

Fitzpeter, Geoffrey, Earl of Essex (<sup>14 Oct</sup> + 1213) was younger bro. of Simon Fitzpeter, Sheriff of Northamptonshire, Buckinghamshire & Bedfordshire under Henry II, marshal in 1165 & justice-itinerant in Bedfordshire in 1163. Geoffrey m. Beatrice <sup>grand-</sup> dan. & coheir of William de Say, 3rd Baron, who m. Beatrice <sup>1st</sup> sister of Geoffrey de Mandeville, Earl of Essex, 1140

In 1184 Geoffrey shared his father-in-law's estates with William de Boiland, husband of his wife's sister. On the departure of Richard I on crusade in 1189 he was left one of the 5 judges of the king's bench & Baron of the Exchequer. On the death of William de Mandeville, Earl Essex, (<sup>14 Nov</sup> 1189) Geoffrey claimed his inheritance in right of his wife as dan. of the elder son of Beatrice de Say, aunt & heiress of the earl. Beatrice died in childbirth & was buried in the priory of Chicksand in Bedfordshire. On 11 July 1198 Richard I appointed Geoffrey justiciar of Eng. Geoffrey marched to the relief of Wm. of Braose who was besieged by Gwenevrywyn, son of the prince of Powys, in Mand's castle & defeated the Welsh. At Richard's death Geoffrey played a prominent part in securing the succession of John at whose coronation feast he was girded with sword of the earldom of Essex though he had been called earl before. He witnessed John's charter of submission to the pope on 15 May 1213. He died 2 Oct 1213. By his 1st wife he left 3 sons, Geoffrey & William who both succeeded to the earldom & died without issue, & Henry, a Churchman, & a dau.

Maud, who m. Henry Bohun, earl of Hereford who inherited the earldom. Lutegareshale → Peter + Maud

