

BEOWULF'S GENEALOGY 2:

(OR WHY THE TRIBE IS
UTTERLY DOOMED WHEN
BEOWULF DIES)

The Shielding Danes

Scyld Shefing
(Shield Sheafson)

-- Finnsburg Shieldings? --

Beow
(the Dane)

Halfdane

King Hoc

Gnǣf

Hildeburh

The Frisians or Jutes

The Frisians or Jutes are enemies of the Danes and they are allied to the Franks (who have been ancient enemies of the Geats and Waegmundings).

Finn of Jutes

The Swedes

Ongenðeow
(Ongentheow)

Ongentheow killed Hathcyn, Hygelac's older brother at Ravenswood. Hygelac took vengeance, attacking Ongentheow, and Eofer the Geat killed Ongentheow. Ohthere, his son, is looking for a shot at vengeance against the Geats, as discussed in line 2435+ and lines 2922+. Wiglaf in fact tells us that Swedish scouts will soon report Beowulf's death, and then the Swedes will cross the border.

Ohthere

The Helmings

Helm

Weoltheow

Halfdane's
daughter (Yrs)

Onela

Halga

Eanmund

Eadgils

The Heatho-Bards

King Frodo

Ingeld

The Heatho-bards' old king Frodo was killed fighting the Shielding Danes. Hrothgar sent Freawaru as a peace-weaver, but the marriage failed. When Beowulf took the throne, his reputation was all that temporarily prevented the feud from continuing.

Heorogar

Hroðgar
(Hrothgar)

Hrothulf

Hrēðric
(Hrethic)

Hrothmund

Freawaru