



**Normans** —————\*

**Edouard, Earl of Three Ridges.** His wife is Lady Ridges. His heir is Young Edouard.

**Henry de Beaumont, 1st Earl of Warwick.** Holds the most lands for the Crown and is the most powerful earl. His immediate support of Henry helped make him King of England.

**Lord Artus.** Vassal to a baron, who is a vassal to Lord Ridges.

**Lord Bardoul.** A baron who is a vassal to Lord de Belleme.

**Lord Chancellor.** An important figure in the royal court who is head of the Norman judiciary system, handles the king's legal matters, holds and protects the royal seal, and oversees the court scribes; one of the few noblemen who can read, write, and figure because he is also a priest.

**Lord Charles of Royal Oaks.** His estate lies three days' ride north of Gloucester in Worcestershire.

**Rosamonde.** His wife.

Their Children. **Lady Margaret** (also called Margery),  
**Young Charles**, heir to the estate  
**Raymond**  
**Lady Cecily**

**Robert de Belleme: 3rd Earl of Shropshire and Shrewsbury.** Holder of those and several other estates; the most powerful lord in England after the Earl of Warwick.

**Sir Bruis.** Knight-errant in service to Lord Charles of Royal Oaks.

**Sir Ignace.** Knight-errant in service to Lord Charles of Royal Oaks.

**William I (the Conqueror), formerly Duke of Normandy.** Married Matilda of Flanders. Invaded England in 1066 A.D., had himself crowned King and ruled England until he died in 1087.

His sons in order of birth: **Richard.** Deceased. Hunting accident.

**Robert.** Passed over by his father and given the Dukedom of Normandy instead. He joined the Grand Crusade to the Holy Land in 1097 in search of wealth.

**William II (also called William Rufus).** The favored son; his father chose him to succeed.

**Henry.** Fourth son and a lord. Currently holds land in Normandy, which he inherited from his mother.

## Clergy

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**Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury.** An important monk and theologian. In England he defended the Catholic Church's interests. He has been exiled by King William II since 1097.

**Father Ambrose.** Priest on Sir Charles's Royal Oak's estate.

**Gerard, Bishop of Hereford.** Appointed by King William I as his Lord Chancellor, he also served King William II. When Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, was refused re-entry to England after a visit to the pope, Gerard assumed some of Anselm's duties for the remaining bishops.

**William Giffard, Bishop of Winchester.** Nominated to his position 3 August 1100 by Henry; probably due to Henry's efforts to win Church support for his claim to the English throne and to reward Giffard for his support.

## Saxon

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**Aldrich.** Farmer, village elder and a former reeve of Lord Charles' estate.

**Cook.** Head person in a kitchen who supervised a staff of bakers, undercooks, scullery maids, men, and other persons needed to feed everyone inside the bailey.

**Fearn.** Fourteen, Lord Charles' latest bedmate.

**Goda.** Aldrich's wife.

**Holen.** A Saxon woman.

**Jorgon.** Ten, a stable boy for Lord Charles.

**Jorgon Elder.** Jorgon's father and a villein on Lord Charles' estate.

**Reeve.** The title of the Saxon leader elected by the Saxon men for a one-year term. He assigns common land for planting and decides all other matters among the Saxons. He reports to his lord's seneschal or to the lord himself.

## Other

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**Aegdyth.** Princess of Scotland and sister to King Domnall; later renamed Matilda.

**Caitlin.** Irish. Brought to London to be sold as a slave, bought by Lord Charles as a wedding gift for his bride. She has been the nursemaid to Lady Margaret since her birth.

**Domnall, King of Scotland.** Also known as Donald Bane and King Donald III.



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