

## Survey of the *Armorial dit du heraut Vermandois* (VER)

A blazoned armorial, first compiled in late 13C, and recopied several times. Presently known in 9 copies. Transcribed c.1390 in picard dialect by a herald imitating Jean Courtois (ref ?); Attributed to a 'Vermandois' herald to Charles VII (reg. 1424-61) by du Cange 'Recherches du blason' 1673 p.106 from BnF, ms.fr.9477 on the preponderance of northern french coats of arms.

DATE:

-: 1290-1294 (boos, seg, 1-23); 1285-1300 (timms);

CONTENT:

-: french nobles with a sprinkling of brabantians and ruyers, segmented in marches, first names in nearly all legends;

The number of items varies with manuscript and editions:

-: 1178 items in core mss, incl. 856 in VER proper, later items are later additions by segments;

-: 1076 blasons (Timms); 130 nobles + 856 gents = 986;

-: 856 nobles in VER proper (segm.1-23) with 57 kings (seg.,24-25), 107 high nobles of various kingdoms (segm.26-28), followed by 26 CTdO (segm.29) and 30 aragonians (segm.30-31) and name lists;

-: many items also found in BIG, LBR and CPF;

-: heathen / moslem kings (segm. 25) also in URF 48;

-: each segment as semi-ordinary;

REF:

All based on transcription by HS London (1952) from fr.2249, revised by Adam-Even, IRHT, dactylographie; several mistakes in the HS London ms noted by Adam-Even and Robert Nussard;

⊠ Timms VER, 2002, www, 1076 items drawn from blasons in HS London and FF.2249;

⊠ Boos VER = E de Boos: "*l'Armorial du Héraut Vermandois ou Traité du comportement des armes*", Leopard d'or, Paris 2015 - based on fr.2249.

Segment	1st page	1st item	total	Comment
01 Brabant	40r1	1	21	
02 Hesbaye-Looz	41r1	22	10	behaignons !
03 Ruyers	41v1	32	91	The Ruyers marche-d'armes on the west bank of the Rhine;
04 Hainaut (1)	45v6	123	13	
05 Vermandois-Beauvais	47r1	136	61	
06 Artois	50r6	197	86	+ ver-bea
07 Corbie	54v1	283	27	cor-pic
08 Hainaut (2)	56r1	310	87	+ ruyers
09 Flandern	60r1	397	21	
10 Normandie (1)	61r1	418	13	DATE: n.a. + tur CONTENT: including this segment there are 82 norman nobles in four groupings, viz. Segments 10 (VER:418-430 =13), part of 13 (VER:503-520 = 18), 19 (VER:647-680 = 34) and part of 22 (VER:825-841 = 17);
11 Berry	61v5	431	18	+ misc
12 Poitou	62v2	449	45	
13 Anjou	65v1	494	44	+ nor + pon-ami

<b>14</b>	Maine (1)	67v7	538	22 re: BIG
<b>15</b>	Bretagne	68v10	560	41 No header
<b>16</b>	Auvergne	71r3	601	16 + fra
<b>17</b>	Champagne- Bourgogne	73r1	617	13 no bur
<b>18</b>	Touraine	73v6	630	17
<b>19</b>	Normandie (2)	74v8	647	34 No header
<b>20</b>	Ile-de-France	76v2	681	75
<b>21</b>	Maine (2)	80v4	756	14 No header
<b>22</b>	France - misc	81r9	770	72 No header ☞ lor-cha-bur, fla-art-pon, nor
<b>23</b>	Ponthieu	85v1	842	15 DATE: n.a. ☞ the Vd.Picquigny and 14 other nobles from Ponthieu.
<b>24</b>	KINGS (1)	86v1	857	23 not VER proper URF 47**
<b>25</b>	KINGS (2)	88r3	880	34 not VER proper; URF 48 (33/33); FCB* ☞ similar segment present in URF except VER:892; REF: GJ Brault, <i>Antiq.J.</i> 74:299, 1994;
<b>26</b>	Counts	90v4	914	73 not VER proper 1344-50
<b>27</b>	Dukes	95r6	987	19 not VER proper 1344-50
<b>28</b>	Viscounts	96v4	1006	15 not VER proper 1344-50
<b>29</b>	Ordre de la Toison d'or	97v5	1021	26 not VER proper 1435/36
<b>30</b>	Aragon (1)	102r1	1047	15 not VER proper 1388-96
<b>31</b>	Aragon (2) - viscounts	103r4	1062	15 not VER proper 1388-96

## MANUSCRIPTS

- (a) **Paris, BnF, fr.2249:**14r-111v (A), 1178 items; c.1470.  
 paper, 111 ff, 205 x 140 mm (4to); blason only; picard dialect;  
 dated 7.march 1876,  
 3 hands = A, 1r-44r, 47v-; B, left leaning, 44v-47r; C, long downstrokes, 93v;  
 watermarks: Briquet 1552 (Paris c.1468), Briquet 1680 (Paris environs 1451-68),  
 Briquet 1740 (Troyers 1459, Paris 1460-74);  
 DATE: written 1470/80 (Boos VER 13)  
 ☞ 13v-14r lists of towns, 14v-15r list of high nobility by rank (re fo.104r), 15v-23r list of soldiers  
 ?, 23r (added ' par Alain Gauthier'), 27r note on courtoisie, 32v new unit ?, 97r 4me chapitre  
 OTdO, 100v-102r text of proclamation of a joust, 104r- list of high nobility (re 14v),  
 ☞ Boos:  
 "Copie du XVe siècle « faite avant la mort du roi Charles VII - 1461 » (sic!). Intitulé *Traité du  
 comportement des armes*. In-4, 111 f° ; l'armorial commence f° 14. Copie faite vers 1400 d'un rôle  
 plus ancien datant de 1280-1300, contenant 130 blasons de grands et comtes, 856 de seigneurs  
 classés par marches".  
 ☞ source finished before death of Charles VII in 1461 (timms, pae);

- (b) **Paris, BnF, Baluze 59:34r-** (F) ; 17C;  
Partial copy by de Chandoiseau, bound with *Navarre* (NAV), and *LeBrteton* (LBR);
- (c) **Carpentras. BMu, ms. 1770:120r-150v** (C); 17C;  
Nicolas-Claude Fabri de Peiresc (1580-1677) vol. III in Bibl. Inguimbertaine; also noted as ms.1771  
-: 2r-57v NAV;  
-: 58r-71v armorial by de Saint-Ambrose  
-: 120r-150v VER -- used for Boos VER
- (d) **Paris, BnF, fr. 9477** (B1); 17C;  
Copy by Du Cange 1654 : "Ce mss de blasons est celui appartenant a M. Peroul il est fait en forme de provincial et semble etre celluy de Vermandois, heraut du Roy Charles VII, composé l'an 1425, duquel parle Sicile herault" - (note de Du Cange);
- (e) **Paris, BA, ms. 5257:1r-** (B2); 17C;  
Copy of VER/d by du Cange, vol.II, tome 1; also with a copy of *Urfé* (URF)  
paper, 93 ff, 318x202mm;  
13 segm = VER (4r-30r ?); URF (33v-71r ?); austrian arms (74r+v);  
flemish/dutch arms (75r-81r ?); scots arms (84-93r ?), a.o;  
RE: BA Ms.5256 (pt.I) ;
- (f) **Paris, BnF, fr.23081:288r-296r** (E); 17C  
Partial copy by Louis de Sainte-Marthe (1571-1656); with *Armorial bretonne de Toussaints* (TSB);  
used for Adam AB;
- (g) **Paris, BnF, fr.23081:304r** (D); 18C;  
Partial copy; ms de Fauchet; with TSB;
- (h) **Paris, BnF, Picardie 164** (G); 18C;  
Partial copy by Pierre Nicolas Grenier al. Dom Grenier (1725-1789);
- (j) **Paris, BnF, Picardie 54:201r-** (H); 18C;  
by Dom Grenier, with partial copy of VER (Ponthieu);