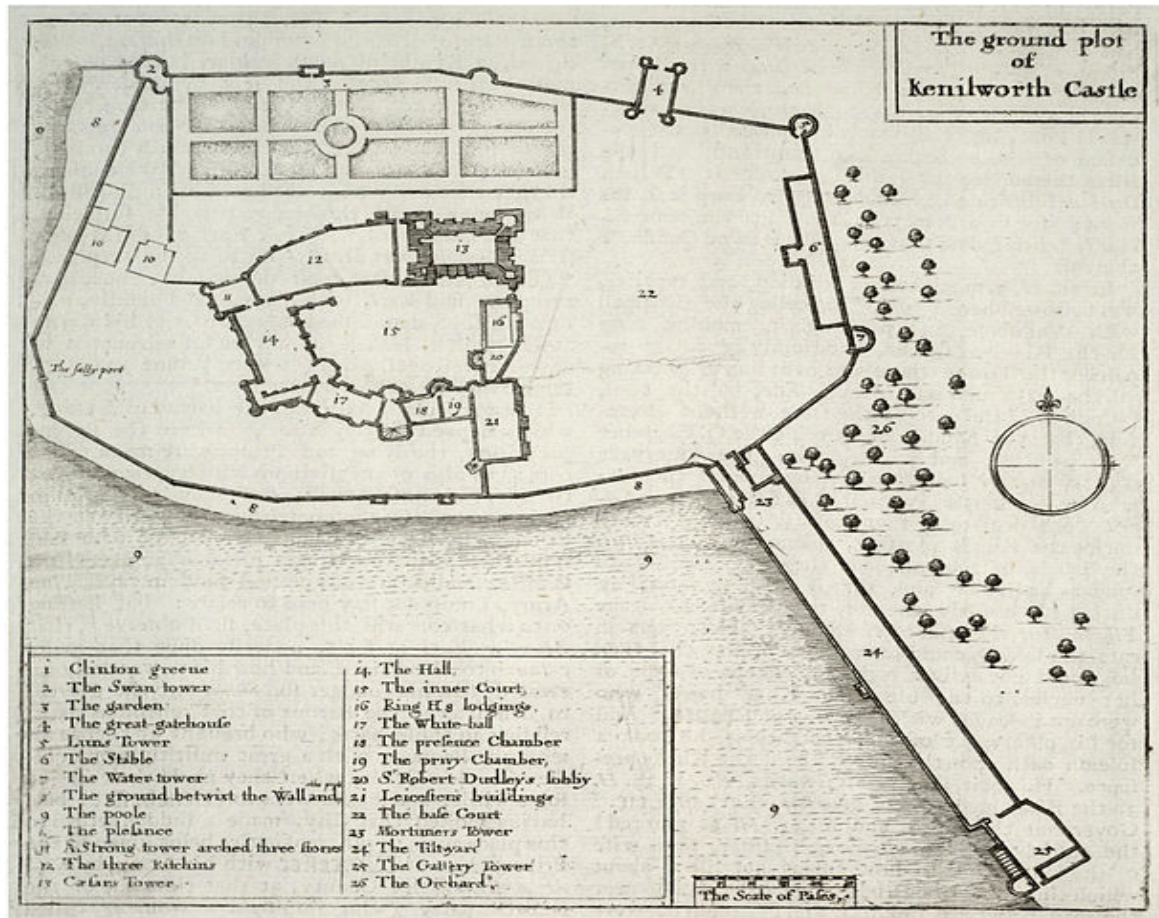


Gardens for Queen Elizabeth I



Kenilworth Castle. Plan of the garden as it was in 1656. *Reprod. in Strong 50.*



Theobald's Castle and Gardens purchased by Cecil and designed by John Gerard for the Queen. Gerard's Herball was published just before Hamlet was written.

The Great Garden...was enormous – over seven acres in extent, twice the size of Henry VIII's Hampton Court garden...it was surrounded by a wall within which it was divided into nine knot squares...Paul Hentzner describes in 1598: "...from this place ones goes into the garden, encompassed with a ditch full of water, large enough for one to have the pleasure of going in a boat and rowing between the shrubs" (Qtd. in Strong 53).

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