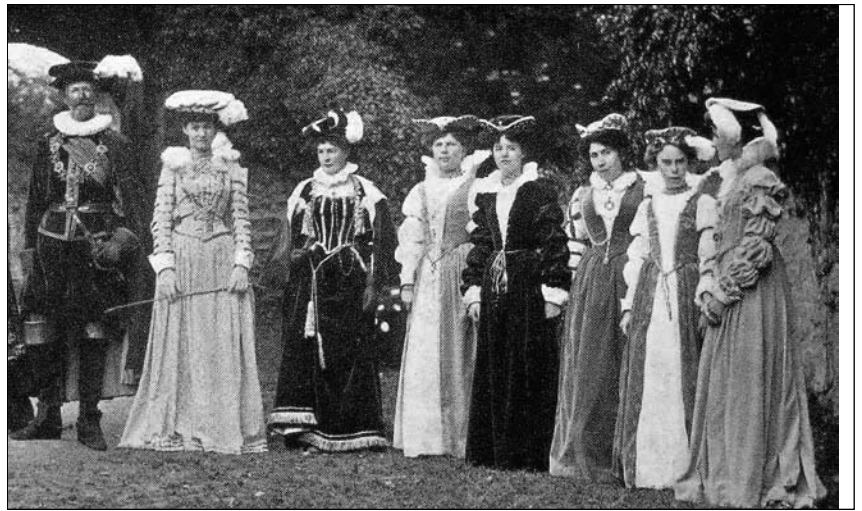


**Linda P Holloway  
(1889-1961)**

**Character in the Sherborne Pageant:**  
11th Townswoman Episode 11.

**Episode 11:**

A heavily bejewelled Sir Walter Raleigh and his wife Elizabeth Throckmorton enter on horseback, followed by a small retinue of ladies and gentlemen. The centre of the arena is turned into a comfortably furnished apartment. Raleigh reads while his wife spins. They reminisce about the past and the nature



of love, faith, and loyalty. He starts to smoke his pipe. Elizabeth goes to bed. Raleigh continues to reminisce about Edmund Spenser. His servant enters, sees his master smoking and, believing him to be burning, throws water over him. Raleigh chases the servant out. The chorus sings the Triumph Song, which details the ‘good ship Sherborne’ travelling through history, ending: ‘With the tribute of our praises, words of worship and of love, Though not half be said or sung for her that in our breast we bore, With twelve hundred years beneath her, and the bend of heaven above, Down the ocean of the ages lo! We launch her forth once more!’ During this song a Maypole is set up and, as the chorus sings ‘With a laugh as we go round’ from Sir Sterndale Bennett’s ‘May Queen’, the children dance around the Maypole.

Linda Phoebe Holloway, a farmer's daughter, was born on Park Farm at Yetminster to William and Elizabeth (née Lander). She appeared in the Pageant when she was 16. She had an apprenticeship at the drapers on the corner of Halfmoon Street and South Street - Phillips and Handover.

Not long after the pageant the family left Yetminster and moved to farm at Longstock near Stockbridge in Hampshire and it was from here that Linda became a farmer's wife to Henry Baker of Weeke Manor Farm, near Winchester in 1910, where they stayed until retiring to West Moors in 1935. There were no children but her niece Pam remembers her aunt showing her photos of the pageant and she could always pick her out over to the right hand side of the group portrayed.

(Now confirmed by Pam—Linda is 4th from the right in the rich dark velvet costume in the photo above)

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