

Ermengarde-Gerberga of Anjou

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Ermengarde-Gerberga of Anjou, also called **Ermengarde of Anjou**(c. 956 - c. 1024),^[a] was the Countess of Rennes, Regent of Brittany (992-994) and also Countess of Angoulême.

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| Spouse(s) | Conan I of Rennes William II of Angoulême |
| Noble family | House of Ingeger |
| Father | Geoffrey I, Count of Anjou |
| Mother | Adele of Meaux |
| Born | c.956 |
| Died | circa 1024 |

Life

Ermengarde-Gerberga was born c. 956,^[1] the daughter of Geoffrey I, Count of Anjou and Adele of Meaux.^[2] She married Conan I of Rennes, Count of Rennes, in 973.^[3] Her husband Conan of Rennes opposed her father and brother Fulk even though the marriage was apparently designed to form a political alliance between Anjou and Brittany.^[4] Even after Conan had been killed by Fulk at the battle of Battle of Conquereuil in 992, and during the period 992-994 when Ermengarde was Regent for their son Geoffrey, she remained loyal to her brother Fulk III, Count of Anjou.^[4] In 992, following the interests of her brother, and functioning as Regent, she accepted Capetian over-lordship for Rennes while rejecting that of Odo I, Count of Blois.^[5]

About 1000^[6] her brother Fulk III arranged his widowed sister to marry, secondly, William II of Angoulême, one of his close allies.^[7]

Issue

By her first husband Conan I 'le Tort' Count of Rennes, she had the following children:

- 1 Judith (982–1017), married Richard II, Duke of Normandy.^[3]
- 2 Geoffrey I, Duke of Brittany, the eventual heir to Conan I.^[3]
- 3 Judicael, count of Porhoët (died 1037).^[3]
- 4 Hernod.^[3]

By her second husband William II 'Taillefer' Count of Angoulême, she had the following children:

- 1 Alduin, Count of Angoulême (d. 1032), married Alaisia de Gasçogne.^[6]
- 2 Geoffrey, Count of Angoulême (d.1048), married 1stly Petronille d'Archiac, 2ndly Anceline.^[6]
- 3 Fulk of Angoulême, married Aynors.^[6]
- 4 Odon (flourished c. 1030).^[6]
- 5 Arnauld (died young).^[6]
- 6 William (died young).^[6]

Notes

- ↑ She is called Ermengarde in northern [French] sources however at least one early southern source calls her Gerberga. Angevins were known to give daughters two names as evidenced by her aunt, called Adelaide-Blanche. See: Bachrach, 'Henry II and the Angevin Tradition', *Albion*, Vol. 16, No. 2, (1984), p. 117 n. 35; Crisp, 'Consanguinity and the Saint-Aubin

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