

Born: 1306 Arundel Castle, England Married: Eleanor de Lancaster Died: 24 Jan 1376 Arundel Castle, England Parents: Edmund Fitzalan & Alice De Warenne

# Sir Richard "Copped Hat" FitzAlan<sup>1,2</sup> M, b. circa 1313, d. 24 January 1375/76, #2061



Father Sir Edmund FitzAlan 1,3,4,5 b. 1 May 1285, d. 17 November 1326

Mother Alice de Warrenne 13.4.5 b. between 1285 and 1287, d. before 23 May 1338

Pop-up Pedigree

Feudal\* Sir Richard "Copped Hat" **FitzAlan** held Castle of Arundel, Oswestry, Shropshire.<sup>2</sup>
Arms\* His arms were Arundel quartering Warenne: 1 and 4, Gules, a lion rampant or, 2 and

3. Checquy or and azure.2

Name Variation Sir Richard "Copped Hat" FitzAlan was also styled Richard de Arundel.2

Birth He was born in 1306 at Arundel, Sussex, England.3

Birth\* He was born circa 1313.1.6.5

Occupation\* He was Justiciar of North Wales.

Birth Another source reports that Sir Richard "Copped Hat" FitzAlan was born circa

1314.2

Marriage\* He married first <u>Isabel le Despenser</u>, daughter of <u>Sir Hugh le Despenser</u> and

Eleanor de Clare, on 9 February 1320/21 at King's Chapel, Havering-atte-Bower,

Essex, England. 1,7,3,8,9,5,2

Note\* After their marriage, her father settled the manors of Keevil, Witshire, and Wing and

Blakewell, Buckinghamshire on them and their issue.2

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Title	He held the title of 10th Earl of Arundel in December 1331. <sup>2</sup>	
Event-Misc*	He claimed the Stewardship of Scotland, by grant of Edward Baliol in 1337.2	
Title*	He held the title of Admiral of the West between 1340 and 1347.5	
Living*	He was living on 4 December 1344.8	
Annulment	The marriage of Sir Richard "Copped Hat" FitzAlan and Isabel le Despenser was	
Amidment	annulled on 4 December 1344; their offspring was bastardized. <sup>2</sup>	
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Amument	annulled on 4 December 1344; by the Pope on grounds of his minority and lack of	
	consent.	
Marriage*	He married second Eleanor de Lancaster, daughter of Henry Plantagenet and	
Mariage	Maud de Chaworth, on 5 February 1345 at Ditton, Buckinghamshire, England, by	
	papal dispensation, they being related in the 4th and 4th degrees. 10,3,6,5,2	
Event-Misc	He led the 2nd division on 26 August 1346 at the Battle of Crécy. <sup>2</sup>	
Event-Misc	He was present at the fall of Calais in 1347. <sup>2</sup>	
Event-Misc	Richard FitzAlan was heir to his uncle, John de Warenne, 8th Earl of Surrey in	
Brem mise	1347.2	
Event-Misc	He loaned £2000 to Edward the Black Prince, secured by the gold crown and star of	
2,011	the French king. In 1359. <sup>2</sup>	
Event-Misc	On the death of Joan of Bar, widow of his uncle, he assume the title of Earl of	
Z ( VIII )	Surrey in 1361. <sup>2</sup>	
Death*	He died on 24 January 1375/76 at Arundel, Sussex, England. 1,3,6,5,2	
Burial*	He was buried at Lewes Priory, Sussex, England. <sup>3,5,2</sup>	
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http://www.gordonbanks.com/gordon/family/2nd\_Site/geb-p/p42.htm#i2061

### **Great wealth**

In 1347 he succeeded to the Earldom of Surrey (or Warenne), which even further increased his great wealth. (He did not however use the additional title until after the death of the Dowager Countess of Surrey in 1361.) He made very large loans to King Edward III but even so on his death left behind a great sum in hard cash.

## Marriages and Children

By his first marriage to Isabel Despenser he had two children:

- Edmund Fitzalan, who was bastardized by the annulment, married Sybil, daughter of William Montacute, 1st Earl of Salisbury.
- Mary (Isabel) Fitzalan (died 29 August 1396), married John Le Strange, 4th Lord Strange of Blackmere [1]

By the second marriage to Eleanor Plantagenet, he had 3 sons and 3 surviving daughters:

- Richard, who succeeded him as 11th Earl of Arundel
- John Fitzalan,1st Baron Maltravers, who was a Marshall of England, and drowned in 1379
- Thomas Arundel, who became Archbishop of Canterbury
- Joan (1348 7 April 1419) who married Humphrey de Bohun, 7th Earl of Hereford
- Alice (1350 17 March 1416), who married Thomas Holland, 2nd Earl of Kent
- Eleanor Fitzalan (1356 before 1366).

#### **Footnotes**

1. ^ Line 8-31,8-32 "Ancestral Roots of Certain American Colonists Who Came to America Before 1700" by Frederick Lewis Weis

Richard Fitzalan and his second wife Eleanor of Lancaster's tombstones are in Chichester Cathedral



Among the many interesting monuments in the cathedral, including seven by John Flaxman, is the fourteenth century table tomb on which lie the effigies of Richard Fitzalan Earl of Arundel, and his second wife Eleanor holding hands. This is the tomb which inspired the poet Philip Larkin to write his poem, 'An Arundel Tomb'.

# Chichester Cathedral, Chichester, West Sussex, England

