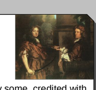
Henry HOLMES

Thomas HOLMES
Occup: Soldier

Anne GIBBONS

Robert HOLMES



Born: c. 1622 in Ireland
Occup: Admiral in the Navy, Governor of the Isle of Wight, MP for Winchester
Died: 1 Nov 1692 in Englefield Green, Surrey
Age: 70

Note: Sir Robert Holmes (ca. 1622 – November 18 1692) was a British Admiral of the Restoration Navy. He took part [illegible] having started. He was made governor of the Isle of Wight, where he is buried in Yarmouth parish church. Holmes is [illegible] African Company, and for the so-called Holmes's Bonfire of 1666. He is regarded as an archetypal figure both of the [illegible] naval officer.

The rather piratical old Admiral, Sir Robert Holmes, in the reign of Charles II, on capturing New Amsterdam from the [illegible] is still known. He also captured a French ship with a sculpture on board, busy on a statue of the French King and [illegible] Isle of Wight. Sir Robert was governor of the Isle of Wight from 1667-1692.

Military Beginnings

Born in or about 1622 the son of Henry Holmes, esq. of Mallow, County Cork, Ireland, nothing is known of H.'s early [illegible] suggest a good education. His is in all probability the grandchild of the Robert Holmes named provost of Mallow in [illegible] regiment of horse as a cornet in the troop of Captain Richard Atkyns. From this time stems a lifelong friendship with [illegible] continent once the Royalists had been defeated.

Start of the Naval Career

When in 1648 a part of the fleet went over to the exiled king, Holmes (now an army captain), following Maurice and [illegible] the Royalist fleet of 1649 – 1652 to Kinsale, the Mediterranean, West Africa (where, between the Gambia and Cape [illegible] manpower, through storm, action, and mutiny, was so large that at the end of the cruise, Holmes had advanced to [illegible] the exiled court, it fell to Holmes to see the fleet paid off. Subsequently, Cromwell's intelligence service reports H. [illegible] VII, p. 248, 18 July 1658. N.S.), although the total absence of other evidence makes his actually setting out as a [illegible] service with the Imperial army. His epitaph in Yarmouth gives France, Flanders and Germany as scenes of military [illegible] and Edward Montagu, by whose commission he obtained his first command in the navy, the Medway guardship [illegible]

Restoration Officer

Upon Charles II's return to England, Holmes was rewarded for his services with the captaincy of Sandown Castle on [illegible] from the Duke of York himself, who had assumed the position of Lord High Admiral. But more was in store for him.

The first African expedition

The reports Rupert had brought back from the Gambia of a "Mountain of Gold" just waiting there to be carried off to [illegible] (and whose paperwork was carried out by William Coventry) to launch an expedition the the Guinea Coast, then [illegible] and was appointed captain of the flagship, Henrietta and a squadron of four other of the King's ships: Sophia, Amity, [illegible] factors in every way conceivable and to construct a fort. Privately, he was instructed to gather intelligence as to the [illegible] at Goree, Holmes bluntly informed the Dutch governor that the King of England claimed the exclusive right of trade [illegible]

[illegible]

their clients, Sir Frescheville Holles, Holmes and others, might strike back, especially after the Medway disaster. In addition, Holmes in the winter [illegible] Smith (possibly even fighting a duel with him), which was only ended when the latter took Sir William Penn's place on the navy board (which [illegible] After peace was concluded, Holmes intensified his hold in the Isle of Wight by buying the governorship from Lord Culepeper. This put him in [illegible] and Yarmouth Castles, but also gave him access to the very lucrative vice-admiralty of the Isle of Wight, Newport and Hampshire, with two-thirds [illegible] addition, in October 1669, he was elected M.P. for Winchester, generally supporting the Crown in Parliament.

The third Dutch war

Among the preparations for provoking the Dutch into yet another war, was the appointment of Holmes as senior officer in Portsmouth, [illegible] first-rate of 90 guns. Holmes immediately pressed for the capture of a large number of Dutch ships, using English harbours under foreign [illegible] gone. On 13 March 1672, he finally got permission to attack the homeward-bound Dutch Smyrna convoy. For two days, the English squadron [illegible] their escorts, suffering damage out of proportion to their gains, half a dozen prizes only one of which seems to have been one of the rich Smyrna [illegible] returning from the Mediterranean, had passed the scene immediately before the engagement. For unknown reasons, Spragge did not join the [illegible] to new mutual suspicions. A few days after the fight war was declared and flags handed out. Holmes did not receive one, which may have had to [illegible] white squadron this time consisting of the French fleet. Accordingly, Holmes fought in the ensuing battle of Solebay as a mere captain in the [illegible] Ruyter's memory, claimed the lives of H.'s friends Holles and Sandwich, and forced the Lord High Admiral to transfer his flag twice, from Prince [illegible] Sandwich dead, a new flag officer had to be appointed, but Holmes's legitimate claims were again disregarded - for the last time. After the end of [illegible]

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Anne GIBBONS

Henry HOLMES
Born: c. 1660
Occup: Lieutenant-governor of the Isle of Wight
Died: 18 Jun 1738
Age: 78

Note: He was the son of Thomas Holmes of Kilmallock, co. Limerick and became a major in the Army.

He was appointed Captain of Hurst Castle on the Isle of Wight from 1683 to 1714. He was a Member of Parliament for Yarmouth (Isle of Wight), England from April 1695 until 1717. He quarreled in the House of Commons with John Cutts, 1st Baron Cutts in 1697, accusing Cutts of discharging militia officers in Yarmouth, Isle of Wight who had voted against Holmes' rival, Cutts' brother-in-law John Acton. He was also Lieutenant-Governor of the Isle of Wight from 1710 to 1714.

Mary HOLMES
Born: c. 1678
Died: [J] Mar 1760 in Yarmouth, Isle of Wight
Age: 82

Note: Mary was an illegitimate child, her father never having married. She was the latter's only child. As had been her father's wish, she married Henry Holmes, the son of his elder brother Colonel Thomas Holmes of Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.

Thomas TROUGHEAR
Born: 6 Sep 1681
Occup: Vicar of Carrisbrooke with Northwood
Marr: 1724 in Thorley, Isle of Wight
His age: 43
Her age: 28
Died: 1762
Age: 81

Elizabeth HOLMES
Born: 1696
Died: 1788
Age: 92

Catherine LEIGH
Died: [J] 4 Mar 1784

Thomas HOLMES

Born: 1699 in Yarmouth, Isle of Wight
Occup: Governor of the Isle of Wight
Died: [J] Jul 1764
Age: 65

Note: An indication of the corruption which existed on the Isle of Wight was the election of Benjamin Leigh as Mayor for the year 1763. Only two Burgesses were present at the meeting, Leigh and the retiring Mayor, Thomas Lord Holmes (Sir Robert Holmes grandson). The plaque on the front of the Town Hall commemorates this election. In the following year the same two changed places and Thomas Lord Holmes became Mayor again.

In 1752 The Holmes Trust was set up by Thomas Lord Holmes in memory of his son. Small amounts of money are distributed annually on 11th July to poor people in the town and the ceremony is held in the church to this day.

In 1763 The Town Hall, originally known as the Guildhall, was rebuilt by Thomas Lord Holmes. Date of original unknown--Market house (plain brick building) recorded there 1706.

In 1764 Thomas Lord Holmes, Governor of the Island, died and his house, adjacent to the Castle, became the George Inn.

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Anne PLAYER
Born: 5 Feb 1695
Marr: 1727
His age: 28
Her age: 32
Died: Sep 1743
Age: 48

Thomas TROUGHEAR
Occup: Lieutenant Governor of the Isle of Wight, Colonel in the Army
Died: 1762 in Havannah

Note: He died without issue, killed at the seige of Havannah.

Henry TROUGHEAR
Born: 1725
Died: 1752
Age: 27

Note: He was a captain in the army in Ireland in Irwin's regiment.

Benjamin LEIGH
Marr: 8 Sep 1748
Her age: 22

Mary TROUGHEAR
Born: [J] Jan 1726

Robert TROUGHEAR
Born: 2 Mar 1730
Died: 1 Oct 1748 in Havannah
Age: 18

Note: He was killed in action off the Havannah

Leonard Troughear HOLMES
Born: 24 May 1731
Occup: Clergyman
Died: 18 Jan 1804 in Newport, Isle of Wight
Age: 72

Note: Last Lord Holmes. The Rev. Leonard Troughear subsequently took his mother's name Holmes. He was created Baron Holmes 4/3/1798. Leonard Troughear had succeeded to the title of Lord Holmes when his mother's brother died.

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Elizabeth TYRRELLL
Born: c. 1735
Marr: c. 1759
His age: 28
Her age: 24
Died: 14 May 1810 in Newport, Isle of Wight
Age: 75

John TROUGHEAR
Born: 28 Feb 1733

Thomas DICKINSON

Elizabeth TROUGHEAR
Born: 31 May 1736
Died: 6 Mar 1769
Age: 32

Henry HOLMES
Born: 1746
Died: 1751
Age: 5

Edward RUSHWORTH

Born: 17 Oct 1755
Occup: Churchman, Member of Parliament
Marr: 28 Aug 1780 in Calbourne, Isle of Wight
His age: 24
Her age: 15
Died: 15 Oct 1817
Age: 61

Note: Edward Rushworth of Freshwater House, Isle of Wight.

Edward, was without a break the MP for either Newport or Yarmouth from 1784 until 1797.

Edward Rushworth was a Founders' Kin Scholar of Winchester College (and a Fellow of Trinity College, Oxon). He took Deacon's Orders in the Church, and was afterwards MP for Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, and Recorder of Newport. He built Farringford and resided there (it is now the residence of Lord Tennyson). He was also afterwards MP (1784 onwards) for Newport. On his election the unsuccessful candidate, Mr. John Harrington, petitioned the House against the validity of his return on the ground of his being in Holy Orders. A Select Committee was appointed to consider it, and reported that Mr. Rushworth had been "duly elected to serve in this Parliament". Afterwards, in order to get rid of Horne Tooke, an Act was passed disqualifying all the clergy of the Church of England from sitting in the House of Commons. This Act took effect in 1802.
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Note: Obituary in The Gentleman¡¯s Magazine, Vol.88 Part 1, 1818.

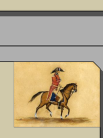
EDWARD RUSHWORTH, ESQ. b. At Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, Edward Rushworth, esq. of Farringfordhill, and mayor of Yarmouth. He was seized with apoplexy while sitting on a bench, conversing with a friend, on the Quay at Yarmouth; a medical gentleman was on the spot, who bled him, and caused him to be carried to the George Inn, where he lingered from Monday till Wednesday, when he expired. The death of this truly respectable gentleman excited a sensation of the deepest regret in all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Mr. Rushworth was many years representative in Parliament for the Boroughs of Yarmouth and Newport, and was much esteemed for the independence of his character and for his intellectual endowment!;. He was a gentleman of pure and virtuous principles, steadily and zealously attached to the Establishment in Church and State, and eminently distinguished for a sense of duty in every relation of life. He was an intelligent and useful Magistrate, a good father, an affectionate husband, a kind master, and a firm friend:¡ª On the day of his funeral the shops and private houses in the town were closed (a circumstance, sufficiently expressive to mark the estimation of his high character). In the immediate neighbourhood of his late residence, his death is an event which will be long and deeply lamented, and by it the community at large have lost the benefit of a valuable example. Mr. Rushworth married the Hon. Catherine Holmes, daughter of the late Lord Holmes, by whom he had a large family. His son and heir is married to a daughter of Sir Everard Home; one of his daughters married to Col. Murray, Deputy-adjutant-general in Ireland, and another to Sir John Pringle Dalrymple, bart.; and he was father of the late gallant Capt. Rushworth, of the Barbadoes frigate.

Catharine HOLMES
Born: 1765
Died: 9 Dec 1829 in Bowcombe Cottage
Age: 64

Note: 2nd daughter

Catherine RUSHWORTH
Born: 16 Nov 1781

James Patrick 2 MURRAY



Born: 21 Jan 1782 in Leghorn
Occup: Major-General in the Army
Marr: 31 Jan 1803 in Freshwater, Isle of Wight
His age: 21
Her age: 19
They were married by the Revd. Benjamin Holmes, Rector of Freshwater Church
Died: 5 Dec 1834 in Killenure House, near Athlone
Age: 52

Note: James Patrick Murray was the eldest son of the Hon. General James Murray. He was born in Leghorn Italy while his father was Lt. Governor of Minorca. The British Garrison on Minorca was under siege from French and Spanish forces and his mother, the former Ann Witham, was evacuated from the island to safety as she was expecting his imminent birth. Italy was the nearest friendly country.

Cordelia, General James' first wife, had died on 16th June 1779. Quite soon afterwards,1st June 1780, he married Ann Witham, a girl of only 19, who had just lost her father, (Abraham Witham, H.M.Consul to the Island of Majorca). General James Murray was 51 years old at the time. Their first child Cordelia, (JPM's elder sister) was born in Majorca on 16th March 1781.

French and Spanish forces began the siege of Majorca on 17 August 1781 and 2 days afterwards it was decided that Mrs Murray, her baby daughter and two other officers' wives would be evacuated. The account of her escape, as told by her granddaughter in 1877, is as follows: -

"My grandmother and the wives of the officers of his staff made their escape in an open boat in the midst of the night. Through the presence of mind of my grandmother, the boat was enabled to pass through the French and Spanish fleets, she repeating the parole in the Spanish language with calmness and being, like the other ladies, wrapped in a large military cloaks".

Although we know that General Murray did manage to maintain some sort of communication with Leghorn, Ann must have been a pretty cool young lady if, with the baby girl in her arms and another child on the way, she managed all this and a 500 miles sea journey from Minorca to Leghorn in an open sailing boat.

According to Lady O'Donnel's account "soon after they landed at Leghorn, she was taken ill and when the little boy was born he was apparently dead, but his mother entreated that he should immediately be put into a warm bath. She had dreamt that he was born dead and that thus, through the mercy of God, he was restored to life".

It seems that after they arrived in Leghorn they moved in fairly high class circles. JPM's godfather was the Grand Duke of Tuscany who was the son of the Emperor Francis I and Maria Theresa, and the brother of Marie Antoinette. The Grand Duke himself became Holy Roman Emperor as Leopold II in 1790.

JPM was probably brought up at Beauport, his father's estate in Sussex, but there is no record of his schooling. His father died when he was only 12 years old in 1794. On Gen. James's death, part of the Beauport Estate reverted to the Collier family and part sold to provide for his widow and daughters. Like his father JPM was destined for an army career and at the age of 14, in 1796, he was commissioned Ensign in the 44th Regiment .

In 1797 he was promoted lieutenant and was employed on regimental duty until 17th May 1780. He was then appointed ADC (Aide de Camp) to General George Don (Maria Murray's husband) with whom he served until June 1799. He then joined his relation Lieutenant General Sir James Pulteney Murray and served as his ADC during the campaign in North Holland.

The French had invaded and overrun Holland, renaming it the Republic of Batavia. It was in this war that the Dutch fleet, lying frozen in the Zuider See, was captured by French cavalry. In 1799, Pitt decided that unless Britain made some gesture and opened up a second front, the Austrians would make a separate peace with France. He therefore made a pact with Russia that a joint expedition should be launched against the low countries, Britain to supply 30,000 troops and Russia 16,000. To ensure success the Grand Old Duke of York was made commander in chief and his three divisional commanders were Abercrombie, Pulteney and Dundas. In spite of an unfavourable report by Abercrombie, it was decided that the expedition should land in the Helder area and drive south to Amsterdam. Landing in the Helder was not very difficult, but the Russian contingent soon proved unreliable and the British got bogged down amongst the dykes and canals. So an armistice was arranged whereby both sides agreed to exchange prisoners and Britain evacuated her army.

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Elizabeth RUSHWORTH
Born: 15 Oct 1783
Died: 15 Nov 1865 in Benowen, Ireland
Age: 82

Note: Elizabeth Rushworth had two sisters Mary, Lady Dalrymple and Miss Jane Rushworth. Many sketches by Jane survive in an old scrap book. Lady Dalrymple in her lonely widowhood begged her niece and goddaughter Mary Joanna Harvey (nee Murray) to make her home with them at Purbrook Heath house. A copy of her letter headed 'Memorial to William and Johanna' is in the family records. ' She remained there for 9 years until her death in 1865. Apparently she was a very cultivated lady who was widely travelled having accompanied her husband on trips to Italy and Spain while he was in the Army. The portrait of her husband Sir John Dalrymple came from Purbrook and remains in the family. Mary Dalrymple must have spent the first years of her married life in Edinburgh as she compiled a " Compendium of the most useful and approved recipes in the most laudable art of cookery" which has also survived and is signed by her "Mary Dalrymple, January 1808, Edinburgh."

Sir John Pringle Dalrymple Bt. Was the second son of John D. a merchant and Lord Provost of Edinburgh, and of Ann Pringle. He was born 1778. He had a distinguished military career and became a Maj. General. He succeeded to the Baronetcy on the death of his elder brother, James in 1800. On his retirement he settled at Lymington in Hants and died in 1829.

Elizabeth was born about twenty mintures past seven am. Her sponsors were captain Christian, Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Worsley (her aunt).
Note:

Holmes Jervoise RUSHWORTH
Born: 26 Sep 1785

Edward RUSHWORTH
Born: 11 Aug 1787

John Pringle DALRYMPLE
Born: 28 Feb 1778
Occup: Colonel in the Army
Marr: 20 Dec 1807 in Freshwater Church
His age: 29
Her age: 18

Note: He succeeded his brother as fifth baronet in 1800

Mary RUSHWORTH
Born: 27 May 1789

Note: DALRYMPLE, EARL OF STAIR

(i) James, who became Sir James Dalrymple,
fourth Baronet ; born 4 January 1777 ; 1 he
succeeded his uncle, Lord Hailes, in the
Baronetcy 1792, and was drowned in the
wreck of the Earl Talbot, October 1800.
(ii) John Pringle, born 28 February 1778 ; 2 died
1829. 3 He was a colonel in the Army, and
succeeded his brother as fifth Baronet in 1800.
He married, at Freshwater Church, Isle of
Wight, 28 December 1807,* Mary, second
daughter of Edward Rushworth of Farring-
don Hill, in the Isle of Wight, by the Hon.
Catherine Holmes, daughter of Lord Holmes. 6

Charles Powlett RUSHWORTH
Born: 23 Feb 1791

Note: St James's Church, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, England:

In memory of Edward Everard Rushworth DAV, AMG, Lieut. Governor of Jamaica, edest son of Charles Powlett and Mary Elizabeth Rushworth of farringford, Freshwater, born August 23rd 1818, died August 10th 1877 at Shortwood, Jamaica, and Amelia Adelaide his wife, daughter of Horatio Nelson de Les Derniers Edqr. of Vaudreuil, Lower Canada, died August 20th 1867. This tablet is erected by their daughter Rosamond Linda, wife of revd. Cecil Evan Smith, Rector of Titsey, Surrey. Also in memory of her brother, Charles Edward Rushworth, Midshipman HMS Agincourt, born August 6th 1859, accidentally drowned in Besika Bay, December 21st 1877 while saving the life of a member of the crew.

Mary Elizabeth UNK

unk RUSHWORTH
Born: 21 Nov 1792
Died: 21 Nov 1792
Age: 0

Note: The child was stillborn

Jane RUSHWORTH
Born: 31 Oct 1793

Leonard RUSHWORTH
Born: 19 Jul 1796

Henry RUSHWORTH
Born: 28 Apr 1798
Occup: Lieutenant in the Indian ArmyS
Died: Jul 1819 in India
Age: 21

Note: Surname Rushworth
First names Henry
Rank/ occupation Lieutenant
Unit HMS Liverpool
Death date Jul 1819
Place of death Trincolmalee
Source Gentleman's Magazine
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Detail At Trincomalee, from the bite of a dog, Lieut. Henry Rushworth, of his Majesty's ship Liverpool, youngest son of the late Edward Rushworth, esq. of Farringford Hall, Isle of Wight.

Anne RUSHWORTH
Born: 9 Feb 1800

Margaret RUSHWORTH
Born: 20 Feb 1802

unk RUSHWORTH
Born: 2 May 1804
Died: 2 May 1804
Age: 0

Note: The child was stilllborn