

Write on the relationship of Lord Mayor John Hende born 1360 and the poet John Lydgate

John Hende, born in 1360, was a prominent figure in the medieval city of London and served as the Lord Mayor of London in 1391 and 1404. He was a member of the Worshipful Company of Mercers, one of the most powerful and wealthy guilds in London, and was also involved in the politics of the city.

John Lydgate was a poet who lived in the same period as John Hende. He was born in around 1370 and was educated at the Benedictine monastery of Bury St. Edmunds. He later moved to London, where he became a monk at the Abbey of St. Mary of the Graces.

There is no direct evidence to suggest that John Hende and John Lydgate knew each other personally, but it is likely that they would have been aware of each other's work. John Lydgate was a prolific writer and his works were widely circulated in London and other parts of England.

One of John Lydgate's most famous works is "The Siege of Thebes", a long narrative poem that tells the story of the seven champions of Thebes who defend their city against an attacking army. The poem is dedicated to John

Hende, who is described as a "prince of London" and a "lord of renown". The dedication suggests that John Hende was a patron of John Lydgate's work and may have commissioned the poem.

It is also possible that John Hende and John Lydgate were linked through their shared involvement in the Mercers' Company. The Mercers' Company was a powerful guild in medieval London that was involved in trade and finance, as well as politics and civic life. Both John Hende and John Lydgate would have been familiar with the workings of the guild and may have had mutual acquaintances within it.