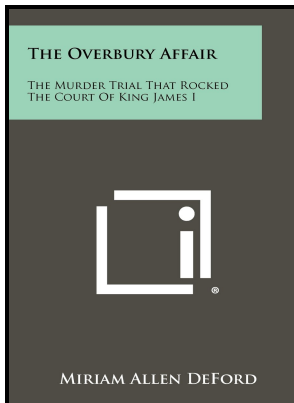


Overbury affair - the murder trial that rocked the Court of King James I.

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Somerset, Robert Carr, -- Earl of, -- d. 1645

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Whatever Frances had initially felt about the choice of husband that had been made on her behalf, after the passage of three years spent in the midst of the decadence of the court she had become most decidedly of the opinion that was not the man for her. Having been found guilty of felony, the estates of the Earl had become forfeited; but James granted him out of their revenues an income of 4,000 pounds per annum! By then, he and James had apparently come to some sort of a private deal.

Thomas Overbury

A few poems attack both the Somersets at once, and a few others deal with the scandal as a whole, touching briefly on some of the other alleged murderers. While Overbury sulks in the Tower, we move on to the comic interlude of our melodrama: the Essex divorce case.

Robert Carr, 1st Earl of Somerset

Initially the king displayed little interest in the matter, perhaps hoping that the gossips would soon find something else to occupy their interest. Through her Lady Somerset was the ten-times-great grandmother of the actress.

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God accomplished his work of inerrant preserved Word in spite of the human faults and limitations of those who brought it about. Once these fell into Coke's hands, the Earl of Somerset and his wife found themselves under arrest right along with Richard Weston, Mrs. It was very likely that Overbury was the victim of a 'set-up' contrived by the Earls of Northampton and Suffolk, with Carr's complicity, to keep him out of the way during the annulment proceedings.

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This chapter will prove valuable to anybody interested in the factional politics of mid-Jacobean England, but it offers little hint of the more

historiographically innovative approach to the meaning of the scandal that informs the remainder of the study. Chapter four brings the connection between the Overbury scandal and the fear of popery into clearer focus, examining the formation and dissemination of a conspiracy theory that saw the Overbury murder as part of a much larger Popish plot to kill the royal family and seize the throne for King Carr. King James attended a tilting match where one of the players was a young Scot named Robert Carr.

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