mentions his legal claim to rights in the Forest, see BL Lansdowne 68/6, ff. 12-13; BL Lansdowne 68/11, ff. 22-3, 28; BL Harley 6996/22, ff. 42-3; Cecil Papers 35/84; Cecil Papers 172/81; Cecil Papers 99/161; and Cecil Papers 100/99. For a deposition by Oxford's former receiver-general, Edward Hubberd (d.1601/2), attributing to Oxford's servant, Israel Amyce, the suggestion that Leicester was behind the Queen's refusal to restore Oxford's rights in the Forest ('I pray God my Lord of Leicester have not gotten it and burned it because of my Lord's title to the stewardship of the Forest'), see TNA C 24/277/35.

A few months after his accession, King James restored Oxford's rights to the Forest on 18 July 1603 (see TNA C 66/1612, mm. 27-8).

Shortly before his death on 24 June 1604, Oxford transferred his rights in the Forest to his first cousin, Sir Francis Vere (1560/61-1609), and his son-in-law, Francis (1579-1622), Lord Norris (see Oxford's inquisition post mortem, TNA C 142/286/165).

The stewardship of Havering with the fee of £20 by year

The bailiwick of Havering with the fee of £5 or £6 by year.

The stewardship of Stomford Ry{er}ns(?) & Stapleford Abbotts with the fee of £5 by year.

All these are out of my Lord of Oxford's great(?) claim.

My Lord's claim extendeth to the:

Lieutenancy of the Forest

The walks of the Forest

The stewardship of the Forest

The keeping of Havering house & the park, & to no other things in Havering, as I take it.