

A Little History of

CHERINGTON

and

STOURTON

Warwickshire





Welcome screen of the website of
A Little History of Cherington & Stourton.

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Portrait of Margaret Dickins, author of
*A Little History of Cherington
and Stourton, Warwickshire*



The roofs of Stourton, looking
southwards from Sutton lane.



Memorial to Margaret Dickins and her
sister Barbara in the Church of St
Peter, Hook Norton.



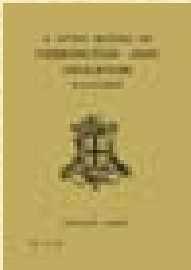
The Green, Stourton, c. 1916.



Photograph taken on the occasion of
the wedding of Margaret's sister Irene.



Dick Clark the baker, Stourton,
c. 1916 - detail of above photo.



Cover of the original 1934 book



The Green, Stourton, 2003.

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Bookplate of Anthony Dickins,
born at Cherington in 1734



"Cherington Church from
the Rectory garden"



When the author gave a copy of her
work to cousin Harriet Eleanora (Nora)
Dickins of Cherington, both ladies
wrote their names in the book.



Parish Church of St John the
Baptist, Cherington, in 2003.



Location of Cherington and Stourton
in the United Kingdom.



14th century tomb of a franklin
within the Parish Church.



Location of the villages
in the south Midlands.



Modern photograph of
the tomb of the franklin.

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Map of the locality



Detail of tomb of the franklin.



Signpost near the villages.



Cherington House was built by ancestors of the author and she used this photograph of it to illustrate her *Little History*.



This photograph of Cherington was taken in 1895.



Cherington House on a bright January morning in 2003.



2003 photograph of Cherington taken from the same spot.



A stylised drawing of Cherington House, which was built at the turn of the eighteenth century by William Dickins.



View towards Cherington Mill, at the foot of Cherington Hill.



Sketch of Cherington House, drawn in the 1930s, when Capt. Herdman and his family were in residence.



Portrait from 1912



Margaret Dickins A.R.C.O. (1858 - 1947)

Author of *A History of Hook Norton 912-1928* (1928), *A Thousand Years in Tardebigge* (1931), *A Little History of Cherington and Stourton* (1934) and of *Chastleton House*. The memorial to Margaret and her sister is at St Peter's, Hook Norton, Oxfordshire.



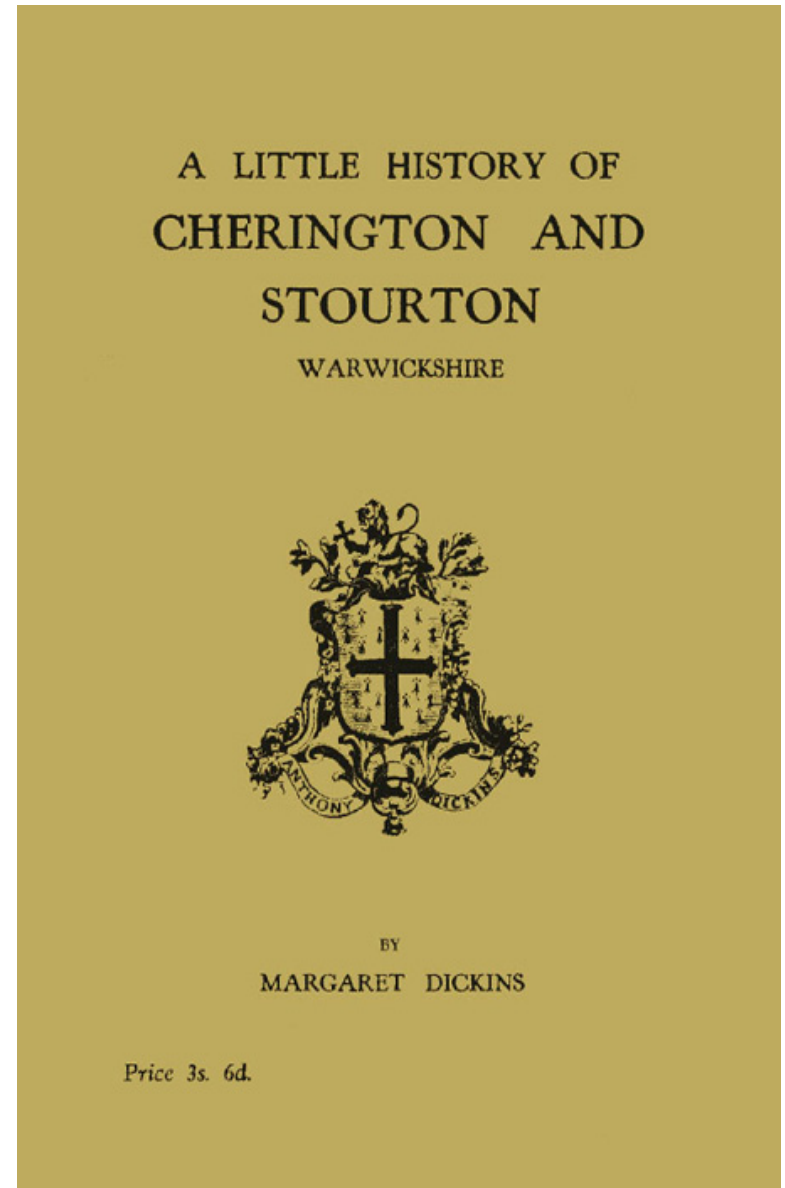
Irene Dickins (sister of Margaret) m. Sept 11 1900 at Tardebigg(e) her cousin Thomas Whitmore Harris, who took the name and arms of Whitmore-Jones, with which went the fine Jacobean manor house of Chastleton. Family historians may well identify many of those present here: seated next to the bride and groom are undoubtedly their parents Canon Charles Allan Dickins and his wife, née Frances Whitmore-Jones; and Mrs John Harris, née Jennetta Whitmore-Jones. It also seems safe to say that the clergyman standing on the left is one of Irene's two brothers, Rev. Alan Dickins. Her elder brother, Herbert, does not appear to be in the group, but sisters Margaret, Barbara, Eleanor and Florence surely will be.



Book cover

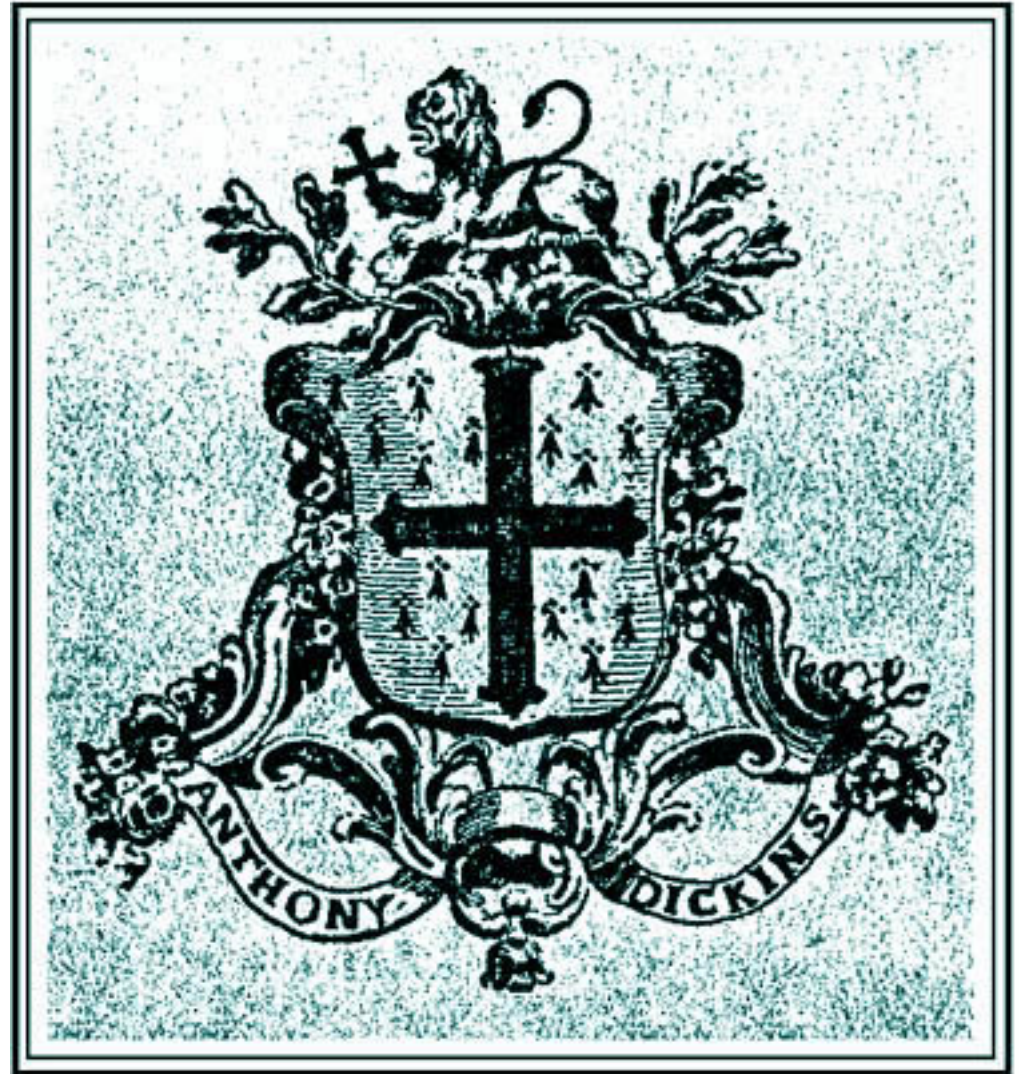
This is a scanned image of the original cover of the 1934 book, the actual size being 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 9 $\frac{7}{8}$ " or 160 mm x 250 mm.

The price of three shillings and sixpence (17.5p) is the equivalent of about £11 at 2003 prices.



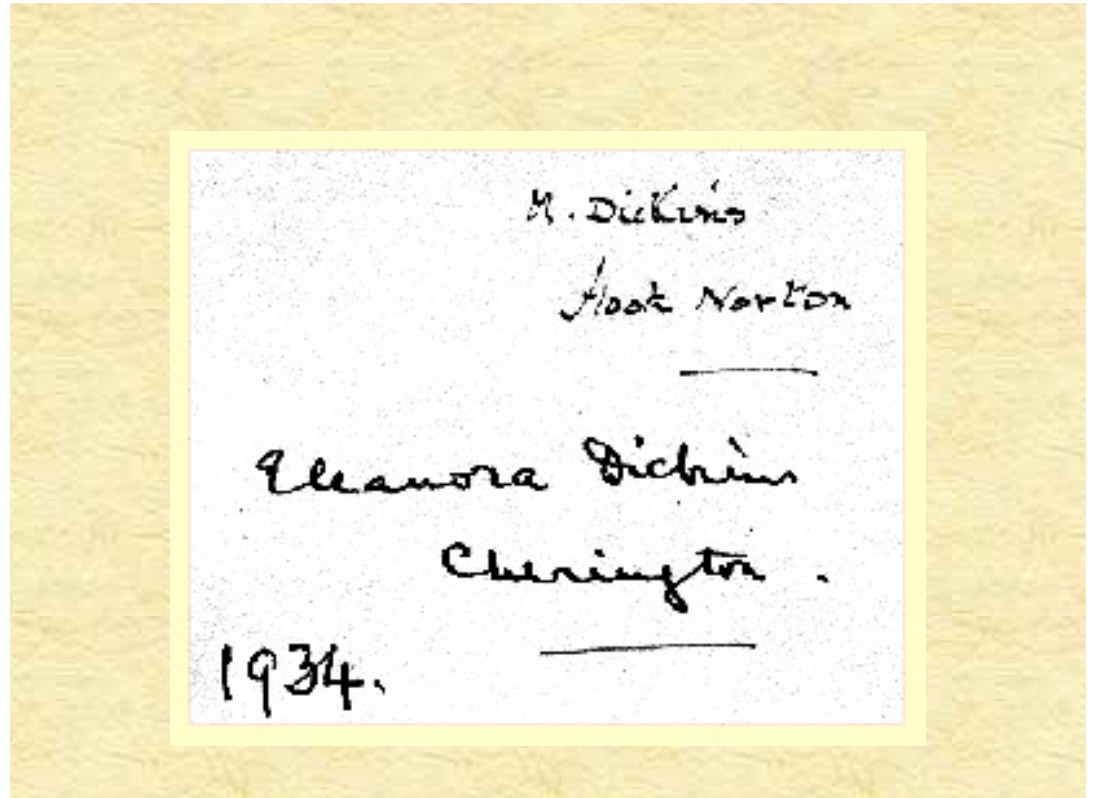
The coat of arms chosen for the buttons on this website is the illustration which appears on the cover of the 1934 printed edition.

It is the bookplate of Anthony Dickins, born at Cherington in 1734; the publication of Margaret Dickins' book thus marked the bicentenary of her ancestor's birth.



Book inscription

When the author gave a copy of her work to her cousin Harriet Eleanora (Nora) Dickins of Cherington, both ladies inscribed their names in the book.



Location of the villages in the United Kingdom



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Location of the villages in the south Midlands

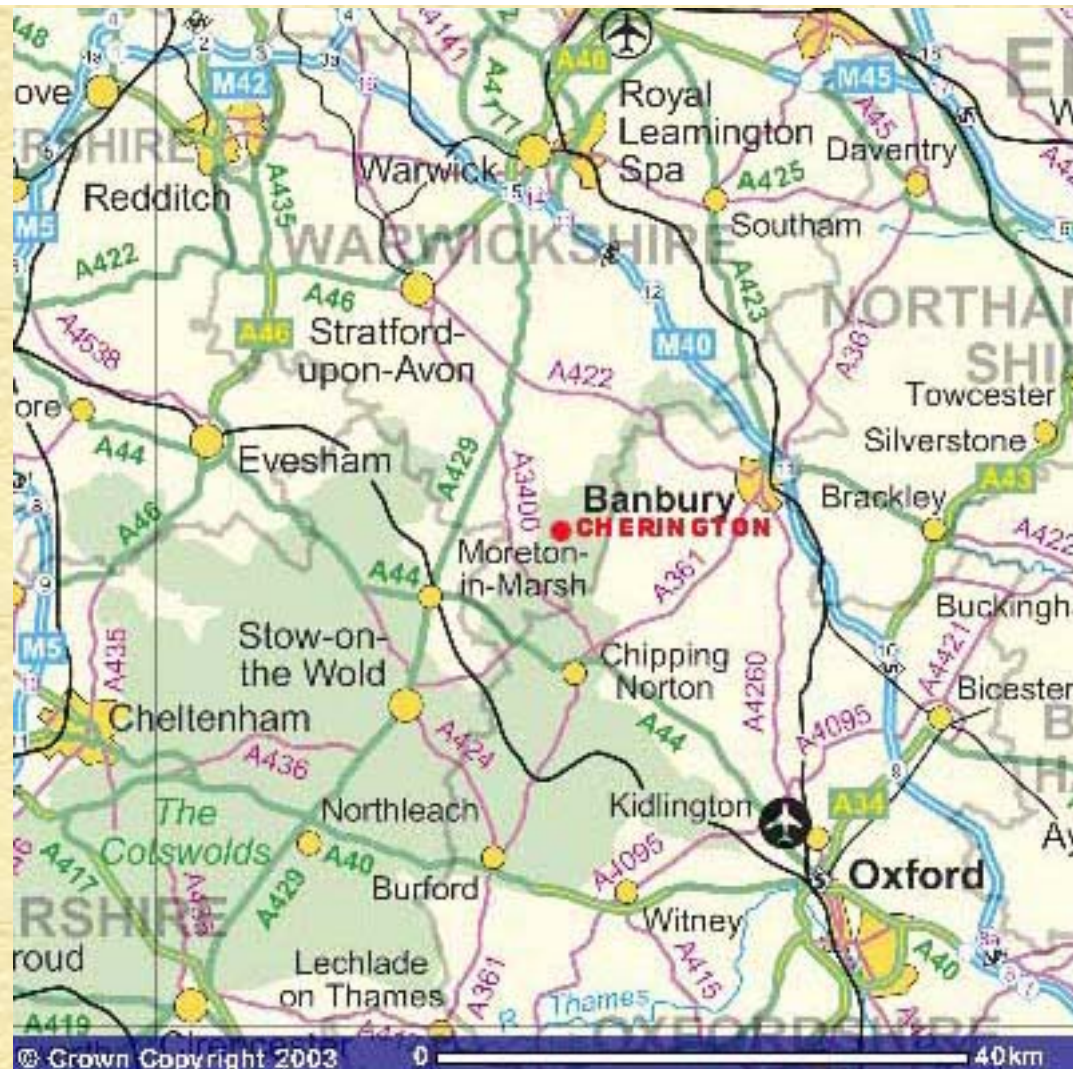


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Immediate locality of Cherington and Stourton



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This signpost stands at the foot of Stourton Hill, off to the right. The sign pointing towards us reads "Long Compton - Narrow road - 3". The three miles (5 km) of road to this village lead the traveller over Stourton and Margett's Hills, skirt Long Compton Woods, and pass to the south of the Weston estate and east of Harrow Hill.



This late nineteenth photograph of Cherington, taken in 1895, was reproduced in the 1934 edition of *A Little History of Cherington and Stourton*. The small building near the figure in the background is the blacksmith's shop, now used for storage purposes.





This 2003 photograph of Cherington shows the former blacksmith's shop still standing in the background, now with a bus shelter built onto one end.





From this meadow in that part of the village known as Little Cherington, below the Parish Church of St John the Baptist, we look northwards down to Cherington Mill on the River Stour, and beyond to Cherington Hill, topped by "Jack Baughan's cottage", across a May landscape splashed by the flower of oilseed rape, a profitable crop in 2003.





The roofs of Stourton are visible as we look southwards across a field of oilseed rape from Sutton Lane, on the road from Burmington to Sutton-under-Brailes. The pinnacles on the tower of the Parish Church are arrowed; Berrills Hill rises in the background, clothed in a smother of yellow flower.



The Green, Stourton, c. 1916. Members of the Bailey family line up by their garden wall, as Dick Clark the baker poses with his horse van (click on cart to enlarge van).





Enlarged detail of the photograph taken from The Green, Stourton, c. 1916. After the end of the Great War, Dick Clark bought an old "war horse", branded by the Army.





The Green, Stourton, May 2003.





"Cherington Church from the Rectory garden" was the caption to this view which illustrated the 1934 edition of *A Little History of Cherington and Stourton*.





The Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Cherington, to which Margaret Dickins devotes a chapter of her *Little History of Cherington and Stourton*.





This tomb in Cherington church was illustrated thus in *A Little History*, and discussed at length there. The dress is that of a frankelein or franklin, a substantial free tenant farmer; it is attributed by the author to William Lucy, knight, (1277-after 1325).





Fourteenth century tomb of the franklin in the Parish Church.





Detail of the tomb of the franklin in the church of St John the Baptist, Cherington.





Cherington House was built by ancestors of the author at the turn of the eighteenth century, and she illustrated her work with this photograph of her cousins' home.





Cherington House on a bright January morning in 2003.





A stylised drawing of Cherington House. The part in the foreground was built at the turn of the 18th century by William Dickins as a residence for his son Anthony on his marriage to Ann Timms; Anthony succeeded in 1718. (*A Little History*, Chapter VII).





A pencil sketch of the former Dickins family seat drawn in the 1930s, when Capt. Herdman and his family were in residence.

