

The effigy of Don Ramon Peralta Y Espes (d.1348)



- A military hero famous in his time but now almost unknown
- Captain-General of the armies of Aragon, Grand Admiral of Aragon and Sicily, Count of Calatabelota

Effigy History

- Effigy originally at the church in the mountain village of Peralta, near Barbastro (just south of the Pyrenees in Eastern Spain).
- The church was demolished at the end of the 19th century and the effigy ended up in an antique fair in London in 1934.
Burrell bought it.

Don Ramon

- Father died in 1325; Don Ramon inherited the lands and lordships of Peralta.
- In the same year he was appointed to command the army of King James II of Aragon, and off he went to conquer Sardinia.
- Don Ramon's acts of valour, both on land and at sea won him great renown.
- On one occasion Don Ramon fought in his own galley, with only 60 knights, for eight hours against 17 other enemy galleys
and won. In 1335 he raised the siege of Palermo and forced King Robert of Naples to retreat without striking a blow.
- In 1347 he seized the Islands of Castle of Lipari (north of Sicily).
- Died in 1348.

Effigy

- Effigy reflects Don Ramon's status as a chivalric hero of his day.