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On May 22 Chris Phillips posted a notice about Marc Morris's new book, "The Bigod Earls of Norfolk in the Thirteenth Century" (Boydell, 2005). The book is now available and does provide sources to document that Ida, countess of Norfolk, wife of Roger Bigod I, and mother of William Longespee, was Ida de Tosny. On page 2 Morris says "Around Christmas 1181, at the start of his (Roger's) long road to (political) recovery, Roger married Ida de Tosny, a royal ward." The records that he cites concern the manors of Acle, Halvergate, and South Walsham, which the king had confiscated after the death of Hugh Bigod I, and which went to Roger at the time of his marriage. Morris cites the following publications: "Rotuli Hundredorum (2 vols.), Record Commission, 1812-18, I, 504 (in which she is named as Ide le Tauny), 537 (in which she is named as Ida de Thoney); Pipe Rolls for Henry II, 23rd year, 125, 137; 24th year, 26-7; 28th year, 64. I have not had a chance to look at the Pipe Rolls!

Nice to have additional sources on this familiar topic.

The book focuses primarily on Roger III and IV and includes a calendar of the Bigod charters. It should be a useful source for anyone interested in this family.

Best, Linda

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I have also purchased this book and highly recommend it to all who can afford Boydell's outrageous price. It is available through Amazon.com.

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