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Thomas Cecil, 1st Earl of Exeter

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BIOGRAPHY

Eldest son of William Cecil and Mary Cheke. He inherited the Burghley title in 1598 and was raised

to the earldom of Exeter in 1605. Through his marriage to Dorothy Neville, daughter and co-heir of

John Neville, 4th Baron Latimer, the Exeter branch acquired important landed and baronial connections.

NOTES / SOURCES

Westminster Abbey, Thomas & William Cecil, Earls of Exeter

<https://www.westminster-abbey.org/abbey-commemorations/commemorations/thomas-william-cecil-earls-of-exeter>

Guide to Burghley House

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/3/3d/Guide_to_Burghley_House%2C_Stamford_-_the_seat_of_the_most_honourable%2C_the_Marquess_of_Exeter_%28IA_guidetoburghleyh00unse%29.pdf

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