

**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 Examination of William Elsey taken before Sir  
Nathaniel Bacon knight the ~~xxth~~ 30<sup>th</sup>  
of February 1612

He sayeth that upon Shrove Monday about nine or ten of the clock  
in the forenoon, he came to halt, and went into John Downing's  
house where he found him and his wife ready about to go to ~~di~~ meat,  
and they willed him to sit down and eat with them. And  
there was brought out a goose that was roasted, and cut up,  
and set upon the board, ~~and th-w~~ which was eaten by them  
by Downing ~~an~~ and his wife, his two daughters and this  
Examinant.

He sayeth that he did see the garbage of a goose which was then  
boiled, standing upon a board by

The mark of {mark} John William Elsey

Downing did deny that there was any goose eaten in his house  
upon Shrove Monday.  
Nathaniel Bacon

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Elsey's Examination against  
Downing's