

Walter
Calverley
1582-1605

Do you think
Walter was
happily
married?

What
happened in
April 1605?

Why might
Robert Cecil
want Phillipa and
Walter to marry?

Was Walter
given any money
by Phillipa's
family?

Who was
originally thought
to have written 'A
Yorkshire
Tragedy'?

Walter and Phillipa were both still minors (under 21) when they decided to marry in 1599.

Both Walter's parents were dead but Walter did not have a guardian, as was usual, and instead his affairs were managed by the 'Master of the Ward of Court', who at the time was Sir Robert Cecil.

Phillipa's father was also dead and her guardian is not named but is often described as her 'uncle'. Her uncle by marriage to her aunt Elizabeth Brooke was the same Robert Cecil.



Robert Cecil, Lord High Treasurer to Queen Elizabeth I and later to King James I.

It was important for Monarchs to keep the powerful region of Yorkshire on side.

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Murthers:

The one by Maister Cauerley, a Yorkshire
Gentleman, practised vpon his wife, and com-
mitted vppon his two Children, the
thre and twentic of Aprill

1605.

The other, by Mistris Browne, and her seruant Peter, vpon her husband,
who were executed in Lent last past at Bury in Suffolke.

1605.



Printed at London by V. R. for Nathanael Butter dwelling in Paules
churchyard neere Saint Anstons gate. 1605.

“Two most unnatural and bloody murders: the one by
Master Calverley, a Yorkshire Gentleman, practiced
upon his wife, and committed upon his two children,
23rd April 1605.”

A
YORKSHIRE
Tragedy.

*Not so New as Lamentable
and true.*

*Acted by his Maiesties Players at
the Globe.*

Written by W. Shakspeare.



AT LONDON

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shop on Cornhill, neere to the exchange.

1608,

Sir. I married my Daughter tow yeares past unto one Mr Walter Cauverle a Yorke Sheare Gentellman who was not of age at his marriage...Sir, I did give with my Daughter a thousand poundes which he truly receved of me...

An extract from a letter written by Anne Brooke, mother of Phillipa, to Robert Cecil in 1600.