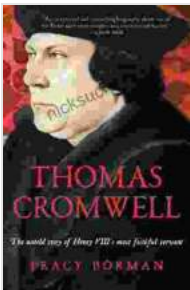


The Untold Story Of Henry Viii Most Faithful Servant

In the annals of English history, few figures loom larger than Henry VIII. The corpulent, irascible monarch is best known for his six wives and his break with the Catholic Church, but there was another man who played a vital role in his life: Charles Brandon, the Duke of Suffolk.



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Brandon was born in 1484, the son of Sir William Brandon, a knight in the service of Henry VII. Charles was a handsome and athletic young man, and he quickly caught the eye of the young Henry VIII. The two became close friends, and Brandon soon became one of Henry's most trusted advisors.

Brandon's loyalty to Henry was unwavering. He fought alongside the king at the Battle of Flodden Field in 1513, and he was one of the few men who

remained at Henry's side during the difficult years of his first marriage to Catherine of Aragon.

In 1528, Henry finally divorced Catherine and married Anne Boleyn. Brandon was one of the few people who supported this controversial decision, and he played a key role in Anne's coronation. However, Anne's reign was short-lived. She was executed for treason in 1536, and Brandon was devastated.

Brandon never remarried, and he devoted the rest of his life to serving Henry. He was a loyal and capable general, and he helped Henry to suppress the Pilgrimage of Grace, a rebellion in the north of England in 1536. Brandon also played a key role in the dissolution of the monasteries, and he was rewarded with a number of former monastic lands.

Brandon died in 1545, at the age of 61. He was one of the most powerful and influential men in England, and he had served his king loyally for over three decades. Brandon's story is a testament to the power of loyalty and friendship.

Early Life and Career

Charles Brandon was born on May 3, 1484, at Westwood Priory in Worcestershire, England. He was the son of Sir William Brandon, a knight in the service of Henry VII, and Elizabeth Wingfield. Brandon had two older brothers, Thomas and William, and a younger sister, Mary.

Brandon's father died when he was young, and his mother remarried to Sir Robert Tyrwhitt. Brandon was raised in Tyrwhitt's household, and he

received a good education. He was a skilled swordsman and horseman, and he was also fluent in French and Latin.

In 1505, Brandon was appointed to the service of Henry VII's son, Prince Henry. Brandon quickly became one of Henry's closest friends, and he was often in attendance at the prince's court.

Henry VIII's Reign

In 1509, Henry VIII ascended to the throne of England. Brandon continued to serve the new king, and he quickly became one of Henry's most trusted advisors. Brandon was a member of Henry's privy council, and he was also a commander in the king's army.

In 1513, Brandon fought alongside Henry at the Battle of Flodden Field. The English army was victorious, and Brandon was knighted for his bravery. Brandon continued to serve Henry loyally throughout the king's reign, and he played a key role in many of Henry's most important decisions.

Marriage and Family

In 1515, Brandon married Mary Tudor, the sister of Henry VIII. Mary was a widow, and she had been previously married to Louis XII of France. Brandon and Mary had two children together: Henry Brandon, the Earl of Lincoln, and Frances Brandon, the Duchess of Suffolk.

Brandon was a devoted husband and father, and he was very close to his children. He was also a generous patron of the arts, and he was a friend to many of the leading artists and writers of his day.

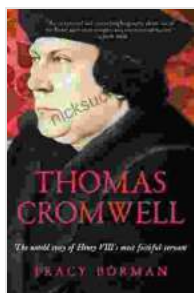
Later Years and Death

In 1545, Brandon died at his home in Suffolk. He was 61 years old.

Brandon was one of the most powerful and influential men in England, and he had served his king loyally for over three decades. He was a true friend to Henry VIII, and he was a devoted husband and father.

Brandon's legacy lives on today. He is remembered as one of the most loyal and capable servants of Henry VIII, and he is also remembered as a generous patron of the arts. Brandon's story is a testament to the power of loyalty, friendship, and family.

Charles Brandon was a remarkable man who lived a long and eventful life. He was a loyal friend to Henry VIII, a devoted husband and father, and a generous patron of the arts. Brandon's story is a testament to the power of loyalty, friendship, and family, and he is a true example of what it means to be a faithful servant.



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