

## F7 Henrie, raysed Brandon

*Notes.* The one extant copy of this short verse survives in the commonplace book of William Davenport, of Bramhall, Cheshire. Bellany (Politics 177) briefly discusses the poem as one of several contemporary representations of James I's motivations for the social and political elevation of Robert Carr.

Henrie, raysed Brandon<sup>1</sup>  
James, Carre<sup>2</sup> uppon my lyfe  
the one married the Kinges sister<sup>3</sup>  
the other Essex wyffe.<sup>4</sup>

**Source.** CCRO MS CR 63/2/19, fol. 11r

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<sup>1</sup> *Henrie, raysed Brandon:* Henry VIII raised his friend and favourite Charles Brandon to be Duke of Suffolk in February 1514.

<sup>2</sup> *James, Carre:* James raised his favourite Robert Carr to Earl of Somerset in November 1613.

<sup>3</sup> *married...sister:* Brandon married Mary Tudor, sister of Henry VIII and dowager Queen of France, in 1515.

<sup>4</sup> *Essex wyffe:* in December 1613, Robert Carr married Frances Howard, whose marriage to Robert Devereux, 3rd Earl of Essex, had been annulled the previous September.

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