House of Normandy

Stephen 1135-1154

Nephew of Henry I, married to the heiress of Boulogne, with a younger brother, Henry, as bishop of Winchester. On Henry I's death, Stephen crossed to England, took Winchester and was crowned at London by the Archbishop of Canterbury. He faced civil war. David I of Scotland invaded in support of Matilda but was defeated at the Battle of the Standard. Robert of Gloucester also supported her. In 1139, she arrived to claim her throne and in 1141 captured Stephen at Lincoln. His wife's men captured Robert, and then both men were released. By the treaty of Winchester, he remained King.

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