

## Royal Huntsmen

In 1624-5, a James Kipling is first mentioned as a groom to the buckhounds for King Charles I.

William Gwilliams, James Medcalfe, and James Kipling, "Huntesmen [grooms] likewyse, at xx<sup>li</sup>. the peece ʒ ann. for their wages payable quarterly, and xx<sup>s</sup>. ʒ ann. for their Lyveryes payable at Xp̄mas, due to them by the same warr<sup>ts</sup>, for thaforsayd tyme"—30*l*.

J.P. Hore. *History of the Royal Buckhounds* (1895)

He was almost certainly the son of Richard Kipling, who had married Elizabeth Dodsworth at Romaldekirk in 1588. He would have been appointed by virtue of his family connection to the Dodsworths, several of Elizabeth's brothers having been royal huntsman (see Appendix). He was probably the James Kipling who was baptised at Romaldekirk in 1596.

James is mentioned again the following year:

1625-26.—The account for this year, ended at September 29, 1626, amounts to 919*l*. 5*s*. 6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>*d*. All the officials, as in the preceding year, being in the enjoyment of their posts and emoluments, the subject calls for no comment. However, apart from this, and not included in the above, some of the staff were allowed an additional honorarium, "being H.M. free guift to them for one quarter of a year ended at Michaelmas 1626," amounting to 157*l*. 12*s*. 6*d*., "by vertue of H.M. Signet dated 25th of September, 1626"—viz., R. Hunt, W. Cona day; R. Eldridge, J. Kipling, G. Fowler, R. Read, J. Williams, W. Hopkins, W. Gwilliams, F. Becham, and J. Metcalfe, grooms of the said Buckhounds, 6*d*. a day each. This was a considerable increase under this head compared with the amount distributed in the time of James I.

And again in 1632-33:

consequently we pass on to the next account, comprehending an apparent lapse, as this audit only embraces a period from September 29, 1632, to September 29, 1633, during which the pack cost the Royal Treasury 1,266*l*. and 15<sup>11</sup>/<sub>16</sub>*d*.

Then we have the following (but in what capacity not mentioned)—viz., W. Cocker, J. Cocker, T. Lee, H. Dodsworth, H. Dover, F. Dodsworth, R. Crockford, J. Wake, at 20*d*. a day wages and 20*s*. per annum for liveries; J. Metcalfe, W. Gwilliams, J. Kipling, at 20*l*. a year for wages and 20*s*. per annum for liveries;

By 1635, it is clear that he has been promoted to 'yeoman pricker', the next rank to groom. His uncle Anthony Dodsworth was sergeant of the pack.

- Feb. 9. Warrant under the signet to the Treasurer of the Chamber to pay to Anthony Dodsworth, sergeant of the buckhounds, in place of Robert Walker, deceased, during his life, the several yearly allowances of 50*l.* and 50*l.*, as well as of 100*l.* per annum more, for keeping sixteen couple of buckhounds for his Majesty's service. [*Docquet.*]
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- Feb. 9. The like to James Kiplin, another of the yeoman prickers in place of the above-mentioned Francis Dodsworth, 22*d.* per diem during life. [*Docquet.*]
- Feb. 9. The like to Anthony Holland, another yeoman pricker, in place of the above-mentioned Anthony Dodsworth, 4*s.* per diem, and 20*s.* yearly for livery. [*Docquet.*]

'Charles I - volume 283: February 1635', in *Calendar of State Papers Domestic: Charles I, 1634-5*, ed. John Bruce (London, 1864), pp. 497-531. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/cal-state-papers/domestic/chas1/1634-5/pp497-531>.

Anthony Dodsworth lived at Whaddon in Buckinghamshire and James Kipling had children baptised there: John (1632), Anthony (1634 d1636), Elizabeth and Ann (1635, probably twins), Thomas (1638 d1642), Charles (1640) and unnamed/illegible (1644). James's wife is named as Frances, although I can't find a record of the marriage.

James is again mentioned in the Buckhound history in 1639-40:

1639-40.—The account for this year, ended on September 29, 1640, amounts to 1,340*l.* 6*s.* 5¼*d.* It is the penultimate, and, moreover, the last complete one preserved in this series during the reign of Charles I. It is consequently replete with the establishment of this branch of the Royal Buckhounds. A brief analysis of the interesting facts and figures contained therein must be especially welcome here, particularly as we shall find no further details during the ensuing dark and dismal twenty years.

James Kipling, at 22*d.* a day wages ("as yeoman pricker") and no livery ;

Anthony Dodsworth died at "Whadden Parke" in 1641.

*Anthony Dodsworth of Whadden Parke in the County of Bucks*

In his will he left £5 to nephew James Kipling (and James's wife Frances £1).

*Requies my nephew five pounds, and unto Annis his wife I give twenty shillings.*  
 He also mentions sister Elizabeth Dodsworth (oddly not calling her Kipling).

Around 1642, there are references to James in *Hunting and the Politics of Violence Before the English Civil War* by Daniel C Beaver.

James Kiplyn of Nash, for example, a “pricker” or mounted attendant “in Sir Edward Tyrell’s company, threatened to beat Edward Abbot, a servant of Sir Peter Temple,” and boasted “that he would be the death of forty of Temple’s deer.”

According to a marginal note, Kiplyn had charge of “a harbouring hound” during the hunt.

*“The violent scenes in Stowe Park furnished the means for servants and others supporting players such as ... James Kiplyn of Nash to build their own local reputations for courage, for martial prowess and for the noble skills of the hunt”*<sup>1</sup>

The Buckhounds were in abeyance during the Civil War and the Commonwealth.

In 1657, James witnessed the will of Francis Dodsworth, his brother-in-law.

*Witness my hand and seal this Sixth Day of February one thousand Six hundred fifty seven. Francis Dodsworth Signed and Sealed and published to be my last will and Testament In the presence of Anthony and Morton William Swinn James Kiplin his marks.*

In the will, Francis mentions James (“of Whadden”), referring to debts due to him from James.

*of Whadden Twenty pounds out of that money he owes me at my death. And if he owe me not for much to be made up Twenty pounds if he be then living. And if not then Twenty pounds of the Twenty to his wife.*

The surviving staff of the Buckhounds appear to have been reappointed at the Restoration. James was amongst them.

The following is a summary of the financial affairs of the Household branch of the Royal Buckhounds during the reign of Charles II., beginning with the payments for the year 1660-61 :—

James Kipling, yeoman pricker, at 3s. 4d. <sup>per</sup> day for his wages,

<sup>1</sup> Nash was a village in Whaddon parish. 1605 - 1656. Sir Edward Tyrrell, Kt., and First Baronet of Thornton born 26 February 1573, died 2 July 1656, buried at Thornton, 3 July. Knighted 1607, Sheriff for Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire 1613.

and 1*l.* 7*½* ann. for his livery, due to him for like time—  
6*1*l. 16*s.* 8*d.*

James died at Whadden in 1661.

First name(s)	James
Last name	Kiplin
Death year	-
Burial year	1661
Burial date	02 Sep 1661
Denomination	Anglican
Place	Whaddon
County	Buckinghamshire

His widow Francis died there in 1678.

First name(s)	Francis
Last name	Kiplin
Death year	-
Burial year	1678
Burial date	09 Nov 1678
Marital status	Widdow
Denomination	Anglican
Place	Whaddon
County	Buckinghamshire

Shortly after James died, a John Kipling took over from him. This would very likely have been his son.

Feb. 15. Warrant to pay to John Kiplin, yeoman of the privy buckhounds in place of Jas. Kilpin, the fee of 3s. 4d. daily, and 20s. yearly for a livery. [Docquet.]

'Charles II - volume 50: February 1-21, 1662', in *Calendar of State Papers Domestic: Charles II, 1661-2*, ed. Mary Anne Everett Green (London, 1861), pp. 262-281. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/cal-state-papers/domestic/chas2/1661-2/pp262-281>.

There are references to Sergeant Dodsworth and John Kiblin (sic) in a manuscript at the Bodleian library,

No. 204.

A folio volume consisting of various medical and astrological papers of Napier's and Ashmole's, bound together.

19. SIR RICHARD NAPIER'S loose notes and figures, taken in his medical and astrological Practice (f. 147—207), in which the following names occur:

1662. Mrs. Dodsworth of Whaddon, Mrs. Susan D., Mrs. Mary D., and Serjeant Dodsworth. 206—7.  
— Mr. John Kiblin, and Simon Parish, of Whaddon. 207<sup>b</sup>.

The next record of John is 1668-69:

1668-69. As will be seen from the subjoined account of the Treasurer of the Chamber for the year 1668-69, the hunt-servants obtained the several sums of money mentioned in payment of some of the arrears due to them according to the original scale:—

George Simpson, junior, another yeoman pricker in the room and place of the said Henry Dodsworth, deceased, for his like wages and livery payable as before, by vertue of H.M. warrant under the Signet, dated the 26th of July anno R.R. Caroli 16th, and due to him for  $2\frac{3}{4}$  years ended at Christmas 1666—110*l.* 11*s.* 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ *d.*

John Kiplin, yeoman pricker, for his wages at 3*s.* 4*d.*  $\text{℥}$  day, payable quarterly, and 20*s.*  $\text{℥}$  ann. for his livery, payable at Christmas, and due to him for 3 years ended at Christmas 1666—185*l.* 10*s.*

George Simpson, Wolley Minterne, and John Cant, three other of the said grooms, for their wages at 1*s.* 1*d.*  $\text{℥}$  day each, and 20*s.* each  $\text{℥}$  ann. for their liveries, payable as before, and due to them for 3 years ended at Christmas 1666—186*l.* 18*s.* 9*d.*

*The History of the Royal Buckhounds JP Hore*

John is last recorded in 1675:

Robert Hancock	07	e	12	00
Richard Eldridge	07	e	12	00
Robert Walker	07	e	12	00
George Sympson	07	e	12	00
John Wootton	07	e	12	00
Richard Allington	07	e	12	00
John Kipling	07	e	12	00
John Davies	03	e	16	00
Thomas Catley	05	e	16	00
William Goodwyn	03	e	16	00
Henry Boone	03	e	16	00
William Calice	03	e	16	00
Huntsmen of the Buckhounds				
George Sympson	03	e	16	00

Establishment List for the Households of King Charles II and Queen Catherine 1675

I have not been able to trace John further, nor his brother Charles or his sisters.

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In 1705, a Jane Kipling married an Edward Simpson at Middleton.<sup>2</sup> He was the younger son of Ralph Simpson, lord of the manor of Shipley and younger step-brother to George, one of the two yeoman huntsmen of that name listed above (and Keeper of the Forest of Teesdale 1682). Ralph's first wife Margaret was sister to Henry Dodsworth (see Appendix 1).

<sup>2</sup> Jane and Edward's grandson, Edward, founded the school at Woden Croft in Romaldkirk (2010 J. Teasdale Rec. Soc., series 3, v.18). Information of the Simpsons is from the notebooks of William Barnes Helmer of RK [NYRO], the Helmers having married into the Kiplings of Newhouses. See also Appendix 2.

Ralph Simpson  
 of High Shipley  
 died 1689. See  
 of Sharwood Hall in Long Leas in 1640  
 Lord of the Manor of Shipley. buried at  
 Barnard Castle Jan 29. 1691.

Leaves children William Edward John Edward, Gordon & Robert  
 Paradise for 1000 years.

= Margaret Bodewort  
 of Arica 1626  
 first wife

Ralph's 2nd wife  
 Miss Jackson of  
 Baldersdale

Henry Bodewort  
 Cornet of the King's  
 Buckenolds

William S. Edward S. = Jane Kipling  
 of apparently 1885 buried  
 S. 30. @ B.C. castle  
 15/2/17...  
 @ Paley Stn  
 James Kipling  
 8 all. by marriage  
 to father Ralph  
 of Garden Grift H  
 Paradise

George Simpson = Emma Johnson  
 married 1670  
 Rector of the  
 Forest of Thredale  
 11/17/1682  
 Wharfedale daughter  
 of Emma Johnson

George Simpson =  
 Conyza Shipley  
 to Lady Elizabeth  
 Boreas for £1,100  
 in 1709

Ralph Simpson  
 Capt @ B Castle  
 23/6/1697  
 land @ Cotherton  
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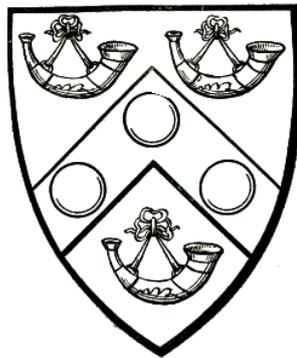
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One of Edward's step-sisters, Margaret, reportedly married a William Kipling (but I have not been able to trace this).

Jane was the daughter of John Kipling of Thatch Lee, Eggleston (see 'The Kiplings of Middleton').

## Appendix 1 – Dodsworth

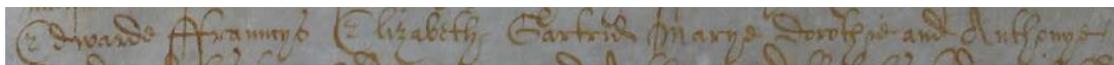


ROBERT DODSWORTH of the West park, Romalldkirk; buried at Romalldkirk, 12th Dec., 1587. = Jane, daughter of Simon Lightfoot of Barton, Richmondshire; buried at Romalldkirk, 8th Dec., 1603.

Edward Dodsworth of East Chevington, probably son of above Robert Dodsworth; 'huntsman to King James, who departed to the mercy of God the 30th of May, A.D. 1630' (a); will dated 10th April; proved 27th Oct., 1630 (c).	= Katherine, daughter of ...; executrix to her husband.	Francis Dodsworth of the West park and of Cotherstone; nuncup. will dated 23rd Dec., 1624; proved 23rd Jan. <i>seq.</i>	= Elizabeth, dau. of ... Lockey; married at Romalldkirk, 28th Sept., 1601; bur. there, 7th March, 1600/1.	Anthony Dodsworth, baptised at Romalldkirk, 22nd Mar., 1583/4; sergeant of buckhounds, 1634/5.
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Henry Dodsworth of the West park, king's huntsman, 1619-24; will dated 1st April, 1664.	= Elizabeth, dau. of Matthew Stoddart of Barnard Castle.	Francis Dodsworth, baptised at Romalldkirk, 27th Sept, 1612; master of the buckhounds to Charles II.	Margaret; married at Romalldkirk, 19th June, 1626, Ralph Simpson of Shipley, co. Durham, 'a great hunter.'	Other children.
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Robert Dodsworth (d1587) held the lease of West Park, Cotherstone. He was most probably the son of Christopher Dodsworth of Jolby, near Croft (d1551). He was the father of the Elizabeth Dodsworth who married Richard Kipling at RK in 1588 (a daughter of that name is mentioned in his will, as are sons Edward, Francis and Anthony).



He also names a brother Roland in his will.

Reference: E 134/38Eliz/Hil15

Description: Christopher Newton v. Thos. Waterman, son of John Waterman, and grandson of Thomas Waterman.: Right and title to the herbage of a parcel of wood-ground called "Pecknell," in the lordship of "Cotherston" (York). [The names and possessions of Barthw. Naytby, Wm. Holland, Wm. Bowbank, bailiff of the manor, Robt. Dodsworth, Geo. Nicholson, Peter Horne, and Jenkin Rounthwayte, are mentioned.]: York

Date: 38 Eliz

Robert was brother to Leonard Dodsworth of Halnaby Grange at Croft, who mentions nephews Edward and Francis in his will earlier in 1587. Leonard also mentions brother Roland.

Francis and Edward are first mentioned as yeoman prickers in the 'Household branch' of the Royal Buckhounds in 1602-3.

A Silvester Dodsworth was sergeant of the 'Hereditary' branch of the Buckhounds from 1603, in which role he continued until 1608. It is not known how he was related

to the Romalldkirk Dodsworhs. By 1604, a Thomas Dodsworth and an Anthony Dodsworth were employed as huntsman in the same pack and a second Anthony as a groom. One Anthony was Robert's son.

**April 18. 72. The King to Sir Pexall Brocas. To deliver to George Hume  
Greenwich. and Rich. Wray the 7 couple of hounds which he had from Silvester  
Dodsworth, in Yorkshire.**

'James I: Volume 13, March-April, 1605', in *Calendar of State Papers Domestic: James I, 1603-1610*, ed. Mary Anne Everett Green (London, 1857), pp. 200-214. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/cal-state-papers/domestic/jas1/1603-10/pp200-214> [accessed 27 March 2017].

STAC 5/D2/30 - B - Trin 39 Eliz - Sylvester Dodesworth, Francis Dodesworth v Roger Borneston, William Spence, John Spence, Francis Wade, Thomas Mawr (*Silvester Dodesworth of Baldersby, Yorks & Francis Dodesworth of Hidgale, Herts. Assault while controlling coneyes in the corn fields of Baldersby. Yorks.(dk)*)

STAC 5/D10/31 - B A C I D - 39 Eliz - Silvester Dodsworth, Francis Dodsworth v Roger Burneston and William Spence et al

[http://www.uh.edu/waalt/index.php/STAC\\_Dodsworth](http://www.uh.edu/waalt/index.php/STAC_Dodsworth)

1599 Ann Dodsworth widow of Fingall married Silvester Dodsworth gentleman of Balderly - Pavers marriage licences - *SOG Great Card Index*

Sir Pexall Brocas to  
the Earl of Salisbury.

[? December, 1608]. Sylvester Dodsworth, Sergeant of the King's Buckhounds, draws an annual fee of £37:7:7 out of the Treasury of the Chamber. He has succeeded, however, in obtaining £40 more *per annum* by the King's warrant to the Keeper of the King's Privy Purse for fulfilling the duties of his office. He is now endeavouring to extract a further 100 marks a year for keeping a second kennel of buckhounds, and so to have two kennels in one office which is unprecedented. Petitioner receives 20 marks a year for attending to the ordinary hounds of that office and adds that, to prevent any such abuse, Queen Mary granted the post of Master and Keeper to Sir Richard Pexall and his heirs. Dodsworth is now engaged in a plan to disinherit petitioner of his office, claiming that all fees should go to him. Petitioner asks that any such grant under the privy seal should be stayed until Salisbury be advertised by the legal officers whether it be not already granted.—*Undated*.

*At bottom:* "In Fullers lane neere Greyes Inn."

1 p. (P. 1466.)

[See *Cal. S.P. Dom.*, 1603–10, p. 473.]

'Cecil Papers: December 1608', in *Calendar of the Cecil Papers in Hatfield House: Volume 24, Addenda, 1605-1668*, ed. G Dyfnallt Owen (London, 1976), pp. 157-163. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/cal-cecil-papers/vol24/pp157-163> [accessed 30 March 2017].

Silvester died in 1609 (of Runswick, Yorks). Admon was granted to "to Hy. Davies, cred." Thomas died in 1608 and was succeeded by a Richard Dodsworth (of whom there is no further mention).

In 1610, there is mention of both Anthony Dodsworhs. One Anthony and two other huntsmen also received a financial reward in 1610.

May 29. 80. Grant to Thos. Pinckney, Anthony Dodsworth, and Jerome Westminister. Metcalf, servants of the Prince, of the benefit of the recusancy of Henry Shelley of Petersfield, Thos. Lane of Silsted, parish Horsley, Elizabeth Hedger and Elizabeth Norton of Barden, Eastencaul, and Thos. Linckhorne of Boyatt, all co. Hants.

May. Docquet of the above. [Docquet, May 31.]

'James I: Volume 54, May, 1610', in *Calendar of State Papers Domestic: James I, 1603-1610*, ed. Mary Anne Everett Green (London, 1857), pp. 605-616. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/cal-state-papers/domestic/jas1/1603-10/pp605-616> [accessed 27 March 2017].

(Pinkney and Metcalf were also huntsmen in this branch, Pinckney being pensioned off the same year)

This branch officially became Prince Charles's own pack in 1613, when the two Anthonys are again mentioned.

In 1613, the Earl of Devonshire, lord of the manor of Cotherstone, had a survey of his possessions made. This shows Francis Dodsworth as tenant of three park closes totalling 73 acres

3 parke closes in Francis Dodsworthes tenure 73 0 00

Francis and Edward are mentioned again in 1624-25, in which year Francis's son Henry is also mentioned for the first time, having succeeded his father who died that year. Francis dictated a deathbed will to Charles Kipling and Henry Lockety.

*Memorandum* That about the xxij<sup>th</sup> day of November the 1624 Francis Dodsworth late of Cotherstone gent, did in the presence of Henry Lockety and Charles Kipling declare and make his last will in substance in words only to the effect following: That as to his wife and mynde was that his loving wife Elizabeth Dodsworth and his favour conceited children, should be executor of his last will. And his mynde and will was yt his loving wyffe should have his dwelling house in Cotherston and one half called the gate lands during his life, and after his death to be divided unto his son Henry Dodsworth, his wife's share to be divided unto Charles Kipling and Henry Lockety.

Charles Kipling was one of the four to appraise the inventory, which totalled over £129 and included a pair of red breeches valued at 19 shillings.

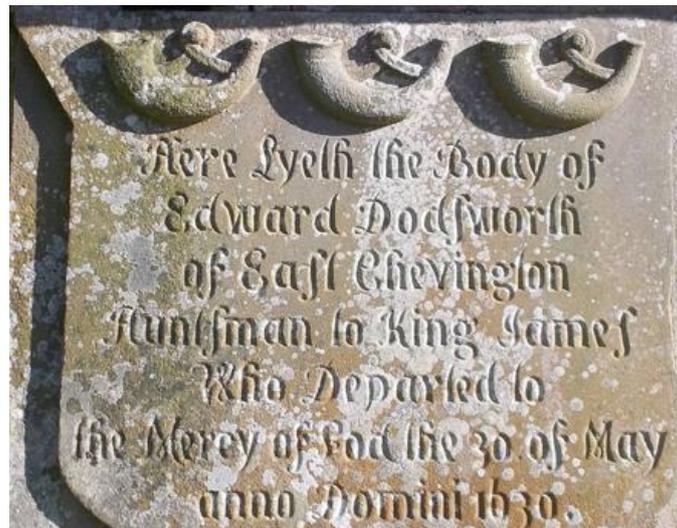
For one paire of breeches of red Hammill & Edin'

Although Francis willed his dwelling and a close of land to his widow during her lifetime, the manor court of Cotherstone in 1625 recorded the change in tenancy from Francis to Henry.

It is ordered that Francis Dodsworth deceased should be buried in the church of Cotherston and his son Henry to be tenant according to the custom of the manor.

Only one Anthony Dodsworth is also mentioned in that 1624-25, as Charles appears to have merged the two packs on becoming King.

Edward Dodsworth died in 1630 and is buried at Warkworth in Northumberland.



Edward DODSWORTH, gentleman, of East Chevington (Chivington) in the county of Northumberland, and parish of Warkworth [Chevington, Northumberland]; also spelt Doddsworth

will, 10 April 1630 (DPR/I/1/1630/D2/1-2)

probate granted at Morpeth to Katherine and Elizabeth Dodsworth, relict and daughter, 27 Oct 1630; on the same day, the tuition of Elizabeth Dodsworth was granted to Katherine Dodsworth, her mother

inventory, actual total £409 5s (with account of debts of £118 14s), 18 September 1630 (DPR/I/1/1630/D2/3-4)

In 1630, Anthony is the second-highest paid huntsman. H and F Dodsworth are also mentioned, the latter probably being Henry's brother, Francis (b 1612, RK).

Anthony became sergeant of the pack in 1634 and Francis a huntsman the following year (having presumably been a groom previously).

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'Charles I - volume 283: February 1635', in *Calendar of State Papers Domestic: Charles I, 1634-5*, ed. John Bruce (London, 1864), pp. 497-531. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/cal-state-papers/domestic/chas1/1634-5/pp497-531> [accessed 27 March 2017].

Anthony Dodsworth had married Susane Major at Radclive in Bucks in 1618. They lived at Whaddon in the same county where children Susanna (1619), Elizabeth (1621), Judith (1624), Ann (1627) and Hester (1631) were baptised. Wife Susanna died in 1631.

As noted in the main article, Anthony died at Whadden Park in Buckinghamshire in 1641, leaving a will.

*Anthony Dodsworth of Whadden Park in the County of Bucks*

In his will he mentions nephews Henry and Francis. A codicil notes that Francis married Anthony's daughter Elizabeth.

Following the Restoration, Francis was serjeant and responsible for the feeding of the hounds, in a royal warrant issue by Samuel Pepys. He received payment of £200p.a. Henry Dodsworth is also still listed.

DODSWORTH, Francis, Esq.	
Sergeant of HM Privy Buckhounds in	
Ordinary to HM. Warrant 19 Sept. (1660)	LC3.33
-do- Livery Warrant 10 Mar. 1661/2 (14C2)	LC3.33(83)
<u>Add. 36781</u> 1661 (Sergeant Huntsman for the Buckhounds)	
Dead by 1662	LC3.25(133)

The following is a summary of the financial affairs of the Household branch of the Royal Buckhounds during the reign of Charles II., beginning with the payments for the year 1660-61 :—

1660-61.—John Carey, Esq., Master, for his wages at 33*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*  $\text{p}^{\text{a}}$  ann., payable quarterly, and due for one quarter of a year ended at Michaelmas, 1660—8*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Francis Dodsworth, sergeant, for his wages at 200*l.*  $\text{p}^{\text{a}}$  ann., due for one whole year ended at Midsummer 1661—200*l.*

James Kipling, yeoman pricker, at 3*s.* 4*d.*  $\text{p}^{\text{d}}$  day for his wages, and 1*l.*  $\text{p}^{\text{a}}$  ann. for his livery, due to him for like time—61*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*

Henry Dodsworth, yeoman, for his wages at 2*s.* 1*d.*  $\text{p}^{\text{d}}$  day and 2*l.*  $\text{p}^{\text{a}}$  ann. for his livery, due for the like time—40*l.* 0*s.* 5*d.*

George Hening, George Simpson, John Cant, and Wooley Minterne, 4 grooms, 1*s.* 1*d.*  $\text{p}^{\text{d}}$  day wages each, and 1*l.* each for their liveries, for the like time—84*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*

Francis appears to have moved to Whaddon on the death of his uncle Anthony in 1641, a son Anthony being baptised there later the same year to him and wife Elizabeth. A daughter Susanna was born in 1643 but died the following year and a second daughter of the same name was baptised in 1644.

Francis died in 1662 at Whadden Parke, which he had inherited from his uncle Anthony. In his will, mentioned in the main article, Francis mentioned his brother, Henry of West Park, Yorkshire. His estate totalled several thousands of pounds. It is noted that he died after James Kipling, and so the bequest of £10 to James's widow would have applied (James's debts to Francis presumably having been settled by his heir(s) on his death).

He also refers to land bought from Major-General Skippon, a Cromwellian soldier. In *Rural Economy of England*, Joan Thirsk describes Skippon's land sales, mentioning Francis Dodsworth as letting agent for the Duke of Buckingham, the former owner of the land.

DODSWORTH, Henry (Dodsworth, Henry)	
Yeoman of H.M. Privy Buckhounds in Ordinary Warrant 19 Sept. (1660)	LC3.33
19 Sept. 1660 (Vacated by 1664)	LC3.25(133)
Livery Warrant 10 Mar. 1661/2 (14C2)	LC3.33(83)
Add. 36781 1661 Yeoman Huntsman for the Buckhounds	

Henry died in 1664, when he was succeeded by his nephew, George Simpson, who had been appointed at the Restoration.

#### Groom Huntsmen 1660–1702

1660	19 Sept.	Sympson, G.
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July 26.

Warrant to pay to George Simpson, junior, 2s. 1d. per day, and 40s. yearly for livery, as yeoman of the privy buckhounds in place of Hen. Dodsworth, deceased. [Docquet.]

From: 'Charles II - volume 100: July 1664', Calendar of State Papers Domestic: Charles II, 1663-4 (1862), pp. 631-657. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=54752&strquery=simpson>

Henry Dodsworth's will mentions his brother (-in-law) Ralph Simpson (see main article). Moreover, his inventory was appraised by two Simpsons and two Kiplings.

A true and perfect Inventory of all the goodes and chattell<sup>l</sup> moveable and unmoveable debts and credits of Henry Dodsworth of westbinstoc in the County of yorke now taken and appraised by John Simpson Francis Simpson Arthur Kipling and Toby Kipling the 28<sup>th</sup> of April Anno Dni 1664.

His inventory totalled £349, of which included leases from Toby Kipling and Ralph Simpson.

Item 2: lease from Toby Kipling ————— 20 : 00 : 0  
Item one Lease from Ralph Simpson ————— 08 : 00 : 0

Arthur Dixinger  
Toby Dixinger  
Francis Simpson } Dodsworth  
John Simpson }

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There were earlier Dodsworth. Walter Dodsworth was appointed a yeoman huntsman in 1531 in the 'Household' branch and died in 1558 (location unknown). Thomas Dodsworth was first recorded in the same branch in 1557 and died in 1573 at Lewisham, Kent. It is not known whether they are related to each other or to the Romaldkirk Dodsworths.

<b>First name(s)</b>	Thomas
<b>Last name</b>	Dodsworth
<b>Year</b>	1573
<b>Year detail</b>	proved 1572/3
<b>Place</b>	Lewisham
<b>County</b>	Kent
<b>Country</b>	England
<b>Court</b>	Rochester Consistory Court
<b>Document type</b>	Registered will
<b>Document reference</b>	DRb/Pwr/14.116
<b>Document 2 type</b>	Original will
<b>Document 2 reference</b>	DRb/Pw/10
<b>Source</b>	West Kent Probate Index, 1434-1857

## Appendix 2 – Simpsons

### HIGH SHIPLEY

We lately gave a paragraph on the farmhouse of High Shipley, near Barnard Castle, stating that it was once a hunting-seat of King James the Second,—one of the Simpsons (of Wodencroft) being the royal huntsman, and occupying the dwelling. Our remarks have brought a poetical contributor into the field, who favours us with the following verses:—

“When monarchs of the Stuart race  
Sat on Old England's throne,  
They oft did with their presence grace  
This house now sad and lone.

“High Shipley held its noble guests,  
When James was Britain's king;  
And oft in Teesdale's woods and wastes,  
Did the gay bugle ring.

“The deer was startled from its lair—  
The eagle from its nest;—  
A gallant crowd was gather'd there—  
The King among the rest.

“Before them all did Simpson ride,  
With free and manly grace;  
Bold huntsman he of Teesdale wide,  
And of fair Marwood Chase.

“How joyous was old Shipley then!  
And banish'd was all care:  
The King and all his merry men  
Held mighty revel there!

“Though Shipley's ancient regal state  
In memory we store,  
Its chambers now are desolate—  
Its glory is no more!”

Though the bard sings as above, yet he has availed himself of the poet's license; for the house is by no means “desolate,” but is inhabited by a thriving farmer, under whose care the picturesque old mansion presents quite a cheerful aspect.

In an article on “The Simpsons, of Shipley, Wodencroft, &c.,” in the current number of the *Lord Fitzhugh Magazine*, we find that the first member of the family of whom there is any record (William Simpson) was settled at Keythorpe, Warwickshire, and that by charter dated Oct. 6, 1434, he granted all his lands there to Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick. This was possibly in exchange for lands in the County of Durham, or perhaps on his appointment to some office under the Earl in that County; for the next of the family of whom we have mention is Thomas Simpson, of Pidding Hall Garth, Durham, gent., who was seized of lands at Hamsterley, and died in 1607, being buried in Pittington Church. By his wife, Elizabeth, he had several sons, one of whom George, in 1602-3, took a lease for 21 years of Queen Elizabeth's moiety of Shipley House, near Barnard Castle; the Queen having acquired this property through its forfeiture by Charles Neville, Earl of Westmorland, for his share in the rebellion called the “Rising of the North,” in 1569. Ralph Simpson, of High Shipley, nephew of the above-named George, bought a portion of Low Shipley, of John Rayne, in 1638. By a deed of partition of all the pasture ground “belonging to the said tenement, executed in the same year, the east part of Marwood Hagg, on the east of the new wall which goeth down from the houses of Shipley to the Gill, was assigned to Rayne; and the west part of Marwood Hagg, the Moss Close, and the West Spring, lying west of the wall,—the wall being on the west, Baron Lee west of the wall, and Langland and Howl Meadows, north, to Simpson. The great timber wood and underwood in Marwood Hagg and the West Spring to be in common.” He married Miss Dodsworth, of Crake Hall, near Bedale, Yorkshire; and, with other issue, had George, who inherited Shipley. Ralph Simpson, after the death of his first wife,

married Miss Jackson, of Baldersdale, and had issue Edward, born at Shipley in 1685, died at Palet Stone, in Langleydale, and was buried at Barnard Castle, March 15th, 17—. To the said Edward his father, Ralph, bequeathed Wodencroft and Paradise, in the parish of Romaldkirk. Ralph Simpson must have been a man of substance, for, in addition to his gift to the above Edward, he had already presented his eldest son, George, with Shipley House. Ralph Simpson, Lord of the Manor of Shipley, died and was buried at Barnard Castle, January 29th, 1691, aged 91. George Simpson, of Shipley House, eldest son of Ralph, held the appointment of huntsman to Charles II. and James II. He had faithfully executed his duties, for he was rewarded by the latter monarch with the grant of Langdon in the Forest of Teesdale. The old patents of his appointments as huntsman are copied into Sartees' *History of Durham*, and may be there read. In 1670 he married Eunice, daughter of Ambrose Johnson, of Whorlton, at which time Shipley House was settled upon him by his father. After the abdication of King James II., George Simpson had various litigations with the Vanes, of Raby Castle, concerning his estate of Langdon, which terminated in his being worsted in the contest, his opponents gaining possession of Langdon with its royalty. Some obscurity seems to rest upon this transaction. The Vanes may have claimed Langdon as a part of the territory purchased of the Crown by their ancestor, Sir Henry Vane, in 1629. George Simpson had issue George (who, in 1709, joined with his father in conveying Shipley to Lady Elizabeth Bowes, for £1,100) and Ralph, baptised at Barnard Castle, June 25th, 1657. This George had a son John, baptised at Barnard Castle, May 7th, 1707, of whom nothing further is known except that he and his uncle Ralph were both living at Cotherston about the year 1770. The above Ralph had issue Richard,

who married Anne Johnston, and died in his father's lifetime, leaving a daughter Ann. Of Ralph Simpson's daughters, Sir Reginald Whitfield, of Whitfield Hall, Alston, married the eldest; Robert Hobson, of Middleton the second; William Kipling, the third; William Cradock, of Newhouses, Baldersdale, the fourth; and Anthony Ayre, the fifth,—all leaving issue. We must now revert to Edward, the younger brother of George Simpson, the huntsman, of Shipley. Edward married Jane Kipling, of Eggesburn, who died at Palet Stone, and was buried at Barnard Castle, March 11th, 1755. Amongst other issue of this marriage, was Lionel, the second son, born December 1707; married Sarah, daughter of Zenos Waite of Cragg, and left, with other children, Edward, born April 5th, 1757. Edward Simpson succeeded to the Wodencroft estate, where he, for many years, at Wodencroft Lodge (which he rebuilt) distinguished himself in the tuition of youth, his academy being eminent in its day. Amongst his pupils was the celebrated Richard Cobden. Edward Simpson died in London, January, 11th, 1824, aged 67, and was buried at City Road Chapel. He was three times married, and left a large family, some of whom, and their numerous descendants, continue to represent the Simpsons in this neighbourhood.