

Count William Hainhault



Born: 1284 Avesnes, FR
 Married: 19 May 1305 Jeanne de Valois
 Died: 1337
 Parents: Unknown

John II died in 1304 and was succeeded by his son William III, surnamed the Good (1284-1337). In his reign the long-standing quarrel with Flanders, which lasted during a century and a half and caused so many wars, was finally settled by the treaty of 1323, by which the full possession of West Zeeland was granted to William, who on his part renounced all claim in Imperial Flanders. The Amstelland with its capital, Amsterdam, which had hitherto been held as a fief of Utrecht, was by William, on the death of his uncle Bishop Guy, finally annexed to Holland.

This Count did much to encourage civic life and to develop the resources of the Country. He had close relations through marriage with the three principal European dynasties of his time. His wife was Jeanne of Valois, niece of the French king; in 1323 the emperor Louis the Bavarian wedded his daughter Margareth; and in 1328 his third daughter, Philippa of Hainault, was married to Edward III of England. By their alliance William III occupied a position of much dignity and influence, which he used to further interests and increased the welfare of his hereditary lands. He was in all respects a great prince and a wise and prudent statesman.

William III "the Good" Count of Hainault d'Avesnes born about 1286 Hainault, Belgium died 7 June 1337, Valenciennes France, married on 19 May 1305, Chauny Aisne France, with Jeanne de Valois born about 1294, Valois France, died 7 March 1342, Fontenelle Yonne France

William III was the father of Philippa d'Avesnes, she married in 1327 with King Edward III of England

Children:

1. Elizabeth de Hainault born about 1318, Hainault Belgium
2. Sibylla Countess of Holland born 1310, Le Quesnoy France.
3. Margarethh I Countess of Holland born 1311, Le Quesnoy France
4. Jan Count of Holland born 1315, Le Quesnoy France, died 1316.
5. Philippa d'Avesnes Queen of England born about 1314, Mons Hainault Belgium, died 14 August 1369, Windsor Castle Windsor Berkshire England.
6. Johanna Countess of Holland born 1315, Le Quesnoy France, died 1374.
7. Willem IV Count Holland born about 1317, Le Quesnoy, France, died 26 September 1345, Warns Friesland.
8. Agnes Countess of Holland born about 1320, Le Quesnoy France, died after 24 November 1327.
9. Louis Count of Holland born 1325, Le Quesnoy France 9. died 1328.

His oldest daughter Elizabeth de Hainault, married with Sir Robert III Baron de Holand born about 1312, died 16 Mar 1372/73, Halse or Hawes Brackley Northamptonshire England, children: Margareth de Holand born about 1340, Upholland Lancashire England, died after 1365.

His fourth daughter Philippa d'Avesnes became Queen of England, she married 24 January 1327, York Yorkshire England, with Edward III King of England, born 13 November 1307 Windsor Castle Windsor Berkshire England, died 21 June 1377, (from dementia) Shene Castle Surrey England.