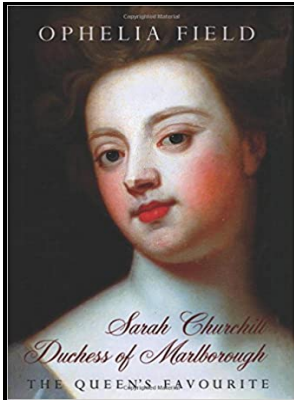


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Sarah was concerned that a dukedom would strain the family's finances; a ducal family at the time was expected to show off its rank through lavish entertainments. Sarah found out about Abigail's marriage several months after it had occurred and immediately went to see Anne with the intention of informing her of the event. Sarah's correspondence with the Queen and love letters to the Duke give the narrative immediacy and poignancy.

Sarah Churchill, Duchess of Marlborough

Born in 1660, she succeeded during the course of her long life in overcoming many of the contemporary constraints on her sex. Anne, already in ill health, felt used and harassed and was desperate for escape.

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On April 6, 1710, Queen Anne and Sarah saw each other for the last time.

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When Sarah was 12 and returned to court to attend , James' young new wife, Sarah and Anne became inseparable. But during the Puritan Commonwealth, such affiliations offered no advantage. .

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Sarah would remain an intimate of Anne until 1711 when Sarah and her husband John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough were dismissed from court.

Sarah Churchill, Duchess of Marlborough

Sarah was not forthcoming in this regard and frequently overpowered and dominated Anne. She was the favourite of Queen Anne, the devoted wife and political associate of her most powerful subject, the passionate ally or bitter enemy of leading figures of her day and in her widowhood the head of one of England's great families. Albans, Hertfordshire, England; died on October 18, 1744, at Marlborough House in London; daughter of Richard Jennings Jenyns and Frances Thornhurst; sister of d.

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Sarah's success as a leader of the opposition only intensified the queen's animosity towards the Marlboroughs.

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