

Philip de Braose

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Philip de Braose, 2nd Lord of Bramber (c. 1070 – c. 1134) was an Anglo-Norman nobleman and Marcher Lord.

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Origins

Philip was born about 1070 to 1073 in Bramber, Sussex, the son of William de Braose, 1st Lord of Bramber (d. circa 1093/96) by his wife Eve de Boissey or Agnes de St. Clare. William de Braose had participated in the Norman victory at the Battle of Hastings in support of William the Conqueror. He had been rewarded with the feudal barony of Bramber including lands in Sussex and smaller holdings in Dorset, Wiltshire, Berkshire and Surrey.^[1]

Career

Philip as heir consolidated his paternal lands, and expanded them. In 1096 he confirmed his father's gifts to the Abbey of St. Florent. Philip de Braose conquered the Welsh borderlands at Builth and New Radnor and established new Norman lordships over them. At Builth, he constructed a Motte and Bailey fortification at the site where King Edward I later built Builth Castle in the 13th century.^[2] He seems to have gone on the First Crusade in 1103. He supported King Henry I (1100–1135) against the claim to the English throne made by his elder brother Robert Curthose, Duke of Normandy, but then in 1110 he revolted against Henry, who then confiscated his estates. He regained his lordships and lands in 1112 and was thereafter able to retain them, but in 1130 settled them intact onto his eldest son William de Braose, 3rd Lord of Bramber.

Marriage & progeny

He married Aenor de Totnes, sister and co-heiress of Alfred de Totnes (d.pre-1139), son of Juhel de Totnes (d.1123/30) feudal baron of Totnes (which he forfeited c.1087^[3]) and of Barnstaple both in Devon.^[4] In right of his wife Aenor, Philip acquired a moiety of the feudal barony of Barnstaple, the other moiety of which was held by Henry de Tracy (d.pre-1165), Aenor's brother-in-law.^[5] He had the following progeny:

- William de Braose, 3rd Lord of Bramber, his eldest son and heir.
- Philip de Braose junior
- Basilia, a daughter.
- Gillian, a daughter.

Before 1206 William III de Braose (d.1211) successfully claimed half of the barony of Totnes from Henry de Nonant, to which family it had been granted after its forfeiture by Juhel de Totnes.^[6] However in 1208 William III's lands were confiscated by King John.^[7]

Death

He died between 1131 and 1139, possibly in 1134 on crusade in the Levant.

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See also

- House of Braose

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