

the ninth century<sup>200</sup>. Nothing is known about its ninth-century provenance although it may have been at the court of Charles the Bald, given the possibility that it had something to do with the coronation of Charles the Bald in 869, as Reimitz has suggested<sup>201</sup>. The oldest extant ex libris is found on fol. 1r and dates from the thirteenth century and indicates the codex was in Worms by that time.

Kurze claimed that the codex was written by a single scribe<sup>202</sup> but Reimitz has shown convincingly that Kurze was wrong and that, with regard to the ArF, one can distinguish between two textual witnesses, both of substantial length<sup>203</sup>. In other words, the codex is not only a compendium, but also a composite manuscript in which various parts of already existing codices were carefully put together to form a new codex. A third distinct writing style can be attributed to the compiler, who wrote fol. 121r–v and intervened with the text as it was found on fol. 143v and 152v. The text was adopted, adapted and improved to prepare texts on those folia that act as linchpins with other codicological entities within the same codex. The compiler ensured that the ArF in this codex, despite consisting of multiple parts, convey a clear-cut narrative and conceptualisation of Carolingian rule and its legitimacy to rule.

The first substantial part of the ArF, dubbed ArF-1 by Reimitz, runs from fol. 116r–120v and contains the entry for 742 up to and including most of the entry for 771, breaking off with *Attiniacus et pascha in Haristal[lio]*<sup>204</sup>. The second substantial part of the ArF, ArF-3, runs from fol. 122r–143v and again from fol. 152v–169r after an interpolated section of Einhart's *Vita Karoli*, which runs from fol. 144r–151v. In its fullest sense ArF-3 contains the entries for 774 up to and including 829. It starts with *Francorum in Papia civitate dimittens* on fol. 122r and is interrupted in the entry for 814 right after *V kl. feb. rebus humanis*<sup>205</sup>. After the *Vita Karoli*, ArF-3 continues again on fol. 153r with the phrase *confirmationem pacti ac foederis misit*<sup>206</sup>. From there, it continues to the end of the ArF on fol. 169r.

200) BISCHOFF, *Katalog 3* (as in n. 23) p. 479 (no. 7126).

201) REIMITZ, *Ein karolingisches Geschichtsbuch* (as in n. 21) p. 73 and p. 76.

202) KURZE, *Reichsannalen I* (as in n. 34) p. 317.

203) REIMITZ, *Ein karolingisches Geschichtsbuch* (as in n. 21) p. 77, contains a helpful codicological and palaeographical overview of the codex. What follows is mostly based on the article by Reimitz.

204) ArF ad a. 771 (as in n. 9) p. 32 l. 11.

205) ArF ad a. 774 (as in n. 9) p. 40 l. 3; ArF ad a. 814, *ibid.* p. 140 l. 5.

206) ArF ad a. 814 (as in n. 9) p. 140 l. 2 from the bottom.