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David Nash Ford's Royal Berkshire History

Sir Thomas Englefield Senior (d. 1514), Speaker of the House of Commons

Born: circa 1450, probably at Englefield, Berkshire

Died: 3rd April 1514 at Englefield, Berkshire

Thomas Englefield was the only son of John Englefield Esq. of Englefield House in Berkshire, by his wife, Jane, the daughter of John Milbourne of London. His father died while he was in his teens and his grandfather, Robert Englefield, had him educated in law at the Middle Temple. His grandfather died in 1470 and Thomas inherited the Englefield estate at the age of only about twenty. About ten years later, he married, for the first time, to Margery, the daughter of Richard Danvers of Prescote in Oxfordshire. Together, they had two sons and eight daughters.

The Englefields also held lands in the Welsh Marches and Thomas therefore became a Justice of the Peace for Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire in 1493. To these, he added a similar post in Berkshire the following year, and he held all these offices until his death. Being also an MP (probably for Berkshire), he was elected Speaker of House of Commons in 1497. By 1500, he was a bencher of the Middle Temple and, in 1501, he was knighted into the Order of the Bath. An honour which was followed by his appointment onto the Council in the Welsh Marches the following year. Sir Thomas received many Royal commissions throughout his life, including, for several years, the collection of the lay subsidy tax for Berkshire. He was a Justice in Chester and both North and South Wales, and was made a King's Councilor in 1509. In this year, he acted as an executor to the will of King Henry VII and was one of the committee appointed to determine coronation claims.

With the accession of King Henry VIII, Sir Thomas Englefield became one of the key men of experience upon whom the young monarch relied in the early years of his reign. Thus, he was a natural choice to serve as Speaker – for a second term – in the first Parliament of Henry's reign. On 23rd January 1510, he made the usual speech professing his unworthiness for the post and this was balanced by another, delivered at the bar of the Lords, on 23rd February following, in which he praised King Henry's gifts of nature, grace and fortune.

Margery having died, Sir Thomas, not long afterwards, married Mary, daughter of Sir John Fortescue of Ponsbourne in Hertfordshire and widow of both John Stonor (d.1499) of Stonor Park (Oxfordshire) and Anthony Fettiplace (d.1510) of Swinbrook (Oxfordshire). She was the sister of the Blessed Adrian Fortescue and, maternally, a cousin to Anne Boleyn's father, the Earl of Wiltshire & Ormond.

When the King travelled to France in the Summer of 1513, Sir Thomas was appointed as one of the four councilors whose job it was to advise Queen Catherine, who remained behind as regent in England – perhaps the pinnacle of his career. Englefield died not long afterwards. Having made his will on 4th March, he passed away not quite a month later. He was buried beneath a fine canopied altar-tomb inlaid with portraits of himself and his family in brass. It still stands between the high altar and the Englefield Chapel in the parish church at Englefield, though the brass has long disappeared.

Sir Thomas' eldest son had predeceased him, and so his 26-year-old second son and namesake inherited his fortune. He was later to become a justice of the common pleas and father of Sir Francis Englefield, Master of the Court of Wards & Liveries.

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<http://www.histparl.ac.uk/volume/1509-1558/member/englefield-sir-thomas-1455-1514>

Englefield, Sir Thomas (1455-1514), of Englefield, Berkshire, England.
Constituency Dates: Berkshire 1497 and 1510

Family and Education- b. 1455, o. s. of John Englefield of Englefield by Jane, daughter of John Milborne of London. educ. M. Temple. m. (1) by 1487, Margery, daughter of Richard Danvers of Prescote, Oxon., 1 son, 4 daughters; (2) Mary, daughter of Sir John Fortescue of Ponsbourne, Herts., widow of John Stonor of Stonor, Oxon and of Anthony Fettiplace (died 23 Dec. 1510) of Swinbrook, Oxon., 1 daughter suc. fa. 1465, gd.-fa. 1473. KB 14 Nov. 1501.1

Offices Held- JP Glos., Herefs., Salop, Worcs. 1493-d., Berks. 1494-d.; commr. array, Wales and the marches 1502, subsidy, Berks. 1503, 1512, 1514, 1515; other commission's 1489-d.; member, council in the marches of Wales 1502; justice of Chester 1505, of assize, N. Wales 1506, S. Wales 1508; Councilor by 1509.2

* Bencher, M. Temple by 1500.

* Speaker of House of Commons 1497, 1510.

Biography- Sir Thomas Englefield was one of the experienced men upon whom Henry VIII relied in the early years of his reign. He was an executor of the late King's will and one of the committee appointed to determine coronation claims. He was thus a natural choice to serve a second term as Speaker in the first Parliament of the reign; the speech of 23 Jan. 1510 in which he made the ritual profession of unworthiness was balanced by another, delivered at the bar of the Lords on 23 Feb., in which he praised Henry VIII's gifts of nature, fortune and grace. Neither on this occasion nor in 1497 is his

constituency known but both times it is likely to have been Berkshire, for which several of his ancestors had sat and in which he was an active administrator.³

Englefield had also inherited land in Buckinghamshire and Shropshire and he acquired further property in Oxfordshire, Wiltshire and Worcestershire. When the King went to France in the summer of 1513, leaving Queen Catherine as regent, he was one of the four Councilors left in England to assist her. He made his will on 4 Mar. 1514 and died on the following 3 Apr., leaving a son of 26 who was to become a justice of the common peace

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Sir Thomas Englefield, M, #47499, b. circa 1458, d. between 4 March 1514 and 24 April 1514

Father: John Englefield b. c 1435, d. 26 Feb 1464

Mother: Joane Milbourne b. c 1435

Sir Thomas Englefield was born circa 1458 at of Englefield, Berkshire, England. He married Margery Danvers, daughter of Richard Danvers, Esq. and Elizabeth Langston, circa 1480. Sir Thomas Englefield died between 4 March 1514 and 24 April 1514 at Englefield, Berkshire, England.

Family Margery Danvers b. c 1457

Child Sir Thomas Englefield, Sheriff of Berkshire & Oxfordshire+ b. 1488, d. 28 Sep 1537

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Thomas Englefield

Birth: 1455, Englefield, Berkshire, England

Death: Mar. 4, 1514, Englefield, Berkshire, England

Burial: Saint Mark's Church, Englefield, Berkshire, England

Sir Thomas Englefield (Inglefield) was the son of John Englefield and Joan Milbourne, and the grandson of Robert Englefield.

Sir Thomas was the husband of Margery Danvers, the daughter of Richard Danvers and Elizabeth Langston. They were married in 1487 in Englefield, Berkshire, England and had at least three children:

Elizabeth Englefield 1478-1548

Thomas Englefield 1488-1537

Richard Englefield, died young

His father died when Thomas was only nine years old, and Thomas was raised by his grandfather whose family had been Lords of the Manor for many generations. Thomas became a Speaker of England's House of Commons from 1496 to 1497 and again in 1509. He was invested as a Knight of the Bath in 1501 on the day of Prince Arthur's marriage. Thomas held land on the Welsh border, notably in Worcestershire where he became a magistrate and High Sheriff.

Sir Thomas was the great grandfather of the Catholic politician, Sir Francis Englefield.

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Sir Thomas Englefield (also known as Inglefield) (ca. 1455[1] – 3 April 1514) was Speaker of the House of Commons.

He was born, probably in Englefield in Berkshire, around 1455, the son of John Englefield whose family had been Lords of the Manor there for many generations. His father died while he was quite young and his grandfather, Robert Englefield, had him educated in law at the Middle Temple.

He was knighted Knight of the Bath on the marriage of Prince Arthur in 1501. He held land on the Welsh border, notably in Worcestershire where he became a magistrate (JP) in 1493. He was returned to Parliament as knight of the shire (MP) for Berkshire in 1497 and 1510 and on both occasions elected Speaker of the House.

He had married Margery, daughter of Sir Richard Danvers with whom he had two sons, Richard, who died young and Thomas, his heir and the father of the Catholic politician, Sir Francis Englefield.