

Klaus Birngruber, *et duo milites proprii eius*. A forgotten grant to Baumgartenberg Abbey as a source for the history of 12th-century Austrian nobility (p. 397–404)

This paper discusses a grant („Traditionsnotiz“) dating back to the third quarter of the 12th century entered into Cod. 671, formerly owned by the Cistercian abbey of Baumgartenberg in Upper Austria and now in the Austrian National Library. The members of „free“ noble families who appear in the text seem rather inconspicuous in comparison to comital families and their equals. Nevertheless, their local as well as wider-reaching connections and their military and ministerial retainerships can be analysed. Among the latter, a stratum of closely dependent *milites proprii*, situated at the margins of noble society, appears of more importance than is usually recognised.