

Poppa of Bayeux

Poppa of Bayeux (born circa 880), was the Christian wife or mistress ^[2] (perhaps *more danico*)^[3] of the Viking conqueror Rollo. She was the mother of William I Longsword, Gerloc^{[4][5]} and grandmother of Richard the Fearless, who forged the Duchy of Normandy into a great fief of medieval France.^[6] Dudo of Saint-Quentin, in his panegyric of the Norman dukes, describes her as the daughter of a "Count Berengar", the dominant prince of that region, who was captured at Bayeux by Rollo in 885 or 889, shortly after the siege of Paris.^[7] This has led to speculation that she was the daughter of Berengar II of Neustria.^{[8][9]}

There are different opinions among medieval genealogy experts about Poppa's family. Christian Settipani says her parents were Guy de Senlis and Cunegundis, the daughter of Pepin, Count of Vermandois, and sister of Herbert I, Count of Vermandois.^[10] Katherine Keats-Rohan states she was the daughter of Berengar II of Neustria by Adelind, whose father was Henry, Margrave of the Franks, or Adela of Vermandois.^[11] Despite the uncertainty of her parentage, she undoubtedly was a member of the Frankish aristocracy.^[12] A statue of Poppa stands at the Place de Gaulle in Bayeux.^[13]

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Poppa of Bayeux's statue, Place de Gualle, Bayeux

Born	c. 880 ^[1] <div>Bayeux, West Francia</div>
Noble family	House of Normandy (by marriage)
Spouse(s)	Rollo (perhaps more danico)
Issue	William I Longsword Gerloc (baptismal name Adela)
Father	Berengar II of Neustria or Guy de Senlis
Mother	Adelind, Adela of Vermandois or Cunegundis

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