

William Moleyns

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Sir William Moleyns (1378–1425), from Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire, was an English politician.

He was born on 7 January 1378, son of Sir Richard Moleyns and Eleanor de Beaumont.

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Career

He was a Member (MP) of the Parliament of England for Wiltshire in April 1414.^[1]

Marriage and family

Sir William married Margery Whalesborough.^[2] They had one son and one daughter.

William Moleyns junior was born in December 1405 and died during the siege of Orleans on 8 May 1429.

Katherine Moleyns married Sir John Howard, 1st Duke of Norfolk

Death and Memorial

He died on 8 June 1425^[3] and was buried at St Giles, Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire, where on the north side of the altar on a memorial brass are the effigies of a knight and his lady with their Arms and an inscription. The inscription in Latin reads "Hic jacet Will'ms Molyns, Miles, qui obiit viij die Mens' Junii A. d'ni MCCCCXXV, -Et d'na Marg'ria ux' ei' qo'r' a'hi's p'piciet' de' amen". (Some of the abbreviations: A. - Anno, ux' - uxoris). A partial modern English translation is: "Here lies Williams Molyns, Knight, who died the eighth of the Month of June in the Year of our Lord 1425, and of our Lady Margeria wife" Margery his widow died on 26 March 1439.

Above the heads of the knight and lady are their coats of arms: The Arms over the lady are blazoned: *Or, three piles wavy Gules (Ancient Molyns), impaling Argent, three bends Gules within a bordure Sable bezantée (Whalesborough)*. The Arms over the knight are blazoned: *Or, three piles wavy Gules (Ancient Molyns)*.^[4]

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