

## ♂ King Clovis I (The Great) Merovingian Of The Franks 🌳

Clovis I, known as The Great, was born in 0481.<sup>1</sup> The Great's father was King Childeric I Merovingian Of The Franks and his mother was Princess Basina II Of The Thuringians Franks. His paternal grandparents were King Maerovaec Merovingian Of The Franks and Queen Vaerica Chlodeswinthe Merovingian Of Franks; his maternal grandparents were Banin Chlodwig I De Keulen Of The Thuringian Franks and Lady Basine De Saxony Of Saksen. He had a sister named Andelfida. He had a half-brother named Berthar. He died in Paris.<sup>1</sup>

### General Notes

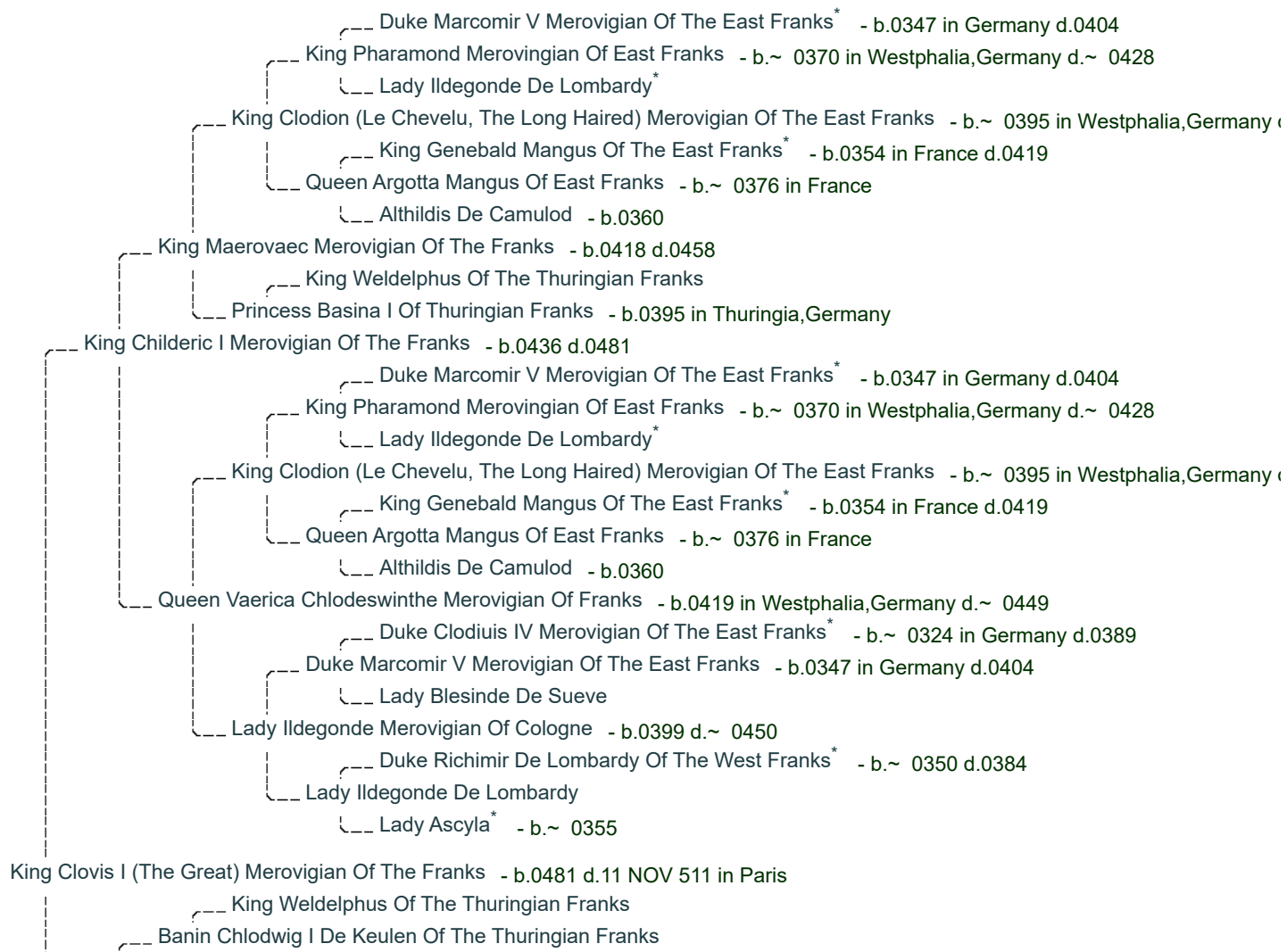
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Clovis became king of Tournai at the death of his father Childeric I in 481. By unifying the Franks and bringing most of Gaul and the Germanic lands under his control, Clovis became the founder of the Frankish Kingdom.

In 486 Clovis decisively defeated General Syagrius, son of Aegidius, the last Roman governor of northern Gaul, and set up his capital at Soissons. In 490-491 he took possession of the Salian Kingdoms of Cambrai and Tongres. In 496 he repelled an invasion of the Alamanni by invoking the God of his Christian wife according to legend. After completely defeating the Alamanni in 506, Clovis marched against the Visigoths in southwestern Gaul. He defeated Alaric II, king of the Visigoths, near Poitiers in 507. Clovis made Paris his capital in 508.

Clothilde, his wife, was Arian by religion but with strong Roman Catholic tendencies. This marriage was of primary importance, as the real shape of France dated from it. It was she who led her husband to abandon his old beliefs and embrace Christianity. He was baptized in the 15th year of his reign at Rheims on Christmas Day in 496 along with 3000 of his followers.

### ▼ Ancestor Pedigree Chart



↳ Princess Basina II Of The Thuringians Franks

↳ Lady Basine De Saxony Of Saksen

\*There are earlier generations for the ancestor(s) indicated. See their page(s) for details (click name)

### The Great's family with Saint, Princess Clothilde De Burgundy

The Great and Clothilde were married in a religious ceremony in 0493 in France.<sup>1</sup> They had three sons and a daughter, named Theodoric I, Chilodomer, The Old and Clothilde.

#### ▼ Children

♂ King Theodoric I Merovingian Of Metz

Theodoric I was born in 0505. He died at the age of 29 in 0534.

♀ King Clothilde Childebert Of Paris

Clothilde was born in 0511. She died at the age of 47 in 0558.

♂ King Chilodomer Merovingian Of Orleans

Chilodomer was born in 0511. He died at the age of 13 in 0524.

♂ King Clotaire (The Old ) Lotaire I Of Salian Franks

Clotaire, known as The Old , was born in Reims,Neustria. He died in Braines,France.

<sup>1</sup> *Ancestry.com 139798.GED*