

Capet

France in Mediaeval Times

For most of the middle ages, the land we know to-day as France was neither a distinct political nor geographical place. The territorial boundaries rarely coincided with modern France. Originally part of the Roman Empire, the region was settled by Germanic tribes from central Europe including the Franks, Visigoths and Burgundians. At the end of the fifth century, Clovis united many tribes into a single Frankish kingdom. Following Clovis' death in 511, the kingdom was split up among his four sons according to ancient Frankish tradition and law. Charlemagne (742 - 814) founded a Frankish empire covering what is to-day France and Germany; but it too was split up after the death of his son Louis (I) "the Pious" in 840.

The election of Hugh Capet as king in 987 began the Capetian Dynasty which ruled France for much of the middle ages. However, the actual royal domaine, known as Ile-de-France, was small and weak, consisting of little more than the land surrounding Paris, Orléans and Laon. It was not until the 12th century that later Capetians took steps to strengthen the king in the Ile-de-France.

The ancient arms of the Kings of France are described as "Azure semée of fleurs-de-lis, or" which means "a blue shield with small gold fleurs-de-lis."



Kings of France

Our genealogy shown here is considered reliable and is based on:

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For additional references, see *Sources* at the end of this chapter.

Generation One

Lambert I

Flourished early 7th century

Lambert I (also Lantbertus) was a nobleman in Neustria and a brother or son of Robert (also Chorobertus and Chorodobertus) who was Reverendarium of the Merovingian King Dagobert I of Neustria on April 8, 630. (See *Merovingian Kings*, Generation Eight) Lambert had a son:

- **Robert**, mentioned next.

Generation Two

Robert

Flourished late 7th century

Robert (also Chrodobertus, Rodoberothus and Radobertus) was majordomis of King Clovis II of Neustria and Burgundy in 653 and chancellor of King Chlotar III of Neustria and Burgundy in 658. Robert married Doda or Detta and they had a son:

- **Lambert II**, mentioned next.

Generation Three

Lambert II

Died in 741

Lambert II (also Lantbertus) was Bishop of Metz, Primate of Gaul and Germany, first Abbot of Lorsch and an uncle of St. Chrodegang. Lambert had a son:

- **Rutpert**, mentioned next.

Generation Four

Rutpert

Died by 764

Rutpert was a Duke in the Haspengan in 732 and a Count in the Upper Rhine and Worms 722 - 757. Rutpert married circa 730 to Williswint who was a daughter and heiress of Count Achelhelm and they had the following sons:

- Count Cancor, the eldest son.
- **Thüringbert**, mentioned next

Generation Five

Thüringbert

Flourished Circa 767 - 770

Thüringbert had a son:

- **Rutpert II**, mentioned next.

Generation Six

Rutpert II

Died circa 807

Rutpert II was a Count in the Upper Rhine and the Wormsgau 770 - 807 and Lord of Dienheim in 795. Rutpert married first circa 766-767 to Theoderate (also Tietrada and Thirru) who died in 789 and second after 789 to Isingarda. Rutpert and Theoderate had a son:

- **Rutpert III**, mentioned next.

Generation Seven

Rutpert III

Died circa 834

Rutpert III was Count of Worms 812 - 830. Rutpert married circa 800 to Waldrada (also Wioldruth and Vendrie) who was a niece of the Empress Hildegarde and daughter of Count Hadrian of Orléans and in the Wormsgau and Waldrat. She was heiress to lands near Orléans. Rutpert III and Waldrada had a son:

- **Rutpert IV**, better known as **Robert the Strong**, mentioned next.

Generation Eight

Robert the Strong

Died, slain at Brisarte on July 25, 866

Also known as Rutupert IV, Robert the Strong was Duke of Neustria, Count of Paris and Marquis of Anjou. Robert married a sister of Count Adelhelm of Leon and they had the following children:

- Eudes or Odo, born 856 and who was King of France 888-898
- **Robert I**, mentioned next.
- Richilde who married Theobald, Count of Blois

Generation Nine

Robert I

Born in 866 after the death of his father.

Died on June 15, 923

Robert I was Count of Poitiers, Count of Paris and Marquis of Neustria. He was King of the West Franks for about a year prior to his death in 923. Robert married first to Aelis and they had a daughter:

- **Liegarde** (or Hildebrante) who married Herbert (II), Count of Vermandois. (See *Charlemagne*, Generation Eighteen)

Robert married secondly about 895 to **Beatrice de Vermandois**, daughter of Hubert (I), Count of Senlis and Vermandois (See *Charlemagne*, Generation Seventeen) and they had a son:

- **Hugh “the Great” Capet**, mentioned next.

Generation Ten

Hugh “the Great” Capet

Born circa 895

Died on June 16, 956 at Deurdan, France

Hugh Capet was Count of Paris, Orléans, Vexin and Le Mans and Duke of France. Hugh is also known as Hugh Magnus and is not to be confused with his great great grandson who is also known as Hugh “the Great” and Hugh Magnus (See Generation Fourteen)

Hugh Capet had three marriages. The first two, it is unclear in which order, were to a daughter of the Count of Maine and to Edhilda, a daughter of Edward the Elder, King of England. (See *England*, Generation Eighteen) Hugh had a daughter; but it is uncertain by which wife:

- Emma of Paris (d. 962) who married in 960 to Richard I “the Fearless” 3rd Duke of Normandy. (See *Normandy*, Generation Seven)

Hugh Capet married third circa 938 to Hedwig, a daughter of Henry “the Fowler”, Duke of Saxony, King of Germany and Lorraine and his wife St. Matilda (or Mechtilde) of Ringleheim. Hugh and Hedwig had the following children:

- **Hugh Capet**, mentioned next
- Beatrice, born circa 939 who married in 954 to Frederick, Duke of Upper Lorraine.

Generation Eleven

Hugh Capet, King of France

Born in 941

Died on August 24, 996

Hugh Capet was Count of Poitou, Count of Orléans and the first Capetian King of France from 987 to his death in 996. He married about 969 to **Adelaide of Poitou**, who was a granddaughter of Rolf the Ganger, 1st Duke of Normandy (See *Normandy*, Generation Five) . Hugh and Adelaide had the following children:

- **Robert II “the Pious” Capet**, mentioned next.
- **Hedwig** who married Régnier IV, Count of Hainault who died in 1013 and was a son of Régnier III. Their children:
 - Régnier V, Count of Hainault
 - **Beatrix of Hainaut** who married Ebles I, Count of Rheims and Roucy, Archbishop of Rheims who died on May 11, 1033. Their daughter:
 - **Adele de Roucy** (also Alix), died in 1062, who married in 1031 to Hildouin III, died circa 1063, Count of Montdidier & Roucy and Seigneur of Rameru. Their daughters:
 - Beatrix de Montdidier
 - **Margaret de Roucy** (also Marguerite) who married circa 1080 to Hugh de Creil (died 1101) Count of Clermont in Beauvaisis. Their daughter:
 - **Alice de Clermont** (also Adeliza and Adelaide) who married Gilbert Fitz Richard de Clare, Earl of Clare. (See *DeClare*, Generation Four)

Generation Twelve

Robert II “the Pious” Capet, King of France

Born on March 27, 972 at Orléans, France

Died in 1031

Robert married first about 987 to Rosela (or Susanna), widow of Arnold, Count of Flanders who died on March 30, 987. This marriage was repudiated in 992.

Robert married second in 996 to Bertha of Burgundy who was a distant relative. This marriage was repudiated in 998.

Robert married third in 1003 to Constance of Provence (See *Byzantium*, Generation Seven) and they had the following children:

- Hugh Capet born in 1007 and died before his father in 1025.
- **Henry I Capet**, mentioned next.
- **Robert I “the Old”**, mentioned next.
- **Princess Adela (or Alix) Capet**, born in 1009 who married in 1028 to Baldwin V “the Pious”, Count of Flanders. (See *Flanders*, Generation Nine) Their daughter:
 - **Mathilda** who married William the Conqueror. (See *Normandy*, Generation Ten)

Generation Thirteen

Henry I Capet, King of France

Born in April 1008

Died on August 4, 1060 at Vitry-en-Brie, France

Henry married on January 29, 1044 to **Anne of Kiev** who was born in 1024 and died after 1075. (See *Kiev*, Generation Five) Henry and Anne had the following children:

- Philip (I) “the Fair” Capet, King of France, born in 1052 and King of France 1060-1108
- **Hugh “the Great” Capet**, mentioned next.

Robert I “the Old”, Duke of Burgundy

Born circa 1011

Died on March 21, 1075/76

Robert, the first of the Burgundian Capets, married firstly to Irmegard of Anjou who d.s.p. and secondly circa 1033 to Hélié, a daughter of Dalmas I, Seigneur de Sémus (Semur-en-Auxois) and his wife Aremburge. There appears to have been some friction in this family. Robert divorced Hélié on January 15, 1055 and he murdered her father, Dalmas I, about the same time. It is unclear which came first, the divorce of his wife or the murder of his father-in-law; but obviously Robert wasn't getting along very well with his wife and inlaws. However, despite all the hard feelings, Robert and Hélié had the following children:

- **Henry of Burgundy** who was born circa 1035 and died on January 27, 1073/74. Henry married Sibylle, a daughter of Raymond Berenger I, Count of Barcelone and his wife Guisle d'Ampurias. Henry and Sibylle had a son:
 - **Eudes I, Duke of Burgundy** who died on March 23, 1102/03. Eudes married **Matilda** (or Maud), a daughter of William I, Count of Burgundy. William was a grandson of Richard II “the Good”, 4th Duke of Normandy and his wife **Judith of Brittany**. (See *Normandy*, Generation Eight) Eudes and Matilda had a daughter:
 - **Alice (or Ela) of Burgundy** (died 1194/95) who married William (III) Talvas, a son of Robert II de Belleme, 3rd Earl of Shrewsbury. Their daughter:
 - **Ela Talvas** married firstly to **William de Warren**, 3rd Earl of Warren and Surrey, (See Generation Fifteen below and *Warren*, Generation Five) and secondly to Patrick, Earl of Salisbury. The son of Patrick and Ela was:
 - **William Fitz Patrick, Earl of Salisbury** (born circa 1150, died on April 17, 1196), Earl of Salisbury. William married Eleanor de Vitré; their daughter and heiress was:
 - **Ela, Countess of Salisbury** who married **William Longespée** (See *Longespée*, Generation One)
- Constance who married Alfonzo (VI), King of Leon
- **Hildegarde** who married Gui Geoffrey, called William VI, Count of Poitou (See *Byzantium*, Generation Ten).

Generation Fourteen

Hugh “the Great” Capet

Born in 1057

Died on October 18, 1102 at Tarsus.

Hugh was Duke of France and Burgundy, Marquis of Orléans, Count of Amiens, Chaumone, Paris, Valois and Vermandois. He was a leader of the First Crusade, and died at Tarsus which is on the Mediterranean Sea about 250 miles south east of Ankara, Turkey.

Hugh married to **Adelaide of Vermandois** (See *Charlemagne*, Generation Twenty-three) Hugh and Adelaide had a daughter:

- **Isabel (or Elizabeth) of Vermandois**, mentioned next.

Generation Fifteen

Isabel of Vermandois

Died on February 13, 1131

Isabel, also known as Elizabeth of Vermandois, married in 1096 to **Robert de Beaumont**, Count of Meulan. (See *Beaumont*, Generation Four) Isabel and Robert had twins named Waleran and Robert who both married ladies named “de Montfort” and both had sons named Robert.

The children of Isabel and Robert children were:

- Waleran de Beaumont (1104 - 1166, twin brother of Robert de Beaumont), Count of Meulan and Earl of Worcester who married circa 1141 to Agnes de Montfort, a daughter of Amauri de Montfort, Count of Évreux. They had a son:
 - Sir Robert de Beaumont (died in 1207), Count of Meulan.
- **Robert de Beaumont** (1104 - 1168, twin brother of Waleran de Beaumont), 2nd Earl of Leicester who married Amice de Montfort. (See *Osbern*, Generation Six) Their children:
 - **Hawise de Beaumont** who married William Fitz Robert, Earl of Gloucester (See *Normandy*, Generation Thirteen)
 - **Sir Robert de Beaumont** (born before 1135, died at Durazzo, Greece, 1190), 3rd Earl of Leicester, married Petronilla de Grandmesnil (See *Grandmesnil*, Generation Four) Their daughter:
 - **Margaret de Beaumont** married Saher de Quincy. (See *De Quincy*, Generation Three)
- **Isabel (or Elizabeth) de Beaumont** who first “had an affair” with King Henry I of England (See *Normandy*, Generation Eleven) and later married Gilbert FitzGilbert de Clare (See *De Clare*, Generation Four)

Isabel (or Elizabeth) of Vermandois married circa 1118 to William de Warenne, 2nd Earl of Warren & Surrey (See *Warren*, Generation Four) and they had the following children:

- **William de Warenne**, 3rd Earl of Warren & Surrey, born in 1119; (See Generation Thirteen above and *Warren*, Generation Five)
- Gundred de Warren who married Roger de Newburgh (See *Beaumont*, Generation Three)
- **Adelaide (or Ada) de Warren**, died 1178 who married Henry, Earl of Huntingdon. (See *Scotland*, Generation Twenty-four)

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