

Louis XII

Louis XII

[Portrait of Louis XII aged 52](#)

Louis XII in 1514

[King of France](#) ([more...](#))

Reign 7 April 1498 – 1 January 1515

Coronation 27 May 1498

Predecessor [Charles VIII](#)

Successor [Francis I](#)

[Duke of Milan](#)

Reign 6 September 1499 – 16 June 1512

Predecessor [Ludovico Sforza](#)

Successor [Massimiliano Sforza](#)

[King of Naples](#)

Reign 2 August 1501 – 31 January 1504

Predecessor [Frederick](#)

Successor [Ferdinand III](#)

Born	27 June 1462 Château de Blois
Died	1 January 1515 (aged 52) Hôtel des Tournelles
Burial	4 January 1515 Saint Denis Basilica
Spouse	Joan of France (m. 1476; ann. 1498) Anne, Duchess of Brittany (m. 1499; died 1514) Mary Tudor (m. 1514)
Issue <i>more...</i>	Claude, Queen of France Renée, Duchess of Ferrara Michel, Archbishop of Bourges (ill.)
House	Valois-Orléans
Father	Charles, Duke of Orléans
Mother	Marie of Cleves
Signature	Louis XII's signature

Louis XII of France (June 27, 1462 – January 1, 1515) was the son of [Charles, Duke of Orleans](#) and [Mary of Cleves](#). He was born on June 27, 1462 in the [Chateau de Blois](#), [France](#).

Louis's first wife was [Jeanne of France](#), who was the daughter of [Louis XI of France](#). At the time, Louis was not expected to become King of France. The King, [Charles VIII](#), was a young man and could still have had children, but Charles had an accident and died suddenly. Charles was Jeanne's brother. Louis was Charles's cousin and next in line to the throne. When he became king, he had to end his marriage to Jeanne, partly because she was [disabled](#) and could not have children.

Louis's second wife was [Anne of Brittany](#), who was the daughter of Francis II, Duke of Brittany. Anne had been married to King Charles VIII until his death, but all of their children had died. As a result of her marriage to Charles, the dukedom of [Brittany](#) had become part of the kingdom of France. Louis wanted to keep Brittany, but in order to do so he had to marry Anne. After her marriage to Louis, Anne had two daughters, who were called [Claude](#) and [Renee](#).

In France, women were not allowed to rule the country, so Louis still wanted a son to become king after him. After Anne died, Louis married for a third time. His last wife was [Mary Tudor](#), the sister of [Henry VIII of England](#). She was many years younger than he was. Louis only lived for three months after their marriage. Because Louis had no sons, the throne went to [Francis](#), the husband of his daughter Claude.

Issue

[[change](#) | [change source](#)]

By [Anne of Brittany](#)

Name	Birth	Death
Claude of France	14 October 1499	20 July 1524
Unnamed son	late 1500/early 1501	died young
Unnamed son	21 January 1503/07	21 January 1503/07
Renée of France	25 October 1510	12 June 1574
Unnamed son	January 1513	January 1513

Retrieved from "https://simple.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Louis_XII&oldid=9850654"