

**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  
Nathanuel Bacon knight the ~~xxth~~ xxx<sup>th</sup>  
of ffebruarie 1612

He sayeth that vpon Shrovetondaie about nyne or ten of the clock  
in the fore noone, he came to holte, and went into Iohn Downinges  
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 with them. And  
ther was brought out a goose that was roasted, and cut vp,  
and set vpon the boarde, and th~~w~~ which was eaten by them  
by Downinge an and his wife, his two daughters and this  
Examinant.

He sayeth that he did se the garbidge of a goose which was then  
boyled, standing vpon a boarde by

The marke of {mark} Iohn william Elsey

downinge did deney that ther was anie goose eaten in his house  
vpon shrove mondaie.  
Nathaniel Bacon

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Elsies Examination against  
Downinges