

= Hugh Bardulf =

Hugh Bardulf or Hugh Bardolf (died c . 1203) was a medieval English administrator and royal justice . Known for his legal expertise , he also served as a financial administrator . He served three kings of England before his death .

Bardulf began his royal service under King Henry II of England , where he was a steward to the royal household . He also served as a royal justice and a sheriff during Henry 's reign , and continued as sheriff under Henry 's son and successor , Richard I. Because Bardulf was a vassal of Richard 's younger brother John , who rebelled against his older brother , Bardulf was denounced briefly as a traitor to Richard . He was quickly restored to royal service , however , and continued in service throughout the rest of Richard 's reign and into the reign of John . Bardulf died sometime before 1203 , and his heir was his brother , Robert Bardulf .

= = Early life = =

Historians are divided on Hugh Bardulf 's ancestry . Katharine Keats @-@ Rohan says that he was the son of Hamelin Bardulf , a tenant of Hugh Bigod , who held land in Suffolk . Ralph V. Turner , revising John Horace Round 's entry in the Dictionary of National Biography for the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography says that Hugh was the son of a Hugh Bardulf that died around 1176 . According to Turner and Round , the younger Hugh 's mother was Isabel , who may have been a member of the Twist family from Lincolnshire . The younger Hugh acquired land at Waddington , Lincolnshire as a tenant of Ranulf de Gernon , 4th Earl of Chester , sometime in the middle 1140s .

= = Royal service = =

In 1181 Bardulf was at the court of King Henry II of England , where he was steward , or dapifer , an office he held throughout Henry 's reign and which he may have held throughout the next reign also . He held that office until Henry 's death in 1189 . From about 1185 until 1203 , Bardulf was a royal justice almost annually , usually as a justice of eyre rather than sitting at Westminster . He performed the duties of sheriff for the following counties : Cornwall from 1184 ? 1187 , Wiltshire from 1187 to 1189 , Somerset during 1188 and 1189 along with Dorset during the same period , the counties of Staffordshire , Warwickshire and Leicestershire during 1190 and 1191 , Yorkshire from 1191 to 1194 , Westmorland from 1191 to 1199 , Northumberland from 1194 to 1198 , Cumberland during 1198 and 1199 , Cornwall again from 1199 to 1200 along with Devonshire , and Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire from 1200 to 1203 . In 1194 Bardulf was mentioned on the escheat roll as responsible for the farm of lands held by Osbert de Bayeux , an archdeacon of York .

= = Under Richard and John = =

In 1189 , Hugh was one of only five sitting sheriffs who retained their office when Richard took the throne ; the others included Geoffrey fitzPeter , William Briwerre , and Ranulf de Glanvill . However , in 1189 , Bardulf did lose custody of Salisbury Castle , which he had held under Henry . Henry had given Bardulf the manor and barony of Brampton in Devonshire , but when Richard took the throne , the king took back Brampton , and gave Bardulf the manor of Hoo in Kent instead .

Although Bardulf set out with the new King , Richard I on the Third Crusade , he turned back after a period in Messina , and returned to England . There , he was part of the administration during the Justiciarship of Hugh de Puiset , the Bishop of Durham , and William Longchamp , the Bishop of Ely . Longchamp gave him custody of Kenilworth Castle . Bardulf then was involved in the attempts of Walter de Coutances to remove Longchamp from office , which led to Longchamp excommunicating Bardulf . In 1193 , Bardulf helped with the defences of Doncaster against the forces of Prince John , Richard 's brother , who was rebelling against Richard while the king was on crusade . However , Bardulf refused to besiege Tickhill near Doncaster , because he was a vassal of John 's , which led

to him being denounced as a traitor . Although he was required to surrender his shrievalty of Yorkshire , he was immediately appointed to other sheriff offices . On 31 March 1194 , Hugh was named an escheator for estates confiscated by Richard in the northern part of England in relation to John 's rebellion . While Richard was in captivity in Germany in 1193 , Bardulf , along with William Marshall , Geoffrey fitzPeter and William Briwerre , was a recipient of letters from the captive king , urging the election of Hubert Walter as Archbishop of Canterbury .

Bardulf was also a financial administrator . He served as a Baron of the Exchequer during the reigns of Henry , Richard and John . In 1196 , he was the collector of taxation in seven shires , along with Philip of Poitou , the bishop @-@ elect of Durham . Around 1197 , Hugh was named as responsible for the " bail and custody " of the Jewish population in England , along with William of Sainte @-@ Mère @-@ Eglise , the Bishop of London , who was his fellow escheator in the north . The office in charge of the bail and custody of the Jews was probably a forerunner of the office of Keeper of the Jews .

Bardulf continued to serve Richard until the king 's death , and then served John , who became king , until sometime before Michaelmas 1203 , when records show that Bardulf was known to be deceased .

= = Legacy and personal life = =

Bardulf was known for his legal expertise , which led to him being one of the few justices mentioned by name in Glanvill , an early medieval English legal text , although whether by the original author or by a glossator , is unclear . His long career as a justice helped create a sense of continuity in judicial matters through the reigns of the Angevin kings . He remained on such good terms with Hubert Walter , that when Walter was appointed chancellor at the beginning of John 's reign , Bardulf made a comment to the new chancellor that included a pointed barb about the last Archbishop of Canterbury to also be chancellor , Thomas Becket . Bardulf was on good enough terms that he was able to tease Walter that " We have never heard nor seen an archbishop become a chancellor , but we have seen a chancellor become an archbishop . "

The justice married Mabel de Limesy , daughter of Gerard de Limesy , and coheir with her sisters of their brother John de Limesy , with the marriage taking place in 1200 . When he died , his heir was Robert Bardulf , his brother . Hugh Bardulf gave land capable of pasturing 500 sheep to Barlings Abbey . Robert , his heir , offered a £ 1 @,@ 000 fine to receive the inheritance , and William de Briouze made an identical offer for the right to marry his son to Mabel , Hugh 's widow .

After Bardulf 's death , a legal case was brought against Bardulf 's chaplain and constable , alleging that Bardulf had allowed his two servants to hear a case that should have been heard by the justice . The litigants charged that the two servants had wrongly decided the case , and after hearing the allegations , the royal justices at Westminster agreed and restored the disputed property to the litigants .