

Norman lords

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Prince John of England, Count of Mortain

Castles and honors: Mortain, Vire, Conde-sur-Norieu, and Tinchebray

Vassals: Fraeric Malemains, lord of the castle and honor Saint-Hilaire-du-Harcouet
Richard Silvain, lord of the castle and honor of Saint-Pois
Richard of Fontenay
Guy de Husson (1154-1220), Guy's brother William de Husson was the lord of Ducey
Ranulf de Virey
Peter de Saint-Hilaire, contested the lordship of Saint-Hilaire-du-Harcouet, Peter held the honors of Les Loges-Marchis, Lapenty, and the castle of Le Teilleul.
Oliver de Tracy (owed the service of 4 knights to the count of Mortain)
Turgil de Tracy (held land of the honor of Vire)
Jordan de Cambernon (held land of the honor of Tinchebray, he was also lord of Cambernon near Coutances)
Leonesius de Fougeres
William de Saint-Brice
Bencellard de Celland

Earl of Gloucester (Prince John of England *jure uxoris*)

Castles and honors: Saint-Scolasse, Thorigny-sur-Vire, Thaon, and Everecy

Vassals: The lord of the castle and honor La Mele-sur-Sarthe
Guerin de Glapion

Hugh de Gournay

Castles and honors: Gournay, Ferte-en-Bray, Gaillefontaine, and Echaffour
Hugh held a vast swathe of land from the Bray (in which he was almost the absolute lord to land in the Beauvais extending to the gates of Gerberoy). In addition, the valuable honor of Massy had escheated to Hugh de Gournay.

Vassals: Simon de Beaussault, lord of the castles and honors of Beaussault (Normandy) and Formerie (Amienois)
Hugh le Portier, lord of Marigny and Dampierre
Hugh d'Alges
Giles de Hodeng and his brother William de Hodeng
Helias de Bouelles, held land in the pays de Caux
Roger de Gauge, a knight of the Everecin that held land from Hugh de Gournay

Roger de Toeni

Castles: Tosny, Conches, Portes, and Nogent l'Erembert

Vassals: Richard de Cleres, lord of Cleres
Richard de Romilly
Baldwin d'Acquigny and Matthew d'Acquigny
William du Fresne, from the honor of Conches
Richard de Fourneaux, from the honor of Conches
Roger des Portes

Amauri III de Montfort, Count of Evreux

Castles and honors: Evreux, Gaillon, Noyon-sur-Andelle, Avrilly, Gravenchon, Maulrevrier, Bavent, Varaville, Les Landes

Vassals: Hugh de Bacquepuis
Georges Neel, lord of Prey (3rd crusader)
Simon de Prey (3rd crusader)
Geoffrey de Montfort and his brother Gerard
Roger Mahiel
Simon de la Motte, sergeant of the Forests of Evreux
Amauri de Lacy, held property at Claville near Evreux
Geoffrey de Barquet, the count's constable of Gaillon
Gilbert d'Autheuil, a minor baron in the honor of Gaillon
Alexander d'Autheuil
William de Irreville (3rd crusader)
Stephen de Dardez (3rd crusader)
Ralph de Sassey (3rd crusader)
Roger Harenc, lord of Glisolles
Roger and Villain de Cauge
Robert du Bois-Gencelin, lord of half the ville of Le Bois-Gencelin
Roger Payn, lord of half the ville of Le Bois-Gencelin

Richard de Vernon

Castles and honors: Vernon, Nehou, and Reviere

Vassals: Hamon de Crevecouer, seneschal of Vernon
Osbert de Cailly for his castle and honor of Baudemont
Matthew d'Orglandes, from the Cotentin
Geoffrey de Sainte-Colombe, from the Cotentin
Philip de Blaru, lord of Blaru (held of the honor of Vernon)

Roger de Toeni

Castles and honors: Conches, Tosni, Acquigny, Portes, and Nogent l'Erembert

Vassals: Baldwin d'Acquigny
Richard de Cleres
Richard de Romilly

Jean I Talvas, Count of Alencon (Seez)

Castles and honors: Seez, Montgomery, Neufchatel-en-Saosnios, Bleves-en-Saosnois, La Nue, Mamers, Essay, Almenches, and Troarn. The Talvas family held claims to the castleries of Alencon and La Roche-Mabile. These fortresses were eventually acquired by Robert, Count of Seez in 1203 due to his treachery of King John.

Vassals: Robert Quarrel, lord of Vauvineaux, Peverncheres, and Contilly. Robert was the personal seneschal of the Count of Alencon.
Robert de Ri, lord of Ri and Pierrefitte, seneschal of the count in central Normandy
William III de Saint-Ceneri, lord of the castle and honor of Saint-Ceneri. William's cousin Renaud de Montreuil held the castle and honor of Montreuil-l'Argueil of William.
Robert du Mesnil

Guerin de Neuilly
Pochard Continel
Herbert de Bernieres, held land at Anescy
Herbert de Saint-Pierre
Elinand de Conge
William of Campens, held land at Aibri
Geoffrey de Chaumont, held land of the honor of La Roche-Mabile
William de Merlai, a follower of the count, his family held land of the Earls of Leicester in the honor of Grandmesnil
Hugh de Merlai, head of the Merlai family (William de Husson held Marollette in Northern Maine of Hugh)
William de Husson, lord of Ducey in the Avranchin was the constable of Seez in 1175
John de Troarn
Richard de Vilers, held lands at Potigny

Robert III de Beaumont, Earl of Leicester

Castles and honors: Breteuil (the castle was destroyed during the 1173-1174 revolt, but the honor and lordship remained in the Beaumont family), Pacy, Grandmesnil, and Pont-Saint-Pierre

Vassals: Eustace de Hellenvilliers, seneschal for the earls in Normandy and lord of Bouillancourt
Richard III de La-Ferte, lord of the castle and honor of La Ferte-Fresnel
Simon II de Grandvilliers, lord of the castle and honor of Pont-Echanfray, he was a vassal of the honor of Breteuil
Geoffrey de Say (held one fee at Thieville of the honor of Breteuil)
William de Mortemer (held land of the honor of Breteuil)

Ranulf III de Blundeville, Earl of Chester

Castles and honors: Saint-Sever, Briquessart, Saint-Pierre de Semilly, and Croisilles (near Gace). In addition, Ranulf held the viscounties of the Bessin (Bayeux) and the Avaranchin (Avaranches) by hereditary right.

Vassals: Fulk d'Aunou, lord of the castle and honor of Aunou-le-Faucon

Simon II d'Anet (1155-1191, killed in the 3rd crusade at Acre)

Castles and honors: Anet in Normandy, Breval and Guainville in France.

Vassals: John de Breval, son and heir of Simon d'Anet. John held the constablership of Breval castle for his father (killed on the 3rd crusade).
Morhier le Drouais, custodian and later lord of the fortified manor of Illiers-l'Éveque (the honor belonged to the bishop of Evreux, but suzerainty of the manor belonged to the Anet family)

Rotrou III de Perche, Count of Perche

Castles and honors: Nogent-la-Rotrou (France), Mortagne (Normandy), Belleme (Normandy, for the service of 10 knights), La Perrier, and Marchainville. Rotrou had a claim to both Moulins-la-Marche and Bonmoulins, which were acquired later by Rotrou's son, Geoffrey.

Vassals: Hugh de Vaunoise
Robert de Ferrieres was the seneschal of Mortagne castle and a comital agent

Roger de Ferrieres, brother of Robert, both hailed from Ferrieres-la-Verrerie, not Ferrieres-Saint-Hilaire
Aimery de Villeray
Gervase de Prulay
Gervase de Malchenei

Robert de Meulan and Waleran de Meulan, Counts of Meulan

Castles and honors: Meulan, Brionne, Pont-Audemer, Villiers, Beaumesnil, Elbeuf-sur-Seine, and the viscountyships of Mantes and Evreux. The viscounty of Evreux was granted to Robert's brother, Roger.

Vassals: Roger de Meulan, viscount of Evreux, lord of the castle and honor of Gournay-sur-Marne and La Queue-en-Brie (both lordships were located in France)
Robert de Harcourt, lord of the castle and honor of Harcourt with lands at Calleville, Beauficel, and Tweed. In 1191, the count of Meulan would enfeoff Robert with Elbeuf-sur-Seine.

Robert Marmion, lord of the castle and honor of Fontenay-le-Marmion
William du Homme (held land of the honor of Beaumont-le-Roger)
Payn de Montreuil (Payn's lord was William III de Saint-Cenery, his cousin and his brother Renaud was the lord of Montreuil-l'Argueil)
Hugh de Lacy (of the Herefordshire Lacies), a knight of the Count. Later Hugh purchased the lordship of the honor of La Pin-au-Haras near Argentan.

William de Mandeville, Count of Aumale and Earl of Essex

Castles and honors: Aumale, Argeuil, and Chambois. Chambois castle was held by William de Mandeville (prior to his becoming count of Aumale) of Philip d'Alsace in his capacity as Count of Vermandois.

Vassals: Enguerrand d'Aumale, Viscount of Aumale
Hugh de Caigni, seneschal of Aumale
Robert Constable, personal seneschal of William de Mandeville
Arnulf Biset, lord of Bretizel
Robert de Morvillers, lord of Morvillers-Saint-Saturnin
Hugh d'Oyry (3rd crusade)
Fulk d'Oyry, seneschal of the count in his English lands

Henry de Hastings, Count of Eu

Castles and honors: Eu and Le Treport

Vassals: Hugh d'Oyry
William de Sept-Meulles

Hamelin of Anjou, Earl of Warenne and Surrey

Castles and honors: Mortemer-sur-Eaulne and Bellencombte. Hamelin also held fiefs of the duke in the pays de Caux.

Vassals: Geoffrey de Say (held one fee at Til of the honor of Bellencombte)
Roger de Mortemer of Wigmore, lord of Saint-Riquier (this along with other fiefs were held of the honor of Mortemer). Roger held his caput at Saint-Victor-en-Caux (this being held of the duke).

Henry du Neubourg

Castles and honors: Le Neubourg, Annebec, Livarot, and Radepont (Henry held the lordship of Radepont, but in 1197, King Richard built a new castle at Radepont)

Vassals:

William Crispin (1150-1216)

Castles and honors: Dangu, Etrepagny, Bec-en-Caux, Dancy (France), Honfleur, and Lisors. William held the hereditary viscountyship of the Vexin. He represented the senior branch of the Crispin family.

Gilbert V de Tillieres

Castles and honors: Tillieres (although the castle had been taken by King Henry II after the 1173-1174 revolt) and Damville. Gilbert represented the junior branch of the Crispin family.

Lands of William Fitz Patrick, Earl of Salisbury

Fiefs held in and around Ryes, Trunгы, and Ducy. These lands were possibly held of the chamberlain of Tancarville.

Gerard Talbot

Castles and honors: Cleuville (with lands at Buchy, Bois-Heroult, and Auzebosc)

Vassals: Peter de Hotot

Henri d'Estouteville

Castles and honors: Valmont, Rames, and Estouteville

Vassals: Samson d'Estouteville, lord of Gousset, Saint-Aubin, and Courtebulle. Samson was Henri's younger brother and held these fiefs of him in parage.

William III de Tancarville, Chamberlain

Castles and honors: Tancarville, Hallebosc, and Mezidoc

Vassals:

William Marshal, grand Marshal of the King of England

Castles and honors: Half of the honor of Giffard in Normandy, including the castles and honors of Longueville, Orbec, and Bienfaite.

Vassals:

Lands of Richard de Clare, the Earl of Clare and Hertford

The other half of the honor of Giffard including a vast swathe of fiefs held in the escheated honor of Saint-Saens and the ducal honor of Omonville.

Lands of William d'Aubigny, Earl of Arundel

William held massive tracts of land in Normandy with a primary interest in lands at Buevilla and Aubigny near Falaise.

William du Hommet, Constable

Castles and honors: Varanguebec, Le Hommet, and Luthumiere

Vassals: Enguerrand du Hommet, lord of the castle and honor of Remilly (Enguerrand was the nephew of William)

Jordan du Hommet

Castles and honors: Cleville (in Calvados, not to be confused with Cleuille in the pays de Caux)

Vassals:

Raoul Taisson

Castles and honors: Thury, La Roche-Tesson, Perci-en-Auge, and Saint-Sauveur-le-Vicomte. Raoul was a great lord of both the Cinguleiz and the Cotentin.

Robert de Tresgoz

Castles and honors: Troisgots, Favaranches, and Saint-Rophaire. Robert was a great lord of the Cotentin.

Gilbert de l'Aigle

Castles and honors: l'Aigle. Gilbert was a minor baron of the Ouche region of Normandy. His castle was very powerful though, and it controlled a strategic passage of the river Risle. Control of this castle kept the Talvas family or the counts of Evreux from being able to reach to deeply into the heart of Normandy (other than what they already held from their ancestors).

William de Briouse

Castles and honors: Briouse

Ralph de la Haye

Castles and honors: The tower of La Haye-du-Puits

Roger Torel

Castles and honors: La Bucaille

Hugh de Montfort

Castles and honors: Coquainvillers. The Montfort's were also ducal custodians of Montfort-sur-Risle, but they were not lords of the castle or honor.

Vassals:

Robert IV d'Ivry

Castles and honors: Ivry (Robert held the honor and lordship, but the castle itself had been seized by King Henry II in 1177). The Ivry family was impressively endowed with lands, vassals, and clients, although they possessed no great castle until Philip Augustus' return of the fortress of Ivry and the grant of Avrilly.

Vassals: William Louvel, uncle of Robert IV. William was primarily concerned with his English lordships, but held lands near Ivry and Grossoeuvre.

Roger de Saint-Andre, lord of the castles and honors of Saint-Andre and Grossoeuvre. Roger represented a cadet branch of the Ivry family.

William de La Ferte

Castles and honors: La Ferte-Mace. William was the most powerful ducal vassal of the bailiwick of the Passais. William was still a minor in 1189 and his mother was his guardian. She held the lordship until at least 1190.

Fulk de Marcilly

Castles and honors: Marcilly-sur-Eure

John de Muzy

Castles and honors: Muzy

William de Garlande

* This French baron of Onsen-Bray held Marbeuf in Normandy.

William de Poissy

William held lands in the French and Norman Vexin centered on Hacqueville. William's father Robert was enfeoffed with half the lordship of Noyon-sur-Andelle by Simon, Count of Evreux.

Gilbert de Vascoueuil

Gilbert was a moderately powerful baron holding estates in the Andelle river valley. Gilbert's caput was the demesne manor of Vascoueuil located on the Andelle river just west of the Forest of Lyons.

Enguerrand de Montagny

Enguerrand held fiefs in the Andelle river valley many miles north of Gilbert. Enguerrand's caput was the ville of Montagny. His brother Nicholas held fiefs in the district of Normanville.

Osbert de Rouvray

Osbert was another minor baron of the Andelle river. Osbert's lands were located just west of the honor of La Ferte-en-Bray. Osbert's younger brother Jean became a famous officer of King Philip Augustus.

John de Mussegros

John held land at Mussegros in the center of the Norman Vexin. In the early 13th century, he would inherit the French castle of Boury.

Juhel de Mayenne

Castles and honors: Mayenne, Chateauf-sur-Colmont, Ambrieres, and Gorrion. Juhel's Norman manors included Agon and Reville in the Cotentin, Secqueville and Fontenay-le-Pesnel in the Bessin, and Montchamp in the Bocage.

Vassals: William de Gorrion, lord of La Tanniere
William de Montgiroux, lord of Jarze, also a vassal of William de Gorrion
Ralph de Vautorte
Hamelin de l'Ecluse (owed the service of one mounted sergeant)

William de Fougeres

William was the uncle of the great Breton lord Raoul de Fougeres. William's primary Norman holdings included lordship over most of the parish of Savigny and the lands

of the church of Brecey. William held considerable influence in the South-West corner of Normandy and as far north as Saint-Lo and Coutances.

Vassals: Leonosius de Fougères