

Abstract

We can find many records concerning the Godwine family in primary sources of the period in between the reign of Knut the Great (1066) and William the Conqueror's famous conquest of British Isles (1066). Even though authors of the primal sources mention this noble house in connection with key political and war events of 11th. century, significance of Godwinson's is usually suppressed at the expense of contemporary "pro-norman" theories, which are defending William the Conqueror's rights to anglo-saxon throne. Main purpose of submitted diploma thesis is to introduce reader to complex and truthfull image of how and why did Godwinson's became as powerfull as they were, and to show their influence and importance in history of "pre-norman" England.