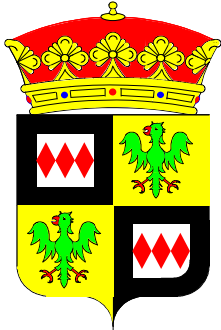


Manchester



Description of Arms :

Quarterly : 1st and 4th argent, three lozenges conjoined in fesse gules, within a bordure sable, *Montagu* ; 2nd and 3rd or, an eagle displayed vert, beaked and membered gules, *Monthermer*.

Principal Title : Duke of Manchester.

Creation : Great Britain, 1719.

Subsidiary Titles : Earl of Manchester (1626) ; Baron Montagu, of Kimbolton, Huntingdon and Viscount Mandeville (1620).

Family Name : Montagu.

Family History : Sir Henry Montagu sat as a Member of Parliament from 1604 to 1616. He then became Lord Chief Justice, Lord Treasurer of England and Lord Privy Seal. For this, he was created Baron Montagu, Viscount Mandeville and Earl of Manchester in 1626. He died sixteen years later. His son became a distinguished general in the Parliamentary army and won the well-known battle at Marston Moor. Nevertheless, he refused to vote for the execution of Charles I and retired from public life. He reappeared in 1660 and was deputed to welcome the return of Charles II. By the time of the fourth earl, relations with the Royal Family were repaired. This gentleman served at the Battle of the Boyne served as ambassador to Venice, France and then Vienna and a Gentleman of the Bedchamber to George I. He was rewarded with a dukedom, in 1719, by George III (or his son in the role of Prince Regent). There is a story that the first two Hanoverian Georges reckoned that their hold on the English crown was so tenuous that neither really bothered to unpack or to learn the language. Devoted servants were, therefore, all the more appreciated.

Since this time, the Dukes of Manchester have contented themselves with the lief of upper-class gentlemen, though never far from military or parliamentary service. Recent holders of the title have spent much of their time abroad, especially in Kenya and the United States.

The present duke has no issue, though his brother has a son. There is no likelihood of the family dying out, however. There are several collateral branches, though some of these have adopted new or amended surnames. Some are heirs to the dukedom, others only to the earldom.

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Sir Edward Montagu (?-1601/1602), Knight,
Lord Chief Justice (1539-1545),

