

Arnulf II, Count of Flanders

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Arnulf II of Flanders (960 or 961 – March 30, 987) was Count of Flanders from 965 until his death.

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Life

He was the son of Baldwin III of Flanders and Mathilde Billung of Saxony, daughter of Herman, Duke of Saxony.^[1] His father Baldwin III died in 962, when Arnulf was just an infant, while Arnulf's grandfather, Arnulf I, was still alive.^[1] When Arnulf I died three years later (965), the regency was held by his kinsman Baldwin Balso, who died in 973.^[2]

By the time Arnulf attained his majority in 976, Flanders had lost some of the southern territory acquired by Arnulf I.^[2] The latter had given some parts of Picardy to King Lothar of France to help assure his grandson's succession, and gave Boulogne as a fief to another relative.^[2] Then early in Arnulf's minority Lothar had taken Ponthieu and given it to Hugh Capet, and the first counts of Guînes had established themselves.^[2] Arnulf died on 30 March, 987 at age 26.^[3] Shortly after Arnulf's death his widow married Robert II, King of France as his first wife.^[3]

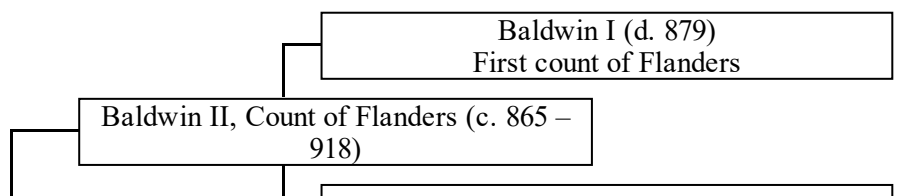
Family

In 968 he married Rozala of Lombardy, daughter of Berengar II of Italy,^[4] and had two children:

- Baldwin IV (980–1035), who succeeded his father.^[1] He married twice and fathered Baldwin V, Count of Flanders.
- Mathilde, who died before 995.^[1]

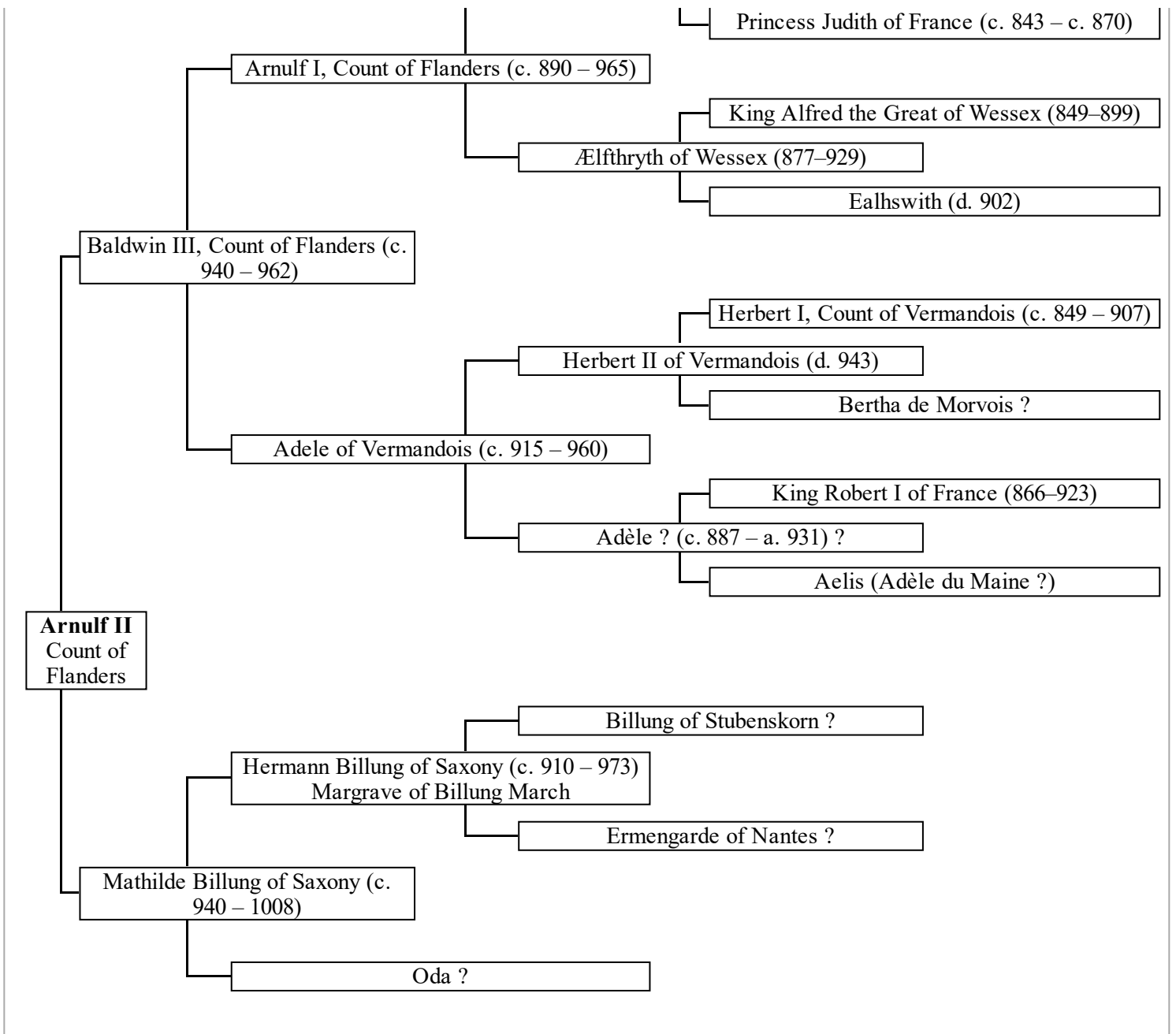
Ancestry

Ancestors of Arnulf II, Count of Flanders



Arnulf II, Count of Flanders

Spouse(s)	Rozala of Lombardy
Issue	Baldwin IV of Flanders Mathilde
Noble family	House of Flanders
Father	Baldwin III of Flanders
Mother	Mathilde Billung of Saxony
Born	c. 961
Died	30 March 987 Ghent



See also

- Counts of Flanders family tree


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Notes



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House of Flanders		
Born: 960 or 961		Died: 30 March 987
Preceded by Arnulf I	 Count of Flanders 965–987 <i>with Baldwin Balso</i>	Succeeded by Baldwin IV

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