ProQuest has teamed with Hatfield House Archives to digitize their privately held collection of almost 30,000 documents, gathered by William Cecil (1521-1598), Lord Burghley and his son Robert Cecil (1563-1612), First Earl of Salisbury.

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William Cecil (1521-1598), Lord Burghley and his son Robert Cecil (1563-1612), First Earl of Salisbury were at the heart of events during one of the most dynamic periods in Western history. One of Elizabeth’s I’s closest advisors, William Cecil was both her Lord High Treasurer and her Secretary of State – a position also held by his son who continued to serve Elizabeth and her successor, James I. Previously, the essential historic documents available in the Cecil Papers were only available at Hatfield House in the United Kingdom. Now, ProQuest has made this collection available to scholars, students, and general users for the thorough study of significant events and individuals of the 16th and 17th centuries.
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- Mary Queen of Scots (1542-1687)
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- Spanish Armada (1588)
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- Drake and Hawkins’ expedition to the West Indies (1595)
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