THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBOUR'S SLAVES, OR HIS ANIMALS, OR ANYTHING OF HIS,

sayeth the Tenth Commandment.

or, as one example among many others:

HOW THE FRENCH DOMAINS WERE PUT TOGETHER

In 1180 Philippe II Auguste became the first "Roi de France".

His tiny Domaine Royal is shown in light blue.

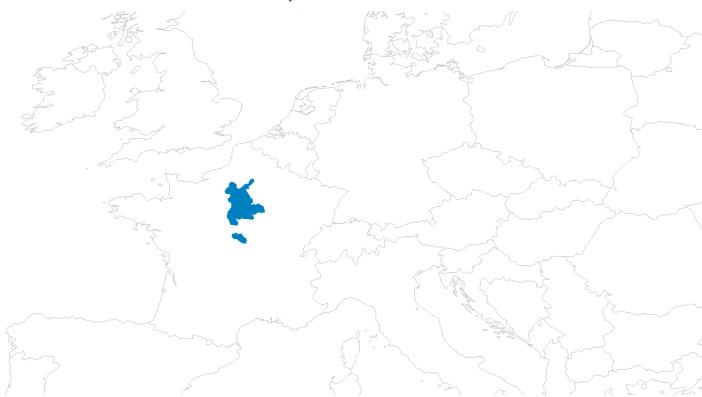
In 1180, the reddish areas and those to the West belonged to Henri II Plantagenêt, Comte d'Anjou, great-grandson of Guillaume, Duc de Normandie.

It also happens that Henri
II had become King of
England in 1154,
succeeding his cousin
Étienne de Blois.

Henri's great-grandfather Guillaume had conquered England in 1066 and had attached it to his other possessions.



FRANCE DOMAINE ROYAL, 1180 AD

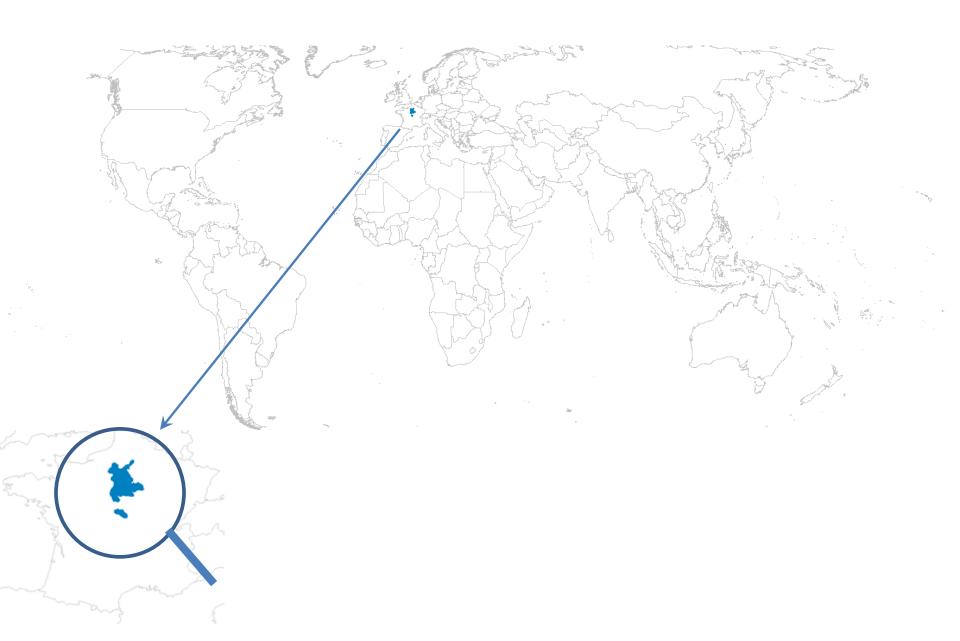


Quite puzzingly, or perhaps amusingly, the ensuing wars of French dynastic aggrandizement are depicted in French history books as the existential struggle of the people of France resisting an English invasion, whereas the Frankish Roi de France was pitted for personal supremacy against his relatives, the Ducs de Normandie, Aquitaine, and Bretagne and the Comtes d'Anjou and other fiefs, and the invasion had been of England by Normandie and Bretagne, not the other way around. See also the appendix.

As for the plebe of serfs that constituted the cannon fodder for the belligerents, they were forcibly conscripted and certainly could't care less which of Pierre, Paul, or Jacques, Dukes and Counts of Whereeverland, would own their lives and put them into forced labour.

Despite the Joan of Arc legend, plebeian nationalism would not arise for another half a millenium at least.

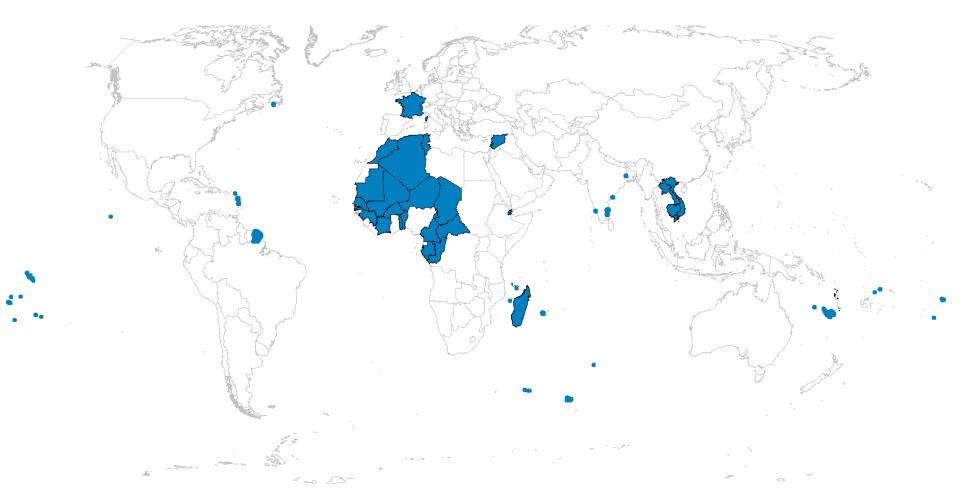
FRANCE 1180 AD



TERRITORIAL CONQUESTS IN FRANCE AND OVERSEAS NOWADAYS



THE EXTENT OF FRANCE'S TERRITORIAL CONQUESTS, 1945 AD



Note: taking advantage of the American Civil War, France attempted to attach Mexico to her holdings, but the undertaking did not work out to her satisfaction.

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HOWEVER,

THOU SHALT FEEL FULLY ENTITLED TO BE VOCALLY AND OUTRAGEOUSLY SCANDALIZED IF ANYBODY ELSE EVER ATTEMPTS TO DO ANYTHING EVEN REMOTELY SIMILAR TO YOUR OWN DEEDS.

APPENDIX ADRESSING THE ENGLISHNESS OF THE BARONS OF KING JOHN, SON OF **HENRY II**

THE TWENTY-SIX ENGLISH MAGNA CARTA BARONS, 15 JUNE 1215 (verbatim)

William de Fors

William de Beauchamp

William d'Aubigny

Geoffrey FitzGeoffrey de Mandeville William de Mowbray

John FitzRobert

Robert Fitzwalter

Gilbert de Clare

William Hardell

Henry de Bohun

Richard de Clare

William of Huntingfield

William de Lanvallei

John de Lacy

William Malet

Roger de Montbegon

Richard de Montfichet

Hugh Bigod

Roger Bigod

Robert de Vere

William Marshal

Richard de Percy

Robert de Ros

Geoffrey de Saye II

Fustace de Vesci

Saer de Quincy