

ANONYMOUS AUTHOR ABOUT HIS PATRON – EDWARD IV

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Introduction

Eduard IV is the first king of England from the York dynasty, ruling in 1461-1470 and 1471-1483, who captured the throne during the War of the Red and White Roses. The personality and activities of this monarch are ambiguously assessed by contemporaries of those events. Among them was an Anonymous author of the history of the King's arrival in England. He was a supporter of the Yorks, whose patron was King Edward IV.

Methodology

When reconstructing the author's ideas about the events he describes, the methods of historical anthropology, approaches to the study of mentality are used.

Relevance

Though the period of the War of the Roses is thoroughly investigated, attention should be given to personal perception of this period.

Proof and analysis

Therefore, the Anonymous author described this monarch and the York dynasty exclusively from a positive point of view. Throughout the narrative, the author calls him no other than the "King" and "His Highness." Also, the Anonymous author is often adding epithets such as the "the most noble," "true," never losing a chance (with every convenient case) to mention the "true" origin of King Edward IV. Especially, the Anonymous author is enthusiastic about the courage and persistence with which the king overcame all the difficulties; and it says more than "any great torments." Edward's companions are referred to as "true servants," who advocated for him with "great joy." Also, the author emphasizes the exceptional merit of the king in the organization of troops, victory in the final battle and his "mercy" and "generosity" in his attitude to the rebels.



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Conclusion

This position of the author of the Chronicles is explained by the fact that he is a supporter of the Yorks, "the servant of the king, who saw most of his feats."

Having analyzed the style of the presentation, it can be assumed that the author was a cleric, explaining the victory and all the actions of the King Eduard IV as God's will.



Henry VI

THE CHRONICLES
OF
THE WHITE
OF YORK.
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SECOND EDITION

HISTORY OF THE
ARRIVAL OF KING EDWARD IV,
IN ENGLAND,
AND THE FINAL RECOVERY OF HIS KINGDOMS
FROM HENRY VI., A.D. 1471.

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