

# A Survey of Historical Documents related to the Early-Fourteenth Century English Court and King Edward II

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This research concerns the reign of King Edward II (1284-1327) and life in his court. The changing attitudes towards the monarch recorded towards the end of his reign, particularly those of Queen Isabella, are considered from a gender studies perspective. The means by which Queen and her supporters fostered a mood amenable to the deposition the King and the role played by their criticism of the nature of the relationship between the King and his favourites is explored. I visited the Bodleian Library in Oxford and The National Archives in London to collect historical sources such as manuscripts and royal charters and undertook site visits to Gloucester Cathedral and Tewkesbury Abbey.