

# John Segrave, 4th Baron Segrave

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**John Segrave, 4th Baron Segrave** (4 May 1315 – 1 April 1353) was an English peer and landowner in Leicestershire and Yorkshire. His family title of Baron Segrave is drawn from a village now spelled Seagrave, which uses a coat of arms similar to that of the barons.



Arms of Segrave <sup>[1]</sup>

Segrave was the son of Stephen Segrave, 3rd Baron Segrave, and Alice Fitzalan. Little is known of his early life.

About 1335 Segrave married Margaret, daughter and eventual sole heir of Thomas of Brotherton, son of Edward I by his second marriage,<sup>[2]</sup> by whom he had two sons and two daughters:<sup>[3]</sup>

- John de Segrave, who died young.<sup>[4]</sup>
- John de Segrave (died before 1 April 1353), second of that name, who was contracted to marry Blanche of Lancaster, younger daughter and coheir of Henry of Grosmont, 1st Duke of Lancaster. However the contract was later declared void.<sup>[4]</sup> About 1349 a double marriage was solemnized in which John Segrave married Blanche Mowbray, while John's sister, Elizabeth Segrave, married Blanche Mowbray's brother, John de Mowbray, 4th Baron Mowbray, Pope Clement VI having granted dispensations for the marriages at the request of Lancaster, in order to prevent 'disputes between the parents', who were neighbours.<sup>[5][6][4]</sup>
- Elizabeth de Segrave, 5th Baroness Segrave, who married John de Mowbray, 4th Baron Mowbray.<sup>[4]</sup>
- Margaret de Segrave, who died young, before 1353.<sup>[4]</sup>

A year after the marriage his wife inherited her father's title and estates, becoming in her own right Countess of Norfolk and Earl Marshal of England.

In 1350, Segrave and his wife sought a divorce, arguing that they had been contracted in marriage before Margaret was of age, and that she had never consented. The impetus for this was that Margaret wished to marry Lord Manny, with whom she had an understanding.<sup>[7]</sup> However, Segrave died at Bretby in Repton, Derbyshire, on 1 April 1353,<sup>[8]</sup> before the divorce had been granted. He was succeeded in the barony by his daughter Elizabeth.

## Notes

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**Spouse(s)** Margaret, Duchess of Norfolk

#### Issue

John de Segrave

John de Segrave (again)

Elizabeth de Segrave

Margaret de Segrave

**Father** Stephen Segrave, 3rd Baron Segrave

**Mother** Alice FitzAlan

**Born** 4 May 1315

**Died** 1 April 1353  
Repton, Derbyshire

**Buried** Grey Friars, London

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