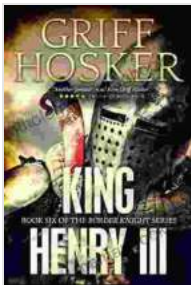


# Henry III's Border Knight: Sir John of Plessis, Guardian of the Scottish Marches

Sir John of Plessis was a legendary Border Knight who served as Warden of the Scottish Marches under King Henry III. He was a skilled warrior and a loyal servant of the Crown, and he played a vital role in defending the English border from Scottish raids.



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John of Plessis was born in Plessis-lès-Tours, France, in the early 13th century. He came to England in the retinue of Peter des Roches, Bishop of Winchester, and quickly rose to prominence in the royal court. In 1232, he was appointed Warden of the Scottish Marches, a position he held for over twenty years.

As Warden of the Marches, John of Plessis was responsible for defending the English border from Scottish raids. He built a series of castles and

fortifications along the border, and he led numerous expeditions into Scotland to suppress the raiders. He was a skilled warrior and a fearless leader, and he earned a reputation as one of the most effective Border Knights of his time.

In addition to his military duties, John of Plessis also played a role in the administration of the Scottish Marches. He held courts, dispensed justice, and negotiated treaties with the Scottish. He was a wise and just ruler, and he was respected by both the English and the Scottish.

John of Plessis died in 1258, at the age of about fifty. He was buried in the church of Kirkby Thore, in Cumberland. He was a loyal servant of the Crown and a brave and effective Border Knight. He played a vital role in defending the English border from Scottish raids, and he helped to maintain peace and order in the Scottish Marches.

## **Early life and career**

John of Plessis was born in Plessis-lès-Tours, France, in the early 13th century. He was the son of Geoffrey of Plessis, a knight in the service of the Count of Anjou. John's mother's name is not known.

John received a knightly education, and he became a skilled warrior. He fought in the Albigensian Crusade in southern France, and he later served in the retinue of Peter des Roches, Bishop of Winchester.

In 1232, John of Plessis was appointed Warden of the Scottish Marches. This was a prestigious and challenging position, and it was a testament to John's abilities that he was chosen for it.

## **Warden of the Scottish Marches**

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### **Later life and death**

John of Plessis retired from his post as Warden of the Scottish Marches in 1256. He was succeeded by his son, Sir Geoffrey of Plessis. John retired to his estates in Cumberland, where he lived until his death in 1258.

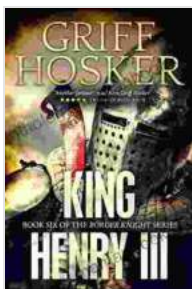
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### **Legacy**

John of Plessis is remembered as one of the most effective Border Knights of his time. He was a skilled warrior, a wise and just ruler, and a loyal servant of the Crown. He played a vital role in defending the English border

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John of Plessis's legacy is still alive today. His name is still remembered in the Border region, and his deeds are still celebrated. He is a symbol of the courage and determination of the Border Knights, and he is an inspiration to all who serve in the defense of their country.



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