

## The Hutchinsons of Owthorpe

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The Hutchinsons of Owthorpe, who were a younger branch of an ancient Yorkshire family, sprang from Thomas Hutchinson, second son of Anthony Hutchinson of Cowlam, near Driffield in Yorkshire, who purchased lands at Owthorpe and elsewhere in Nottinghamshire, about the commencement of the sixteenth century. His great-grandson, Thomas Hutchinson of Owthorpe, married a daughter of Henry Sacheverell of Ratcliffe-upon-Soar, by whom he had a son and successor, Sir Thomas Hutchinson, Knight who served as High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire in 1620 and for some years represented the County in Parliament. He was twice married; first to Margaret, youngest daughter of Sir John Byron of Newstead Abbey, by whom he had two sons; and, secondly, to Catherine, daughter of Sir John Stanhope of Elveston in Derbyshire, by whom he had a son and daughter. Sir Thomas Hutchinson died in London in 1643 and was buried within the alter rails in St Pauls Church, Covent Garden. His oldest son, John Hutchinson, who succeeded to the family estates, was born in 1616 and warmly espoused the cause of the Parliament in the Civil Wars, being constituted Governor of Nottingham Castle, which he defended against the Royalists. He was subsequently appointed one of the Commissioners of the so-called High Court of Justice and his signature is appended to the warrant for the execution of King Charles I. After the Restoration he was imprisoned and died in confinement at Sandown Castle in Kent, September the 1<sup>st</sup> 1643. His remains were brought to Owthorpe and interred in the vault beneath the church. Lucy, his wife, was a daughter of Sir Allan Apsley, Lieutenant of the Tower of London and 'The Memoirs' written by this lady, and afterwards published by a member of the family, are well known. After the decease of her husband Mrs Lucy Hutchinson and her eldest son sold the Owthorpe estate to Charles Hutchinson of Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, only son of Sir Thomas Hutchinson by his second wife. Thomas Hutchinson Esq, the grandson of this Charles Hutchinson, died in 1774, having directed by his will that his estate should be sold and the manor of Owthorpe was accordingly purchased from his representatives in the following year by Sir George Smith Bart.

The Old Hall at Owthorpe was rebuilt by John Hutchinson, regicide, about the year 1665 and, somewhere about the same time, he took down the greater part of the parish church and erected the present unpretending fabric against the north wall of the chancel of the old church. It is not improbable that the monuments to his ancestors may have been offensive to the puritan members of the family and were consequently destroyed by him when the church was rebuilt. But, be this as it may, the mural monument which commemorates the regicide himself is the earliest of those that now remain. The monument which is placed against the north wall of the church is divided into five compartments of white and black marble, adorned with military emblems and armorial bearings, the whole being surmounted by a large oval tablet of black marble bearing the words "Quosque Domine" encircled with a wreath of sculptured foliage and flanked on either side by skulls. On one side of the monument is a shield with these arms: Semee of crosses crosslet, a lion rampant gardant – *Hutchinson*: above which is carved a suit of body armour and over that a helmet bearing the crest of the Hutchinsons – a cockatrice with wings expanded. On the opposite side is a shield displaying: three bars and a canton – *Apsley*; and above this shield are a pair of crossed military colours

or standards, over which is the crest of the Apsleys – a fleur-de-lys between two wings displayed. On the lower part of the monument is a shield bearing the arms of *Hutchinson* impaling *Apsley*.

The inscription (said to have been written by Mrs Lucy Hutchinson) is as follows:

In a vault under this wall lieth the body of John Hutchinson of Owthorpe in the County of Nottingham, Esq., elder son and heir of Sir Thomas Hutchinson by his first wife the Lady Margaret, daughter of Sir John Biron of Newstead in the sayd county.

This monument doth not commemorate  
Vaine ayrie glories, Titles, Birth and State  
But sacred is to free illustrious Grace  
Conducting happily a mortall's race  
To end in triumph over death and hell  
When (like the Prophet's cloake) the frail flesh fell,  
Forsaken as a dull impediment  
Whilst love's swift fiery chariot climbed the ascent.  
Nor are the reliques lost but only torne  
To be new made and in more lustre worne.  
Full of this joy all mounted, he lay downe  
Threw of his Ashes and tooke up his Crowne.  
Those who lost all their splendor in his grave  
Ev'n there yet noe inglorious period have.

He married Lucy, daughter of Sir Allan Apsley, Lieftent of the Tower of London by his third wife, the lady Lucy, daughter of St John St John of Lidyard Tregon in the County of Wilts, who, dying at Owthorpe October 1659, and lieth buried in the same vault.

He died at Sandowne Castle in Kent after 11 months harsh and strict imprisonment, without crime or accusation upon the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 1663 in the 49<sup>th</sup> year of his age, full of joy in assured hope of a glorious resurrection. He left surviving by the said Lucy 4 sons: Thomas, married Jane, the daugh; of Sr Alexander Radcliffe, buried also in the same vault, and Edward, Lucius and John & 4 daugh: Barbara, Lucy, Margaret and Adelia which last lies also in the same vault.

Upon the same side of the church is a large mural monument of good design and execution surmount5ed by these arms: Quarterly, first and fourth, Per pale gules and azure semee of crosses crosalet or, a lion rampant argent, - *Hutchinson*; second and third, Gules, a fesse chequy argent and sable between six crosses crosalet or, *Boteler*. Beneath the armorial bearings is the following inscription:

In the vault underneath  
lyeth the body of  
Charles Hutchinson Esq.  
third son of Sir Thomas Hutchinson,  
late of this Place, Kt, by Dame Catherine  
Stanhope, his second Lady, who married  
Isabella, one of the daughters and  
Coheireses of Sr Francis Boteler, late of

Wood-hall, near Hatfield in Hartfordshire, Kt. By whom he had Charles, Francis, Thomas, Boteler & Stanhope all dead, Charles, Thomas & Boteler buried in Ye said Vault & also Elizabeth, Francis, Julius & Isabella surviving.  
 He departed this life the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 of November 1695,  
 in the 57<sup>th</sup> year of his age.  
 Also the body of Isabella his Relict  
 who departed this life the  
 28<sup>th</sup> of October, 1728  
 in the 92<sup>nd</sup> year of her age.

On the opposite side of the Church is another large mural monument of white marble surmounted by a shield; Quarterly first and fourth Hutchinson; second Vert, a lion rampant or, for Norton; with the crest of Hutchinson – a cockatrice with wings expanded azure, combed, wattled, and membered or and the motto “In recto decus.”

In a vault underneath Lyeth the body of Elizabeth Norton, who died October 30<sup>th</sup>, 1713, in the 45<sup>th</sup> year of her Age.  
 She was one of the daughters and Coheirs of Sir Thomas Norton of Coventry, Baronet; and Relict of Collonel Wm. Norton of Wello in Hampshire (2<sup>nd</sup> son of Collonel Richard Norton, of Southwick in ye sd. County; by his second Wife, Elizabeth, one of the Daughters of William Lord, Viscount Say and Sele) by whom she had issues Collonel Thomas Norton, now of Ixworth Abbey, In ye County of Suffolk; Captain Richard Norton, who lyes interr'd in this Chancel, and Betty, married to Julius Hutchinson of this Place, Esq. By whom he hath issue now living, Anno Dom: 1718, Thomas, Botiler, Charles, Isabella, Norton, and had Elizabeth and Lucius, both dead and here Interr'd.  
 It is worthy of remark yt the above mentioned Collonel Richard Norton lived to have ye Honour to entertain four Kings of England in His house at Southwick.  
 The above-named Julius Hutchinson Esq. died the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1738 in His 60<sup>th</sup> year. And is interr'd in this Vault.  
 The above-named Betty Hutchinson, Relict of Julius Hutchinson, Esq. Departed this Life

ye 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, 1752. In the 67<sup>th</sup> Year of her Age,& is also  
Deposited in the same Vault.

Beneath the inscription are these arms; Vert a lion rampant or for *Norton*, impaling, Azure, three swords in triangle, pomel to pomel, hilted or, upon a chief gules a lion passant gardant of the third, for *Norton of Coventry*. Crests – First, a moor's head proper, wreathed about the temples argent and azure. Second, out of a coronet or, a demi-griffin gules holding in the claws a sword argent, hilted or, Mottoes “Confide recte” and “No foe to fortune, no friend to faith, no woe to want, so Norton saith.”

The earlier portion of the Parish Registers is said to have been taken away by the Hutchinson family when they left Owthorpe. The oldest of the remaining volumes only dates from the year 1731 and, consequently, but few entries relative to the Hutchinsons are to be found. The following are extracts }

#### *Baptisms*

- 1731 Anne, daughter of Thomas Hutchinson, Esq and Anne, his wife, was baptised May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
1732 Anne, daughter of Thomas Hutchinson, Esq and Anne, his wife, was baptised May 1<sup>st</sup>  
1735 Thomas, son of Thomas Hutchinson Esq and Anne his wife was baptised July 29<sup>th</sup>  
1738 Julius Thomas, son of Richard Norton Esq and Isabella his wife was baptised August 19<sup>th</sup>  
1739 Isabella, daughter of Richard Norton Esq and Isabella his wife was baptised August 6<sup>th</sup>  
1741 Frances, daughter of Richard Norton Esq and Isabella his wife was baptised May 4<sup>th</sup>

#### *Burials*

- 1731 Anne, daughter of Thomas Hutchinson Esq buried September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
1732 Anne, daughter of Thomas Hutchinson Esq buried September 20<sup>th</sup>  
1736 Julius Hutchinson Esq buried March 10<sup>th</sup>  
1752 Betty Hutchinson, widow of Julius Hutchinson Esq buried March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
1760 Thomas, son of Thomas Hutchinson Esq buried September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
1774 Thomas Hutchinson Esq buried May 7<sup>th</sup>