



Ethelfleda (scourge of the Vikings), with her young nephew Athelstan (destined to be the first King of all England) at her side.

*This year Ethelfleda, lady of the Mercians, with the help of god, before Laminas, conquered the town called Derby, with all that thereto belonged; and there were also slain four of her thanes, that were most dear to her, within the gates.*

*But very shortly after they had become so, she died at Tamworth, twelve days before midsummer, the eighth year of her having rule and right lordship over the Mercians; and her body lies at Gloucester, within the east porch of St. Peter's church.*

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