2013 marks the Quadcentennial Anniversary of the death of
Lady Rose Throckmorton nee Hickman nee Lock

Rose was a Londoner, born in 1526, the daughter of Sir William
Lock & died a widow aged 87 on Thursday the 21st of November
1613. She was buried in the Hickman Quire of the former
Burgh Chantry Chapel located on the south side of the Chancel
in All Saints’ Church, Gainsborough.

She was the mother of Sir William Hickman, Lord of the Manor of
Gainsborough

She lived through six reigns ; Henry VIII, Edward VI, Jane, Mary,
Elizabeth I and James I/VI, seeing the end of the Tudor dynasty
and the start of the Stuart one with the end to Catholic England
and the Protestant resurgency under Elizabeth I.
The portrait above of Rose Hickman hangs in the Upper Great Chamber of the East Range of the Old Hall and is part of the Bacon Collection on permanent loan.

The Old Hall is curating an exhibition—Rose Hickman from August to December 2013

Watch this space for more details!

The Friends’ are to include a special insert on Rose Throckmorton in its Summer edition of its newsletter a fuller essay will be available on the website.

It took her family 24 years before they supported an epitaph which was written in 1637; her eldest son, Sir William Hickman appears not to have provided a memorial.

The Epitaph*

“God gave unto this matron in her days
Such pledges firm of his affliction dear
Such happy blessings as the psalmist says
They shall receive as serve the Lord in fear
Herself in wedlock as the fruitful vine
Her children like the olive plants to be
And of her issues in descendant line
She did her children childrens children see
And freed from the Babylonish awe
Peace permanent on Isreal saw
Now having fought a good and Christian fight
Against the spiritual common enemy
And exercis’d herself both day and night
In oracles divine continually.
And kept the sacred faith with constancy
Even in the midst of persecutions rage
Express’d by worthy works of peity
From time to time as well in youth as age
She finished her course and doth possess in heavenly bliss the crown of righteousness”.

*Source MS C Folio 7, copied in hand by Elizabeth Hickman in 1667 & deposited in the British Museum in 1935 by Sir Henry Hickman Bacon