

realm<sup>16</sup>, it must have left its mark on the manuscript evidence during the period of Carolingian hegemony<sup>17</sup>.

Although there is a plethora of secondary studies on the ArF, almost all deal with the content of the ArF rather than the manuscript evidence itself<sup>18</sup>. No survey of the extant ninth-century manuscript evidence has been undertaken to support those studies and their results; it has remained a scholarly desideratum. An article by Helmut Reimitz focuses on the codicological context of the textual witnesses of the ArF, but it offers a panorama of witnesses rather than examining the ninth-century manuscript evidence in its own right<sup>19</sup>. The work of Matthias Tischler has contributed substantially to our knowledge about the manuscript transmission of Einhart's *Vita Karoli magni*<sup>20</sup>, but not that many ninth-century textual witnesses of the *Vita* survive with the ArF in the same codex. There are a number of other exceptions as well in which the manuscript evidence is at least touched

16) Rudolf SCHIEFFER, *Geschichtsschreibung am Hof Karls des Großen*, in: *Die Hofgeschichtsschreibung im mittelalterlichen Europa. Projekte und Forschungsprobleme*, hg. von DEMS. / Jaroslav WENTA unter redaktioneller Mitwirkung von Martina GIESE (*Subsidia historiographica* 3, 2006) p. 7–18, at p. 7: “Eine Geschichtsschreibung, die am Hof entstanden ist, für den Hof gedacht war und vom Hof aus Verbreitung gefunden hat, scheint es in der europäischen Geschichte zuerst unter Karl dem Großen gegeben zu haben.”

17) On the phrase “Carolingian hegemony”, cf. Marios COSTAMBEYS / Matthew INNES / Simon MACLEAN, *The Carolingian World* (Cambridge Medieval Textbooks, 2011) p. 51–65.

18) The best starting point that summarises the scholarly debate up to the early 1950s is WATTENBACH / LEVISON / LÖWE, *Deutschlands Geschichtsquellen* (as in n. 14) p. 245–254; for overviews of later scholarship cf. especially Helmut REIMITZ, *History, Frankish identity and the framing of Western ethnicity, 550–850* (Cambridge studies in medieval life and thought. Fourth series 101, 2015) p. 335–345 and p. 410–432; Michel SOT, *Pour une relecture des Annales du royaume des Francs*, in: *Entre texte et histoire. Études d’histoire médiévale offertes au professeur Shoichi Sato*, sous la direction de Osamu KANO / Jean-Loup LEMAÎTRE (*De l’archéologie à l’histoire*, 2015) p. 323–337; for new perspectives, cf. in particular Jennifer R. DAVIS, *Reframing the Carolingian Annals*, in: *The Medieval Chronicle* 14, ed. by Erik KOOPER / Sjoerd LEVELT (2021) p. 184–215.

19) Helmut REIMITZ, *Der Weg zum Königtum in den historiographischen Kompendien der Karolingerzeit*, in: *Der Dynastiewechsel von 751: Vorgeschichte, Legitimationsstrategien und Erinnerung*, hg. von Matthias BECHER / Jörg JARNUT (2004) p. 277–320.

20) Matthias M. TISCHLER, *Einhalts “Vita Karoli”. Studien zur Entstehung, Überlieferung und Rezeption*, 2 vols. (MGH Schriften 48, 2001), provides an excellent start for witnesses to the ArF that survive in codices that also transmit Einhart's *Vita Karoli*. Individual cases are discussed below.