

# Hugh de Kevelioc, 5th Earl of Chester

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**Hugh de Kevelioc, 5th Earl of Chester** (1147 – 30 June 1181) was the son of Ranulf de Gernon, 4th Earl of Chester and Maud of Gloucester, daughter of Robert, 1st Earl of Gloucester (otherwise known as Robert de Caen, the illegitimate son of Henry I of England, making her Henry's granddaughter).

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## Early life

He is thought to have been born in Kevelioc in Monmouth. But he may have taken the name of the cwmwd of Cyfeiliog (in modern Powys) in the southern part of the Kingdom of Powys, Wales.

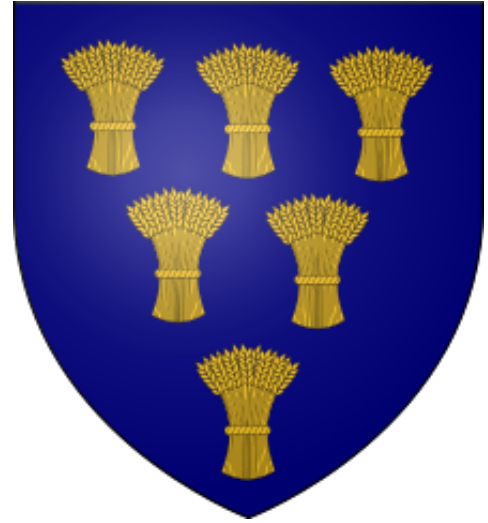
He was underage when his father's death in 1153 made him heir to his family's estates on both sides of the Channel. He joined the baronial Revolt of 1173–1174 against King Henry II of England, and was influential in convincing the Bretons to revolt. After being captured and imprisoned after the Battle of Alnwick, he finally got his estates restored in 1177, and served in King Henry's Irish campaigns.

## Marriage

In 1169 he married Bertrade de Montfort of Evreux, daughter of Simon III de Montfort. She was the cousin of King Henry, who gave her away in marriage. Their children were:<sup>[1][2]</sup>

- Ranulf de Blondville, 6th Earl of Chester
- Matilda de Blondville, aka Matilda (Maud) of Chester (1171–1233), married David of Scotland, 8th Earl of Huntingdon
- Mabel of Chester, married William d'Aubigny, 3rd Earl of Arundel
- Agnes of Chester (died 2 November 1247), married William de Ferrers, 4th Earl of Derby

**Hugh de Kevelioc**



The coat of arms of Hugh de Kevelioc, 5th Earl of Chester

<b>Born</b>	1147 Kevelioc, Monmouth
<b>Died</b>	30 June 1181
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Norman French
<b>Title</b>	Earl of Chester
<b>Term</b>	1153–1181
<b>Predecessor</b>	Ranulf de Gernon, 4th Earl of Chester
<b>Successor</b>	Ranulf de Blondville, 6th Earl of Chester
<b>Spouse(s)</b>	Bertrade de Montfort of Evreux
<b>Children</b>	Ranulf Maud of Chester Beatrix of Chester Mabel of Chester Agnes of Chester Hawise of Chester
<b>Parents</b>	Ranulf de Gernon, 4th Earl of Chester Maud of Gloucester

- Hawise of Chester (1180–1242), married Robert II de Quincy
- Beatrix of Chester, married Lord William Belward of Malpas

Hugh also had another daughter, Amice of Chester, who married Ralph de Mainwaring. There is no record of Amice's mother or whether she was Hugh's wife or mistress. The issue of Amice's legitimacy has been subject to a longstanding dispute.<sup>[3]</sup>

One letter from the Pope suggests that Llywelyn Fawr may have been married to an unnamed sister of Earl Ranulph of Chester in about 1192, but there appears to be no confirmation of this.<sup>[4]</sup> If this was the case it could have been either Mabel or Hawise, or perhaps Amice, and the marriage would have had to have been annulled before any subsequent marriages.

## Death and succession

Hugh of Kevelioc died 30 June 1181 at Leek, Staffordshire, England. He was succeeded by his son, Ranulf.

Peerage of England		
Preceded by <b>Ranulf de Gernon</b>	<b>Earl of Chester</b> 1153 - 1181	Succeeded by <b>Ranulf de Blondeville</b>

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