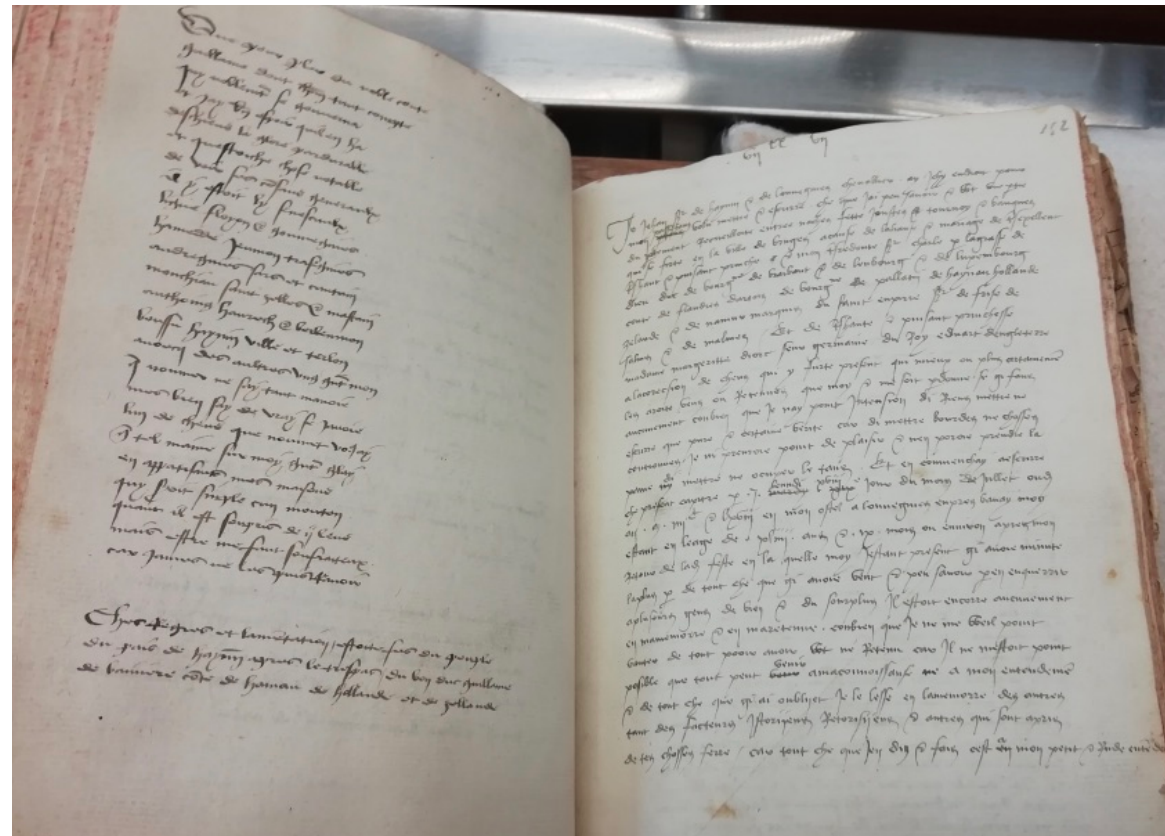


The Burgundian State Formation from Within and from Below

A view from Hainault: networks, dynasty and nation
in the eyes of the memorialist Jean de Haynin

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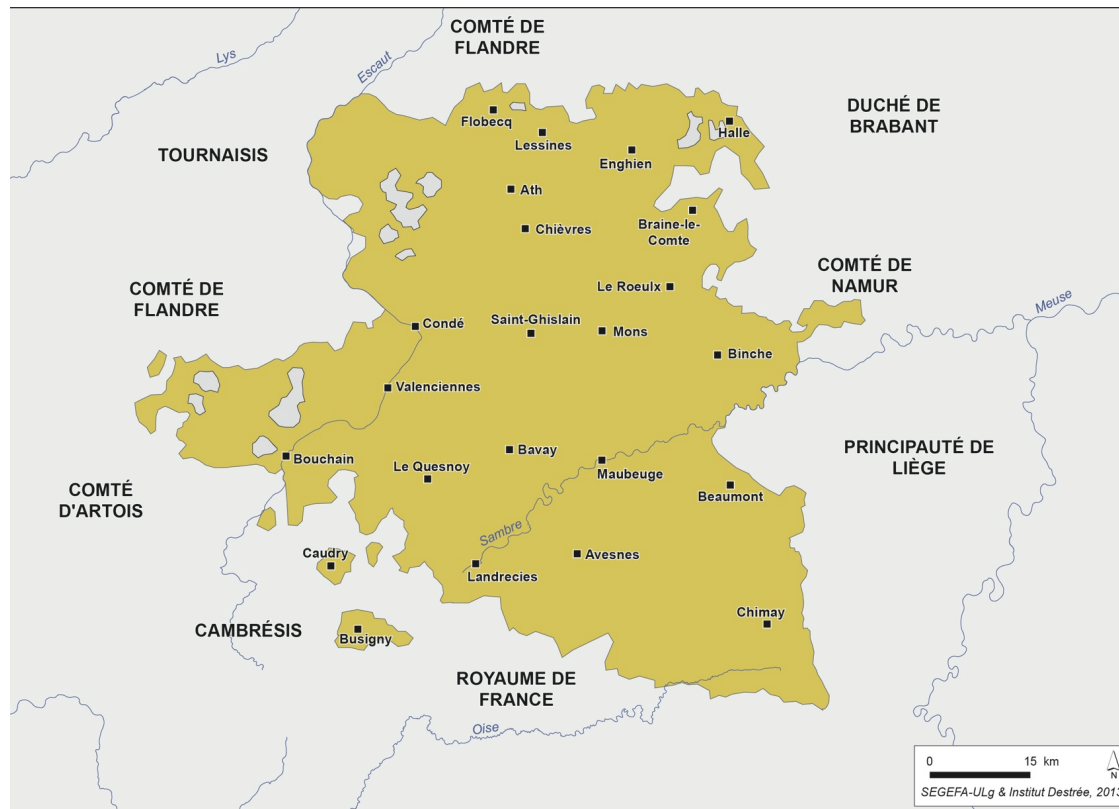


Introduction

The County of Hainault

- **“the land of Hainault”** (*le pays de Haynau*)
- part of the Holy Roman Empire
- part of **“the lands and lordships”** of the duke of Burgundy

The so-called Burgundian State formation (late 14th - early 16th C.)

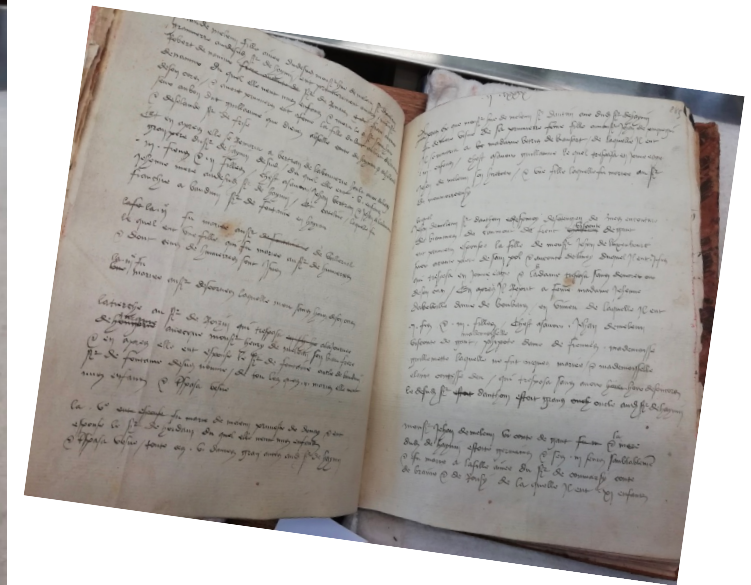
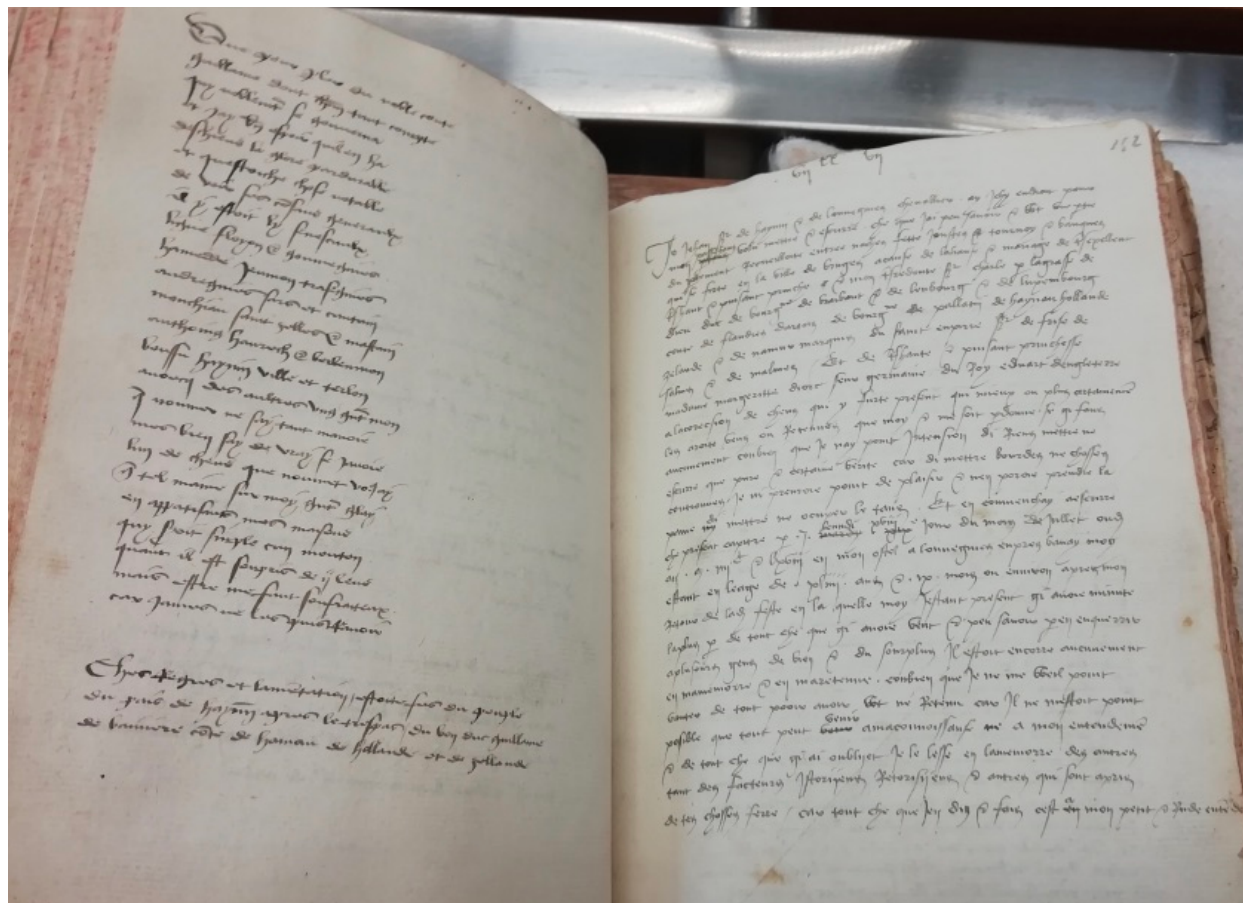
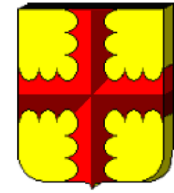


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Sir John of Haynin, knight (° 1423 – d. 1495)

- lord of Haynin and Louvignies
- grand-son of a bailiff of Hainault
- author of *Memoirs* (years 1465 to 1477)
- military campaigns under Charles the Bold, duke of Burgundy and count of Hainault



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 - The composition
 - A multinational army
 - John's double selection: 59 out of 210 men-at-arms

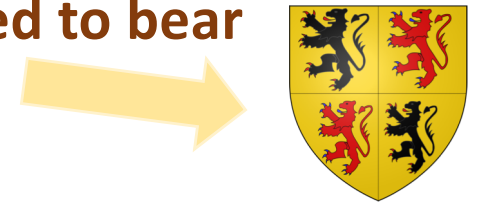
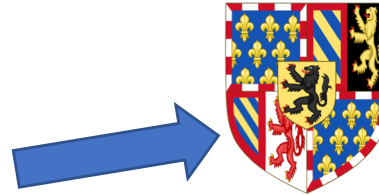
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 - “a gentleman called Oste de la Motte, **born in the land of Hainault**” (John of Haynin, *Memoirs*, I, 53)

2. The three Estates of the Land of Hainault

The 1468 oath-taking of duke Charles the Bold in Mons

- the town hall
 - balcony: the Duke's coat of arms
 - on the sill: **"four lions, two of them black and the other two red, each holding a banner, the said four lions standing for the arms of Hainault and Holland such as several late princes used to bear them"** (John of Haynin, *Memoirs*, II, 6-7)
- a stage on the Market
 - **"on which there were masculine figures representing the twelve peers of the Land of Hainault, all the crosses that is: all the abbots and abbesses, all the knights bannerets and all the good cities"** (John of Haynin, *Memoirs*, II, 7)
- the States meeting
 - the duke **"made call and come together the members of the III estates of the land of Hainault (*les personnes des III estas du païs de Haynau*)"** (John of Haynin, *Memoirs*, II, 13)



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 - “they went and raided the village of Forrest in Hainault (...), where they took all they could loath, and they went peacefully home with it, which caused then nothing but panic among **those of the land of Hainault** [*cheus du pais de Haynau*] (...); everybody thought only to save themselves and their family and their goods, the best as they could, and they took refuge in the cities and the castles (...), and I heard record by several people that it has been a marvellous great pity to see **the desolation of the people** during two or three days” (John of Haynin, *Memoirs*, I, 106-107)

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- the first stone of a chapel in Haynin, 40 to 50 people
- the urban setting

4. Born in the land of Hainault (or not): the nation

Five occurrences in the *Memoirs*:

1. “**whatever the nation** of the captains, as they were some that were **Hainaulters**, Picards, Brabanters and Germans (...) and no one did better than the other” / “**de quelque nasion** que les cappitaines fuiste, car il en y avoit quy estoite Haynuiers, Picars, Braibençons et Allemans (...) et ne firte gaires mieux l’un que l’autre” (John of Haynin, *Memoirs*, II, 192)
2. “although **a stanger by nation**, she was not a stranger regarding to heart and mind” / “disant que s’elle estoit **estrangierre de nasion**, se ne l’estoit elle en ceur ne en corrage” (John of Haynin, *Memoirs*, II, 231)
3. “the **foreign nations** of the city of Bruges (...), up to five nations as I remember, that is the Hanseats, the Genoans, the Castilians, the Florentines and the Venitians” / “les **nasions estragnes** de la ville de Bruges (...) jusques à V nasions à ma retenne, ch’est asavoir les Ostrelins, Genevois, Castelans, Florentins et Venisyens” (John of Haynin, *Memoirs*, II, 29; cf. II, 33)
4. Nancy (duchy of Lorraine): “those of the nation of the city” / « cheus de la **nasion** de la ville » (John of Haynin, *Memoirs*, II 221)
5. In the French party “although he was **from the nation of the land of Hainault**, and the third son of the [hereditary] senechal of Hainault” / “quonbien qu’il fuist **de nasion du pais de Haynau**, et fis III^e du senescal de Haynau” (John of Haynin, *Memoirs*, I, 109-110)

5. Old Hainault

- *Laudatio* for the late duke of Burgundy Philip the Good (1467)
 - “He was the one to whom the counties of Hainault, Zeland and Frise [*sic*] fell by the passing away of my lady the duchess Jacqueline [*sic*], who was his cousin twice” (John of Haynin, *Memoirs*, I, 194)
 - False statement. Insertion from an anonymous author?
- The six oath-taking witnessed by Uncle Collard of Haynin, 1417 to 1468
 - 1/ countess Jacqueline (1417), 2/ her husband, 3/ her other husband, 4/ duke Philip the Good as regent, 5/ the same as plain count, 6/ Charles (John of Haynin, *Memoirs*, II, 11-12)
- Epitaph of the late “good Duke William of Bavaria, count of Hainault, Holland, Zeland, lord of Frise”, dead in 1417
(John of Haynin, *Memoirs*, fol. 212, omitted in edition II, 133)
- Memory of the joint victory of Hainault and Burgundy against Liège (battle of Othée, 1408) — 6 mentions
 - 1466, a small village near Othée “where the great battle took place in the year 1408” / “à une lieuwe d’Ollée où la grande bataille fu l’an M IIII^e et VIII” (John of Haynin, *Memoirs*, I, 143)
 - 1468, “the tapistry of the great battle of Liège, where the dukes John of Burgundy and **William of Bavaria, count of Hainault**, defeated the people of Liege near Othée in the year 1408, on a sunday, 23 September” (John of Haynin, *Memoirs*, II, 25)

6. A nation, within and without the Holy Roman Empire

No strong sense of John's belonging to the Empire

- networks across the imperial border
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7. Conclusion

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