

In 1486, there were 23; and in 1477, 25. It is recorded that Lord Dudley died Sept., 1487. — *Austis' Order of the Garter.*

Dugdale says, "he was faithful to King Henry VI., yet he did so comply with King Edward the IV., when he obtained the crown, that he received many great favors and rewards from that new Sovereign." Edward V. also added to his honors, by appointing him to hold the Feast of St. George at Windsor, on the 4th of May, 1483, the day his coronation was to take place. But as soon as Edw. V. was suppressed, Lord Dudley attended a chapter of the Order of the Garter in Richard III.'s palace, at Westminster, in the first year of that tyrant (1483), and obtained from him a grant of eight manors—"for his faithful service in favoring his title to the crown." Hen. VII, revoked this grant, or prevented it from taking effect. However, Lord Dudley had from Hen. VII. 1000 marks and the manors of Northfield and Wiley, in Worcestershire, besides a full pardon. This Lord Kt. must have been a man, whose good will was valuable to all sorts of kings.

Probably few warriors, like him, of the great Henry V., had survived through the war of the Roses, and it is no wonder he should have become as he did, the origin of the noted historical houses by the name of Dudley.—*Nicolas' History of Knighthood.*

His will, dated Aug. 17, 1487, directed that he should be buried at the Priory of St. James, in Dudley in a tomb to cost not over £20.*

This Sir John Dudley was a great financier and diplomatist, if we are to judge by his success in those directions; for he not only acquired great honors, and offices and estates, but he married his children to heirs and heiresses of the great and wealthy houses of England, thereby preparing the way for their future renown, which far surpassed that of their noble ancestors, distinguished though they were. All this can be seen in the pedigrees and biographical sketches of this history.

EDMUND SUTTON OR DUDLEY.

Edmund, the son and heir apparent of his father, Sir John, Lord Baron de Dudley, was sometimes styled Edmund Dudley, Esq., and, at others, Lord Edmund Sutton and Lord Dudley. He was Deputy Lieutenant of Ireland, 10 Edward IV., 1469. He had a grant of Averbury, &c., in 1743, and was lately deceased 3 Hen. VII., 1487, in his father's lifetime.

* Twamley's Dudley Castle.