# Prince Benedetto, Duke of Chablais

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**Reign** 19 June 1741 - 4 January 1808

**Born** 21 June 1741

Palace of Venaria, Turin

Died 4 January 1808 (aged 66)

Rome, Papal States

Burial Royal Basilica of Superga, Turin

**Spouse** Maria Anna of Savoy

Full name

Benedetto Maria Maurizio di Savoia

**House** House of Savoy

**Father** Charles Emmanuel III of Sardinia **Mother** Elisabeth Therese of Lorraine

**Benedetto of Savoy** (Benedetto Maria Maurizio; 21 June 1741 – 4 January 1808) was a prince of Savoy and <u>Duke of Chablais</u>. He was born in the reign of his father <u>Charles Emmanuel III, King of Sardinia</u>. He has no descendants but had a distinguished military career. He married his niece and was the owner of the <u>Palazzo Chiablese</u> in Turin.

## **Biography**

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Chablais was born at the <u>Palace of Venaria</u> and was the was the youngest child of <u>Charles Emmanuel III of Sardinia</u> and <u>Elisabeth Therese of Lorraine</u>. His mother died giving birth to him. He was named after <u>Pope Benedict XIV</u> who became <u>pope</u> the year before his birth. His maternal cousin's included the future <u>Queen of Naples</u> and the famous <u>Marie Antoinette</u>. He was his fathers favourite child.

His uncle <u>Francis I</u>, <u>Holy Roman Emperor</u> wanted him to marry his daughter daughter <u>Maria Christina of Austria</u> as but it never happened. In 1753 his father gave what is now the Palazzo Chiablese as a home. Chablais extended the palace. His father gave him the title of Duke of Chablais in 1763. As the son of a reigning King he was entitled to the style of <u>Royal Highness</u>.

Chablais married his niece Princess Maria Anna of Savoy on 19 March 1775. The marriage produced no children. Maria Anna died in 1824.

A good soldier, he was given control of the <u>Army of Italy</u> which had French troops and intended on restoring the monarchy in France after the execution of <u>Louis XVI</u> in <u>1793</u>. He died in <u>Rome</u> aged 66 and was buried at the church of San Nicolo dei Cesarini then later moved to the <u>Royal Basilica of Superga</u>.

# Titles and styles

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