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John Jenkins

(b. Maidstone 1592; d. Kimberley, Norfolk, 27 Oct. 1678)

As a musician Jenkins was patronised by, and lived with, several families. From 1660 - 1666 he was with the family of Lord North whose sons he taught music. One of the sons, Roger North, gives accounts of Jenkins in his 'Memoires of Musick' and his autobiography. He says:

He was a man of much easier temper than any of his faculty, he was neither conceited nor morose, but much a gentleman.....He was an innovator in the days of Alphonso [Ferrabosco], Lupo, Coperario, and Lawes,and superinduced a more airy sort of composition, wherein he had a fluent and happy fancy.

Jenkins performed on the lute and bass viol, among other bowed instruments, and he was musician to Charles I and Charles II. He was a leading composer of fantasias for the viol. Later in his life he resided with the family of Sir Philip Wodehouse, Bart., at Kimberley, Norfolk, where he died in 1678.