

# Baldwin VI, Count of Flanders

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**Baldwin VI** (c. 1030 – 17 July 1070), also known as **Baldwin the Good**, was Count of Hainaut from 1051 to 1070 (as **Baldwin I**) and Count of Flanders from 1067 to 1070.

## Contents

- 1 Life
- 2 Family
- 3 Ancestry
- 4 Notes
- 5 References
- 6 See also

## Life

Baldwin was the eldest son of Baldwin V of Flanders and Adela of France, a daughter of king Robert II of France<sup>[1][2]</sup> and Constance of Arles.<sup>[3]</sup> Baldwin VI was also the brother of Matilda of Flanders, Queen consort of England and wife of William the Conqueror, King of England.<sup>[1]</sup>

His father arranged his marriage, under threat of arms, to Richilde, the widow of Herman of Mons and heiress of Hainaut.<sup>[4]</sup> As Hainaut was a part of the empire this enraged Henry III who had not been consulted causing him to wage war on the two Baldwins but was not successful.<sup>[4]</sup> Between 1050 and 1054 Lambert II, Count of Lens fought alongside the Baldwins against Henry III finding that this alliance best protected his interests.<sup>[a][5]</sup> Baldwin died 17 July 1070.<sup>[1]</sup> His early death left Flanders and Hainaut in the hands of his young son Arnulf III, with Richilde as regent.<sup>[6]</sup> The young Arnulf III was killed the next year at the Battle of Cassel (1071)<sup>[7]</sup> and Baldwin's younger son eventually became Baldwin II of Hainaut.<sup>[1]</sup> The countship was soon usurped by Baldwin's brother Robert the Frisian, who became count Robert I of Flanders.<sup>[8]</sup>

Baldwin had constructed the church of St. Peter's of Hasnon, placed monks there and designated it as his burial place.<sup>[9]</sup>

## Family

**Baldwin VI, Count of Flanders**



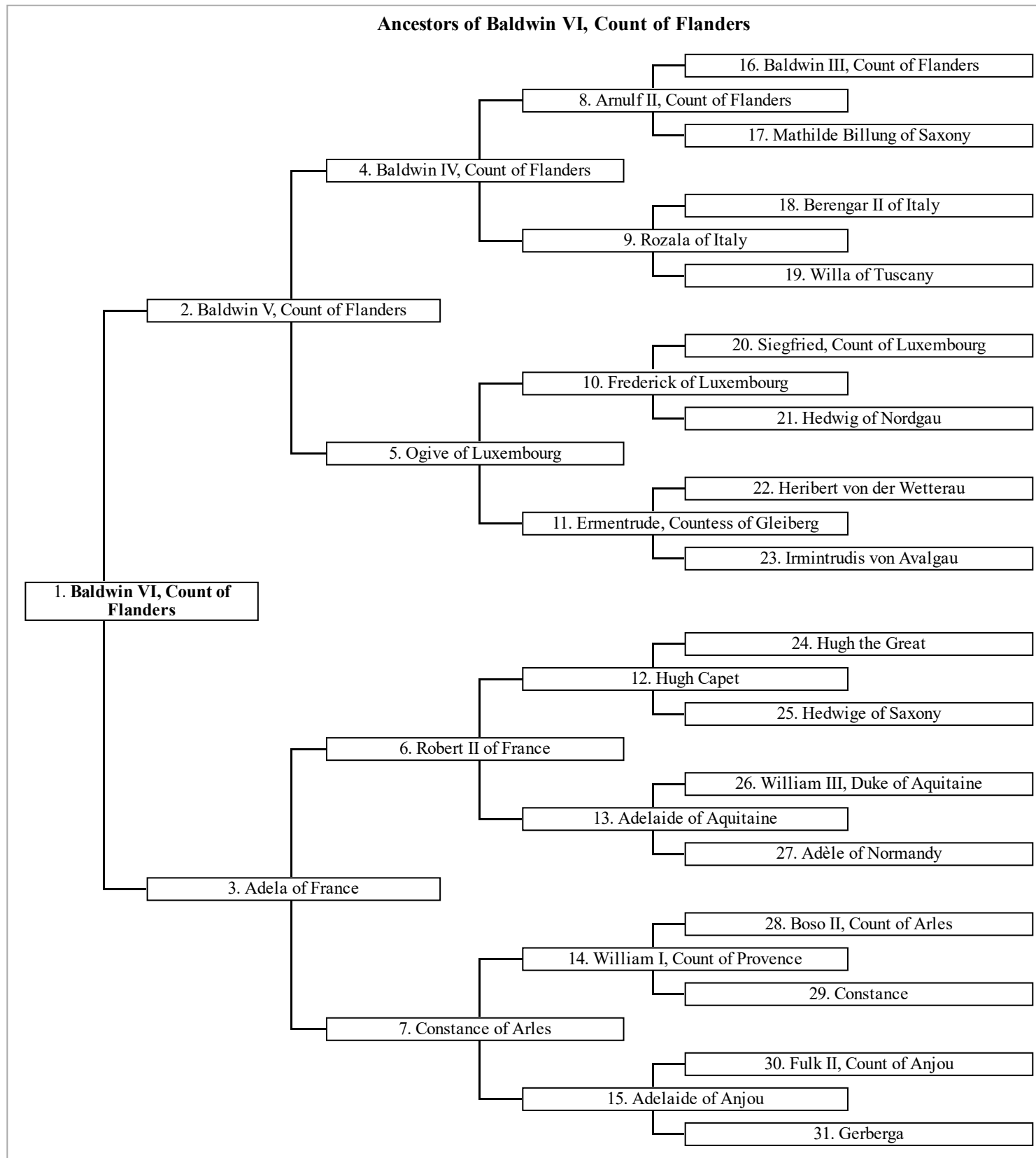
Baldwin VI, Count of Flanders & Hainaut

<b>Spouse(s)</b>	Richilde, Countess of Hainaut
<b>Noble family</b>	House of Flanders
<b>Father</b>	Baldwin V of Flanders
<b>Mother</b>	Adela of France
<b>Born</b>	c. 1030
<b>Died</b>	17 July 1070

Baldwin and Richilde were the parents of:

- Arnulf III, Count of Flanders (c. 1055 – February 22, 1071).<sup>[1]</sup>
- Baldwin II, Count of Hainaut (c. 1056–1098).<sup>[1]</sup>

## Ancestry



## Notes


- a. Lambert II was reported to have died in 1054 at Lille fighting on the side of the Counts Baldwin against Henry III. See John Carl Andressohn, *The ancestry and life of Godfrey of Bouillon* (Ayer Publishing, 1972), p. 20. Others fighting for the Counts of Flanders against Henry III included the lords of Alost. See Heather J. Tanner, *Families, Friends, and Allies* (Leiden: Brill, 2004), p. 87–88 n. 74.

## References

1. Detlev Schwennicke, *Europäische Stammtafeln: Stammtafeln zur Geschichte der Europäischen Staaten*, Neue Folge, Band II (Marburg, Germany: Verlag von J. A. Stargardt, 1984), Tafel 5
2. Gilbert of Mons, *Chronicle of Hainaut*, Trans. Laura Napran (Woodbridge: The Boydell Press, 2005), p. 4
3. Detlev Schwennicke, *Europäische Stammtafeln: Stammtafeln zur Geschichte der Europäischen Staaten*, Neue Folge, Band II (Marburg, Germany: Verlag von J. A. Stargardt, 1984), Tafel 187
4. Renée Nip, 'The Political Relations Between England and Flanders (1066–1128)', *Anglo-Norman Studies 21: Proceedings of the Battle Conference 1998*, Ed. Christopher Harper-Bill (Woodbridge: The Boydell Press, 1989), p. 147.
5. Heather J. Tanner, *Families, Friends, and Allies: Boulogne and Politics in Northern France and England, c.879–1160* (Leiden: Koninklijke Brill NV, 2004), p. 87
6. Renée Nip, 'The Political Relations between England and Flanders (1066–1128)', *Anglo-Norman Studies 21: Proceedings of the Battle Conference 1998*, Ed. Christopher Harper-Bill (Woodbridge: The Boydell Press, 1999), p. 154
7. Renée Nip, 'The Political Relations between England and Flanders (1066–1128)', *Anglo-Norman Studies 21: Proceedings of the Battle Conference 1998*, Ed. Christopher Harper-Bill (Woodbridge: The Boydell Press, 1999), p. 155
8. Gilbert of Mons, *Chronicle of Hainaut*, Trans. Laura Napran (Woodbridge: The Boydell Press, 2005), p. 6
9. Herman (of Tournai), *The Restoration of the Monastery of Saint Martin of Tournai*, Ed. Lynn Harry Nelson (Catholic University of America Press, 1996), p. 27

## See also

- Counts of Flanders family tree
- Counts of Hainaut family tree

<b>Baldwin VI, Count of Flanders</b> <b>House of Flanders</b> <b>Born:</b> c. 1030 <b>Died:</b> 17 July 1070		
Preceded by <b>Baldwin V</b>	 <b>Count of Flanders</b> 1067–1070	Succeeded by <b>Arnulf I/III</b>
Preceded by <b>Herman</b>	<b>Count of Mons</b> 1051–1070	
Preceded by <b>Richilde</b>	<b>Count of Hainaut</b> 1051–1070	
Preceded by <b>Godfrey III</b>	<b>Margrave of Antwerp</b> 1069–1070	Succeeded by <b>Godfrey IV</b>

Retrieved from "https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Baldwin\_VI,\_Count\_of\_Flanders&oldid=760017423"

Categories: 1030s births | 1070 deaths | House of Flanders | Counts of Flanders | Counts of Hainaut | Counts of Mons

- This page was last modified on 14 January 2017, at 13:31.

- Text is available under the Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike License; additional terms may apply. By using this site, you agree to the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy. Wikipedia® is a registered trademark of the Wikimedia Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization.