

FRANCHIMONT

The seigneurie de Franchimont was situated in Normandy, west of Flanders. Normandie was a duchy first under Hrōlf the Viking in 911 A.D. The exact location of Franchimont is not apparently known, it was raised into an estate or manor by:

1-A ARNULPHE de FRANCHIMONT [or Arnulf] seigneur of the castle and domain of Franchimont in Normandie 1139 A.D. "Created a comte by the Emp. Conrad," "m. a dau. of the seigneur d'Ivoy." [Genealogical Copie de la famille de Lannoy from 1139 to 1866.] His son was:

2-A CONRAD de FRANCHIMONT [1175 ?] seigneur de Franchimont. Became GOVERNOR of the pays du LIEGE & Gov. of Bouillion (district of Liège) under Henry of Limburg, Bishop of Liège. Went to Italy with him and was charged by the Emperor (Frederick Barbarossa 1152-90 or Henry VI) to guard the "Relics of the Three Kings" when the precious depot was sent to Cologne. "He m. 1166 Ermingarde Walcourt or Waliecourt of Namur." His son was:

3-A HELLIN de FRANCHIMONT [1225] comte and marquis de Franchimont. He married: Agnes the daughter of Othon 1st or Otho duc de Baviere (duke of Bavaria) & comte Palatine [she founded the monastery or convent of Saint Agnès]. See the Royal Chart of Lannoy and charts "A" "C" & "D," they had Hellin II. Agnes m. Hellin I (abt. 1245) ? born after 1229 dau. of Othon duc de Baviaria m. Agnes (about 1225 ? or later) dau. of Henry VI m. Agnes in 1193 A.D. Othon: was the son of Louys I, made duke of Bavaria in 1215 by the Emp. Fred. II—He married: Agnes dau. of Henry VI. duc de Saxe & de Baviaria & his wife Agnes comtesse palatine du Rhin [dau. of Conrad comte palatine of the Rhine & duke of Swabia 1156 of the Hohenstaufen line]—see Royal chart—Hohenstaufen Armes: Arg. sometimes or, 3 lions léopardés gu. in pale Hen. VI was the son of Hen. V "the Lion" & Matilda of England see charts. Armes of Othon I^r duc de Baviaria: Bore: Losangé en bande d'azur & d'argent of 21 pieces. Armes of duchy of Saxony Burelé of sable & or, 10 pieces: a crance-lin (wreath or crown) sinople posed in bande, over all. Note fr. Ency. Brit. Vol XVIII p. 166. In 1156 the Palatinate (Pfalz) was granted by the Emperor Frederick I to his step-brother duke Conrad de Swabia who was succeeded by his son-in-law Henry duc de Brunswick (father of Agnes) (son of Henry the lion): In 1215 A.D. Frederick II the Emperor punished Henry for opposing him, by granting the Palatinate & duchy to Louis or Louys I duc de Baviaria whose son (Otho) Agnes m. Otho II (or I of this line). In 1256 their heirs were Louis II & Henry.

[Vredius Table IV p. 115]

Agnes, Comtesse Palatine du Rhin. Otho, Duc de Baviere,
 Viraeus, dessus, fol. 114. Chronica Augustensis: Henricus,
 viriae ab Imp. ejicitur: Otto, Palatinus Comes de Scyramei