

Ælfthryth, Countess of Flanders

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Ælfthryth of Wessex (877 – June 7, 929), also known as **Elftrudis** (**Elftrude**, **Elfrida**), was an English princess and a countess consort of Flanders.

Life

She was the youngest child of Alfred the Great, the Saxon King of England and his wife Ealhswith. She had four or five siblings, including King Edward the Elder and Ethelfleda.

Ælfthryth married Baldwin II (died 918), Count of Flanders.

They had the following issue:

- Arnulf I of Flanders (c. 890–964), married Adela of Vermandois
- Adalulf (c. 890–933), Count of Boulogne
- Ealswid
- Ermentrud

Ælfthryth was an ancestor of Matilda of Flanders, who married William the Conqueror, first monarch from the House of Normandy, which means that even after the Norman conquest of England, all the monarchs of England, were also descendants of the House of Wessex as well.

In fiction

Ælfthryth was the subject of the award-winning young adult novel *Journey For a Princess* by Margaret Leighton (1960: Farrar, Straus and Cudahy, New York, NY). In this book, she is called Elstrid.

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<div>Ælfthryth, Countess of Flanders</div> <div>House of Wessex</div> <div>Born: 877 Died: 7 June 929</div>		
Preceded by Judith of Flanders	Countess consort of Flanders c. 890–918	Succeeded by Adele of Vermandois

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Spouse(s)	Baldwin II, Count of Flanders
Noble family	House of Wessex
Father	Alfred the Great
Mother	Ealhswith
Born	877
Died	7 June 929

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