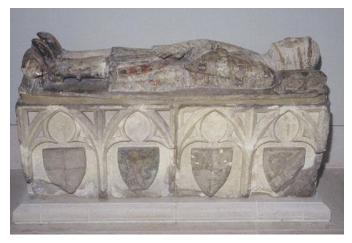
The effigy of Don Ramon Peralta Y Espes (d.1348)





- 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.