

Pons, Count of Toulouse

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Pons (II) William^[1] (991 – 1060) was the Count of Toulouse from 1037. He was the eldest son and successor of William III Taillefer and Emma of Provence. He thus inherited the title *marchio Provinciae*. He is known to have owned many allods and he relied on Roman, Salic, and Gothic law.

Already in 1030, he possessed a lot of power in the Albigeois. In 1037, he gave many allodial churches and castles, including one half of that of Porta Spina, in the Albigeois, Nimois, and Provence as a bridal gift to his wife Majore.

In 1038, he split the purchase of the Diocese of Albi with the Trencavel family. In 1040, he donated property in Diens to Cluny. In 1047, he first appears as count palatine in a charter donating Moissac to Cluny.

Pons married first wife, Majore(d.1044),^[2] in 1022. His only child by Majore;

- Pons the Younger, did not inherit his county or march.

In 1045, he married, Almodis de La Marche, former wife of Hugh V of Lusignan, but he too repudiated her in 1053. They had:

- William IV, Count of Saint-Gilles
- Raymond IV, Count Saint-Gilles,^[3] succeeded his brother.
- Hugh, abbot of Saint-Gilles.
- Almodis, married the Count of Melgueil.

Pons died in Toulouse and was buried in Saint-Sernin, probably late in 1060 or early in 1061.

Notes

1. Raymond Pons was "Pons I." In Latin it is Pontius or Poncius and Ponce in Spanish.
2. Speculated to have been Mayor, daughter of Sancho III of Navarre.
3. *The Chanson D'Antioche: An Old French Account of the First Crusade*, transl. Susan Edgington and Carol Sweetenham, (Routledge, 2011), 391.

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Pons, Count of Toulouse	
Spouse(s)	Majore <p>Almodis de La Marche</p>
Noble family	House of Rouergue
Father	William III of Toulouse
Mother	Emma of Provence
Born	991
Died	1060

Pons, Count of Toulouse House of Toulouse Born: 991 Died: 1060		
Preceded by William III	Counts of Toulouse 1037–1060	Succeeded by William IV

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