

William de Warenne

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Born: 12 Jan 1255 in Warren, Sussex, England

Married: Joan De Vere

Died: 12 Dec 1286 in Croydon, England

Parents: John de Warenne & Alice le Brun

He was accidentally killed at a tournament on December 15, 1286; his son John succeeded his grandfather as earl of Surrey.

He was the son of John, son of William, son of Isabel and Hameline Plantagenet; daughter of William; son of William and Isabel Vermandois; son of William, Earl of Warrenne, in Normandy, and Gundred, daughter of William the Conqueror. Joan De Vere and William De Warren had, beside a daughter Alice. wife of Edmund FitzAlan, Earl of Arundel, a posthumous son, John. (Kin of Mellcene Thurman Smith, page 179)

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BURI PLAC High Altar Of Lewes, Reigste, Sussex, England

Also:

William de Warenne (9 February 1256-15 December 1286. He was killed in a tournament. Married Joane de Vere. Had two children, John de Warenne, 8th Earl of Surrey, and Alice de Warenne (15 June 1287-23 May 1338 who married Edmund FitzAlan, 9th Earl of Arundel.

Garner, Lorraine Ann "Lori", (P.O. Box 577, Bayview, ID 83803).

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15 Dec 1286, at a tournament at Croyden, England-Ed Mann, Mann Database, "Electronic."

Killed in Croyden tournament.

Interred: Lewes Priory, Lewes, Sussex.

All information from online research at: Ancestry.com

TOURNAMENTS AND JOUSTING

Jousting is believed to have taken place near the present Tanfield Rd, on an ancient common which was called Taintfield, Teyntefielde and other variants. Duppas Hill has a long association with sport. Tradition has it that tournaments were held on the slopes until 1286, when William de Warenne (alternatively De Warren), son and heir of the Earl of Surrey, was killed. He was believed to have been slain by his enemies. William was buried in front of the high altar at Lewes. Tournaments were generally arranged in such a way as to avoid serious harm to participants.



Paladins at Morden Hall Park

The murderous tourney, its prequel and sequel can be summarized thus: In December 1286 Lord William, son and heir of John de Warenne (Earl of Surrey and Sussex), was slain in a tournament in Croydon, probably at Duppas Hill. John de Warenne had in 1269-70 been involved in a land dispute with Alan de la Zouche (alternatively Lord Zouche). De Warenne and his followers had attacked the Zouches at Westminster, leaving the father mortally wounded. De Warenne fled to his castle at Reigate, pursued by the incensed Prince Edward. De Warenne gave himself up, presenting himself at the archbishop's manor house in Croydon, and later submitted himself to King Henry's mercy. He was fined and pardoned, although many thought it a scandal that he wasn't punished. It is believed De Warenne's enemies brought about his son's death.