Dr Dee's Buried Treasure

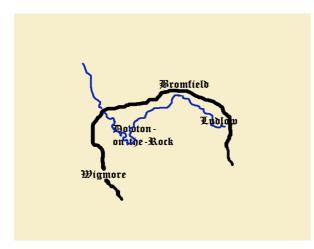


"...companies such as <u>Google</u> with their <u>Google Maps</u> and <u>Google Earth</u> products, have given the ability to virtually anyone to have eyes across the globe and conduct research into specific points of interest before launching a treasure hunting expedition." http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treasure_hunting

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Dr John Dee, Elizabethan alchemist, occultist, and scientist, identified a site of buried treasure. In a letter¹ to Lord Burghley, the Lord Treasurer, 3rd October 1574, Dee asked for permission to search, but this was never granted. He wrote, "It is noted, in the English Chronicles 1344, of a Saracen, in coming then to Earl Warren, as concerning a great treasure hid in his grounds in the Marches of Wales". The story he is talking about is to be found in Thomas Walsingham's *Historia Anglicana*. The place that Walsingham mentions is Brunfield, now probably Bromfield, near Ludlow in Shropshire.

Dee went on to mention also, "an heap of old papers and parchments" that he found in a ruined chapel in the grounds of Wigmore Castle, and that "good matter may be collected out of them". The ruin of Wigmore Castle is a few miles from modern-day Bromfield. Dee never had a chance to find his hidden treasure. But you might! The treasure hunt should focus on this area of England around Wigmore and Bromfield:



Resources: http://maps.google.co.uk/maps http://earth.google.co.uk/ Legal: http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts1996/Ukpga_19960024_en_1

¹ Now in the British Library, MS Lansdowne 19, article 38.