The Warren Name and Arms

The Warren name, also Warenne, de Warenne and Warrene, is said to have originated with the Varenne Valley and the River Varenne near Dieppe and Rouen in Normandy. The arms of William de Warren, 6th Earl of Surrey (see Generation Six) are described as “Checquée or and azure” which means “Checked gold and blue.”

Generation One

Rudolf I Seigneur de Varrene
Born circa 998
Died before 1059

Rudolf married to Beatrix de Vascoeul (1020 - 1059), a daughter of Vicomte Tesselin of Rouen and a niece of Gunnor of Crépon, wife of Richard I “the Fearless”, 3rd Duke of Normandy.

Rudolf and Beatrix had a son:

- **Rudolf II de Warenne**, mentioned next.

Generation Two

Rudolf II de Warenne
Rudolf married to Emma and they had a son:

- **William de Warenne**, mentioned next.

Generation Three

William de Warenne, 1st Earl of Surrey
Died on June 24, 1088 at Pevensey, Sussex

William accompanied Duke William in 1066 and was most certainly present at the Battle of Hastings. (See Normandy, Generation Ten)

William married before 1077 to Gundred who died on May 27, 1085 Gundred was a daughter of Gherbod the Fleming. She was said by Sir Bernard Burke and possibly others as well to have been a daughter of William the Conqueror and his wife Mathilda of Flanders, but this has been disproved. (See Fredrick Lewis Weis: The Magna Charta Sureties, 1215, Baltimore, 1999, Line 158-1; Burke: Dormant and Extinct Peerages, 1866, pages 568 and 569; C.T.Clay: Early Yorkshire Charters and H. Prentout Études sur Quelques Points de l'Histoire de Guillaume le Conquérant as described under Surrey in The Complete Peerage.)

William and Gundred had the following children:

- **William de Warenne**, mentioned next.
- Reynald de Warenne
- Editha de Warrene
Generation Four

William de Warenne, 2nd Earl of Warren & Surrey
Died on May 11, 1138

William married to Isabel of Vermandois (See Capet, Generation Fifteen) and they had the following children:

- William de Warenne, mentioned next.
- Gundred de Warren who married Roger de Newburgh (See Beaumont, Generation Three)
- Adelaide de Warren who married Henry, Earl of Huntington, son of King David I of Scotland. (See Scotland, Generation Twenty-four)

Generation Five

William de Warenne, 3rd Earl of Warren & Surrey
Born: 1119
Died on January 19, 1148 at Laodicea in the Holy Land while on crusade.

William married to Ela Talvas, a great great granddaughter of Robert (I) “the Old”, Duke of Burgundy (See Capet, Generation Thirteen) William and Ela had a daughter:

- Isabel de Warenne, mentioned next.

Generation Six

Isabel de Warenne
Born circa 1136
Died on July 12, 1203

Isabel married in April 1164 to Hamelin Plantagenet of Anjou. (See Plantagenet, Generation Six) Isabel and Hamelin had the following children:

- William de Warren, Earl of Warren & Surrey (died May 27, 1240) who is named in the Magna Charta as an advisor of King John.
- Ela Plantagenet who married William Fitz William of Sprotborough, Yorkshire.
- Isabel Plantagenet (also Isabel de Warren) who married 1st Robert de Lacy who died in 1193 with no issue and 2nd Gilbert de L’Aigle who died in 1234. Isabel was said to have married Roger Bigod, 2nd Earl of Norfolk, but this has been disproved. (See Bigod, Generation Four)
- “daughter” de Warenne who had an affair of King John.

For the continuation of this line, see Angevin Kings, Generation Three.

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