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- ⁷³ BL Add. MS 39831, fol. 7r.
- ⁷⁴ Salisbury MSS, p. 90: Uxor et virgo, regina et sancta, beata Etheldreda, ora pro me misserrimo peccatori, Thoma Tresam ('Wife and virgin, queen and saint, blessed Etheldreda, pray for me a most miserable sinner, Thomas Tresham').
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- ⁷⁷ T. Cooper, 'The Enchantment of the Familiar Face: Portraits as Domestic Objects in Elizabethan and Jacobean England', in T. Hamling and C. Richardson (eds), *Everyday Objects: Medieval and Early Modern Material Culture and its Meanings*, Ashgate, Farnham, 2010, pp. 157–78, at p. 158.
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- ⁸⁵ S. Keynes, 'Ely Abbey 672–1109' in P. Meadows and N. Ramsay (eds), *A History of Ely Cathedral*, Boydell and Brewer, Woodbridge, 2003, pp. 3–58, at p. 57.
- 86 Hope (1911), p. 255.
- 87 Ibid. pp. 256-7.
- 88 Ibid. pp. 258, 262.
- 89 Seven prisoners (William Browne, John Gage of Haling, Samuel Loame, Ferdinando Parris, Gervase Pierrepont, John Thimbleby and John Towneley) are recorded only in the *Tabula Eliensis*. Four prisoners mentioned in official records (Samuel and Sampson Erdeswicke, Edward Rookwood and William Tyrwhitt) receive no mention in the *Tabula*.
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- ⁹¹ J. E. Secker, 'Consolatory Literature of the English Recusants', *Renaissance et réforme* vol. 6 (1982), pp. 122–141, at p. 123.
- ⁹² P. Strauss, *In Hope of Heaven: Recusant Prison Writings of the Sixteenth Century*, Peter Lang, New York, 1995, p. 2.

APPENDIX: THE RECUSANT PRISONERS AT ELY

- 1. William ap Pryce of Washingley, Huntingdonshire¹
- 2. Sir John Arundel of Lanherne, Cornwall²
- 3. William Browne of Elsing, Norfolk³
- 4. Henry Carvell⁴
- 5. William Catesby⁵
- 6. George Cotton of Warblington, Hampshire⁶
- 7. Thomas Crawley of Monewden, Suffolk⁷
- 8. Sir Alexander Culpepper⁸

- 9. John Draycott of Painsley, Staffordshire⁹
- 10. Samuell Erdeswicke¹⁰
- 11. Sampson Erdeswicke¹¹
- 12. Sir Thomas Fitzherbert¹²
- 13. John Gage of Firle, Sussex¹³
- 14. John Gage of Haling, Surrey¹⁴
- 15. Thomas Gawen¹⁵
- 16. Rooke Greene of Little Sampford, Essex¹⁶
- 17. Michael Hare of Bruisyard, Suffolk¹⁷
- 18. John Leeds of Wappingthorn, Sussex¹⁸
- 19. Samuel Loame¹⁹
- 20. Gilbert Melles (or Wells)²⁰
- 21. Richard Owen of Godstow, Oxfordshire²¹
- 22. Ferdinando Parris of Linton, Cambridgeshire
- 23. Gervase Pierrepont of Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire
- 24. Edward Rookwood of Euston, Suffolk²²
- 25. Edward Sulyard of Wetherden, Suffolk²³
- 26. John Talbot of Grafton, Worcestershire²⁴
- 27. John Thimbleby²⁵
- 28. Thomas Throckmorton of Coughton, Warwickshire²⁶
- 29. John Towneley of Towneley, Lancashire²⁷
- 30. Sir Thomas Tresham of Rushton, Northamptonshire²⁸
- 31. William Tyrwhitt of Kettleby, Lincolnshire²⁹
- 32. Thomas Wilford of Hartridge, Kent³⁰

NOTES

- ¹ Mentioned in a Privy Council meeting of 13 March 1590 (*APC*, vol. 18:1, p. 550) and in the *Tabula Eliensis* (Hope (1911), pp. 259–62).
- ² Tendered the Oath of Allegiance on 22 October 1588 (*Historical Manuscripts Commission 5th Report* (1876), pp. 406–7); moved to Banbury by an order of 13 March 1590 (*APC*, vol. 8:1, p. 550). Mentioned in a Privy Council meeting of 13 March 1590 (*APC*, vol. 18:1, p. 550) and in the *Tabula Eliensis* (Hope (1911), pp. 259–62).
- ³ Mentioned only in the *Tabula Eliensis* (Hope (1911), pp. 259–62).
- ⁴ Mentioned in a Privy Council meeting of 13 March 1590 (*APC*, vol. 18:1, p. 550) and in the *Tabula Eliensis* (Hope (1911), pp. 259–62).
- ⁵ Tendered the Oath of Allegiance on 22 October 1588 (*Historical Manuscripts Commission 5th Report* (1876), pp. 406–7); moved to Banbury by an order of 13 March 1590 (*APC*, vol. 8:1, p. 550); committed to Ely on 23 February 1593 (LPL MS 2008, fol. 41). Mentioned in the *Tabula Eliensis* (Hope (1911), pp. 259–62).
- ⁶ Tendered the Oath of Allegiance on 22 October 1588 (*Historical Manuscripts Commission 5th Report* (1876), pp. 406–7). Mentioned in a Privy Council meeting of 13 March 1590 (*APC*, vol. 18:1, p. 550) and in the *Tabula Eliensis* (Hope (1911), pp. 259–62).
- ⁷ Mentioned in a Privy Council meeting of 13 March 1590 (*APC*, vol. 18:1, p. 550) and in the *Tabula Eliensis* (Hope (1911), pp. 259–62).
- ⁸ Tendered the Oath of Allegiance on 22 October 1588 (*Historical Manuscripts Commission 5th Report* (1876), pp. 406–7); moved to Banbury by an order of 13 March 1590 (*APC*, vol. 8:1, p. 550). Mentioned in a Privy Council meeting of 13 March 1590 (*APC*, vol. 18:1, p. 550) and in the *Tabula Eliensis* (Hope (1911), pp. 259–62).
- ⁹ Mentioned in a Privy Council meeting of 13 March 1590 (APC, vol. 18:1, p. 550). Draycott was allowed to attend a sale of his lands in Lincolnshire and Shropshire to cover debts arising

- from recusancy fines on 30 November 1590 (LPL MS 2008, fol. 17). Mentioned in the *Tabula Eliensis* (Hope (1911), pp. 259–62).
- ¹⁰ Mentioned in a Privy Council meeting of 13 March 1590 (APC, vol. 18:1, p. 550).
- ¹¹ Mentioned in a Privy Council meeting of 13 March 1590 (APC, vol. 18:1, p. 550).
- ¹² Tendered the Oath of Allegiance on 22 October 1588 (*Historical Manuscripts Commission 5th Report* (1876), pp. 406–7); moved to Banbury by an order of 13 March 1590 (*APC*, vol. 8:1, p. 550). Mentioned in the *Tabula Eliensis* (Hope (1911), pp. 259–62).
- ¹³ Mentioned in a Privy Council meeting of 13 March 1590 (APC, vol. 18:1, p. 550).
- ¹⁴ Mentioned only in the *Tabula Eliensis* (Hope (1911), pp. 259–62).
- ¹⁵ Mentioned in a Privy Council meeting of 13 March 1590 (*APC*, vol. 18:1, p. 550). Gawen had been removed from Ely and was in the Fleet by 28 October 1590 (LPL MS 2008, fol. 14). Committed to Ely on 23 February 1593 (LPL MS 2008, fol. 41).
- ¹⁶ Described as 'a recusant confined for three years at Ely and elsewhere', who was given permission to leave Ely 'on account of his age and affairs' on 22 December 1590 (LPL MS 2008, fol. 19). He was finally released for good on 28 June 1591 (fol. 25). Mentioned in the *Tabula Eliensis* (Hope (1911), pp. 259–62).
- ¹⁷ Tendered the Oath of Allegiance on 22 October 1588 (*Historical Manuscripts Commission 5th Report* (1876), pp. 406–7). Mentioned in a Privy Council meeting of 13 March 1590 (*APC*, vol. 18:1, p. 550) and in the *Tabula Eliensis* (Hope (1911), pp. 259–62). Hare was given 'permission to go to the country to settle his affairs' on 11 November 1590 (LPL MS 2008, fol. 16).
- ¹⁸ Tendered the Oath of Allegiance on 22 October 1588 (*Historical Manuscripts Commission 5th Report* (1876), pp. 406–7). Mentioned in a Privy Council meeting of 13 March 1590 (*APC*, vol. 18:1, p. 550) and in the *Tabula Eliensis* (Hope (1911), pp. 259–62); released on 31 August 1591 (LPL MS 2008, fol. 32); committed to Ely on 23 February 1593 (LPL MS 2008, fol. 41). ¹⁹ Mentioned only in the *Tabula Eliensis* (Hope (1911), pp. 259–62).
- ²⁰ Tendered the Oath of Allegiance on 22 October 1588 (*Historical Manuscripts Commission 5th Report* (1876), pp. 406–7). Mentioned in a Privy Council meeting of 13 March 1590 (*APC*, vol. 18:1, p. 550) and in the *Tabula Eliensis* (Hope (1911), pp. 259–62).
- ²¹ Tendered the Oath of Allegiance on 22 October 1588 (*Historical Manuscripts Commission 5th Report* (1876), pp. 406–7). Mentioned in a Privy Council meeting of 13 March 1590 (*APC*, vol. 18:1, p. 550) and in the *Tabula Eliensis* (Hope (1911), pp. 259–62).
- ²² Tendered the Oath of Allegiance on 22 October 1588 (*Historical Manuscripts Commission 5th Report* (1876), pp. 406–7); mentioned again on 26 October 1588 (*APC*, vol. 16, p. 324); released on 3 December 1597 (*APC*, vol. 14, p. 97).
- ²³ Tendered the Oath of Allegiance on 22 October 1588 (*Historical Manuscripts Commission 5th Report* (1876), pp. 406–7); moved to Banbury by an order of 13 March 1590 (*APC*, vol. 8:1, p. 550); released from Ely on 3 December 1597 (*APC*, vol. 14, p. 97). Mentioned in the *Tabula Eliensis* (Hope (1911), pp. 259–62).
- ²⁴ Tendered the Oath of Allegiance on 22 October 1588 (*Historical Manuscripts Commission 5th Report* (1876), pp. 406–7); moved to Banbury by an order of 13 March 1590 (*APC*, vol. 8:1, p. 550). According to an order of 18 September 1592, Talbot was not to be sent back to Ely (LPL MS 2008, fol. 46), but he was committed again on 23 February 1593 (LPL MS 2008, fol. 41). On 26 April 1593 he was given permission to leave Ely to settle a lawsuit involving the Earl of Shrewsbury (fol. 48). On 11 June 1593 he was granted an extension to his leave of absence (fol. 54). Mentioned in the *Tabula Eliensis* (Hope (1911), pp. 259–62).
- ²⁵ Mentioned only in the *Tabula Eliensis* (Hope (1911), pp. 259–62).
- ²⁶ Committed to Ely on 23 February 1593 (LPL MS 2008, fol. 41); mentioned in the *Tabula Eliensis* (Hope (1911), pp. 259–62).
- ²⁷ Mentioned only in the *Tabula Eliensis* (Hope (1911), pp. 259-62).
- ²⁸ Mentioned in a Privy Council meeting of 13 March 1590 (*APC*, vol. 18:1, p. 550) and in the *Tabula Eliensis* (Hope (1911), pp. 259–62); committed to Ely on 23 February 1593 (LPL MS 2008, fol. 41); released on 3 December 1597 (*APC*, vol. 14, p. 97).
- ²⁹ Tendered the Oath of Allegiance on 22 October 1588 (*Historical Manuscripts Commission 5th Report* (1876), pp. 406–7); moved to Banbury by an order of 13 March 1590 (*APC*, vol. 8:1, p. 550).
- ³⁰ Mentioned in a Privy Council meeting of 14 July 1588 (*APC*, vol. 16, p. 165) and in the *Tabula Eliensis* (Hope (1911), pp. 259–62). Tendered the Oath of Allegiance on 22 October 1588 (*Historical Manuscripts Commission 5th Report* (1876), pp. 406–7).