Isabella of Gloucester and Hertford

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Isabella de Clare (2 November 1226 – 10 July 1264) was the daughter of Gilbert de Clare, 5th Earl of Hertford and 1st Earl of Gloucester and Isabel Marshal. She is also known as *Isabel de Clare*, but this is however, the name of many women in her family.

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Family

Isabella's maternal grandparents were William Marshal, 1st Earl of Pembroke and his wife Isabel de Clare, 4th Countess

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of Pembroke. Isabella's paternal grandparents were Richard de Clare, 4th Earl of Hertford and Amice FitzRobert.

Marriage

Isabella was married on 12 May 1240 to Robert de Brus, 5th Lord of Annandale. Isabella brought to him the village of Ripe, in Sussex. Her husband was a candidate to become King of Scotland, after the death of the young Margaret, Maid of Norway. Her husband did not however succeed; Robert's rival, John Balliol was elected King of Scotland in 1292.^[1]

de Clare married Baldwin de Redvers, 6th Earl of Devon and was mother of Baldwin de Redvers, 7th Earl of

Robert and Isabella had up to six children:

- 1. Robert (1243–1304)
- 2. William, married Elizabeth de Sully, without issue
- 3. Bernard, married firstly Alicia de Clare and married secondly Constance de Morleyn
- 4. Richard (died before 26 January 1287)
- 5. Isabella (1249 c. 1284), married (as his first wife) Sir John FitzMarmaduke, Isabel was buried at Easington, county Durham. [2]
- 6. Constance (born 1251, date of death unknown), married Sir William Scot de Calverley and had daughter,

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Lady of Annandale and Ireby

Spouse(s) Robert de Brus, 5th Lord of Annandale

Issue

Robert VI the Bruce, Earl of Carrick

Lady Isabella FitzMarmaduke

Lady Constance Scot de Calverley

Richard Bruce

Sir Bernard Bruce

William Bruce

Father Gilbert de Clare, 5th Earl of Hertford

Mother Isabel Marshal

Born 2 November 1226

Died 10 July 1264

Isabella was the fourth of six children, her brother was Richard de Clare, 6th Earl of Hertford. Her sister, Amice

Clarissa Scot who married Sir John Fairfax

John Balliol's time as King of Scotland did not last long, he died in 1314. Isabella's grandson, Robert the Bruce became King of Scotland. Isabella did not however get to see this day, she died in 1264, aged thirty seven. Her husband married a second time, to Christina de Ireby, this marriage produced no children.

Ancestors

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