

Robergia Borden

Francis, Robergia and their two sons kneeling at mass , are pictured in the church of St. Peter and St. Paul at Headcorn, County Kent, England with the inscription of the BORDEN Moral Code:

*Be Just - for the Lord only loaned us that which we have whether of goods or of talents, and in their use we must consider the rights of all men.
Be Merciful - for we shall have no greater claim to the mercy we all shall finally need than that we forgive our brother's faults.*

Be True - to friendship and to God, for truth is all of this life worth the having, and perfect truth is what the life to come shall reveal to us. It is the prince of darkness that is the Prince of Lies.

On the opposite wall can be found the BORDEN Coat of Arms. For centuries a tradition in the BORDEN family claimed there were important records contained within the wall of the church. ¹


Birth Francis was born at Bayeux, Normandy, France. ¹

Marriage 25 December 1200 Francis de Bourdon married [Robergia de Bourdon](#) , who was 18 years old,, daughter of [Simon de Bourdon](#) and [Elfrida of Kent](#) , 25 December 1200. It is said that they were cousins. ¹

Quote from Hattie Borden Weld: I feel quite sure that the Bordens and Burdens, originated in Normandy--that their original surname was Bourdon and that they are a branch of the numerous families of that name still existing in France. I have found their name variously spelled as Bourdon, Burdon, Burden, Borden, Bourden, Berden, Birdin and Barden. In each case the consonants which are the root of the name are the same and they occur in the same order in each name, which shows a common origin to them all. The diversity in the three last names occurred at an early day in England, as each have a corresponding coat of arms, differing entirely from those that precede them.

The assertion of Camden (and we can have no better authority, nor safer guide) "that there is not a village in Normandy which has not surnamed some families in England," we may, by following his advice, be enabled to trace the Bourdons or Bordens to the identical village from which they have derived their surname. And in doing this I have not been disappointed. I find by several literary works that there is, at the present time, in the northern part of France, the ancient Normandy, an ancient village which still bears the name of Bourdonnay. "It is in the Department of Muerthe, and the chief place of a Canton in the district of Chateau-Salins, four leagues northeast of Luneville." ²

Burial Francis was buried in Borden, England. Francis and Robergia were buried in the churchyard of St. Peter and St. Paul in the village of Borden, county Kent, England. ¹

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