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Genealogia comitum Flandrensiū [Genealogia Bertiniana]

11th–12th century. Flanders. Short genealogy of the counts of Flanders, existing in three versions, until Robert II (1111) (204 words), Baldwin VII (1119) (243 words) and Thierry of Alsace (1168) (337 words) respectively. Usually known as the *Genealogia Bertiniana* because of the wrong attribution to a monk of St. Bertin by the MGH editor. All manuscripts have a common text up to the reign of Baldwin V (1067), suggesting that the lost archetype was composed in the middle of the 11th century, most probably at St Peter's Abbey, Ghent. This genealogy is the first text to present Liederik of Harelbeke, Ingelram and Audacer, later known as the so-called *Forestiers de Flandre*, as the legendary ancestors (and predecessors) of the Flemish counts.

All but one of the manuscripts date from the 12th century (Arras, BM, 685; Boulogne-sur-Mer, BM, 102; Brussels, KBR, 8675–89; Dijon, BM, 322; Douai, BM, 318; Douai, BM, 319; Leiden, UB, BPL

20; Lincoln, Cathedral Library, 98; London, BL, Cotton Fragments, vol. 1). Widely disseminated throughout Flanders, it was also known outside the county (Notre-Dame-du-Bec, Cîteaux) and a translation in Low German occurs in some manuscripts of the → *Sächsische Weltchronik*. In Flanders itself, it formed the basis for the genealogy of → Lambert of St Omer, which in turn was used for the → *Flandria generosa*. This short text thus stands at the beginning of a historiographical tradition which extends well into the 16th century.

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