

# Historic Painting Piney



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## Presentation

I am a big canvas, framed superbly and due certainly to a skilled painter of the first half of the C17th .

I speak to you of a time when men were not equal. For you it is a question of being more or less equal, in my time men were made to be more or less unequal and feel it! I am there for this. No, it is not Louis XIII and his wife Anne of Austria knelt among their patron saints,

at the feet of the Virgin Mary and the infant Jesus with his hand raised in blessing, both carried in glory by angels, but it is not for anything if these characters resemble them.

Piney and the region had seigniors of very high rank : dukes. This church welcomed them often for their family ceremonies . I am myself alone a proof of this nobility and the respective places of each one.

On the right the heiress, presented by Saint Marguerite carrying the palm of martyrdom, Marguerite, duchess of Piney-Luxembourg ; behind her, a little further back, her daughter, Madeleine. On the left, presented by Saint Charlemagne dressed as an emperor as he should be, the spouse of Marguerite, Charles, Count of Clermont - Tonnerre. Both are clothed sumptuously, each one is wearing , a cloak doubled with ermine, it was the right of dukes and duchesses. These cloaks are decorated with a motif of arms that mingle the keys on a chain of the Clermont - Tonnerre and the crowned lions of the Pineys Luxemburg.

Have you noticed something - the husband who is only a count ,is wearing like his wife an ermine cloak? I want to demonstrate precisely to the world that by getting married, in 1631, Marguerite transmitted this prestigious title to her husband... and therefore to their children. So the small Madeleine, the only heiress, will be duchess and will transmit goods and titles to her spouse. This will be the important captain in the reign of Louis XIV, François Henri of Montmorency-Bouteville, duke of Luxemburg, marshal of France. He will be nicknamed the «Decorator of Notre - Dame» as he had seized so many enemy flags during his battles. During a time in exile he stayed in Piney.

The memorialist Saint - Simon tells us how this valorous soldier tried to raise the rank of the dukes : he would have liked to pass from the 18th rank of duke of Montmorency to the 2nd to which he could pretend by this duchy of Piney - Luxemburg that his wife had transmitted to him There was a sensational trial but the duke died (in 1695) before the end... Let's hope that in heaven he found his true place!

## Prix et dates

Free access

Depending on the season. You can contacting the intercommunal tourism office by [info@pnrfo.org](mailto:info@pnrfo.org)

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