

'Deconstructing' Research Projects Exercise

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Harriett R Webster, 'The Annals of Dunstable Priory: From Living Memory to Written Record in a Thirteenth-Century Textual Community,' *Journal of Medieval Monastic Studies* 9 (2020), pp. 147—173.

In March 2020 David Preest's translation of the Annals of Dunstable Priory was published, edited by Harriet Webster. Presumably this was the stimulus for writing the article.

Primary Sources

Harriet lists the primary sources at the end of the article.

1. The original manuscript in the British Library – Cotton MS Tiberius A.X
2. The transcription - Henry Richard Luard Book 3 of *Annales Monastici*, pub. 1866. This is actually available from Amazon in paperback for £7.06, published by 'Forgotten Books'!
3. The translation – 'The Annals of Dunstable Priory' ed. By Harriet Webster and translated by David Preest (Woodbridge: Boydell and Brewer, 2019)
4. *Gesta abbata monasterii Sancti Albani*, ed. By James G.Clark and translated by David Preest
5. *Radulfi de Diceto decani Lundoniensis opera historica*, ed. By William Stubbs. Longman 1876
6. Thomas Burton 'Chronica monasterii de Melsa, a fundationa usque ad annum 1396, ed. By Edward A.Bond.

Archives used in the composition of the article

The original manuscript is kept in the British Library, but has not been digitised, so is not available to read online. Therefore, though Harriet may have been to see the original, it seems most likely that most of her work was based on Luard's transcription and David Preest's translation. The other primary and secondary sources are all available as printed books.

Online sources used in the composition of the article

All the primary and secondary sources used are available in printed form, so the use of online sources may not have been essential in the composition of the article. However, Luard's transcription is available online and may have been used by Harriet; it can be accessed at www.archive.org and also as an e-book on www.play.google.com. The latter is far less easy to read, so is unlikely to have been used.