

**Examination of William Elsey by Nathaniel Bacon, 1612/1613 February 25: manuscript signed with Elsey's mark, Papers of the Bacon-Townshend family of Stiffkey, Norfolk. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.d.765, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.**

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The exam of willim̄ Elsey taken before S<sup>r</sup>  
Nathanuel Bacon knight the ~~xxth~~ xxx<sup>th</sup>  
of ffebruarie 1612

He sayth that vpon Shrovermondaie about nyne or ten of the clock  
in the fore noone, he came to holte, and went into Iohn Downing{es}  
house wher he founde him and his wife readie<sup>about</sup> to goe to di meate,  
and they willed him to sit downe and eate w<sup>th</sup> them. And  
ther was brought out a goose that was roasted, and cut vp,  
and set vpon the boarde, and th~~w~~ w<sup>ch</sup> was eaten by them  
by Downinge an and his wife, his two daughters and this  
Exam<sup>t</sup>.

He sayth that he did se the garbidge of a goose w<sup>ch</sup> was then  
boyled, standing vpon a boarde by

The marke of {mark} Iohn willim̄ Elsey

downinge did deny that ther was anie goose eaten in his house  
vpon shrove mondaie.  
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Elsies Exam against  
Downing{es}