

Walter Devereux (1387-1420)

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Sir **Walter Devereux** of Bodenham was a prominent knight of Herefordshire. He is the ancestor of the Devereux Earls of Essex and Viscounts of Hereford.

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Issue

Walter Devereux of Bodenham and Weobley

Father Walter Devereux of Bodenham and Weobley

Mother Agnes Crophull

Born 1387

Died 1420

Childhood and Ancestry

Walter Devereux was born in 1387,^[1] and was 15 years old at the death of his father, Walter Devereux of Weobley. He inherited only part of the lands of his father, and his mother, Agnes Crophull,^[a] held the majority of his estates in dower during his lifetime.^[2]

His arms were: Argent a fesse gules, in chief three torteaux.

Career

He was knighted in 1403 (4th year of Henry IV).^[b] Walter Devereux was among 14 men below the rank of baron who had been retained for life by Prince Henry (the future Henry V).^[3] He fought at the Battle of Agincourt on 25 October 1415 along with his brothers, Sir John Devereux^[4] and Sir Richard Devereux.^[5]

Walter Devereux, the son of Sir Walter Devereux, acquired some tenements in Lyde Muscegros, Lyde Godfrey, Lyde Saucy, and Lyde Prior.^[6] These tenements would remain in the possession of the Devereux family for the next 100 years.

In 1418 John Walwyn died holding a moiety of the manors of Wellington and Adesor, and left a widow and three underage daughters who became the wards of Walter Devereux. Walwyn's widow died in 1419, and the next year the eldest daughter, Elena wife of Richard Monington, proved her full age before the escheator and jurors.^[7]

Death

Walter Devereux died in 1419, and the escheator of Hereford and the adjacent march of Wales was ordered to take his lands in hand on 20 November 1419.^{[1][8]}

Marriage

Walter Devereux married about 1409 to Elizabeth Maud Bromwich, daughter of Thomas Bromwich.^[1] They had at least one son, Walter Devereux his heir, in 1411.

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Notes

- a. [^] On 10 April 1436 - Inquest taken at Kyrkeby Kendale for Agnes, who was the wife of John Parr, Esquire, deceased. Agnes died 9 February 1436. Walter Deverous is her kinsman and next heir, viz. son of Walter Deverous, knight, son of the same Agnes, aged 24 years.

- b. ^ When Walter Devereux's lands were taken into the kings hand upon his death in 1419 he was referred to as "esquire."

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