

# John Grey of Groby

**Sir John Grey, of Groby**,  Leicestershire (c. 1432<sup>[1]</sup> – 17 February 1461) was a  Lancastrian knight, the first husband of  Elizabeth Woodville who later married  King Edward IV of England, and great-great-grandfather of  Lady Jane Grey.

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## Titles

Grey was the son and heir of Elizabeth Ferrers, 6th Baroness Ferrers of Groby (1419–1483) and of Sir Edward Grey (c. 1415–1457), a son of Reginald Grey, 3rd Baron Grey de Ruthyn.<sup>[1][2]</sup> His father was summoned to parliament as Baron Ferrers of Groby in right of his wife.<sup>[1][3]</sup> After the death of Grey's father his stepfather, John Bourchier, assumed his wife's title, Baron Ferrers of Groby.<sup>[1]</sup>

As Grey would predecease his mother, Lady Ferrers, the title of Baron Ferrers of Groby would pass to his eldest son and heir, Thomas.<sup>[1]</sup> Grey was never summoned to Parliament. Another title, Baron Grey of Groby was created 21 July 1603 for his direct descendant, Henry Grey (c.1547–1614).

## Wife and children

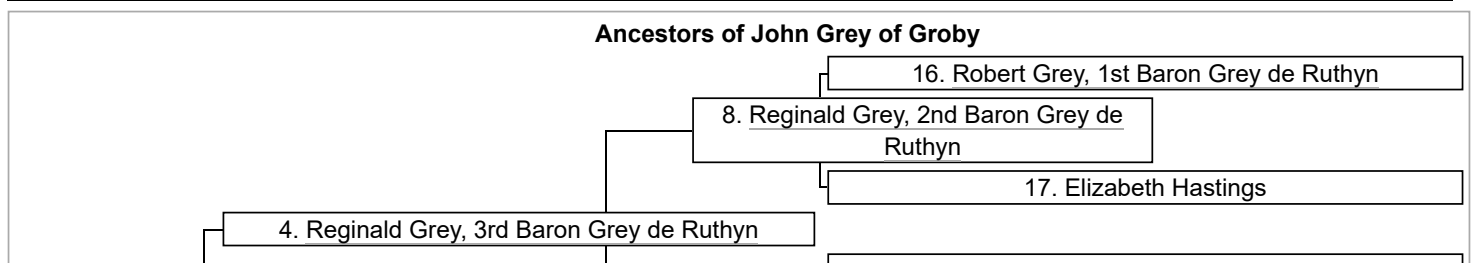
About 1454, Sir John Grey married Elizabeth Woodville, the eldest daughter of Richard Woodville, and Jacquetta of Luxembourg.<sup>[1]</sup> They had two sons, Thomas, later Marquess of Dorset, born in 1455, and Richard, born in 1457. Richard was aged about 26 when executed on the orders of Richard III in June 1483.<sup>[2]</sup>

In 1491, his widow, by then Queen Dowager, became the co-heiress of her brother, Richard Woodville, 3rd Earl Rivers. She died a year later.<sup>[1][3]</sup>

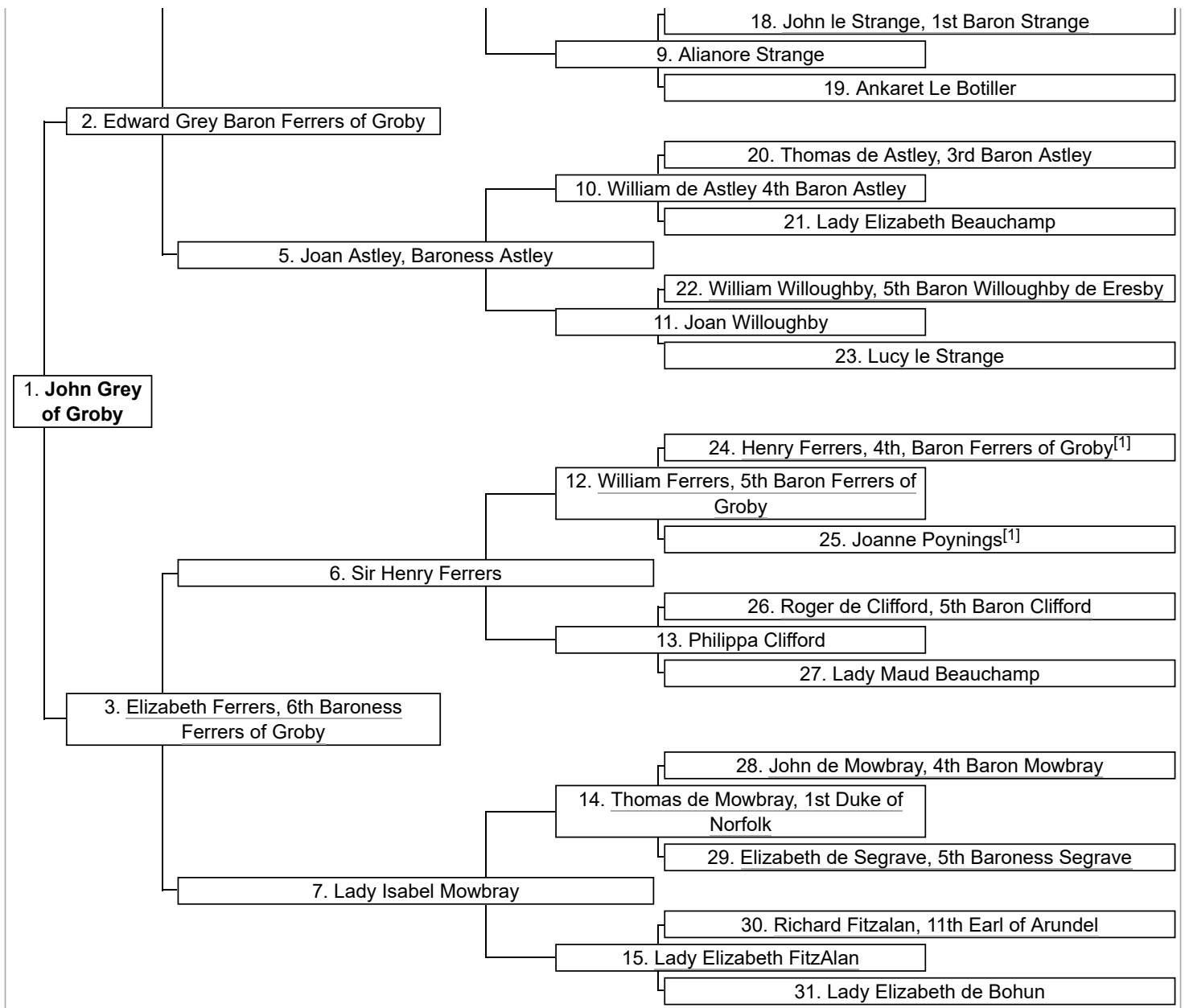
## Death at the battle of St Albans

Sir John Grey was killed in the Second Battle of St Albans in 1461, fighting for the Lancastrian cause.<sup>[1]</sup> His widow, Dame Elizabeth Grey, later secretly married Edward IV who was the successful Yorkist claimant to the throne.<sup>[1][2]</sup>

## Ancestry



Sir John Grey of Groby	
<span></span>	
<span></span> <div>Arms of Grey: <i>Barry of six argent and azure</i></div>	
Born	c. 1432
Died	17 February 1461 (aged 28 or 29) <div>St Albans, Hertfordshire</div>
Spouse(s)	Elizabeth Woodville
Children	Thomas Grey, 1st Marquess of Dorset Richard Grey
Parent(s)	Elizabeth Ferrers, 6th Baroness Ferrers of Groby Edward Grey, 6th Baron Ferrers of Groby



## See also

- Groby
- Groby Old Hall
- Groby Castle
- Bradgate House

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