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# Robert Devereux, Earl of Essex

 (2nd Earl of Essex, military leader, strong man under Queen Elizabeth, led expeditions against Spain, failed against Irish rebels, executed early 17th c. after he raised a failed rebellion against the Queen)

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