

**PERSONAL SOURCES USED BY THE COMPILERS OF HOLINSHED'S
*CHRONICLES***

Information said to have been directly communicated to or obtained by Holinshed and his associates (excluding their published writings, but including private collections and information supplied by them to one another; entries in this list occasionally overlap with ones in other lists).

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1577 edition

p. 15: `This computation I have set down according to the Chronologie of William Harison not yet published, whose accompte (as he hath gathered it) I have folowed for the more parte, as well in the historie of Scotland, as here in this historie of England, especially til I come unto the time that the Saxons settled themselves here: the rather bycause I am persuaded y^t he hath bin verie diligent in serching out the true computation of yeres, in reforming the same according to y^e best authorities, as I truste to the learned reader it may appeare...' [Holinshed]

p. 33: `... as William Harison hath set it downe in the exquisite Chronologie which he hath gathered... as may appeare hereafter, if ever it come to light, and the hugenes therof & cost to be bestowed therupon, do not hinder the printing of the same...' [Holinshed]

Numerous other, though not all, passing references to Harrison's `Chronologie' were omitted from the second edition.

1587 edition

Volume I

p. 13: `a treatise yet extant of that matter, written by a chaplaine to king Edward the Confessour, in the hands of John Stow my verie freend...' [Harrison, of the *Vita Ædwardi Regis*]

p. 89: `sir Thomas Sackford knight...hath holpen me in the names of the townes, by which these rivers for the Kentish part do run...' [Harrison]

p. 305: `a table shall follow of the [law] termes containing their beginnings and endings, as I have borrowed them from my freend John Stow...' [Harrison]

p. 343: [details of fairs] `...you shall find them at large, as I borowed the same from I. Stow, and the reports of others.' [Harrison]

p. 417: [Heading] `Of certeine waies in Scotland out of Reginald Wolfas his annotations' [Harrison]

Volume II

p. 707: charter said by Holinshed to have been given by Edward III to John Eure: `John Stow upon conference referreth this to the last yeare of king Edward the first' [Fleming]

p. 836: `Out of an old French pamphlet belonging to John Stow.', 1397 [Holinshed]

p. 850: `Out of a French pamphlet that belongeth to master John Dee.', 1399 (cited pp. 854, 856) [Holinshed]

Volume III

p. 136: [probably the *Vita et Gesta Henrici Quinti* of `Pseudo-Elmham'] `a copie whereof I have seene...belonging to master John Twine of Kent...' [Holinshed]

p. 856: `Abr. Fl. ex manuscripto ab Henr. Tenant tradito' [Fleming, used to correct Holinshed]. Also Vol. IV, p. 157

p. 861: fighting around Boulogne 1546, `This haue I set downe the more willinglie, for that I haue receiued it from them, which haue heard it reported, not onlie by the lord Greis owne mouth, but also by the relation of Sir Thomas Palmer, and others that were present...'. [carried over from 1577]

p. 939: siege of Exeter 1549, `wherent I John Hooker the writer herof was present, and Testis oculatus of things then doone...'

p. 1011: `Abr. Fl. ex quorundam collectaneis' (also p. 1014)

p. 1034: execution of the duke of Somerset, 1552, `Wherfore I thinke it good to write what I saw (saith John Stow) concerning that matter...'

p. 1038: marriage of Rosa, daughter of Richard de Lucy, `as appeareth by a deed (belonging to my selfe, who had the rectorie of Leosnes)...' [Thynne]

p. 1046: `Of this Piers [Gaveston] I will here saie litle, bicause I have spoken more largelie of him in my pantographie of England...'. Also referred to Vol. IV, p. 152, described as `my booke intituled the Pantographie of England, conteining the universall description of all memorable places and persons, as well temporall as spirituall...`.

[Thynne]

Volume IV

p. 200: siege of Leith, 1560 - `there came to my hands certeine notes of one or two persons that were there present, and for helpe of their owne memories wrote the same...`

[Holinshed]

p. 225: Queen Elizabeth's speech at Cambridge, 1564, `A copie whereof I have set downe, as I received it in writing at the hands of one that was then present, and noted the same as hir maiestie uttered it. Whose words unto me in a letter, wherewith the same oration was sent, I doo here set downe Bona fide...`. [Fleming, letter from Thomas

Newton]

pp. 294, 301, 310, 313: `my large book of the lives of the lord treasurers of England`

[Thynne]

pp. 434-5: the temporary banqueting house put up at Westminster to receive French ambassadors, 1581 - `as I was crediblie informed by the worshipful maister Thomas Grave surveior unto hir maiesties workes...`. [Fleming]

p. 446: a Dutch giant and dwarf in London, 1581 - `About the seaventeenth of Julie, I saw these men in the parish of saint Peter upon Cornehill...`. [Fleming]

p. 497: foundation of Gresham College, 1582 - (margin) `Ab. Fl. Spectator & auditor`

p. 587: muniments of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, founded 1585, `(which I have seene, and whense I had this transcript)...` [Fleming]

p. 598: Raleigh's expedition to Virginia, 1585 - `Abr. Fl. ex chirographo D.G. militis`.

p. 727: Archbishop John Kemp: `Of this man shall be more spoken in my large booke of the chancellors of England...` [Thynne - other references to this projected volume 4/355, 375]

p. 759: exequies of Cardinal Pole, 1558 - `At what time my selfe then a yoong scholer beheld the funerall pompe thereof...` [Thynne]

p. 799: Queen Elizabeth's visit to Cobham, 1559 - `...manie delights of rare invention. Amongst which, one comming now to mind, which I then being young beheld, urgeth me forward in the setting downe thereof...' [Thynne]

p. 809: disgrace of Eleanor, duchess of Gloucester, 1441 - `shall be more liberallie touched by me in my larger discourse of the lord Cobhams, hereafter to be set fourth...' [Thynne]

p. 820: Sir Roger Leyburn, `of whom my good and learned friend maister William Lambard dooth discourse in this sort in his perambulation of Kent...' [Thynne]

p. 847: `the custome and dutie' of the Maison Dieu at Dover `(as the ancient townesmen informe me)...' [Reginald Scot, contributing a `note' on works at Dover harbour in the 1580s]

p. 868: `The note of John Hooker *alias* Vowell concerning the sudden and strange sickness of late happening in Excester' 1586

Volume VI

pp. 166-7: Henry II's encounter with a Welshwoman, and her prophecy of his death on the stone called `Lechlanar' - `The writer hereof (of verie purpose) in the year 1575, went to the foresaid place to see the said stone, but there was no such to be found...' [Hooker]