

He was summoned to Parliament as "Johanni Sutton de Dudley, Militi," from 15th Feb. 18 H. VI. 1440, to Sept. 3 H. VII., 1487, and was elected a Knight of the Garter before 23d April, 1459. He was a prominent figure in the reigns of Henry VI. and Edward IV.

In his will he calls himself "John Dudley, Knt., Lord Dudley." The date is Aug. 17, 1487, and it is registered in P.C.C. 8 miles. He died Sept. 30, 1487.

The arms on his seal are the two lions passant, but on either side is a smaller shield, that on the dexter side being a cross patee or flory, and that on the sinister side being a blue lion rampant, which the herald, Glover, probably intended for Sutton's paternal coat; but, if so, the lion should be green.

In a roll of arms of *temp.* E. II., Sire Richard de Sottone bears "de or, a un Lyon rampaund de vert." Erdeswick said, Glover, Somerset Herald did cut off one of Dudley's lions' tails, because the Warsop Suttons bore the single tailed lion.

Dugdale says that John Dudley, Duke of Northumberland, bore the lion rampant, by *him assumed for Sutton's coat.*)

By Elizabeth, his wife, John Lord Dudley^s had the following children :

1. EDMUND SUTTON *alias* DUDLEY,⁷ heir apparent, died *v. p.* He was a knight.
2. JOHN DUDLEY⁷ of Hatherington, Sussex, "from whom the Earls of Warwick and Leicester (says Dugdale) did derive their descent."
3. WILLIAM DUDLEY,⁷ Bishop of Durham, 1476-83.
4. OLIVER DUDLEY,⁷ slain at Edgecote, near Banbury, July 25, 1469, at the same time his brother-in-law fell, son of Lord Latimer, and both were buried in Beauchamp Chapel, at Warwick.
5. MARGARET,⁷ married to Sir George Longueville, of Little Billing, co. Northampton. She was second wife and died 1457.
6. JANE,⁷ wife of Thomas Mainwaring, of Ightfield, co. Chester.
7. ELEANOR,⁷ first married to Henry Beaumont of Wedenesbury, who died Nov. 16, 1472, and secondly to George Stanley of West Bromwich.

Here the fiction of the low origin of Edmund Dudley, Esq., the great lawyer of Henry VII., is repeated, and what Dugdale did about it and what Sir Philip Sydney said. Says Mr. G., to my mind there is really no doubt that John Dudley of Atherington was (as asserted on the monument of Ambrose, Earl of Warwick,