

## About Joan Beaufort, Countess of Westmorland

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She died on 13 November last [1440]. Richard, earl of Salisbury , is her son and next heir, and aged 30 and more.

### Biography

"Joan Beaufort, Countess of Westmorland (c. 1379 &ndash; 13 November 1440) was the third or fourth child (and only daughter) of John of Gaunt, 1st Duke of Lancaster and his mistress, later wife, Katherine Swynford; and, in her widowhood, a powerful landowner in the North of England."

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#### Joan Beaufort Neville Memorial

Birth: 1375 Champagne-Ardenne, France Death: Nov. 13, 1440 South Yorkshire, England

Lady Neville (1396), Countess of Westmorland (1397), Lady Companion, Order of the Garter (1399); House of Plantagenet

Lady Joan de Beaufort was born circa 1375 at Chateau de Beaufort, Montmorency-Beaufort, Champagne, France. She was the daughter of John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster and Katherine Roet. Her birth was legitimized by Parliament 29 Sep 1397, after the marriage of her parents.

As the granddaughter of King Edward III, she is royalty rather than nobility, and her children made excellent marriages into the families of dukes and earls. Her progeny through the centuries is remarkable.

Lady Joan de Beaufort first married Sir Robert de Ferrers, 3rd Lord Ferrers of Wem. They had two daughters, Elizabeth and Mary Ferrers. See below.

After the death of Sir Robert, Lady Joan married Ralph Neville, 1st Earl of Westmorland. Together they had 14 children, 9 sons and 5 daughters at Raby Castle, Durham, England.

Their children and grandchildren participated in the England and Scotland courts for nearly 100 years, carrying forward the line of the House of Plantagenet, the House of York, and the House of Lancaster. (rewritten by Vicki Hittson)

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Family links:

Parents: John of Gaunt (1340 - 1399) Katherine Roet Swynford (1350 - 1403) Spouses: Robert de Ferrers

- Calculated relationship
  - Half-sibling

Burial: Lincoln Cathedral Lincoln City of Lincoln Lincolnshire, England

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