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ROMERO ANTON MONT-ALBAN-ANDERSSEN FAMILY TREE: INFORMATION ABOUT IDA DE TOSNEY PLANTAGENET

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Ida de Tosney Plantagenet (daughter of *Hamelin de Plantagenet* and *Isabel de Warenne*). She married Roger BIGOD 2nd Earl of Norfolk, son of Hugh Bigod 1st Earl Norfolk.

Notes for Ida de Tosney Plantagenet:

In 1173, Roger Bigod is heir to the vast and powerful earldom of Norfolk. When his treacherous father, Hugh, loses the family lands and castles in a rebellion against King Henry II, Roger finds himself in reduced circumstances and dogged by a bitter family dispute with his half brother over the remaining crumbs. Whilst trying to resolve the matter of his inheritance at court, he encounters Ida de Tosney, the King's young mistress. Having been forced into the relationship with Henry, Ida is drawn to Roger in whom she sees a chance of lasting security beyond the fickle dazzle of life at court. But she has to navigate a careful path between her dearest wishes and the King's reluctance to part with her, and every fulfilled wish has its price. Hers is losing her beloved little boy, the child she has borne to Henry.

When King Richard comes to the throne, Roger's fortunes change, his lands are restored and he becomes one of the richest men in England. He builds a great castle at Framlingham for himself and for Ida, but he knows from bitter experience that such fortresses can be razed and everything taken away. When Richard's brother John in his turn becomes King, Roger is caught between loyalty and conscience, and knows his choice may cost him all that he has regained. Ida watches her family struggle within a tightening noose as all of her sons are drawn into the conflict, brother against brother. As a wife, as a mother, as a Countess, she knows there are debts from the past still to be settled if she and her family are to survive.

- >> "The Bigod Earls of Norfolk in the Thirteenth Century" (Boydell, 2005).
- >> The book is now available and does provide sources to document that Ida,
- >> countess of Norfolk, wife of Roger Bigod I, and mother of William
- >> Longespee, was Ida de Tosny. On page 2 Morris says "Around Christmas 1181,
- >> at the start of his (Roger's) long road to (political) recovery, Roger
- >> married Ida de Tosny, a royal ward." The records that he cites concern the
- >> manors of Acle, Halvergate, and South Walsham, which the king had
- >> confiscated after the death of Hugh Bigod I, and which went to Roger at
- >> the time of his marriage. Morris cites the following publications: "Rotuli
- >> Hundredorum (2 vols.), Record Commission, 1812-18, I, 504 (in which she is
- >> named as Ide le Tauny), 537 (in which she is named as Ida de Thoney); Pipe
- >> Rolls for Henry II, 23rd year, 125, 137; 24th year, 26-7; 28th year, 64.

Children of Ida de Tosney Plantagenet and Roger BIGOD 2nd Earl of Norfolk are:

+Mary Bigod.

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