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Robert Villiers, styled 3rd Viscount Purbeck

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Dates: 14 March 1656/7 April 1684; some later accounts report his death as 1685

BIOGRAPHY

Robert was the elder surviving son of Robert Danvers alias Wright, Howard and Villiers and Elizabeth

Danvers, heiress of Sir John Danvers of Dauntsey. After his father's death he was treated in

some circles as the successor to the disputed Purbeck claim and was styled the 3rd Viscount Purbeck.

He married Lady Margaret de Burgh in 1676, daughter and only child of Ulick de Burgh, 1st Marquess

of Clanricarde, and was killed in a duel at Liège in April 1684. His death left an only son, John

Villiers, who later continued the self-styled Purbeck claim.

NOTES / SOURCES

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