

Fulk II, Count of Anjou

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Fulk II of Anjou (c. 905 — 960), called *le Bon* (the good) was count of Anjou from 941 to his death.^[a]

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Fulk II of Anjou	
Spouse(s)	Gerberge
	Adelaide of Blois
Noble family	House of Ingelger
Father	Fulk I of Anjou
Mother	Roscille de Lochar
Born	c. 905
Died	960
	Tours

Life

Fulk II born c. 905^[1] was a son of Fulk the Red and his wife Roscilla de Loches, daughter of Warnerius, Seigneur de Villentrois.^[2] He succeeded his father in 941 as the second count of Anjou,^[3] also called the count of Angers, and remained in power until 960.^[4]

The Angevins, Fulk II included, had become particularly adept at establishing marriage alliances that furthered their goals.^[5] His father, Fulk the Red had arranged his marriage to a Carolingian, Gerberga, the daughter of Ratburnus I Viscount of Vienne.^[6] Among other things this alliance opened the doors for their daughter Adelaide-Blanche to marry a future king of France and their son Guy to become Bishop of le Puy.^[6]

After her death c. 952 Fulk made another astute political marriage to Adelaide, the widow of Alan II, Duke of Brittany. Alan II had also been Count of Nantes and through this marriage Fulk gained influence in, and possibly control of, Nantes.^[7] Adelaide was also the sister of Theobald I, Count of Blois which permitted Fulk II to form an alliance with the House of Blois.^[6]

Family

By his spouse, Gerberge, Fulk II had several children:

- Adelaide-Blanche of Anjou, married five times.^[2]
- Geoffrey I, Count of Anjou, married Adelaide of Vermandois.^[2]
- Bouchard, Count of Vendome.^[2]
- Guy of Anjou, Bishop of le Puy.^[2]
- Humbert d'Anjou, mentioned 957.^[2]

Fulk II had no known issue with Adelaide.

Death

Fulk died in 960.^[8] He was succeeded by his son Geoffrey Greymantle.^[2]

Notes

- ↑ Refer to Bernard S. Bachrach, "Fulk Nerra: Neo-Roman Consul, 987-1040" (California, 1993) 261 and 262 for a useful genealogy of the Angevin comital line.

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Fulk II, Count of Anjou Angevins Died: 958		
Preceded by Fulk I	Count of Anjou 942–958	Succeeded by Geoffrey I

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