

## Queen Adelaide de Maurienne of France

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Born: 18 Nov 1092 - Maurienne, Savoie, Rhone-Alpes, France  
Married: [August 3, 1115](#) King Louis VI of France  
Died: 18 Nov 1154 - Montmartre Abbey, Savoie, Rhone-Alpes, France  
Parents: Humbert II of Savoy & Gisela of Burgandy

**Adelaide of Savoy** or **Adelaide of Maurienne** ([Italian](#): *Adelaide di Savoia* or *Adelasia di Moriana*, [French](#): *Adélaïde* or *Adèle de Maurienne*; 1092–[November 18, 1154](#)) was the daughter of [Humbert II of Savoy](#) and [Gisela of Burgundy](#), and niece of [Pope Callixtus II](#), who once visited her court in France. Her father died in 1103, and her mother married [Renier I of Montferrat](#) as a second husband.

She became the second wife of [Louis VI of France](#) (1081-1137), whom she married on [August 3, 1115](#). They had eight children, the second of whom became [Louis VII of France](#). Adelaide was one of the most politically active of all France's medieval queens consort. Her name appears on 45 royal charters from the reign of Louis VI. During her tenure as queen, royal charters were dated with both her regnal year and that of the king. Among many other religious benefactions, she and Louis founded the monastery of St Peter's (Ste Pierre) at Montmartre, in the northern suburbs of Paris. She was reputed to be "ugly," but attentive and pious. She and Louis had seven sons and one daughter:

Their children:

- 1) Philip of France (1116–1131)
- 2) Louis VII (1120–November 18, 1180), King of France
- 3) Henry (1121–1175), archbishop of Reims
- 4) Hugues (b. c. 1122)
- 5) Robert (c. 1123–October 11, 1188), count of Dreux
- 6) Constance (c. 1124–August 16, 1176), married first Eustace IV, count of Boulogne and then Raymond V of Toulouse.
- 7) Philip (1125–1161), bishop of Paris. not to be confused with his elder brother.

8) Peter (c. 1125–1183), married Elizabeth, lady of Courtenay

After Louis VI's death, Adélaïde did not immediately retire to conventual life, as did most widowed queens of the time. Instead she married [Matthieu I of Montmorency](#), with whom she had one child. She remained active in the French court and in religious activities.

Adélaïde is one of two queens in a legend related by [William Dugdale](#). As the story goes, Queen Adélaïde of France became enamoured of a young knight, [William d'Albini](#), at a joust. But he was already engaged to Adeliza of Louvain and refused to become her lover. The jealous Adélaïde lured him into the clutches of a hungry lion, but William ripped out the beast's tongue with his bare hands and thus killed it. This story is almost without a doubt apocryphal.