

SCHIRBORNE in 1191  
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SCHYREBURN in 1405  
SCHIREBORNE in 1776



# MY LORD SHERBORNES' MORRIS MEN

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Sherbourne in Gloucestershire has an interesting history. The first building dates back to 811 AD when Winchcombe Abbey established a chapel there. The flourishing wool trade made Sherbourne one of the Abbey's most valuable properties and by 1086 a monastic Grange and church were built.

During the Dissolution of the Monasteries the Abbey tried to avoid sequestration by giving a 99 year lease of the property to Sir JOHN ALLEYN of LONDON on December 14th 1533. This infuriated Henry VIII who offered Sir JOHN £1300 for the property in 1540. This was refused and Sir JOHN eventually established his legal rights in 1550, and immediately sold the property to Thomas Dutton, Surveyor of the Crown Lands in Gloucestershire and younger son of the De Duttons of Cheshire.

The De Dutton family had settled in Cheshire under the protection of Hugh LUPUS EARL of CHESTER, close friend of Duke William of NORMANDY.

The 3rd EARL of Chester, during the reign of good King JOHN, (1199 12-16) was having trouble with the Welsh, again, at Rothelant. Hugh de Dutton was asked by the EARL to come to his aid, and as there was a fair in progress in Chester, he brought with him all the able persons at the fair. This included shoemakers and fiddlers with whom he had some influence.

Thomas Dutton in 1574 entertained ELIZABETH I at SHERBOURNE for 10 days at a cost of £13, later donating £13 to defray the costs of fighting the Spanish Armada. His son William also entertained the Queen, now an old lady, in 1592.

In 1618 JOHN DUTTON lent Charles I £50,000 for the war against the Parliamentarians. This was either very high inflation, or great devotion to the KING.

Nevertheless he became a friend of OLIVER CROMWELL, and managed to extend Sherbourne House during those troubled times.

Ralph Dutton was made a Baronet by Charles II for providing monies for 30 foot soldiers to defend the Plantations of ULSTER for a period of three years, and thus the red hand of ULSTER on the arms of Sherbourne.

Sir John Dutton in 1730 spent large sums of money to repair and refurbish the house, and also made several purchases of SOUTH SEA STOCK. By 1784 George III created the LORDS SHERBOURNE.

In 1830 Lewis Wyatt was commissioned to rebuild the property in the style of Louis XIV though many of the original features were retained.

The Dutton family owed their prosperity to the Cotswold wool trade, and the stone quarries active to 1915 and providing stone for Windsor and OXFORD between 1365 to 1525.

The Sherbourne dancers must have had a connection with the house, although not recorded in any history of the Dutton family.

The last time the dancers performed would have been around 1870, and they had a fierce reputation. William Hatherway told Cecil Sharpe, the famous collector, that Sherbourne was a desperate MORRIS place. George Simpson born 1854 and from the village, was considered the best and talked about the dances to Cecil Sharpe. Most of the information we have today comes from George Simpson and RICHARD Pitts who was not a dancer, but knew them all. Names mentioned were Hedges, Hawker, Lambert and two brothers, Kent.

Thomas Pitts an old Sherbourne dancer lived to about 80 years and was interviewed before the 2nd World War. His photograph appears on the cover of OLD COTSWOLD PHOTOGRAPHS by VINER of the Cirencester museum.

The Sherbourne dances are 17th century in style using a straight leg rather than a bent knee movement. The dance known as MY LORD SHERBOURNES JIGG is directly descended from the Galliards of the 16 Century Court dances. ELIZABETH I was reputed to perform a number of GALLIARDS before breakfast, and of course her courtiers would have had to dance with her. To reach preferment in Elizabeths court, would have required an ability to dance well.

#### FOOTNOTE

There were two Alehouses in Sherbourne in 1755 but sadly no record of any such establishments after that date.

**PEDIGREE of the DUTTON FAMILY, BARONS SHERBORNE, of SHERBORNE, in GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**  
*In illustration of the Descent and Relationship of those whose names appear in these Memoirs.*

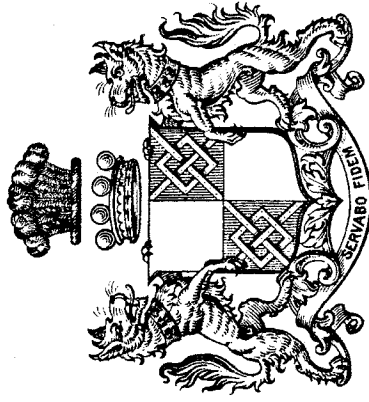
**THOMAS DUTTON, THE FIRST of SHERBORNE in GLOUCESTERSHIRE, ESQUIRE,** son of **WILLIAM DUTTON**, of *Chewer*, Esquire, descended from the *Duttons of Hinton*, and of *Dutton in Cheshire*. B. 1507; educated at *Oxford* (B.A. 22 Mar., 1522-3); Surveyor of Crown Lands in *Gloucestershire*; mar. 1st (before 1546) *Mary*, dau. of **ROBERT TAYLOR of Hentwell, Oxon.**, and widow of — *Roger*, by whom (who d. 1551, 3) he had issue (1) *Anne* (living 1581), mar. **JOHN WARREN**; mar. 2ndly *Anne*, dau. of **STEPHEN KIRTON**, of the parish of *St. Andrew Underneath, London*, Alderman of *London*, and Merchant of the Staple at *Calais*, said to have been widow of **Sir THOMAS WITHERS, Kt.** (bur. 6 Mar., 1505-6), by whom he had issue; mar. 3dly *Margaret*, d. and h. of **RALPH JOHNSON, of London**, Esq., and widow (1566) of **JOHN MAXNEY, of Bidmanden in Kent**, Esq., who survived him and mar. for her 3rd husband **JOHN CORTON, of Horncroft in Bucks**, Esq. (she d. 1582); acquired the Manor of *Sherborne* in 1551; d. 4 Oct.; bur. in *Sherborne Ch.*, 24 Oct., 1582, *et.* 74; Will pr. at *London*, 6 Nov., 1582; Inq. P. m., 5 Dec., 1581.

ISSUE BY SECOND WIFE ANNE KIRTON

1. **WILLIAM DUTTON**, of *Sherborne*, Esquire, b. 20-21 Aug., dau. of **Sir AMBROSE NICHOLAS**, of *Oxford*, in 1572, *et.* 12; his wardship and marriage granted to **WILLIAM MASSEY, Esq.**, at his father's death by deed 28 Nov., 1582; d. 10 Nov., *et.* 57; bur. in *Sherborne Ch.*, 11 Nov., 1618; Will pr. at *London*, 18 Nov., 1618; Inq. P. m., 2 Sept., 1619; purchased the Manors of *Standish* and *Northleach*; founded a charity at *Northleach*.

2. **THOMAS DUTTON**, of *Standish*, co. *Glouc.*, living 1583, Mar. (?); D.S.P., 2 Aug., 1615; Inq. P. m., 9 Oct., 1615; Will. P. m., 9 Oct., 24 Nov., 1586, **RALPH SALVIN**. Each living 1615; with sons *Thomas* and *Ralph*.

**MARGARET**, bap. at *St. Andrew's Underneath, London*, 29 Dec., 1560; bur. there 25 Jan., 1560-1.



1. **THOMAS DUTTON**, bap. at *Sherborne*, 15 Sept., 1591; matri- c. there 5 May, 1606, *et.* 15; B.A., 22 June, 1609; of the *Inner Temple*, 1609; bur. in *Sherborne Ch.*, 6 Jan., 1610-11.

2. **WILLIAM DUTTON**, dau. of **Sir HENRY RAYNTON**, Kt.; mar. sects., 5 July, 1619; bur. at *Sherborne*, 3 May, 1638.

3. **JOHN DUTTON**, =2. *Anne*, dau. of **JOHN KING**, D.D. Bishop of *London*.

4. **AMBROSE DUTTON**, bap. at *Sherborne*, 21 Nov., 1596; buried there 9 May, 1597.

5. **WILLIAM DUTTON**, bap. at *Sherborne*, 1598; matri- c. at *Exeter Coll., Ox- ford*, 14 Feb., 1611-2, *et.* 14; of the *Inner Tem- ple*, 1613; living 1618.

6. **Sir RALPH DUTTON**, of *Standish*, co. *Glouc.*, bap. at *Sherborne*, 8 Dec., 1601; raised to a Regiment of *Horse* for *Charles I.*, and compiled a *Manual of Prayers* for its use.

7. **GILES DUTTON**, bap. at *Sherborne*, 1 April, 1605; matri- c. at *Exeter Coll., Ox- ford*, 13 Dec., 1622, *et.* 17; mar. x

1. **WILLIAM DUTTON**, b. 12 Oct., 1621(?); d. 11 Apr., bur. at *Sherborne*, 22 Apr., 1628, aged 5 years 6 months.

2. **ELIZABETH DUTTON**, bap. at *Sherborne*, 17 May, 1620; mar. before 1645; Great Court. Esq. Each living with issue 1657.

3. **LUCY DUTTON**, bap. at *Sherborne*, 2 June, 1621; bur. there 2 Apr., 1623. Their dau., *Lady ELIZABETH POPE* (b. at *Cogges*, 15 Apr., 1645; d. 1 July, 1719), mar. 1st **Sir FRANCIS HENRY LEA**, 4th Bart. of *Ditchley*; and 2ndly, **ROBERT BERTIE**, 3rd EARL OF *LINDSEY*.

4. **WILLIAM DUTTON**, =Hon. *Mary*, dau. of **John VISCOUNT SCUDAMORE**, and widow of **THOMAS RUSSELL**, Esq.; bur. at *Sherborne*, 22 Sep., 1674.

5. **EDMUND POOLE**, of *Kemble, Glouc.*, Kt.; mar. sects., 13 Aug., 1674; bur. at *Sherborne*, 25 Feb., 1677-8. Had a dau., *Grizel*, bur. at *Sherborne*, 11 Sep., 1681.

6. **Sir RALPH DUTTON**, =his brother at *Sherborne* in 1675; Created a Baronet by Patent, dated 20 June, 1678.

7. **ELIZABETH DUTTON**, bap. at *Sherborne*, 9 Jan., 1587; buried there 26 April, 1604. [sects., 14 Feb., 1604]. *et.* 15; 4 Feb., 1604-5, to **GEORGE FETH- PLACE**, aged 14. He died in 1618.

1. **WILLIAM DUTTON**, bap. at *Sherborne*, 24 Feb., 1664; d.S.P. x

2. **CLEMENT DUTTON**, d. at *London*, 5 Apr., bur. at *Sherborne*, 9 Apr., 1687; aged 9 weeks, 2 days.

3. **RALPH DUTTON**, d. 13 Dec., bur. at *Sherborne*, 16 Dec., 1716; Will pr. at *London*, 16 Feb., 1717.

4. **Sir JOHN DUTTON**, of *Sherborne*, and Baronet; bur. there 4 Feb., 1742-3. Mar. 1st *Mary*, dau. and heir of **Sir RUSH OULT CULLEN** of *Upton*, co. *Warrick*; Baronet; sects. dated 17 June, 1714; bur. at *Sherborne*, 23 May, 1717, sp. Mar. 2nd *Mary*, dau. of **FRANCIS KECK**, of *Great Yew*, co. *Oxon*, Esq.; sects. dated 7 May, 1728; bur. at *Sherborne*, 15 June, 1729, with infant dau. x

5. **MARY DUTTON**, bur. at *Sherborne*, 30 June, 1721; (sects. dated 29 Oct., 1719) Sir **THOMAS READ**, Baronet of *Shipston*, co. *Oxon*, and had issue.

6. **ANNE**, mar. **JAMES NAPER**, Esq., whose grandson, **JAMES DUTTON**, was created **BARON SHERBORNE** in 1784.

7. **ELIZABETH DUTTON**, =2. **MARY**, dau. and heir of **PETER BARWICK**, Esq., physician to *Charles II.* (by *Anna*, wid. of **RICHARD HOWLER**, Dean of *Carlisle*, and of **Mr. Sayer of London**); bap. at *St. Gregory's, London*, 2 Feb., 1661-2; mar. in *H Westminster Abbey*, 14 Jan., 1678-9; sects. dated 31 Dec., 1678; Will pr. 4 Oct., 1723.



