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The de Rhodes, hereditary Knights of Flanders, came over to England with the Earl of Flanders and Tofti, Harold's brother, to assist W^m the Conqueror - Froissart Vol. I p. 121.

The Domesday Book shows that Willemus and Hugh Rodes were granted the "moiety of Rodes", an estate located in Chester, near Macclesfield, 40 miles southeast of Liverpool.

Willemus had a son, Michael de Rodes, whose descendants may be traced thru Domesday Book, tax rolls, civil records, etc. with varying spellings of the name. Hugh apparently returned to France to become Hugh I, Count de Rodez, his seat being in Rodes in Auvergn, Languedoc; Rodes is now the capital of Avignon, some 300 miles southeast of Paris.

Burke's "Commoners of Great Britain" says "The first settler on record in Eng of this family was Gerard de Rodes, feudal baron, whose seat was at Horn Castle in Lincs. Camden says Horn Castle was a seignory of 13 lordships, making Gerard de Rodes one of the greater barons. His absence as ambassador accounts for his name's not occurring on Magna Carta, he "having been sent by

King John 29 man, in the 9th yr. of his reign,
ambassador to foreign parts."

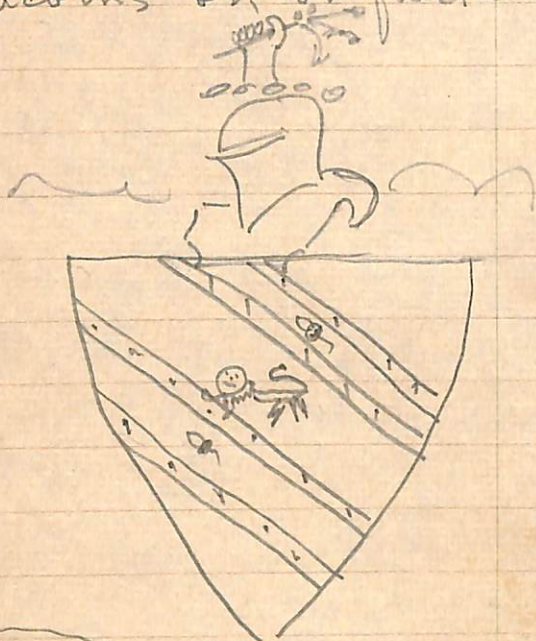
Baron Gerard de Rodes received the lordships
of Langar & Barneston, in Nottinghamshire
from Richard II; these were confirmed in him
by King John. These lordships as well as the
estates of Clifton & Wilford had formerly
belonged to William Peverill, all passed to
Ralph de Rodes, "a very great man" under
Henry III.

The seat of the family in Derbyshire was
founded by Wm Rodes who married Emme,
dan. & heiress of John Cachehors of Stavely,
Woodthorpe. This remained the seat of the
family until Barlborough Hall was built by
Judge Francis Rodes, whose son, Sir John Rodes,
Knt. sold Stavely Woodthorpe.

Rhodes of Great Houghton

Arms: Argent, a lion passant guardant
gules inclosed by 2 acorns between 2 bendlets
azure, cotised ermines.

Crest - a cubit arm holding a branch of
acorns or, or fructed azure.



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