
SUMMARY: The document below is an entry in the diary of Henry Machyn describing the funeral in Essex on 31 August 1562 of the 16th Earl, who had died on 3 August. It is taken from Nichols, John Gough., ed., *The Diary of Henry Machyn, Citizen and Merchant-Taylor of London* (London: Camden Society, 1848), pp. 290-1. BL MS Harleian 897, f. 81 states that the burial took place on 25 August at the parish church of Hedingham:

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. He married first Dorothy, daughter of Ralph, Earl of Westmorland, and had issue Katherine, wife to Edward, Lord Windsor, secondly, Margery, daughter of Golding, sister to Sir Thomas Golding, and had issue Edward, Earl of Oxford, and Mary.

The 31 day of August was buried in Essex the good Earl [of Oxford with] 3 heralds of arms, Master Garter, Master Lancaster, Master Richmond, with a standard and a great banner of arms, and 8 bannerols, [helmet], crest, target and sword and coat-armour, and a hearse with velvet [and a] pall of velvet, a 10 dozen of scutcheons, [and with] many mourners in black, and great moan made for him.