

= Henry de Cornhill (sheriff) =

Henry de Cornhill (c . 1135 ? c . 1193) was a medieval English royal official and sheriff who served King Henry II of England . Henry 's son King Richard I of England put him in charge of assembling part of the fleet for the Third Crusade , plus appointing him as sheriff of three jurisdictions . Through marriage he acquired lands in Somerset , Dorset , Oxfordshire , and Northamptonshire .

= = Early life = =

Henry de Cornhill was the eldest son of Gervase de Cornhill , a royal official and Sheriff of Kent , Surrey , and London during the reign of King Henry II . Henry de Cornhill was likely born around 1135 . Henry married Alice , the daughter of William de Courcy , and sister and heiress of William de Courcy , lord of Stogursey in Somerset . Through this marriage , Henry acquired lands in Somerset , Dorset , Oxfordshire , and Northamptonshire worth 25 and a quarter knight 's fees .

= = Career = =

By 1175 , Henry was a royal official in charge of purchasing cloth and other items for the royal household . He also was given custody of two estates that had escheated to the crown ? Rayleigh in 1181 and Boulogne in 1183 . Henry often acted as a purchaser for the king , for example in 1188 Cornhill spent 290 pounds on gold , jewels , furs , and cloth for the king . Henry was present at the deathbed of Henry II in 1189 . The new king , Richard I , kept Henry close and put him in charge of assembling the fleet that Richard needed to go on the Third Crusade . His accounts for his efforts in 1190 in assembling the fleet still survive . These show that Henry bought part or all of 40 ships and paid out a year 's wages for over a thousand sailors for the expedition . The total expenses for Henry 's efforts totalled over 5 @, @ 000 pounds .

Henry was appointed to the office of Sheriff of Surrey early in the reign of King Richard I. He was also Sheriff of Kent during Richard 's reign , in 1190 as well as one of the Sheriffs of London from 1187 to 1189 . Henry was only one of six sheriffs that retained office after the accession of Richard I. He owed his appointments to the influence of William Longchamp , Richard 's chancellor . He was also Warden of the Mint in 1191 . Henry lost his offices when Longchamp fell from favour in 1192 . He died sometime between Michaelmas 1192 and Michaelmas 1193 .

= = Death and legacy = =

Henry 's heir was his daughter Joan , who married Hugh de Neville , either in or soon after 1195 . He left debts at his death that his brothers Reginald de Cornhill and Ralph were responsible for . His widow married Warin fitzGerold sometime in 1193 . Warin was the son of Henry fitzGerold .