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# ABBREVIATIONS

AASS	<i>Acta Sanctorum</i> , ed. Societas Bollandiensis, 68 vols. (Brussels, 1867–1925)
AB	<i>Annales Bertiniani</i> , ed. F. Grat, <i>Annales de Saint-Bertin</i> (Paris, 1964)
AD	Archives Départementales
Artem	<i>La diplomatie française du Haut Moyen Age: inventaire des chartes originales antérieures à 1121 conservées en France</i> , ed. B.–M. Tock, 2 vols. (Turnhout, 2001)
BEC	<i>Bibliothèque d'Ecole des Chartes</i>
BHL	Bibliotheca Hagiographica Latina
CCCM	<i>Corpus Christianorum, continuatio mediaevalis</i>
D(D)	Diplomas of rulers (see Bibliography for full details):
A	Emperor Arnulf
CB	King, later Emperor, Charles the Bald
CF	King, later Emperor, Charles the Fat
CM	King, later Emperor, Charlemagne
CS	King Charles the Simple
HIII	Emperor Henry III
HIV	Emperor Henry IV
LothI	King, later Emperor, Lothar I
LothII	King Lothar II
LP	Emperor Louis the Pious. In the absence of a critical edition, numbers are taken from <i>Regesta imperii. Die Regesten des Kaiserreichs unter den Karolingern, 751–918</i> , ed. J. F. Böhmer, revised by E. Mühlbacher with J. Lechner, 2nd edn (Innsbruck, 1908)
LS	King Louis the Stammerer
LVI	King Louis VI (of West Francia/France)

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<i>LY</i>	King Louis the Younger
<i>Philip</i>	King Philip I
<i>Pippin</i>	King Pippin the Short
<i>Rod</i>	King Rodulf/Raoul (of West Francia)
<i>Z</i>	King Zwentibold
<i>EME</i>	<i>Early Medieval Europe</i>
<i>FMS</i>	<i>Frühmittelalterliche Studien</i>
<i>HRE</i>	Flodoard, <i>Historia remensis ecclesiae</i> , ed. M. Stratmann, <i>Die Geschichte der Reimser Kirche</i> , MGH SS, vol. xxxvi (Hanover, 1998)
<i>MGH</i>	<i>Monumenta Germaniae historica</i>
<i>Capit.</i>	<i>Capitularia regum Francorum</i> , eds. A. Boretius and V. Krause, MGH Leges, Sectio III, 2 vols. (Hanover, 1883–97)
<i>Concilia</i>	<i>Concilia</i> , MGH Legum, Sectio III, 5 vols. (Hanover, 1893–2010)
<i>Constitutiones</i>	<i>Constitutiones et acta publica imperatorum et regum</i> , Volume I, 911–1197, ed. L. Weiland, Legum Sectio IV (Hanover, 1893)
<i>Epp.</i>	<i>Epistolae (in Quart)</i> , 8 vols. (Hanover, 1887–)
<i>Formulae</i>	<i>Formulae Merovingici et Karolini Aevi</i> , ed. K. Zeumer, MGH Leges Sectio V (Hanover, 1886)
<i>SRG</i>	<i>Scriptores rerum Germanicarum</i> (Hanover, 1871–)
<i>SRM</i>	<i>Scriptores rerum Merovingicarum</i> , 7 vols. (Hanover, 1884–1920)
<i>SS</i>	<i>Scriptores</i> , 32 vols. (Hanover, 1826–1934)
<i>PL</i>	<i>Patrologia cursus completus, series Latina</i> , ed. J.-P. Migne, 221 vols. (Paris, 1841–66)
<i>Settimane</i>	<i>Settimane di studio del Centro italiano di studi sull'alto medioevo</i> (Spoleto, 1953–)
<i>TRHS</i>	<i>Transactions of the Royal Historical Society</i>
<i>UBMR</i>	<i>Urkundenbuch zur Geschichte der jetzt die Preussischen Regierungsbezirke Coblenz und Trier bildenden mittelhheinischen Territorien</i> , Volume I, <i>Von den ältesten Zeiten bis zum Jahre 1169</i> , ed. H. Beyer (Koblenz, 1860)

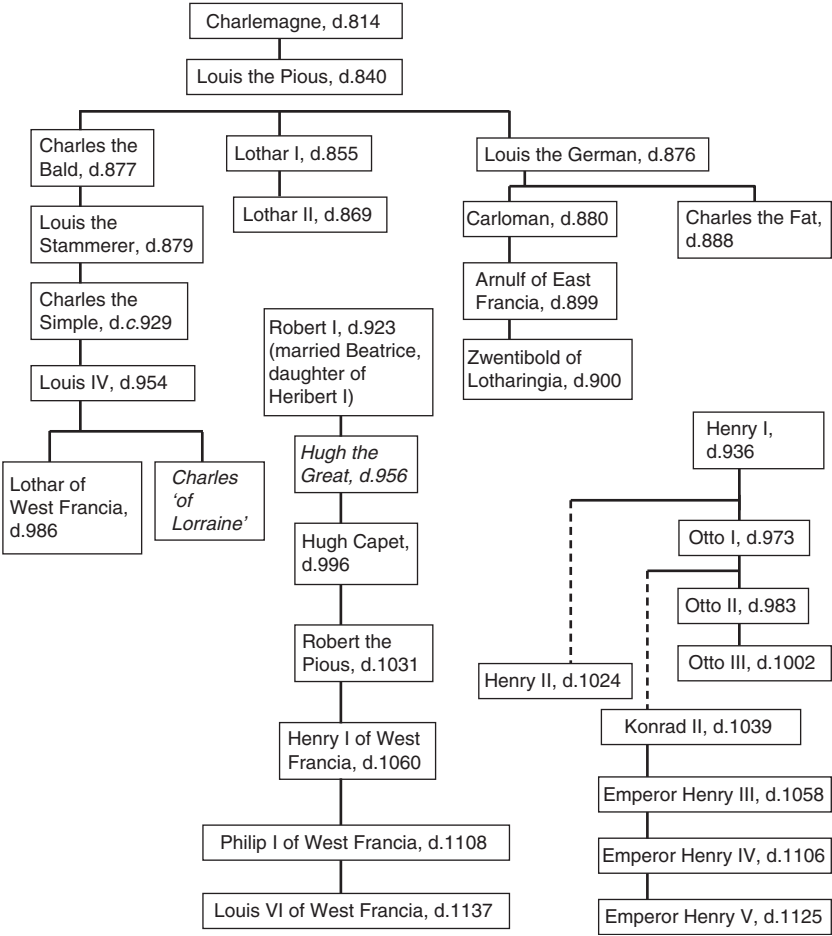


Figure 1 Kings mentioned in this book (simplified)

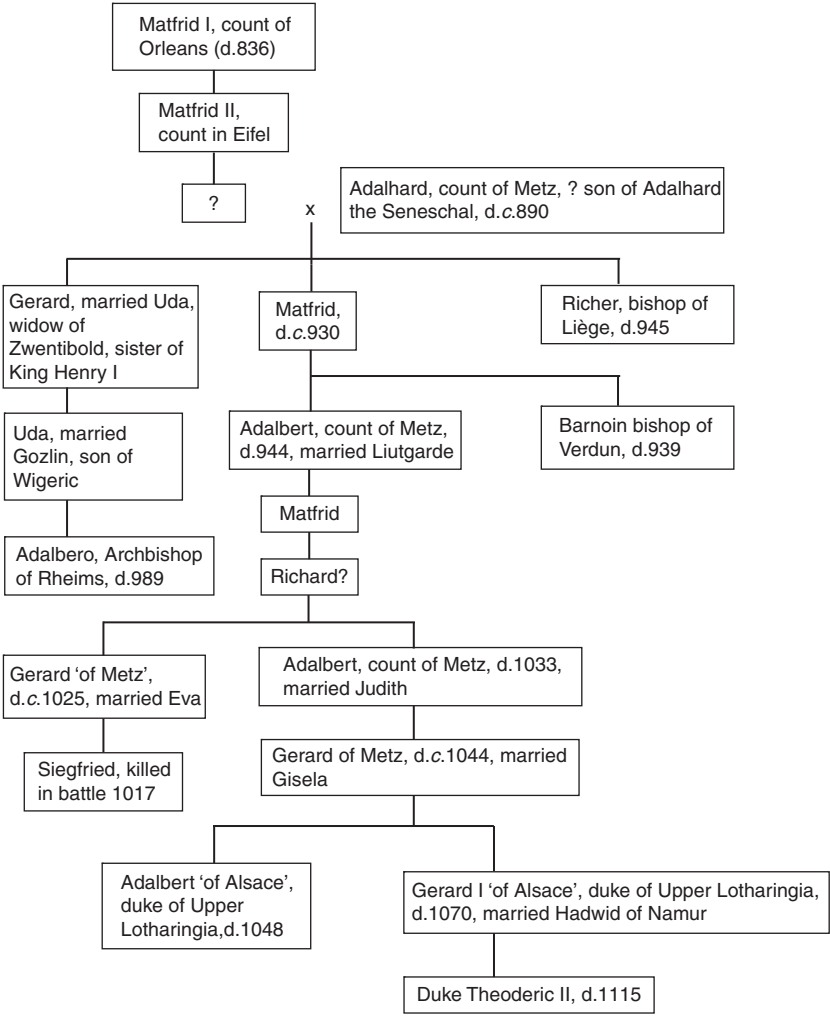


Figure 2 The ancestors of Duke Theoderic II of Upper Lotharingia (simplified).  
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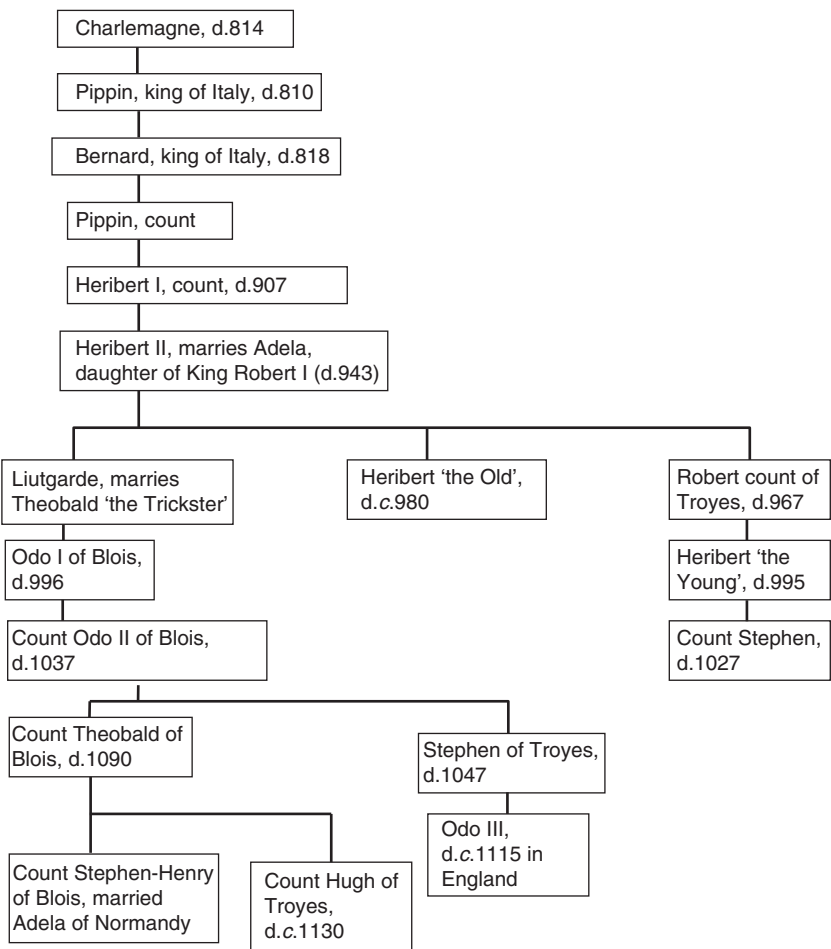
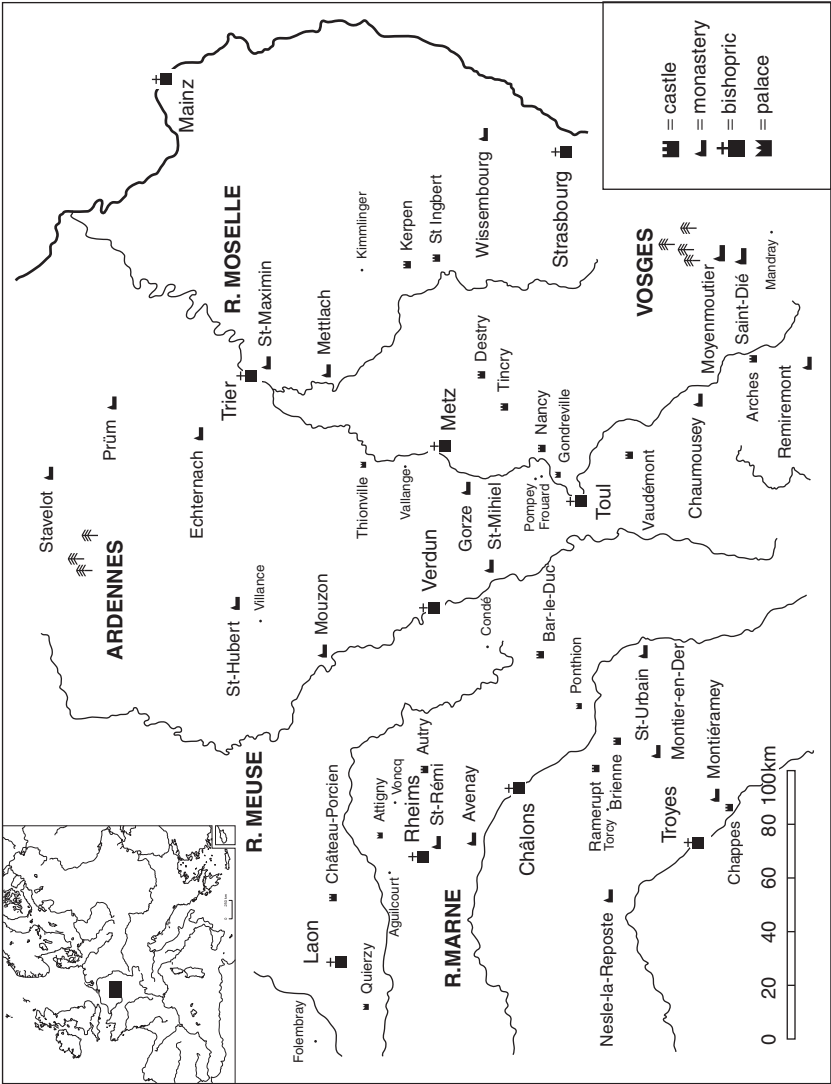


Figure 3 The ancestors of Count Hugh of Champagne (simplified)



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