

# Baldwin III, Count of Hainaut

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**Baldwin III** (1088–1120) was count of Hainaut from 1098 to his death. He was son of Baldwin II, Count of Hainaut and Ida of Louvain.

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### Baldwin III, Count of Hainaut

<b>Spouse(s)</b>	Yolande of Guelders
<b>Noble family</b>	House of Flanders
<b>Father</b>	Baldwin II, Count of Hainaut
<b>Mother</b>	Ida of Louvain
<b>Born</b>	1088
<b>Died</b>	1120
<b>Buried</b>	Mons, Belgium

## History

Baldwin succeeded to the county of Hainaut in 1102. Baldwin married Yolande of Guelders at a young age. He had been betrothed to Adelaide of Maurienne, a niece of Countess Clemence of Flanders. The broken betrothal caused a scandal, and Countess Clemence brought the issue before her brother Pope Calixtus II. The pope declared that the marriage was legal and could not be dissolved.<sup>[1]</sup>

Baldwin died at a young age of c. 33 in 1120, and was buried in Mons, Belgium. His eldest son Baldwin succeeded him as Baldwin IV, Count of Hainaut. His younger son Gerard inherited the counties of Dodewaard and Dale, which had been in the possession of his mother. Countess Yolande held Hainaut by rights of dower for a while, and as a regent for her son.<sup>[1]</sup>

## Family

He was married with Yolande of Guelders, daughter of Gerard I, Count of Guelders. Their children were:

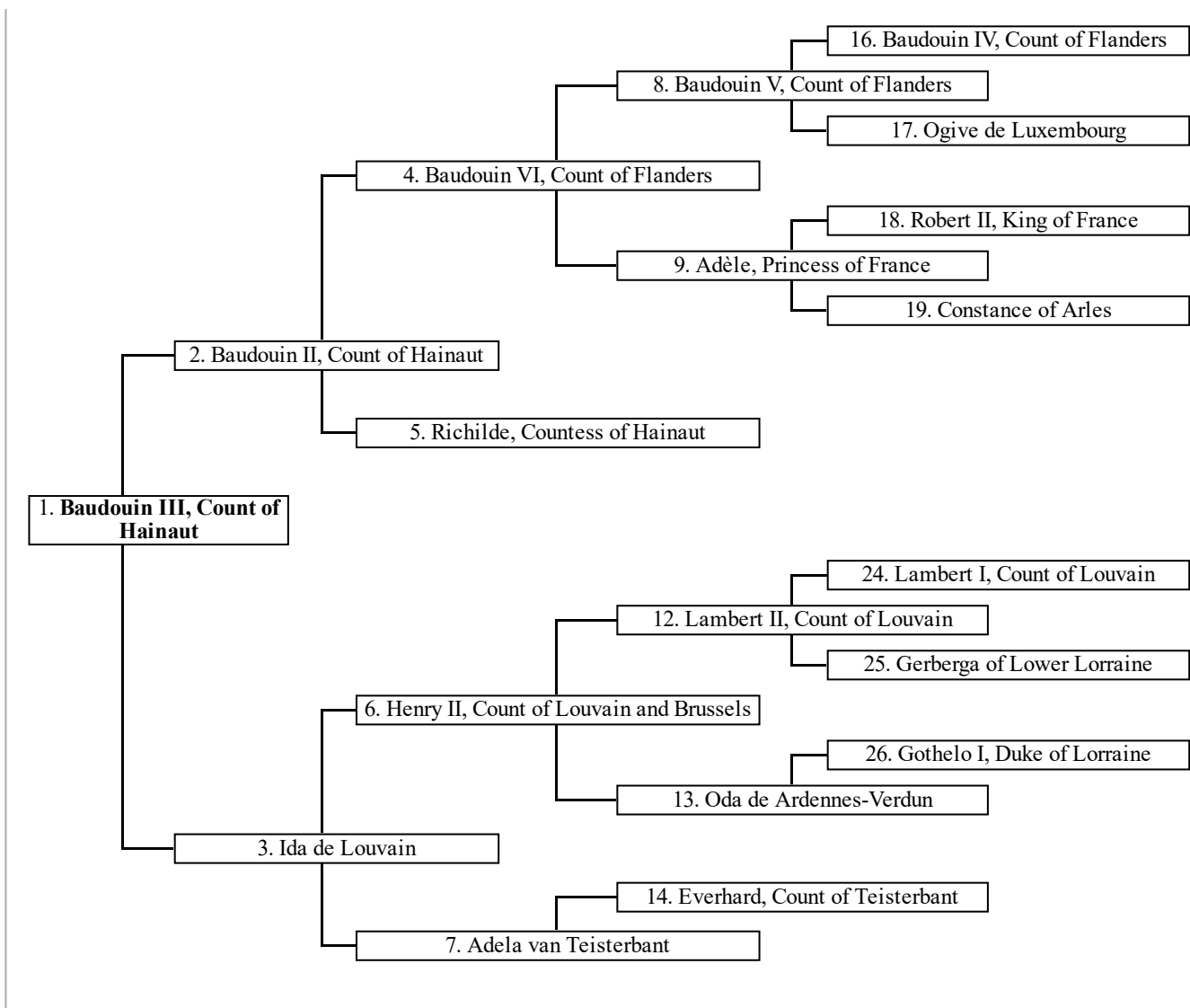
- Baldwin IV, Count of Hainaut, married Alix (Adelaide) de Namur.
- Gerhard of Hainaut, ancestor of the Counts of Dale.
- Gertrude/Ida of Hainaut, married before 9 August 1138 to Roger of Tosny of Conches and Flamsted.<sup>[1]</sup>
- Richildis of Hainaut, married: 1) Thierry d'Avesnes; 2) Everard, Castellan of Tournai.<sup>[1]</sup>

After Baldwin's death, Countess Yolande married Godfrey II, Lord of Ribemont and Bouchain, Castellan of Valenciennes and the son of Anselm of Ribemont in ca 1120.<sup>[2]</sup> Yolande and Godfrey II had two children:

- Godfrey III, Castellan of Valenciennes
- Berthe of Valenciennes, who married 1) Count Otto II of Duras and 2) Guy de Saint-Aubert

## Ancestry

Ancestors of Baldwin III, Count of Hainaut



## See also


- Counts of Hainaut family tree

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<b>Baldwin III, Count of Hainaut</b> <b>House of Flanders</b> <b>Born:</b> 1088 <b>Died:</b> 1120		
Preceded by <b>Baldwin II</b>	<b>Count of Hainaut</b>  1098–1120	Succeeded by <b>Baldwin IV</b>

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