

## Thomas Stanley



Born: 1405 Knowlsey, ENG

Married: Joan Goushill

Died: 11 Feb 1458 Knowlsey, ENG

Parents: John Stanley & Isable De Harington

Stanley was the son of Sir John Stanley and Isabell Harington, daughter of Robert de Harington and Isabel Loring. He served as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland from 1431 to 1436 and also represented Lancashire in the House of Commons between 1447 and 1451 and 1453 and 1454. In 1456 he was summoned to the House of Lords as **Lord Stanley**. A year later he was further honoured when he was made a Knight of the Garter.

Lord Stanley married Joan Goushill, the only daughter and heiress of Sir Robert Goushill and Elizabeth FitzAlan, daughter of Richard Fitzalan, 11th Earl of Arundel. They had six children, three sons, Thomas, William, and John and three daughters. He died in February 1459 and was succeeded in the barony by his eldest son Thomas, who was created Earl of Derby in 1485. His third son the Hon. Sir John Stanley was the ancestor of the Barons Stanley of Alderley.





Notes: Knight of the Garter. Succeeded his father in Mann and his other estates in 1432. He had been knighted some years before his father's death. In the same year he was appointed Lieutenant of Ireland for six years, and shortly afterwards Comptroller of the King's Household. During the first year of his rule in Ireland he called together a Parliament for the redress of grievances; but, being called to England by the King's command soon afterwards, that kingdom fell into great disorder, and he was obliged to return to it in 1435, when he successfully repressed a serious revolt. In 1441 he was appointed one of the Lieutenant justices of Chester, at a salary of £40 per annum. He was one of the Commissioners who treated with the Scotch for a truce in 1448, and, when it was concluded, he became one of its conservators. He also served on a commission for the custody and defence of the town and castle of Calais from 1450 to 1455. During the year 1451 he held the office of sole Judge of Chester, and in 1452 he was commissioned to treat for a new truce with Scotland. In 1456 he was summoned to the House of Peers as Baron Stanley, being made Lord Chamberlain of the King's Household, and, in the following year, one of the Council of **Edward, Prince of Wales**. He was again appointed one of the Ambassadors to treat with the Scotch in 1460, "but, dying the latter end of the year, the nation was deprived of this very great and valuable person, and the King of one of his best subjects... He was brave in the field, wise in the Senate, just to his Prince, an honour to his country, and an ornament to his family". He married **Joan**, daughter and heiress of **Sir Robert Goushill**, by whom he had issue three sons, **Thomas**, **William**, and **John**; and three daughters.