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Dramatis Personae:

Rumor, the presenter

Lady Northumberland

Lady Percy

Mistress Quickly

Doll Tearsheet

King Henry the Fourth

Henry, Prince of Wales;

afterwards King Henry the Fifth

Thomas of Clarence

Prince John of Lancaster

Humphrey of Gloucester

Earl of Warwick

Earl of Westmoreland

Earl of Surrey

Gower

Harcourt

Blunt

Lord Chief Justice

A Servant to the Chief Justice

Earl of Northumberland

Scroop, Archbishop of York

Lord Mowbray

Lord Hastings

Lord Bardolph

Sir John Coleville

Travers and Morton

Falstaff, Bardolph, Pistol, and a Page

Poins and Peto

Shallow and Silence, country justices

Davy, Shallow's servant

Mouldy, Shadow, Wart, Feeble, and Bullcalf, recruits

Fang and Snare, sheriff's officers

Lords and Attendants

Officers, Messengers, Soldiers

Porter, Drawer, Beadles, Grooms, etc.

A Dancer, Speaker of the Epilogue

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King Henry IV Son of John of Gaunt; cousin to Richard II. Usurped Richard II and became Henry IV.	1367	1413	36/46	46
Henry, Prince of Wales, called Prince Hal Also called Henry of Monmouth. Oldest son to King Henry IV. Mother is Mary de Bohun.	sep 1387	1442 of dystentery in France	16/26	35
Thomas, Duke of Clarence 2nd son of Henry IV; brother to Henry V, Gloucester, and Bedford; uncle to Henry VI.	1388	1422	15/25	34
Prince John of Lancaster, Duke of Bedford 3rd son of Henry IV; brother to Henry V, Gloucester, and Clarence; uncle to Henry VI. He burnt Joan d'Arc.	1389	Sep 1435	14/24	46
Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester and Earl of Pembroke "Good Duke Humphrey." Youngest son of Henry IV; brother to Henry V, Clarence, and Bedford; uncle to Henry VI. His wife was prosecuted for witchcraft in 1441 (2HVI).	1391	1447	12/22	56
Richard Beauchamp, 13th Earl of Warwick Son of one of the Lords Appellant. Campaigned against Glendower. Cared for Henry VI's education.	1382	1425	21/31	43
Ralph Neville, 1st Earl of Westmoreland This is Ralph, 6th Baron Neville of Raby, son of John 5th Baron and Maud Percy. Married second Joan Beaufort, daughter of Gaunt and Swynford.	1364	1425	39/49	61
Thomas Fitzalan, 5th Earl of Surrey and 11th Earl of Arundel He was 16 years old when Richard II beheaded his father Richard, 4th Earl of Surrey.	1381	1415 of dysentery	22/32	34
Thomas Gower (probably) Eldest son of Sir Thomas Gower of Stilenham, Yorkshire. Later Governor of Mans.				
Sir Thomas Harcourt (possibly) Possibly Sir Thomas Harcourt of Stanton, Oxfordshire; sheriff of Berkshire in Henry IV, 1407				
Sir John Blount Elder son of Sir Walter Blount, who was killed at the end of 1 Henry IV while dressed as the King.	1378	1456	25/35	78
Lord Chief Justice, Sir William Gascoigne Of Gawthorpe, Yorkshire. Married Elizabeth Mowbray.	1350	1419	53/63	69
Henry Percy, 1st Earl of Northumberland Elder son of Henry, 3rd Baron Percy of Alnwick. Rival is Ralph Neville. Married to Margaret Neville.	1342	1408 slain, his head placed on London Bridge	61/66	66
Lady Northumberland In the correct historical timeframe, this was the Earl's second wife, Maud Lucy. But the playwright is probably referring to Hotspur's mother, who was Margaret Neville.		1372		
Lady Percy Although the playwright calls her Kate (Katherine), her name was Elizabeth Mortimer.	1370	1417	33/43	47

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Richard Scroop (Scrope), Archbishop of York 4th son of Henry Scrope, 1st Baron Scrope of Masham; godson of Richard 1st Baron Scrope of Bolton. He is the first bishop to die of capital punishment.	1350	May 1405 executed	53/dead	55
Thomas Lord Mowbray Lord Marshall and 3rd Earl of Nottingham. Son of the Thomas Mowbray who was banished in <i>Richard II</i> . He died through the treachery of John of Lancaster, grandson of John of Gaunt.	1385	1405 beheaded at York	18/dead	20
Lord Hastings Actually, he is "Sir" Ralph Hastings (knight), not "Lord (Baron). Eldest son of Sir Ralph Hastings by Maud, daughter of Sir Robert de Sutton of Sutton, Yorkshire.				
Thomas Lord Bardolph Thomas 5th Baron Bardolph, son of William 4th Baron Bardolph. Married Amicia, daughter of Ralph 2nd Baron Cromwell. His daughter Anne married Sir William Clifford. Died of wounds of a minor battle; his body was quartered, sent to London, Lynn, Shrewsbury, and York—and his head to Lincoln.	1368	1408	35/dead	40
Sir John Coleville "Perhaps this is the man who was governor of Wisbeach Castle and whose grandfather of the same name served with Edward III. . . . No doubt he was the same Sir John Colvyl Knight who was in the retinue of Henry V in his expedition to France in 1415." Thomson, p. 78.				
Sir John Falstaff Probably based on Sir John Fastolf, who was educated as a page in the household of Thomas Mowbray, Duke of Norfolk. Married the widow of Sir Stephen Scrope.	1378	1459	25/35	81
Mentioned:				
Sir Walter Blunt Famous soldier and supporter of John of Gaunt. Killed at the Battle of Shrewsbury dressed in the King's clothes; killed by Archibald, 4th Earl of Douglas.	1350	1403 battle of Shrewsbury	dead	53