

Hugh Bigod, 3rd Earl of Norfolk

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Hugh Bigod (c. 1182 – 18 February 1225) was a member of the powerful early Norman Bigod family and was for a short time the 3rd Earl of Norfolk.

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Origins



Arms used by Hugh Bigod, as heir to the earldoms of Norfolk and Suffolk, and as recorded during the signing of Magna Charta

He was born c. 1182, the eldest son of Roger Bigod, 2nd Earl of Norfolk by his wife Ida de Tosny.

Career

In 1215 he was one of the twenty-five sureties of Magna Carta of King John. He succeeded to his father's estates (including Framlingham Castle) in 1221.

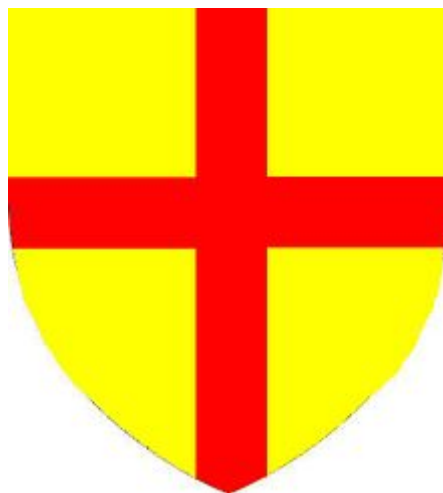
Marriage & progeny

In late 1206 or early 1207, Hugh married Maud Marshal (1192 - 27 March 1248), daughter of William Marshal, 1st Earl of Pembroke (1147–1219), Marshal of England, by his wife Isabel de Clare, 4th Countess of Pembroke. They had four, or possibly

five, children:

- Roger Bigod, 4th Earl of Norfolk (c. 1209-1270), died without progeny.
- Hugh Bigod (1211–1266), Justiciar of England. Married Joan de Stuteville, by whom he had issue.
- Isabel Bigod (c. 1212- 1250), married twice: Firstly to Gilbert de Lacy, by whom she had issue; Secondly to John FitzGeoffrey, Lord of Shere, by whom she had issue, including Maud FitzJohn, and Joan FitzJohn who married Theobald le Botiller, and from whom descended the Irish Earls of Ormond.
- Ralph Bigod (born c. 1215)

Hugh Bigod



Arms of Bigod (dropped *post*-1269 by Roger Bigod, 5th Earl of Norfolk): *Or, a cross gules*

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| Born | c. 1182 |
| Died | 18 February 1225 |
| Title | 3rd Earl of Norfolk |
| Tenure | 1221-1225 |
| Nationality | English |
| Predecessor | Roger Bigod, 2nd Earl of Norfolk |
| Successor | Roger Bigod, 4th Earl of Norfolk |
| Spouse(s) | Maud Marshal |
| Parents | Roger Bigod, 2nd Earl of Norfolk Ida de Tosny |

Contrary to the assertion of Frederick Lewis Weis, *Ancestral Roots*, there is no evidence for a fourth son called Simon Bigod. A man of that name appears as a witness to one of Earl Hugh's charters (Morris, HBII 2), but as the eighteenth name in a list of twenty, suggesting no close connection to the main branch of the family. He is also named among the knights who surrendered to King John at Framlingham Castle in 1216. He was a probably a descendant of Hugh or William Bigod, half-brothers to Earl Roger II Bigod.

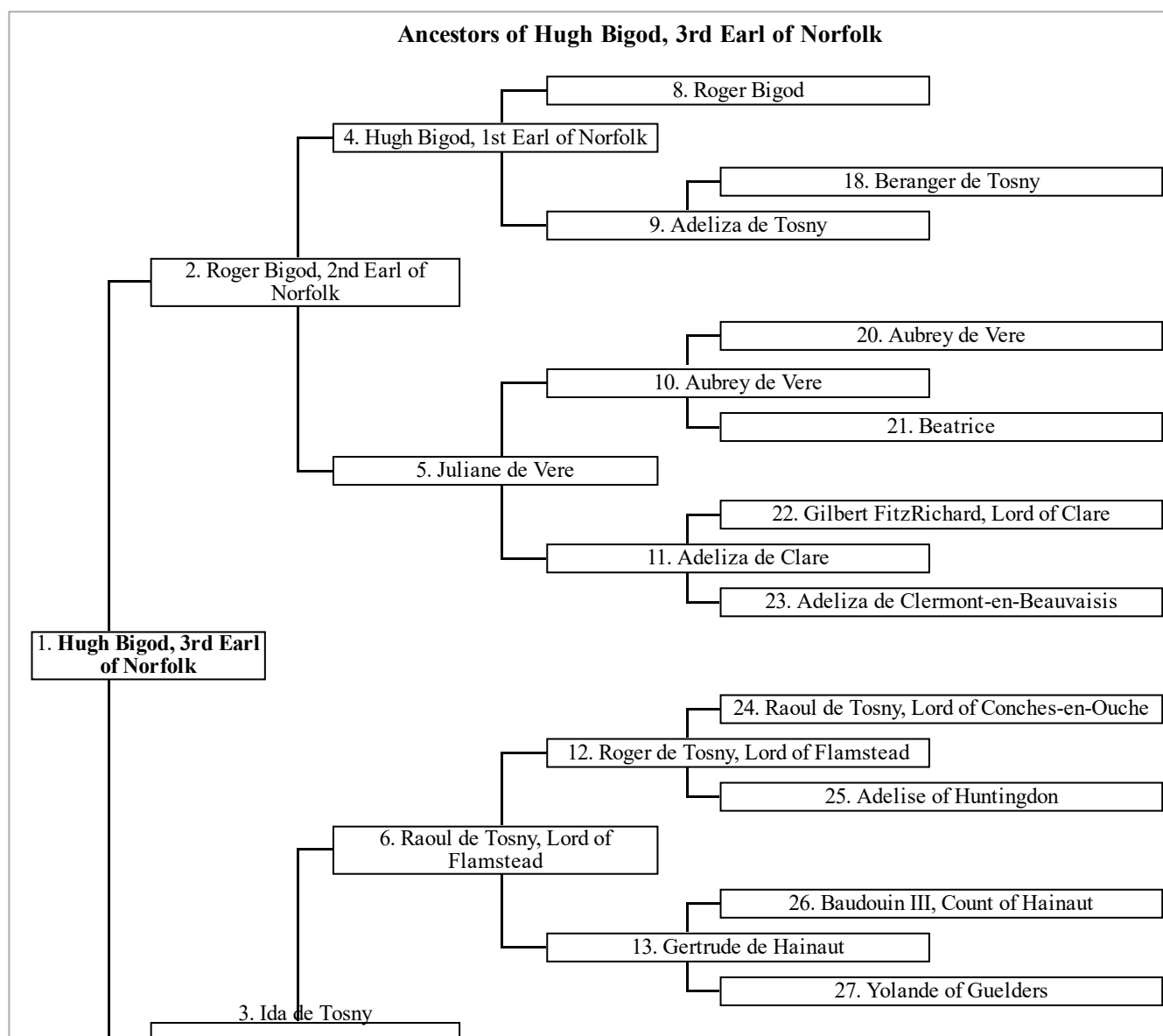
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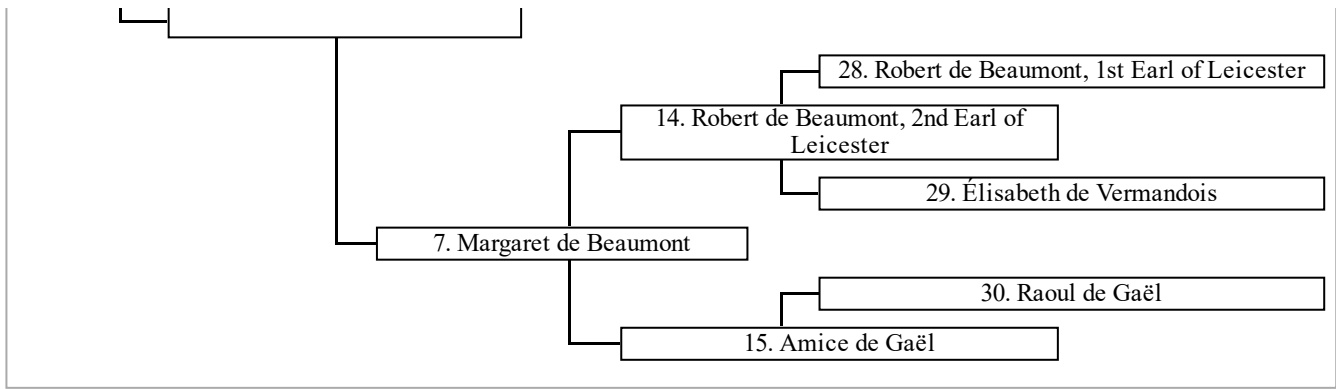
Hugh died on 18 February 1225. Very soon after Hugh's death, his widow Maud remarried William de Warenne, 6th Earl of Surrey.

Hugh Bigod in fiction

Hugh Bigod and his wife [Mahelt] are the main characters in Elizabeth Chadwick's *To Defy a King*. They also appear as secondary characters in novels chronicling their parents such as *The Time of Singing* (UK: Sphere, 2008) published in the USA as *For the King's Favor*; *The Greatest Knight*; and *The Scarlet Lion*.

Ancestry





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External links

- Cawley, Charles, Medieval Lands *on Hugh Bigod, 3rd Earl of Norfolk*, Medieval Lands database, Foundation for Medieval Genealogy
- Cawley, Charles, Medieval Lands *on Isabel Bigod*, Medieval Lands database, Foundation for Medieval Genealogy

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| Bigod family | | |
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| Preceded by Roger Bigod | Earl of Norfolk 1221–1225 | Succeeded by Roger Bigod |

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