

and that She died in 1612, two years before the publication of Sir Walter Raleigh's history, She will then have been no less than * one hundred and forty five years of age, a particularity singular enough to excite, and I hope, to excuse this Inquiry.

* Lord Bacon, says Fuller, computed her age to be one hundred and forty at least; and added, that She three times had a new set of teeth; for so I understand, ter vices dentille, not that She recovered them three times after casting them, as Fuller translates it, which is giving her four sets of teeth.

Worthies in Northumb. p. 310.

Being at Strawberry Hill in Apr: 1773, I saw there a Copy of the Picture, commonly attributed to the old Countess of Desmond: but Mr. Walpole told me, that there is sufficient Proof that it is a Painter's Mother: I think ~~Fuller's~~ ~~From~~ ~~Grant's~~. However, by a L^r. from Mr. Lort Apr: 15. 1774, he assures me, that on Mr. Rosset's calling at Strawberry Hill to see this Picture he was much surpris'd at having a Print of it engrav'd for his Book, till Mr. Lort received him by carrying him to a Garret in Devonshire House where was a Picture of this same Countess, with her Name on it, exactly corresponding to his engrav'd Print. I remember a remarkable good old Picture of her at Mr. Dickey's Behaving at Bristol, at Walton in Bucks.

COLE ON THE COUNTESS OF DESMOND