

# William II

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William II, Rufus the Red

1087-1100 AD



Name: King William II Rufus

Date of Birth: B. 1056 at Normandy

Parents: William I the Conqueror and Matilda of Flanders

Ascended to the throne: September 9, 1087

Crowned: September 26, 1087 at Westminster Abbey

Marital status: Unmarried

Children: None

Died: August 2, 1100 at New Forest, Hampshire

Buried at: Winchester

Reigned for: 12 years, 10 months, and 22 days

Succeeded by: his brother Henry

Relation to Elizabeth II: 24<sup>th</sup> great-granduncle







William the Conqueror bequeathed Normandy to Robert and England to William II.





William II was crowned  
September 26, 1087 at  
Westminster Abbey.



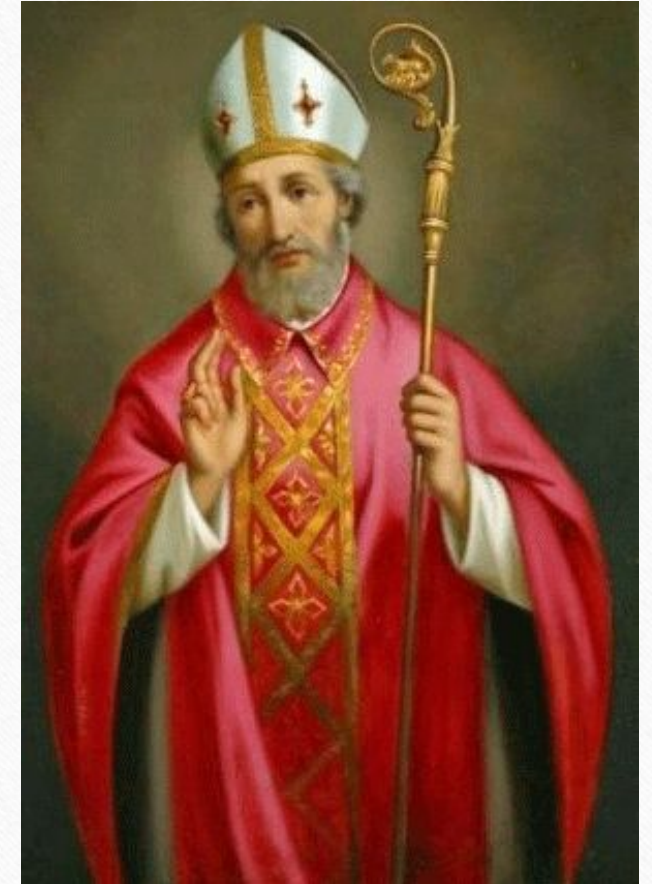
Odo, Bishop of Bayeux, from the Bayeux Tapestry

Odo of Bayeux, William's uncle, led a baronial rebellion in Normandy and was crushed.



1089-levies heavy taxes on the church.

William aspires to control both state and church which leads to a clash between him and the Bishop of Canterbury, Anselm.





In 1089 William the Red laid claim to Normandy and defeated his brother Robert.



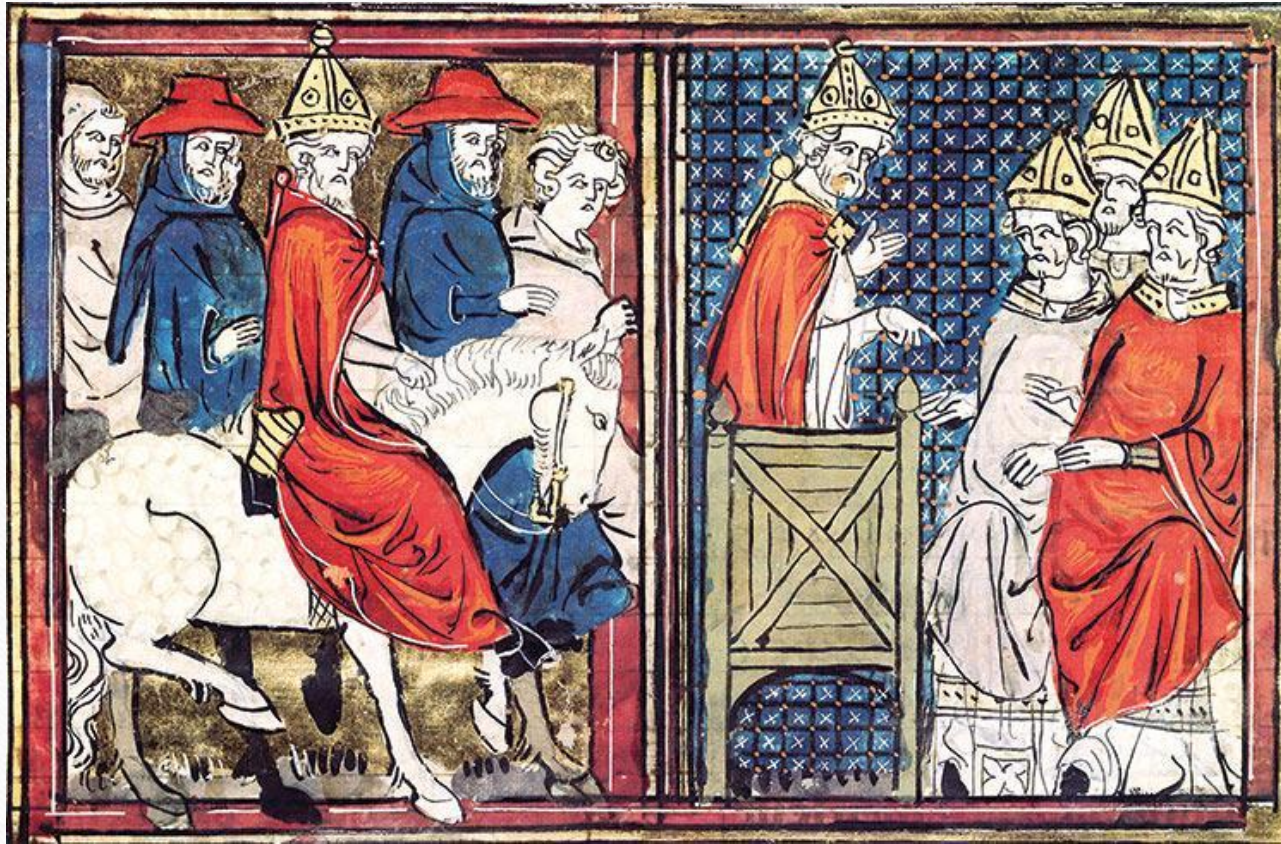


In 1091 William compelled Malcolm III to acknowledge his lordship.

In 1093 William's forces extinguished Malcolm's army.

Some territories were annexed from Scotland.





1095-The First Crusade



Pope Urban II



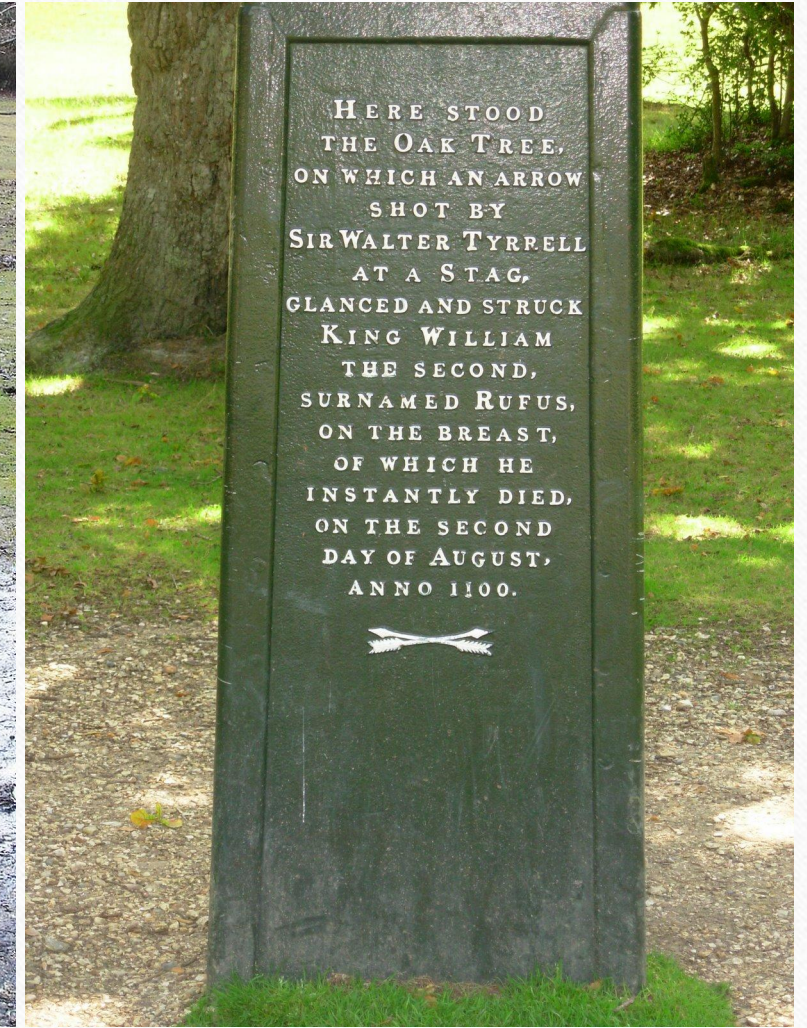


1099-seizure of  
Jerusalem, the end of the  
First Crusade.



1100-William II was killed by an arrow through the lung, though the circumstances remain unclear.

Later chroniclers added the name of the killer, a nobleman named Walter Tirel.





a figure of complex temperament

bellicose

rumbustious

flamboyant

possessed chivalrous virtues

devil-may-care soldier

with no cultivated tastes and  
little show of conventional  
religious piety or morality

wise ruler and victorious general

without natural dignity or social graces

brought Scotland firmly under his lordship

maintained good order and satisfactory justice in  
England, restored good peace to Normandy and  
extended Anglo-Norman rule in Wales

# Resources:

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- [britroyals.com](http://britroyals.com)
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