

Last but not least, the most complete ninth-century witness of the ArF survives in Vienna, ÖNB, Cod. 473¹⁹², hereafter the Vienna codex. It was given the siglum D1 by Kurze¹⁹³. The codex consists of 172 folia and measures some 260 x 200 mm. In this codex, the ArF run in their fullest form from the entry for 742 up to and including their final entry for 829, omitting only the entry for 741. As part of a historiographical compendium, the ArF are divided into two main parts. The first part contains the entries from 742 up to and including the beginning of the entry for 814, ending with *V kl. feb. rebus humanis excessit*¹⁹⁴, and occupies fol. 116r–143v. Hereafter part of Einhart's *Vita Karoli* is interpolated. It starts on fol. 144r and ends on fol. 151v. Thereafter the ArF pick up the narrative again, continuing right where they had left off with the entry for 814 at fol. 152v, albeit with an adapted sentence to keep the reader firmly anchored in the narrative¹⁹⁵. The ArF end with the entry for 829 on fol. 169r.

In 1960, Michael Wallace-Hadrill lamented that tantalising little was known about the origin and provenance of this codex¹⁹⁶. Bischoff later hesitantly connected the codex to St Amand¹⁹⁷. The riddle was solved by McKitterick in an article published in 1998 where she pointed out the striking similarities with the script of the abbey of St Amand¹⁹⁸. Her arguments have been further refined by Reimitz in 2000, who pinpointed the date of composition rather precisely to the political setting of c. 869¹⁹⁹. Bischoff's *Katalog* simply maintains northeast France as place of origin and dates it to the second half of

192) Digital facsimile: https://manuscripta.at/hs_detail.php?ID=9841.

193) Sigla: D1 (ArF [as in n. 9] p. X); D1 (KURZE, *Reichsannalen I* [as in n. 34] p. 317f.); 5 (*Annales Laurissenses* [as in n. 151] p. 129).

194) ArF ad a. 742 (as in n. 9) p. 2 l. 3 from the bottom; ArF ad a. 814, *ibid.* p. 140 l. 5.

195) REIMITZ, *Ein karolingisches Geschichtsbuch* (as in n. 21) p. 38f. The witness reads *Post obitum igitur Karoli cum Hlodouuicus filius eius* instead of *Cuius rei nuntium cum Hlodouuicus filius eius*, cf. ArF ad a. 814 (as in n. 9) p. 140 l. 7.

196) *The Fourth Book of the Chronicle of Fredegar with its continuations*, translated from the Latin by J. Michael WALLACE-HADRILL (*Medieval classics*, 1960) p. LVI.

197) BISCHOFF, *Die Abtei Lorsch* (as in n. 76) p. 132f.: “IX², Nordostfrankreich; (S. Amand?)”.

198) Rosamond MCKITTERICK, *L'idéologie politique dans l'historiographie carolingienne*, in: *La royauté et les élites* (as in n. 76) p. 59–70; a reworked English version appeared later as MCKITTERICK, *Political ideology* (as in n. 125).

199) REIMITZ, *Ein karolingisches Geschichtsbuch* (as in n. 21).