

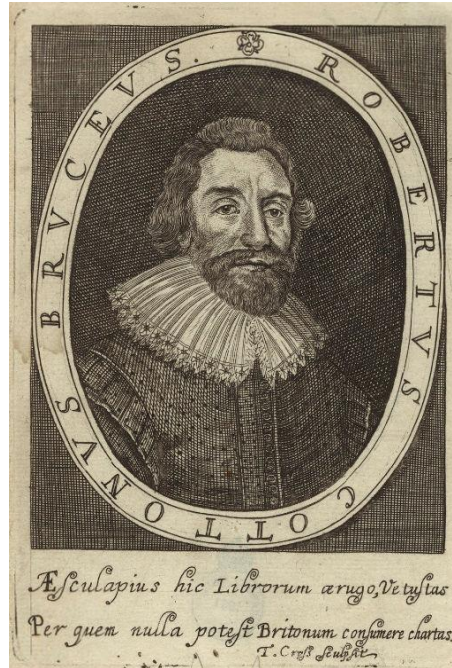
## Cotton, Robert Bruce

## Sir, 1<sup>st</sup> baronet

(1571-1631)



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Bust of Sir Robert Cotton in the Wren Library Trinity College Cambridge

### Biographical and Other Notes

Of Connington, Hunts, antiquary, book and manuscript collector and politician. In the late 1580s joined his former teacher, William Camden, as an early member of the Elizabethan Society of Antiquaries. Coins from his collection used to illustrate Speed's *History of Great Britaine*. One of the first collectors of Anglo-Saxon coins in Britain. Testified against debasing the coinage in 1626. Library damaged in a fire in 1731, rest went to BM on its opening (and then BL) in 1753. Coins went to BM in 1753.

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