

# Lady Lucy Percy: Queen's Confidante and Civil War Spy

With Linda Taylor

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In the turbulent years of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, the enigmatic and beautiful Lady Lucy Percy played many parts, from witty courtier and femme fatale at Charles I's court to wily conspirator for Parliamentarians and Royalists alike in the bloody civil war and republic which followed.

Born into one of the noblest families in the land, she charted her own course through those stormy seas, when a man (or woman) might have the ear of royalty one day and face the executioner's block the next. One lover was assassinated, another died a traitor's death, a third was buried in a pauper's grave. This was the exciting and sometimes frightening world that Lucy lived in. Could even the rebellious daughter of the Wizard Earl of Northumberland keep her head in such revolutionary times?



Lady Lucy – a strong woman in a male-dominated age.

In the centenary year of women winning the vote, we travel back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century to investigate the life of one of a long line of fascinating Percy women.