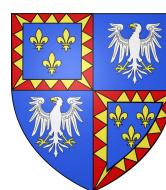


*Coat of Arms
early Italy*



*Coat of Arms for
Nicolas III d'Este
(1383 - 1441)*



*Coat of Arms Nicholas De Estes,
born in 1495 in Ringwould, Kent
County, England.*

The History of the Estes family

traces back through several generations in Italy. Below are basic details of those generations with some links for more info.

GAELTRAMIN DUX

Birth estimated between 520 and 580
married to Onbekend Dux



AMALGAR de DIJON

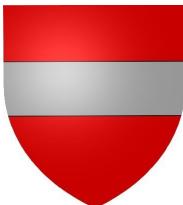
Birth circa 585 Dijon, Côte-d'Or, Burgundy, France
Death circa 643 (50-66)Dijon, Côte-d'Or, Burgundy, France
Husband of Aquilina

LENDIFIUS(Alsatia) of ALSATIA

Birth circa 610 Lorraine, France
Death 680 (66-74)Brittany, France
Husband of Hultrude of Burgundy

ETICHO VON ELSASS, DUC d'ALSACE

Birth circa 645 Alsace, Bas-Rhin, France (Frankrijk)
Death February 20, 689 (40-48)Alsace, Lorraine, France
Husband of Berswinde d'Austrasie



ADALBERT

Birth circa 675 Alsace, France
Death December 5, 741 (62-70)Alsace, France

COUNT RICHBALD de LUCCA

Birth 690 Lucca, Toscana, Italy
Death January 15, 761 (71)Bayern, Germany .

BONIFACIO I a FRANK d' LUCCA

Birth 725 Lucca, Toscana, Italy Death
785 (60)Bayern, Germany

BONIFACIO II LIGURA d' LUCCA

Birth 775 Bayern, Germany
Death October 5, 823 (48)Lucca, Tuscany, Italy

BONIFACIO III MARGRAVE DE TUSCANY

Birth 810 Lucca, Toscana, Italy
Death circa 865 (51-59)Florence, Firenze, Toscana,
Italy Husband of Bertha d' Lucca

MARQUIS ADABERT d'ESTE, I

Birth 820 Lucca, Toscana, Italy

Death May 27, 886 (66)Lucca, Toscana, Italy

Husband of Rothilde Rohaut of Spoleto

born 837, Spoleto, Umbria, Italy

She died around 27 May 884

Her parents were: Father Guido I Duke of Spoleto (~815-858) Mother Angiltrude

DUKE ADALBERTO d'ESTE, II

Birth 860 Lucca, Tuscany, Italy

Death August 17, 915 (55)Lucca, Tuscany, Italy

Husband of Berthe P d'Este

ADALBERTO III MARGRAVE of ESTE

Birth 894 Este, Padua, Veneto, Italy

Death 955 Padova, Padua, Veneto, Italy

"Este, one of the oldest of the former reigning houses of Italy. It is in all probability of Lombard origin, and descended, according to Muratori, from the princes who governed in Tuscany in Carolingian times." - Encycl. Brit., '56, 8:731. {Abalberto II & the next generations did not formally become marquises (margraves) until this title was acquired by Alberto Azzo II (who died ca. 1097) (he m. Kunitza or Cunegunda, sister of Welf III, Duke of Carinthia, and (2) Gersende, dau. of Herbert I, Count of Maine).

COUNT OBERTO I di TUSCANY AZZO

Birth 912, Italy

Death 15 Oct 975, Italy

Marquis of eastern Liguria and count of Luni, powerful feudal lord of 10th-century Italy under King Berengar II and the Holy Roman emperor Otto I. His descendants, the Obertenghi, founded several famous Italian feudal clans. Oberto was of a family that apparently arrived in Italy in the 9th century with Charlemagne, perhaps from Bavaria. Oberto acquired Genoa and Luni (east of Genoa) in 951, when Berengar seized Liguria and gave the eastern section to Oberto. Nine years later Oberto, dissatisfied with Berengar's rule, went to Germany with the bishop of Como and the archbishop of Milan to ask Otto to intervene in Italy. After Otto's conquest and coronation as Holy Roman emperor (962), he made Oberto count palatine, second only to himself in Italy. Four great families, the Este, Malaspina, Pallavicini, and Massa Parodi, are believed to have descended from Oberto's sons.

Married Guilla of Spoleto Death 1012, Italy

Her parents were: Father Boniface Count of Bologna, Mother Waldrada of Burgundy [Wikipedia link](#)

MARCHESE in OBERTO

Birth 955 Liguria, Genoa, Portugal

Death July 10, 1014 (59)Este, Padua, Veneto, Italy

married MARIA-RAILENDE DE COMO

[Wikipedia link](#)

ALBERTO (Marquis Milan Este) of ESTE, I

Birth circa 970 in Padova, Padua, Veneto, Italy

Death January 2, 1029 Giebichenstein, Halle, Sachsen-Anhalt, Germany

Alberto I Azzo was a Margrave in Liguria. He established the Este family in the Veronese. Marquis of Modena, Marquis Ligurien, Marquis of Toscana. He was a member of the Obertenghi (or Adalbertini) family.

Albert first appears in the historical record in 1011. On 10 May 1013, he was acting as a missus in Italy. In 1014, he inherited the counties of Luni, Tortona, Genoa, and Milan on his father's death. His holdings were extensive and both feudal and allodial. Albert and his brothers Hugh, Adalbert (IV), and Obizzo all carried the title margrave. Their sister Bertha married Arduin of Italy to ally the Anscarid and Obertenga families. Another sister named Bertha married Ulric Manfred II of Turin. Albert himself married Adelaide, a Salian and relative of Lanfranc, Count of Aucia.

At first, Albert and his brothers supported their brother-in-law Arduin against the Emperor Henry II in the war for the Italian throne. In 1014, he did not oppose Henry's imperial coronation, but after Henry left in May, he sought to aid Arduin. After July, he confiscated Solingen, robbed the church, and assaulted Pavia, Vercelli, and Novara. In 1019, he reconciled with Henry, but in 1022, all four brothers were captured by Henry's forces and Albert submitted, receiving the iudicaria (right of justice) in Monselice. In Spring 1026, Albert joined Ulric Manfred in defending Pavia from Conrad II. Married Adelaide [Wikipedia link](#)



AZO (Maquis D'Este) of ESTE

Birth July 10, 1009 Modena

Death August 20, 1097, Modena

Margrave of Milan, and Liguria, Count of Gavello and Padua, Rovigo, Lunigiana, Monselice, and Montagnana, aka, Albertezzo II, was a powerful nobleman in the Holy Roman Empire. He is considered the founder of Casa d'Este, having been the first family to be master of Este, a town of Padua. He is responsible for the building of the Este Castle. He was an only son and inherited his father's offices when he died in 1029. He continuously increased his properties in northern Italy. In 1069-1070, he tried to acquire Maine for his son Hugh, because his wife, Garsende was a co-heiress of the previous counts of Maine. Hugh was declared count, but he could not prevail against Robert the Duke of Normandy, who had been betrothed to the last heiress. In the Investiture Controversy between Henry IV, Holy Roman Emperor, and Pope Gregory VII, Azzo attempted to mediate, but later he joined the side of the Pope. Around 1073 he made a castle at Este his residence, from which the House of Este, the dynasty to which he belongs, takes its name.

Albert Azzo II tomb

Vangadizza Abbey

Badia Polesine



Este Castle in Este, Italy
Built by Azzo II

Before his building project, Este was little more than a village. His son Welf IV d'Este (from his first marriage) moved to Germany, first to Carinthia and then to Bavaria, giving rise to one of the most important families in European history, the Guelphs. This in turn ultimately led to the ascension to the English throne in 1714 with George I of England. Another son Fulk I of Milan (from his second marriage) was the first for whom there is a documented of "Marquis d'Este."

Azzo II married Cuniza (also called Chuniza and Cunigunde), daughter of Welf, II, Count of Altdorf, by 1036. They had one known child:

- Welf (died 6 November 1101, Paphos) Duke of Bavaria from 1070 to 1077 and from 1096 to his death. First member of the Welf branch of the House of Este.

His second marriage was to Garsende, daughter of Herbert I, Count of Maine, around 1050. They had the following known sons:

- Fulco I, Margrave of Milan (died 1128)
- Hugh V, Count of Maine (died 1131)

Thirdly, he married Matilda, sister of William, Bishop of Padua, with whom he had no known children. And fourth he married Vitalia Orseolo, daughter of Peter Orseolo. They had daughter Itta.

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FULCO DI ALBERTO DE ESTE

Birth 1061 in Milan, Italy

Death Dec 15, 1128

[Wikipedia link](#)

OBIZZIO I DI FULCO DE ESTE

Birth in Milan, Italy

Death 25 DEC 1193

ALBERTO AZZO V DI OBIZZIO DE ESTE

Birth in Milan, Italy

Death 1193

Married Marie-Alix De Chatillon



ALBERTO AZZO VI DI ALBERTO DE ESTE

Birth 1170 in Milan, Italy

Death 18 NOV 1212

[Wikipedia link](#)

The sarcophagus which once housed the remains of Azzo VI d'Este and his wife Alice of Châtillon, in the Abbey of Vangadizza, Badia Polesine.



ALBERTO AZZO VII DI ALBERTO DE ESTE

Birth 1205 in Milan, Italy

Death 16 FEB 1264

[Wikipedia link](#)



RINALDO d'ESTE

Birth 1221

In c. 1233 Rinaldo married Adelaide di Romano (+1251), daughter of Alberigo di Romano. They had no children.

But he did have one son from an illegitimate relation to a Neapolitan laundress. Death 1251

[Wikipedia link](#)



OBIZZO II DI ALBERTO DE ESTE

Birth 1247 in Milan, Italy

He was the result of an illegitimate relationship by his father

Death 1293

[Wikipedia link](#)



ALDOBARDINO II d'ESTE

Born about 1274 in Bologna, Italy

Died 1326 in Ferrara, Italy

married 1289 to Alda Rangoni

[Wikipedia link](#)



OBIZZO III d'ESTE

birth July 14 1294

death March 20 1352

[Wikipedia link](#)

ALBERTO d'ESTE, MARQUIS OF FERRARA

Born 27 Feb 1347 in Ferrara, Ferrara, Emilia-Romagna, Italy

Died 30 Jul 1393 in Ferrara, Ferrara, Emilia-Romagna, Italy

married GIOVANNE de' ROBERTI in 1391 who died in 1393 - remarried to ISOTTA DE ALBARESANI

[Wikipedia link](#)



NICCOLO III DI ALBERTO d'ESTE

Birth Nov 9, 1383 in Milan, Italy

Married in 1397 at the age of 13 to Gigliola da Carrara (also known as Julie de Carrara, daughter of Francesco II, ruler of Padua. She died of the plague in 1416. 2nd wife, Parisina Malatesta, daughter of Andrea Malatesta. He had her executed on 21 May 1425 for allegedly having an affair with his illegitimate son Ugo. He had at least 3 known wives and different mistresses. One of his longest lasting mistresses was Stella dei Tolomei detta dell'Assasino(1390 - 1419) who was mother to Leonello.

1441, December 26: Niccolò dies in the early morning after the Christmas feast. Many suspect poisoning, the suspicions go in various directions, of course also to the always suspected Filippo Visconti.

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A statue of Leonello's father, Niccolò III d'Este. It is a 20th-century replica, before the Town Hall of Ferrara (Palazzo Municipale), of the 15th century equestrian bronze monument to Niccolò III of Este. The original statue is attributed to Leon Battista Alberti.

LEONNELLO DI NICCOLO d'ESTE

Born 21 JAN 1407 Milan, Italy

Death 1 OCT 1450

married(2nd marriage) in 1444 to Maria de Aragón, Princess of Aragón, illegitimate daughter of King

Alfonso V of Naples

[Wikipedia link](#)



Leonnello's uncle, Niccolò III's brother Borso, inherited the titles and estates and since Borso never married his heir was his half-brother, Ercole I. And Ercole's own successor was his son Alfonso I (1476–1534), who was the third husband of the notorious Lucrezia Borgia of the infamous Borgias .

Francesco d'Este

Birth 1430 in Ferrara, Ferrara, Emilia-Romagna, Italy

Left Italy for Burgundy France around 1471 – eventually settled in Kent County, England and died 2 Mar 1476 in Dover, Kent, England but rumored to possibly have died on that date at the "Battle of Grandson" in Switzerland. [WikiTree page](#)

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