A Classified List of Anglo-Saxon Charters on Single Sheets

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I. CHARTERS WRITTEN IN THE SEVENTH, EIGHTH OR NINTH CENTuries

(a) Royal diplomas, etc.

[1] S 8 (BCS 45) Hlothhere, king of Kent (679): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 2
    (BMFacs. i.1; ChLA iii.182), from Christ Church, Canterbury (ex Reculver).
    Formerly bound up with the Utrecht Psalter. Written in two stages (main text; witness-list),
    probably by a single scribe. ChLA: contemporaneous, probably original; the cross against
    the king’s attestation may be autograph. Chaplais 1968, pp. 317-27: original. Wormald 1985, pp. 3-5
    56: later copy, ? s. viii^med.>

[2] S 1171 (BCS 81) Æthelred (676 x 693): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 29 (BMFacs.
    i.2; ChLA iii.187), from Barking.
    There appears to be a distinction between the writing of the main part of the text (lines 1-17, to
    ‘... sit donum’) and that of the bounds, blessing, and witness-list (lines 17-24, with continuation
    on the dorse). A gap in the endorsement suggests that the charter was formerly fastened with a
    wrapping-tie. ChLA: copy by a single scribe, s. vii^2. Chaplais 1968, pp. 327-32: lines 1-17
    original; bounds, etc., copied onto single sheet s. vii^2, perhaps from a schedule formerly stitched
    to the parchment. Wormald 1985, p. 9 (with Plate III). Making of England, ed. Webster and
    Backhouse, no. 28. <Check in BL. Witnesses continue on dorse (now illegible).>

    U 140 (BAFacs. 1), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
    Conceivably original, but more probably a ninth-century copy. Brooks 1971, p. 75 n. 1. Brooks,
    Church of Canterbury, pp. 183-4 and 195.

    Augustus ii. 18 (BMFacs. i.5; ChLA iii.185), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
    A gap in the endorsement suggests that the letter was formerly fastened with a wrapping-tie.
[5] S 19 (BCS 97) Wihtred, king of Kent (697 or 712): BL Stowe Charter 1 (OSFacs. iii.1; ChLA iii.220), from Christ Church, Canterbury (ex Lyminge). ChLA: contemporaneous, very probably original; the cross which follows the attestation of Archbishop Berhtwald may be autograph. Wormald 1985, p. 17 (with Plate V), noting 'Northumbrian' aspects of script, orthography and formulation. See also S 21 [6]. <Remark on composite endorsement: ‘daes landes boc æt berwicum’; ‘nunc wigelmignctun’; ‘delhames boc’.>

[6] S 21 (BCS 98) Wihtred, king of Kent (‘700’ or ‘715’): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 88 (BMFacs. i.4; ChLA iii.189), from Christ Church, Canterbury (ex Lyminge). Apparently an ‘improved’ copy of S 19 [5], s. viii², incorporating an additional grant (and with indication ‘10’ misread as ‘13’). ChLA: contemporaneous, very probably original; amplification of S 19, made in 700 or 715. <Check in BL.>

[7] S 65 (BCS 111) Swæfred, king of Essex, and comes Pæogthath, in association with Cenred, king of Mercia (704), with confirmation by Ceolred, king of Mercia (709 x 716): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 82 (BMFacs. i.3; ChLA iii.188), from Christ Church, Canterbury. The grant was made with the permission of Æthelred, king of Mercia, though the charter is attested by his successor, Cenred. Main text and confirmation written by a single scribe, s. viii² or ix. ChLA: copy, probably s. viiiex. Wormald 1985, p. 5 (with Plate II). <ChLA: archive London.>

[8] S 23 (BCS 148) Æthelberht, king of Kent (732), with a later addition: BL Cotton Augustus ii. 91 (BMFacs. i.6; ChLA iii.190), from Christ Church, Canterbury (ex Lyminge). The main text (lines 1-15, representing a grant of land to Dunn for the church of St Mary at Lyminge) and the first three witnesses (lines 22-4, comprising the king, the archbishop of Canterbury, and the abbot of St Augustine’s), were written by one scribe; a record of a further grant related to the first (lines 16-21), and an extension of the witness-list (lines 25-8, comprising four men of unspecified status), were added by a second scribe. ChLA: contemporaneous, very probably original; the cross against the king’s attestation may be autograph. <Check in BL; endorsement ‘sandtunes boc’, as on S 270 [51].>

[9] S 89 (BCS 154) Æthelbald, king of Mercia (736): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 3 (BMFacs. i.7; ChLA iii.183), from Worcester. The ‘Ismere Charter’ of King Æthelbald, formerly bound up with the Vespasian Psalter. Written in two stages (main text and witnesses, lines 1-18 and 19-20 + 22-8; further witnesses, lines 21 + 29-34, added with a thinner pen), by a single scribe; a postscript was added on the dorse by a different scribe. Parsons 1939, pp. 27-30: note on dorse interpreted as a scribal memorandum. ChLA: contemporaneous, very probably original. Chaplais 1968, p. 333: original. Making of England, ed. Webster and Backhouse, no. 152.


[14] S 31 (BCS 199) Eardulf, king of Kent (748 x 762): BL Stowe Charter 3 (OSFacs. iii.3; ChLA iii.221), from Christ Church, Canterbury (ex Reculver). <Check in BL: witness-list may have been added.> Perhaps a later copy, s. viii/ix. ChLA: contemporaneous, possibly original; the crosses against the attestations of the king and the bishop may be autograph. <Check date: bishop Eardulf, 747 x 772. Parsons, p. 26: ‘perhamstede’ on dorse is scribal memorandum, rather than archive mark. DND conceivably original.>


[16] S 59 (BCS 203) Uhtred, ruler of the Hwicce (770): Worcester, D. & C., Add. MS. (OSFacs. ii. Worcester; ChLA iv.274), from Worcester. S 58, dated 767, is a charter by which Uhtred granted land at ‘Aston’ to Æthemund, with full powers of alienation; it still existed at Worcester, in single-sheet form, in the late seventeenth century, and was printed by Hickes (BCS 202). S 59 is a revised version of the same charter (with slightly different witnesses), cast in more restricted terms, and stipulating reversion of the land, ‘with the charters’, to the church of Worcester; a record of the bounds of the estate was added by the main scribe, apparently as an afterthought. S 60 (BCS 204) is a cartulary version of S 59, cast directly in favour of Worcester. ChLA: S 59 contemporaneous, probably original. Wormald 1986, pp. 156-7: S 59 forged at Worcester, s. ix. Brown 1986, p. 132.

[17] S 264 (BCS 225) Cynewulf, king of Wessex (778): BL Cotton Charter viii. 4 (BMFacs. ii.3; ChLA iii.194), of uncertain provenance (possibly Bedwyn). This early West Saxon charter is anomalous in form, but it may well be original; for the beneficiary (Bica), see also S 1682 (in the Glastonbury Liber Terrarum). The main text (incorporating a lengthy description of the bounds of the estate) is written on the face, and the witness-list (comprising the bishops of Sherborne and Winchester, and several laymen, but not the king) is written on the dorse. ChLA: copy, s. viii/ix. Dumville 1987, p. 167: s. x, early form of Square minuscule. <See also Edwards, Charters, pp. 59-62. Dumville 1992.>

[18] S 35 (BCS 227; Campbell, Rochester, no. 9) Ecgberht, king of Kent (778): BL Cotton Charter viii. 34 (BMFacs. ii.4; ChLA iii.195), from Rochester. A note (in Latin and English) specifying appurtenant meadow was added by a second hand, s. ix (or later). ChLA: contemporaneous, probably original; the crosses against the attestations of the king and the archbishop may be autograph. Brown 1986, p. 129. <Campbell, p. xiv: not before 800; p. 11, original.> ‘Caroline’ features in addition; spl. asc.
S 114 (BCS 230) Offa, king of Mercia (779): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 4 (BMFacs. 1.10; ChLA iii.184), from Evesham.
Main text, with witnesses on face and dorse, written ostensibly at Hartleford, Gloucs.; further (secular) witnesses on dorse added by a different scribe on a separate occasion, ostensibly at Gunley, Leics. ChLA: contemporaneous, very probably original. Brown 1986, p. 132 n. 54. <Check in BL. ChLA: all one scribe; cut attest. of Eadbald princeps could be memorandum of sorts.>

S 1184 (BCS 1334; Lapidge et al., Selsey, no. 11) Oslac, dux of the South Saxons (780), with confirmation by Offa, king of Mercia (787 x 796): Chichester, West Sussex Record Office, Cap. 1/17/2 (BAFacs. 2; ChLA iv.236), from Chichester (ex Selsey).
The text of Oslac’s grant was written on the face, in a curiously ‘provincial’ script; the text of Offa’s confirmation was added some years later on the dorse, ostensibly at Irthlingborough, Northants., by a more practised scribe. ChLA: contemporaneous, very probably original; the cross against King Offa’s attestation on the dorse may be autograph. Chaplais 1968, pp. 333-5: written on a leaf discarded from a psalter. Making of England, ed. Webster and Backhouse, no. 157.

S 123 (BCS 247) Offa, king of Mercia (785): BL Stowe Charter 5 (OSFacs. iii.5; ChLA iii.222), from Christ Church, Canterbury (ex Lyminge).
A ‘Kentish’ charter, issued ostensibly from a church council at Chelsea. ChLA: contemporaneous, possibly original; (iv, p. xviii) S 155 [24] may have been written by the same scribe.

S 128 (BCS 254) Offa, king of Mercia (788): Canterbury, D. & C., Red Book no. 2 (OSFacs. i.2; ChLA iv.235), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
A ‘Kentish’ charter, issued ostensibly from a church council at Chelsea. ChLA: contemporaneous, probably original.

S 139 (BCS 274) Offa, king of Mercia (793 x 796): BL Add. Charter 19790 (BMFacs. ii.5; ChLA iii.180), from Worcester.

S 155 (BCS 293) Cenwulf, king of Mercia (799): BL Stowe Charter 7 (OSFacs. iii.7; ChLA iii.223), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
A ‘Kentish’ charter; issued ostensibly from a church council at Tamworth. Written in two stages (main text; dating clause with witness-list), by a single scribe; the dating clause and witness-list appear to have been written, on face and dorse, after vertical folding. ChLA: contemporaneous, possibly original; iv, p. xviii, S 123 [21] may have been written by the same scribe. Chaplais 1968, pp. 332-3. Brooks, Church of Canterbury, pp. 321-2. Brown 1986, p. 129. Making of England, ed. Webster and Backhouse, no. 161.

S 106, dorse (BCS 201) Pilheard (? 801): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 26-7 (BMFacs. i.9; ChLA iii.186), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
Added on the dorse of a charter of King Offa (S 106, face [15]), ostensibly at a church council at Chelsea. ChLA: original; the cross after King Cenwulf’s (first) attestation may be autograph. <Check in BL. Confirmation of charters of Æthelbald and Offa.>

- - (BCS 312) Council of Clofesho (803): Canterbury, D. & C., Red Book no. 4 (OSFacs. i.4), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
An act concerning the liberties of the Church; attested by bishops in association with their respective abbots, etc. Brooks, Church of Canterbury, p. 359, n. 67: contemporary or nearly contemporary. For a s. xi copy, see [172].
[27] - - (BCS 310) Council of Clofesho (803): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 61 (BMFacs. ii.6), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
An act abolishing the archiepiscopate of Lichfield, and restoring primacy to Canterbury. Chaplais 1965, pp. 56-7: scribe also wrote S 293 [56]. Brooks, Church of Canterbury, p. 359 n. 67: contemporary or nearly contemporary. The scribal identity between this charter and S 293 is questionable.


[31] S 41, MS. 1 (BCS 318) Cuthred, king of Kent (805 x 807): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 100 (BMFacs. ii.7), from Christ Church, Canterbury. The scribe also wrote S 41, MS. 2 [32].

[32] S 41, MS. 2 (BCS 318) Cuthred, king of Kent (805 x 807), with S 1500 (Robertson, Charters, no. 3), will of Æthelnoth and Gænburg (805 x 832): BL Stowe Charter 8 (OSFacs. iii.8), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
The scribe also wrote S 41, MS. 1 [31]: a copy of MS. 1, augmented by S 1500 [79], a vernacular record relating to the disposal of the land in question. ChLA: scribe also wrote S 153 [34]. <Date of S 1500: 805 x 8624; depends on S 1266 [45].>

[33] S 163 (BCS 326) Cenwulf, king of Mercia (808): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 98 (BMFacs. ii.9), from Christ Church, Canterbury. A 'Kentish' charter, issued ostensibly from a meeting at Tamworth; cast in 'Canterbury' formulas, though the estate lies in the diocese of Rochester. The main text and the witness-list were written by the same scribe, but it is possible that the witness-list was added after folding; the attached slip of parchment is a scribal memorandum for the witness-list, apparently written by a different scribe. Parsons 1939, pp. 21-2. Chaplais 1968, p. 333. Brooks, Church of Canterbury, pp. 169-70. <Note crosses in margin. Lower of two endorsements is scribal memorandum for content; parchment used when blank?>

[34] S 153 (BCS 289) Cenwulf, king of Mercia (798), and Ealdorman Oswulf (798 x 810): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 97 (BMFacs. i.12; ChLA iii.191), from Christ Church, Canterbury (ex Lyminge). The main text (lines 1-17, recording King Cenwulf’s grant to Oswulf, dux and minister), the witness-list (lines 18-26), and the record of Oswulf’s grant of the land to Lyminge (lines 27-37), were written by a single scribe. ChLA: contemporaneous, probably original (all written in 798); scribe also wrote S 41, MS. 2 [32]. Brooks, Church of Canterbury, pp. 360-1 (scribe 3). Brown 1986, p. 128. Crick 1988, pp. 263-4: forgery, s. ix1.
Apparently produced in stages, by two contemporary scribes, s. ix'. The main text (lines 1-7) was written by the first; alterations over erasure (lines 2 and 4), and the addition of the names of six swine-pastures (lines 7-8), were written by the second; the witness-list (lines 9-15) was written by the first, after horizontal folding; and the dating clause (line 16) was written by the second. <Check in BL. Traces of offset?>

[36] S 168, MS. 1 (BCS 335) Cenwulf, king of Mercia (811): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 10 (BMFacs. i.14), from Christ Church, Canterbury.


[38] S 169 (BCS 341) Cenwulf, king of Mercia, and Wulfred, archbishop of Canterbury (812): Canterbury, D. & C., Red Book no. 6 (OSFacs. i. 6), from Christ Church, Canterbury.

An interesting instance of a Kentish charter preserved at Worcester: a note (s. xvii/xviii) on the dors appears (under Ultra Violet) to read 'Given by Geo. Hickes, late Dean of Worcester'.

[40] S 177 (BCS 348) Cenwulf, king of Mercia (814): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 74 (BMFacs. ii.13), from Christ Church, Canterbury.

[41] S 178 (BCS 353) Cenwulf, king of Mercia (815): BL Stowe Charter 12 (OSFacs. iii.12), from Christ Church, Canterbury.

[42] S 1861 (BCS 364) [Cenwulf, king of Mercia] (796 x 821): BL Cotton Charter viii. 39 (BMFacs. iv.6; ChLA iii.196), of uncertain provenance, possibly Winchcombe.
A rectangular fragment; the identity of the grantor, the beneficiary, and the place concerned are known only from a thirteenth-century endorsement. The printed texts in Kemble and Birch include part of a witness-list, said in ChLA to be 'missing' but just visible on the left-hand side of the dors. ChLA: contemporaneous, possibly original. <Check in BL: has this simply perished along the folds?>

[43] S 186 (BCS 370) Ceolwulf, king of Mercia and Kent (822): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 93 (BMFacs. ii.15), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
S 187 (BCS 373) Ceolwulf, king of Mercia and Kent (823): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 75 (BMFacs. ii.16), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
As Professor Brooks has observed, the endorsement is cast in the first person, and the scribe would thus appear to have been Archbishop Wulfred himself. Brooks, Church of Canterbury, pp. 168, 170 and 360-1 (scribe 2). Brown 1986, pp. 128-9. <Parsons, p. 26: note on dorse is scribal memorandum, written before folding.>

S 1266 (BCS 381) Wulfred, archbishop of Canterbury (824): BL Stowe Charter 13 (OSFacs. iii.13), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
Brooks, Church of Canterbury, p. 360 n. 67: contemporary or nearly contemporary.

S 1434 (BCS 378) Council of Clofesho (824): BL Stowe Charter 14 (OSFacs. iii.14), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
Boundary clauses added on dorse (after folding) in different hand, s. ix; cf. S 1620, which relates to an endorsement, s. xi/xii. Brown 1986, pp. 128-9. <Check date of bounds.>

S 1436, MS. 1 (BCS 384) Council of Clofesho (825): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 78 (BMFacs. ii.18), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
Brooks, Church of Canterbury, pp. 322-3, and pp. 360-1 (scribe 3); scribe may also have written S 1436, MS. 2. <Parsons 1939, p. 19: witness-list written on separate occasion - but check in BL>

S 1436, MS. 2 (BCS 384) Council of Clofesho (825): BL Stowe Charter 15 (OSFacs. iii.15), from Christ Church, Canterbury (? ex Reculver).

S 188 (BCS 400) Wiglaf, king of Mercia (831): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 94 (BMFacs. ii.20), from Christ Church, Canterbury.

S 1268 (BCS 380) Wulfred, archbishop of Canterbury (825 x 832), and Ceolnoth, archbishop of Canterbury (c. 833): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 72 (BMFacs. ii.17), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
Wulfred's grant, recorded on the face, was not intended to come into effect until after his death; the witness-list, on the dorse, was added later (after Ceolnoth's accession), by a different scribe. Brooks, Church of Canterbury, pp. 360-1 (main text, scribe 4; witness-list, scribe 3). <Brooks, p. 357 n. 10. Parsons, p. 19: no witnesses; to be added later? Campbell - orig. witnesses erased at bottom.>

S 270 (BCS 411) Egbert, king of Kent (?773, ? for 833): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 102 (BMFacs. i.16), from Christ Church, Canterbury (? ex Lyminster). s. ix ?, or s. x (imitative). Brooks, Church of Canterbury, p. 359 n. 67: later copy, s. xi. <Endorsed 'sandtunes bo', as in S 23 [8].>

S 190 (BCS 416) Wiglaf, king of Mercia (836): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 9 (BMFacs. ii.24), from Worcester.
Various additions by different contemporary hands: on face, attestation of Ealdorman Sigered, and first part of vernacular passage at foot; on dorse, three additional statements. Addition (s. x) to vernacular passage on face, specifying reversion to Worcester. Parsons 1939, pp. 23-5. <Croft synod (EHD 85): transcript in CCCC 111. Parsons appears to regard note on dorse as 'archive mark'.>
[53] S 1438, MS. 2 (BCS 421) Council of Kingston (838): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 21 (BMFacs. ii.26), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
An early version of the record of proceedings at Kingston, with an additional passage following the witness-list marked for insertion in the main text. Brooks, Church of Canterbury, pp. 323-5, and pp. 360-1 (scribe 4).

[54] S 1438, MS. 1 (BCS 421) Council of Kingston (838), with confirmations at Wilton (838 x 839) and at Council æt Aastran (839): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 20 (BMFacs. i.17), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
A fair copy of the record of proceedings at Kingston, incorporating the additional passage, written by the scribe of S 1438, MS. 2 [53]. The record of the confirmation at Wilton was added by the scribe who also wrote the main text of S 1438, MS. 3 [55]. The record of the confirmation æt Aastran was added by the scribe who also wrote the same confirmation in S 1438, MS. 3. Chaplais 1965, pp. 57-8: scribe of Wilton confirmation also wrote S 298 [59], and appears in Oxford, Bodleian Library, Bodley 426 (CLA ii.234). Brooks, Church of Canterbury, pp. 323-5 (disputes identification of Wilton scribe as that of S 298 and Bodley 426) and pp. 360-1 (Kingston proceedings; scribe 4). Brown 1986, p. 129. <Parsons, p. 19: crosses prepared in advance; witnesses not supplied.>

[55] S 1438, MS. 3 (BCS 421) Council of Kingston (838) and confirmation at Wilton (838 x 839), with confirmation at Council æt Aastran (839): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 37 (BMFacs. ii.27), from Christ Church, Canterbury (? ex Lyminge or Reculver).
A copy of the record of proceedings at Kingston and Wilton, written by the scribe who was responsible for the Wilton confirmation in S 1438, MS. 1 [54]: this scribe also wrote a note on the dorse. The record of the confirmation æt Aastran was added by the scribe who also wrote the same confirmation in S 1438, MS. 1. Chaplais 1965, pp. 57-8. Brooks, Church of Canterbury, pp. 323-5.

[56] S 293 (BCS 442) Æthelwulf, king of Wessex and Kent (843): BL Stowe Charter 17 (OSFacs. iii.17), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
Written in two stages (main text; witness-list), by a single scribe; the attached slip of parchment is a scribal memorandum for the witness-list, written by two different scribes (neither of whom was that of the charter itself). See above, p. 000. Parsons 1939, pp. 15-19. Chaplais 1965, pp. 56-7: scribe of main text and witness-list also wrote BCS 310 [27]; cf formulation of S 1269. Making of England, ed. Webster and Backhouse, no. 232. <Webb: additions to text inserted by Brooks scribe 5. DND disputes PC’s identification. Interference and erasure in bounds.>

See S 204 [81] - charter of Berhtwulf, king of Mercia (844 x 845), in the vernacular

[57] S 1194 (BCS 448) Werheard, priest and abbot, and Wereberht, thegn and reeve (845): BL Stowe Charter 18 (OSFacs. iii.18), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
Brooks, Church of Canterbury, pp. 360-1 (scribe 5).

[58] S 296 (BCS 449) Æthelwulf, king of Wessex and Kent (845): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 60 (BMFacs. ii.29), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
Brooks, Church of Canterbury, pp. 360-1 (scribe 5). <Parsons, p. 26: contemp. endorsement is scribal memorandum.>

See S 204 [81] - charter of Berhtwulf, king of Mercia (844 x 845), in the vernacular
[59] S 298 (BCS 451) Æthelwulf, king of Wessex (847 [=846]): BL Cotton Charter viii. 36 (BMFacs. ii.30), from the Old Minster, Winchester. See S 1438, MS. 1 [54]. <First original with vernacular bounds (in same register of script as main text). Webb: cf. CLA Suppl. 1679>


[61] S 88 (BCS 152; Campbell, Rochester, no. 2) Confirmation by Berhtwulf, king of Mercia (844 x 852), of charter of Æthelbald, king of Mercia (? 734): BL Cotton Charter xvi. 1 (BMFacs. ii.1; ChLA iii.197), from Rochester. A toll charter of King Æthelbald, confirmed in the mid-ninth century. The text of Æthelbald’s charter is copied on the face, and the confirmation was written, by the same hand, on the dorse. ChLA: copy, contemporaneous, possibly original. Making of England, ed. Webster and Backhouse, no. 151. <Kelly 1993?>


[63] S 328 (BCS 496) Æthelberht, king of Kent (858): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 66 (BMFacs. ii.33), from Christ Church, Canterbury. Brooks, Church of Canterbury, pp. 360-1 (scribe 7). Formerly fastened with a wrapping-tie. <Check in BL. Parsons 1939, pp. 23 and 26-7: two dorsal notes by main scribe, one made before folding (summarising content), and the other after folding (archive mark); earlier folding, not present one. Gap in dorsal note.>

[64] S 1196 (BCS 497) Plegred and Ealdorman Æthelmod (859): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 16 (BMFacs. ii.34), from Christ Church, Canterbury. Brooks, Church of Canterbury, pp. 360-1 (scribe 7). <Check in BL. Witness-list (in smaller script) added on a separate occasion? List includes King Æthelwulf (d. 858) and his son Æthelbald (king by this time).>

[65] S 327 (BCS 502; Campbell, Rochester, no. 24) Æthelberht, king of Wessex and Kent (‘790’, altered from ?860): BL Cotton Charter viii. 29 (BMFacs. ii.35), from Rochester. An original charter of King Æthelberht (860-5), issued soon after the unification of the kingdoms of Wessex and Kent. The charter was in favour of a beneficiary who cannot now be identified (perhaps a layman), and was written by a scribe who may have belonged to the church of Rochester (cf. S 1276 [75], dated 889); two boundary clauses in the vernacular were inserted in available spaces under the witness-list, by the main scribe. The operative details of the charter were altered, apparently in the tenth century: the name of the beneficiary (line 8) was replaced by ‘Bishop Waermund’ (i.e. Waermund I, bishop of Rochester); the date was changed to ‘790’; an attestation which would appear to have been that of Cuthwulf, bishop of Rochester, was erased; and the original endorsement was replaced (in a tenth-century hand) by one referring to Bishop Waermund. Brooks, Church of Canterbury, pp. 360-1 (scribe 8). Dumville 1987, p. 158 n. 53. <Check in BL. Whole charter written after vertical folding? Offset from itself. Is all of ‘Waermundo epo’ over erasure? Was original date 860?>
[66] S 331 (BCS 506; Campbell, Rochester, no. 25) Æthelberht, king of Wessex and Kent (862): BL Cotton Charter viii. 32 (BMFacS. ii.36), from Rochester. Written 'in loco que dictur Willherestrio' by a scribe who may have belonged to the church of Rochester (cf. S 1276 [75], dated 889). Brooks, Church of Canterbury, pp. 360-1 (scribe 8). Dunville 1987, p. 158 n. 53. <Bromley title-deed.>

[67] S 332 (BCS 507) Æthelberht, king of Wessex and Kent (863), and Eadwulf (s. ix²): Canterbury, D. & C., Red Book no. 10 (OSFacS. i.10), from Christ Church, Canterbury (ex St Augustine’s, Canterbury?). The attestations of the king and laymen (on the face) were written at the same time as the main text; the attestations of the archbishop and others (on the face and dorse) were added by the main scribe, on a separate occasion (possibly after folding). It may be significant, in this connection, that a distinction appears to have been made between the witnesses infra and in scedula. Eadwulf’s endorsement (which refers to an adjacent estate) is a later addition in the vernacular, by a different scribe. Brooks, Church of Canterbury, pp. 360-1 (scribe 7). <Other alterations - assess. altered; some dennis erased.>

[68] S 266 (BCS 242; Campbell, Rochester, no. 11) Æthelberht, king of Wessex and Kent (‘781’, altered from ‘761’): BL Cotton Charter vi. 4 (BMFacS. iv.5), from Rochester. A purportedly eighth-century grant to Rochester, modelled to some extent on a charter of King Æthelberht (860-5); probably forged towards the end of the ninth century.

[69] S 338 (BCS 516) Æthelred, king of Wessex and Kent (867): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 95 (BMFacS. ii.37), from Christ Church, Canterbury. <Check in BL. Distinction between face and dorse. Parsons, p. 26: contemp. endorsement is scribal memorandum.>

[70] S 1204 (BCS 519) Cialwulf (868), with Æthelhere (888): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 17 (BMFacS. ii.38), from Christ Church, Canterbury. Æthelhere’s endorsement, in the vernacular, was added (after folding) by a scribe different from that of the main text. Brooks, Church of Canterbury, pp. 172-3 and 325-6.


[72] S 214 (BCS 524) Burgred, king of Mercia (869): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 76 (BMFacS. ii.39), from Christ Church, Canterbury. Anomalous, but conceivably original. <Explain signs in lower right corner.>

[73] S 344 (BCS 536) [King Alfred and] Æthelred, archbishop of Canterbury (873): BL Stowe Charter 19 (OSFacS. iii.19), from Christ Church, Canterbury. An extraordinary document, which testifies in its own way to the poor quality of draftsmanship available at Canterbury in the opening years of King Alfred’s reign. The charter records a sale of land by Archbishop Æthelred to a certain Liaba, in 873, and was written by a scribe who had been active in the 850s and 860s (see [62], [63], [64], [67] and [84]); yet it begins as if were a charter of King Alfred himself (before transposing abruptly into a charter of the archbishop), and is furnished with sets of witnesses derived from a charter (or memorandum) probably of the 840s (a ‘West Saxon’ list headed by King Æthelwulf, given twice, and a ‘Kentish’ list headed by Archbishop Ceolnoth). The vernacular note on the face, summarising the transaction, was inserted by a hand which seems different from that of the main text. Brooks 1979, pp. 15-16. Brooks, Church of Canterbury, pp. 172 and 360-1 (scribe 7). Making of England, ed. Webster and
Backhouse, no. 236. <Dumville 1987, p. 156 n. 41: original.> <Date and localise the lists. Any chance that second and third derive from a scribal memorandum?>

[74] S 287 (BCS 426) Confirmation by Alfred, king of Wessex (871 x 888), of a charter of Æthelwulf, king of Wessex and Kent (839), with a later endorsement (s. x²): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 28 (BMFacs. i.28), from Christ Church, Canterbury. The text of King Æthelwulf’s charter is written on the face, with a set of ecclesiastical witnesses on the dorse. King Alfred’s confirmation is recorded by the scribe of the main text, at the bottom of the face; the same scribe also wrote the brief vernacular note (on the face) recording Lulla’s purchase of the charter and the land from Æthelwald, which presumably occasioned the confirmation. A vernacular note on the dorse relates to the subsequent acquisition of the estate by Archbishop Dunstan. Brooks, Church of Canterbury, p. 173: ‘an appallingly messy and inaccurate travesty’. <Birch i.597: ‘written by a scribe ignorant of the language’. Check in BL: Lulla note same scribe?>

[75] S 1276 (BCS 562) Swithwulf, bishop of Rochester (889), with later endorsement by King Edgar (963 x 971): Canterbury, D. & C., Chart. Ant. H. 130 (OSFacs. i.11), from Christ Church, Canterbury. Another instructively execrable performance, by a Rochester scribe during the reign of King Alfred; the dating clause and witness-list appear to have been added, after folding, by a different scribe (or by the main scribe, in a better state of mind). The endorsement (s. x²) relates to King Edgar’s grant of the land to Leofric. Brooks, Church of Canterbury, pp. 360-1 (scribe 8). Dumville 1987, pp. 156 n. 41 and 158 n. 53. <Scribe 8 wrote S 327 [65] and 331 [66] in the early 860s; his secure identification as a ‘Rochester’ scribe depends on the view that he also wrote S 1276, over 25 years later (by no means improbable). DND doubts that scribe 8 wrote S 1276; difficult, one way or the other.>

[76] S 350 (BCS 576) Alfred, king of Wessex (898): Canterbury, D. & C., Red Book no. 11 (OSFacs. i.12), from Christ Church, Canterbury. Conceivably original, issued ostensibly at Wulfamere; the boundary clause follows the witness-list. Keynes and Lapidge, Alfred the Great, p. 257: Edward, son of King Alfred, is styled rex, suggesting that he had been entrusted with a share in royal government. Brooks, Church of Canterbury, p. 169 and 361 n. 72: follows the Rochester pattern (cf. S 1276 [75]). Ibid., p. 359 n. 67: contemporary or nearly contemporary. Dumville 1987, p. 156 n. 41: original. <Webb: original, cf. BL Add. 23211, 40165. DND: imitative, s. xi.>

[77] S 1221 (KCD 742) Fragment of a ninth-century charter (s. ix²): BL Cotton Charter x. 11 (BMFacs. iv.17), from Christ Church, Canterbury. Parsons 1939, pp. 19-20: scribal memorandum for a witness-list (s. ix²), used in twelfth century for forgery of an eleventh-century charter. Bishop and Chaplais, no. 3: lower portion of a charter. <Check in BL.>

S 1203: see [90].

(b) Vernacular documents

See S 332 [67], 1204 [70], 344 [73] and 287 [74].

[79] S 1500 (Robertson, *Charters*, no. 3) Will of Æthelnoth and Gænburg (805 x ?824, or x 832): BL Stowe Charter 8 (*OSFacs*. iii.8), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
Written on the lower part of the face of S 41, MS. 2 [32], by the main scribe. <Check in BL.>

[80] S 1482 (Harmer, *SEHD*, no. 2) Will of Abba (833 x 839), with Heregyth (s. ix1): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 64 (*BMFacs*. ii.23), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
The will itself, on the face, was produced in two stages, by two scribes (main text, including Abba's attestation; attestations of the archbishop and other clergy). Heregyth's note was added on the dorsa, by a third scribe. Brooks, *Church of Canterbury*, pp. 360-1 (main text, scribe 3). Kelly 1990, pp. 47-8.

[81] S 204 (*BCS* 452; Harmer, *SEHD*, no. 3) Berhtwulf, king of Mercia (844 x 845): Canterbury, D. & C., Red Book no. 9 (*OSFacs*. i.8), from Christ Church, Canterbury.

[82] S 1195 (Harmer, *SEHD*, no. 5) Ealhburg and Eadweald, and Ealhere (c. 850): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 52 (*BMFacs*. ii.21), from Christ Church, Canterbury. Brooks, *Church of Canterbury*, pp. 360-1 (scribe 7). <Parsons, p. 19: no witnesses; to be added later?>


[84] S 1197 (Harmer, *SEHD*, no. 4) Lufu (843 x 863): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 92 (*BMFacs*. ii.22), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
Written in two stages (record of Lufu's grant of an annual render, with attestations of archbishop and community; record of Lufu's injunction on future owners of the estate), by two scribes. Brooks, *Church of Canterbury*, pp. 360-1 (first part, scribe 6; confirmation, scribe 7). <Parsons, p. 19: crosses prepared in advance; some names not supplied. Parsons, p. 26: contempt endorsement is scribal memorandum. Check in BL. Distinction of texts: first part; second part, leaving space for addition of witnesses; insertion of witnesses? Words marked for insertion, line 11, line 5.>


[87] - - (Harmer, SEHD, no. 9) Ealdorman Alfred and his wife Wærburh (s. ix2): Stockholm, Royal Library, Codex Aureus, fol. 10r.

II. CHARTERS WRITTEN IN THE TENTH OR ELEVENTH CENTURY

(a) Royal diplomas, etc.

[88] S 221 (BCS 587) Æthelred and Æthelflæd, rulers of the Mercians (901):
BL Cotton Charter viii. 27 (BMFacs. iii.1), from Much Wenlock.
A column of crosses occurs in the left-hand margin; cf. column of chrismons in S 204 [81], and column of crosses in S 550 [317], also Mercian. Upper part of a chirograph (‘... ME CRUCIS +’, for (?) ‘SIGNUM ALME CRUCIS +’). <Check in BL: curious disposition of attestations of Æthelred and Æthelflæd.>

[89] S 367 (BCS 603) King Edward (903): BL Stowe Charter 22 (OSFacs. iii.23),
from Christ Church, Canterbury.
Text (on face) and witness-list (on dorso) written by one scribe, s. x\(^\text{in}\); boundary clause (on dorso) added by a different scribe, s. x\(^{1}\). Keynes 1993.

[90] S 1203 (BCS 539) Confirmation by Plegmund, archbishop of Canterbury (890 x 923), of charter of Eardwulf (875): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 89 (BMFacs. ii.40), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
Perhaps written later rather than earlier in Plegmund’s time; the script is comparable with that of charters written by ‘Æthelstan A’. Brooks, Church of Canterbury, pp. 173-4. Ibid., p. 359 n. 67: contemporary or nearly contemporary. Dumville 1987, p. 157 n. 52: ‘extremely doubtful’ that it should be assigned to Plegmund's pontificate. <Cf. S 1288 [225].>

[91] S 416 (BCS 677) King Æthelstan (931): BL Cotton Charter viii. 16A (BMFacs. iii.3), from the Old Minster, Winchester.
Written by ‘Æthelstan A’; the last two witnesses were added by a different scribe. Chaplais 1965, pp. 59-60 (scribe 1), script likened to that of Cambridge, Corpus Christi College 183. Dumville 1987, p. 173. See also S 1533 [239].

[92] S 425 (BCS 702) King Æthelstan (934): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 65 (BMFacs. iii.5), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
Written by ‘Æthelstan A’; line 5 was erased and re-written at Christ Church in s. xi/xii. Chaplais 1965, pp. 59-60 (scribe 1). Dumville 1987, p. 173.

[93] S 447 (BCS 741) King Æthelstan (939): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 23 (BMFacs. iii.9), from Christ Church, Canterbury.

[94] S 449 (BCS 734) King Æthelstan (939): BL Cotton Charter viii. 22 (BMFacs. iii.8), from the Old Minster, Winchester.
[95] S 464 (BCS 753) King Edmund (940): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 62 (BMFacs. iii.10), from Christ Church, Canterbury. Written by Æthelstan C; the last six witnesses were added by a different scribe. Chaplais 1965, pp. 59-60 (scribe 2). Keynes, Diplomas, p. 45.

[96] S 470 (BCS 748) King Edmund (940): Winchester College, Muniment Room, no. 2 (OSFacs. ii. Winchester College 3), from the New Minster, Winchester. Apparently written in three stages: text and bounds; dating clause and column of the word Ego; names of the witnesses (in darker ink). Chaplais 1965, pp. 59-60 (scribe 2). <Irregular pricking all over.>

[97] S 512 (BCS 780) King Edmund (943): BL Stowe Charter 24 (OSFacs. iii.25), from Christ Church, Canterbury. Written by Æthelstan C; boundary clause inserted in space originally left blank. Chaplais 1965, pp. 59-60 (scribe 2). <Check in BL.>


[100] S 510 (BCS 813) King Edmund (946): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 73 (BMFacs. iii.12), from Christ Church, Canterbury. Written by 'Edmund C'. Chaplais 1965, pp. 59-60 (scribe 3).

[101] S 528 (BCS 820) King Eadred (947): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 83 (BMFacs. iii.13), from Christ Church, Canterbury. Written by 'Edmund C'; a section of text which should have occurred between the sanction and the bounds was originally omitted, and has been added on the dorse by the main scribe. Chaplais 1965, pp. 149-50 (scribe 3).

[102] S 535 (BCS 869) King Eadred (948): BL Stowe Charter 26 (OSFacs. iii.27), from Christ Church, Canterbury. Written by 'Edmund C'; boundary clause, and record of payment, inserted by main scribe in space originally left blank. Chaplais 1965, pp. 59-60 (scribe 3).

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[105] S 563 (BCS 903) King Eadred (955): Longleat House, Muniments 10565 (OSFacs. ii. Marquess of Bath 2), from Glastonbury. An original charter of the 'Dunstan B' type, quite different in appearance from other originals of the period; amount of payment possibly an insertion. Chaplais 1966, p. 163: script likened to that in Oxford, Bodleian Library, Hatton 30 (Glastonbury).

[106] S 594 (BCS 935) King Eadwig (956, Group 1): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 41 (BMFacs. iii.18), from Abingdon. An anomalous production; main text apparently written after parchment had been folded (vertically and horizontally). Bishop, ECM, p. xix: 'earliest dated attempt at Caroline minuscule'. Cf. S 550 [317].

[107] S 624 (BCS 961) King Eadwig (956, Group 2): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 45 (BMFacs. iii.20), from Abingdon. The operative details of the grant appear to have been entered (in a darker ink) after the writing of the main text: in line 3, 'cuidam [blank] cui nomen insitum est [blank] cassatos' becomes 'cuidam[eorum optimatum] cui nomen insitum est [eadmundo.xvi] cassatos'; in line 4, 'Anningadune' was possibly inserted, followed by bounds, dating clause and witness-list, and endorsement. Bishop 1957, pp. 371-2: scribe also wrote S 646 [111]. Chaplais 1965, pp. 59-60 (scribe 5). The script-identity of S 624 and 646 is questionable. <Insert macron over a of cuidam.>

[108] S 636 (BCS 926) King Eadwig (956, Group 2): BL Cotton Charter viii. 12 (BMFacs. iii.21), from the Old Minster, Winchester. Last sentence of boundary clause added by a different hand. Chaplais 1965, pp. 59-60 (scribe 4); scribe also wrote annal for 951 in Cambridge, Corpus Christi College 173).

[109] S 618 (BCS 965) King Eadwig (956, Group 3): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 43 (BMFacs. iii.19), from Abingdon. <irregular production - anomalous in various respects; contemp. endorsement>

[110] S 602 (BCS 954; Sawyer, Burton, no. 17) King Eadwig (956, Group 4): Stafford, William Salt Library, 84/1/41 (BAFacs. 4), from Burton. Conceivably original, but more probably an imitative copy, s. xi2.


[113] S 677 (BCS 1040) King Edgar (958): Wells, D. & C., Cathedral Ch. I (OSFacs. ii. Wells), from Wells.
The charter differs in its general appearance from other charters of the period; part of boundary clause inserted by a different hand, over erasure. Keynes, Diplomas, p. 69 n. 137. <Check in OSFacs.>

[114] S 684 (BCS 1056) King Edgar (960): Exeter, D. & C., 2522 (OSFacs. ii. Exeter 5), from Exeter (ex Crediton or St Germans).
An anomalous production: witness-list garbled, with thegns amidst ealdormen; boundary clause in an unusual position, underneath the witness-list; endorsed before folding. Chaplais 1981b, no. 12: s. xth ed., perhaps from some scriptorium as S 795 [000]. <Contemporary or later copy? Cf. S 795.>

[115] S 687 (BCS 1055) King Edgar (960): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 40 (BMFacs. iii.22), from Abingdon.

[116] S 690 (BCS 1066) King Edgar (961): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 39 (BMFacs. iii.23), from Abingdon.


[119] S 703 (BCS 1082) King Edgar (962): BL Harley Charter 43. C. 3 (BMFacs. iii.25), from Bury St Edmunds.
Written by 'Edgar A'. Chaplais 1965, pp. 59-60 (scribe 6).

[120] S 704 (Rose-Troup 1929) King Edgar (962): Chelmsford, Essex Record Office, D/DP T 209 (BAFacs. 6), from Buckfast.
A sub-standard production, conceivably original but possibly s. xi and imitative; boundary clause, dating clause and witness-list apparently written after sheet had been folded horizontally.

[121] S 706 (BCS 1083) King Edgar (962): BL Cotton Charter viii. 28 (BMFacs. iii.24), of uncertain provenance.
Written by 'Edgar A'. Chaplais 1965, pp. 59-60 (scribe 6).

[122] S 717 (BCS 1101) King Edgar (963): BL Stowe Charter 29 (OSFacs. iii.30), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
Written by 'Edgar A'; boundary clause inserted in space originally left blank. A later endorsement, stating that the beneficiary gave the charter plus land to Archbishop Dunstan, was added by a different hand. Chaplais 1965, pp. 59-60 (scribe 6).
Step from wrapping-tie.

S 738: see [204]

[124] S 745 (BCS 1190) King Edgar (966): BL Cotton Vespasian A. viii, from the New Minster, Winchester.

[125] S 768 (BCS 1211; Sawyer, Burton, no. 23) King Edgar (968): Stafford, William Salt Library, 84/2/41 (BAFacs. 7), from Burton.
Witness-list and boundary clause inserted in space between dating clause and sanction; conceivably original, but possibly s. xi imitative forgery.

[126] S 772 (BCS 1229) King Edgar (969): BL Add. Charter 19793 (BMFacs. iii.29), from Worcester.
Bishop, ECM, p. 17: apparently written by scribe iii of Vatican City, Bibliotheca Apostolica, Reg. lat. 1671 (Vergil). See also Hart, ECNE, p. 82. <Pursue significance of Bishop's identification.>

S 1276, endorsement: see [75]

[127] S 795 (BCS 1303) King Edgar (974): PRO 30/26/11 (OSFacs. ii. PRO), from Exeter (ex Crediton).
The name of one bishop in the witness-list has been erased. A later endorsement, s. xi<sup>med</sup>, records grant of land to Crediton. Chaplais 1981b, no. 15; perhaps written in same scriptorium as S 684 (114). <Check in OSFacs: looks like later copy; are both endorsements before folding? Cf. S 684.>

The last <twelve> words in the second line of the bounds were added by a different scribe.
Chaplais 1981b, no. 16: possibly contemporary, but conceivably a later copy, s. xi<sup>1</sup>. <Check in OSFacs, and PC. No crosses in witness-list.>

An anomalous production. Written apparently in three stages (by different scribes): lines 1-19 (main text), lines 19-24 (boundary clause), and lines 24-5 (dating clause). Korhammer 1973, p. 185 n. 2: script (of lines 19-24) comparable with that of S 702 (118); see also S 1450, MS. 1 [130]. Cf. S 1450, MS. 2 [315].

[130] S 1450, MS. 1 (OSFacs. iii.34) King Æthelred (986): BL Stowe Charter 33 (OSFacs. iii.34), from Westminster.
An anomalous production. Korhammer 1973, p. 185 n. 2: script comparable with that of S 702 [118]; see also S 1451 [129]. Cf. S 1450, MS. 2 [315].

[131] S 864 (KCD 657; Campbell, Rochester, no. 30) King Æthelred (987): BL Cotton Charter viii. 14 (BMFacs. iii.33), from Rochester.

S 287, endorsement: see [74]

[133] S 876 (KCD 684) King Æthelred (993): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 38 (BMFacs. iii.36), from Abingdon.
The main scribe appears not to have supplied any crosses before the names of the witnesses, as if to allow for the addition of crosses by the witnesses themselves. Crosses were added against the names of the bishops in the first column of the witness-list, and against the names of some of the abbots; the crosses differ in appearance, and are conceivably autograph. Bishop, ECM, p. 13: script likened to that in Lincoln, Cathedral Library, MS. 182 (Bede). Keynes, Diplomas, pp. 101 n. 54 and 251. <Check crosses in Bl. Expand on other alterations in witness-list.>

[134] S 880 (KCD 686) King Æthelred (994): Exeter, D. & C., 2070 (OSFacs. ii. Exeter 8), from Exeter (ex St Germans).
The first line of the text is written in golden capitals. Chaplais 1981b, no. 19. <No crosses in witness-list.>

[135] S 884 (Bates, Muchelney Cartulary) King Æthelred (995): Taunton Castle, Somerset County Museum, DD/SAS PR 502 (BAFacs. 11), from Muchelney.
Bishop, ECM, p. 7: scribe appears elsewhere in manuscripts from Christ Church, Canterbury. Keynes, Diplomas, p. 120.

Keynes, Diplomas, p. 124.

[137] S 878 (Sawyer, Burton, no. 27) King Æthelred (996): Stafford, William Salt Library, 84/4/41 (BAFacs. 12), from Burton.
<Some names of bishops’ sees added; Sigeferth of Lindsey not identified.>

[138] S 890 (OSFacs.) King Æthelred (997): BL Stowe Charter 34 (OSFacs. iii.35), from Exeter (ex Crediton).
Chaplais 1981b, no. 20, and Add.: scribe also wrote S 1492 [257]: possibly used as model for S 1019; additional bounds added on dorse by an Exeter scribe, s. xi². Keynes, Diplomas, p. 121 n. 123: possibly a slightly later copy.

<Later additions in bounds.>

[140] S 898 (KCD 705) King Æthelred (1001): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 22 (BMFacs. iv.12), from Coventry.
The attestations of the two æthelings were inserted in the witness-list as an afterthought, possibly by another hand and apparently after folding. In the endorsement, the words ‘to geofenne ... leofest seo’ (explaining the terms of the grant) were added by a different scribe.

The third minim in the date appears to be an addition. Bishop 1963, p. 423: scribe appears elsewhere in manuscripts from Christ Church, Canterbury. Keynes, Diplomas, p. 108 n. 70:


[144] S 950 (*OSFacs.*) King Cnut (1018): BL. Stowe Charter 38 (*OSFacs*. iii.39), from Christ Church, Canterbury.


[145] S 956 (*OSFacs.*) King Cnut (1019): Winchester College, Muniment Room, no. 4 (*OSFacs*. ii. Winchester College 4), from the New Minster, Winchester.

<Irregular pricking round outer edge. Check *OSFacs* for early modern scribble on face.>

[146] S 977 (*KCD* 736) King Cnut (1021 x 1023): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 24 (*BMFacs*. iv.16), from Evesham.


Perhaps a later copy, s. xi. Step from wrapping-tie.

[148] S 963 (*KCD* 744) King Cnut (1031): BL. Cotton Augustus ii. 69 (*BMFacs*. iv.18), from Christ Church, Canterbury (? stray from Exeter, ex Crediton).

The words ‘eum benedicamus’ have been added against the names of the last two thegns in the witness-list. Chaplais 1965, p. 60: scribe also wrote S 971. Chaplais 1981b, p. 24: possibly written by a Crediton scribe.

<check date - ? 1027> <Little crosses in first column of witness-list; no crosses in cols. 2 and 3, but space left as if they were to be supplied.>


<No crosses in witness-list.>

[150] S 974 (*OSFacs.*) King Cnut (1035): BL. Stowe Charter 41 (*OSFacs*. iii.42), from Christ Church, Canterbury.

Step from wrapping-tie. <Check in BL: bounds inserted?>


Chaplais 1965, p. 60: scribe also wrote S 1008 [000].
[152]  S 1044 (KCD 769) King Edward (1042 x 1044): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 68 (BMFacs. iv.25), from Christ Church, Canterbury. <DND not contemporary. Script: see Bishop ECM xxiii and n. 5>  


[154]  S 1004 (KCD 772) King Edward (1044): Dorchester, Dorset Record Office, D 124 (OSFacs. ii. Earl of Ilchester 3), from Abbotsbury. <An anomalous production, with a hideous chrismon; but probably original.>  

[155]  S 1005 (KCD 770) King Edward (1044): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 59 (BMFacs. iv.26), from Christ Church, Canterbury. <ECM xxiii and n. 5: not contemporary? Finberg 1960, no. 96a. Apparently a stray from a west-country archive - check if any s. xii CCC endorsements. No crosses in witness-list.>  

[156]  S 1008 (KCD 781) King Edward (1045): BL Cotton Charter viii. 9 (BMFacs. iv.31), from the Old Minster, Winchester. Chaplais 1965, p. 60: scribe also wrote S 994 [000].  

[157]  S 1019 (KCD 787) King Edward (1049): Canterbury, D. & C., Red Book no. 19 (OSFacs. i.24), from Christ Church, Canterbury (stray from St Petroc's, Bodmin). Chaplais 1981b, no. 24; possibly modelled on S 890 [000]. <No crosses in witness-list.>  


[159]  S 1028 (Harmer, Writs, pp. 538-9) King Edward (1059): Paris, Archives nationales, K 19, no. 6 (BAFacs. 21), from St Denis, Paris. See also S 1105 [000].  

[160]  S 1031 (Barlow, Edward the Confessor, pp. 333-5) King Edward (1060): Hertfordshire Record Office, Acc. no. 1175 (BAFacs. 22), from Westminster.  


(b) Copies or forgeries  

[162]  S 22 (BCS 91) Council of Bapchild (699 x 716), with confirmation at Council of Clofesho (716): BL Stowe Charter 2 (OSFacs. iii.2), from Christ Church, Canterbury. s. xi1; written by Eadui Basan (see under S 950 [144]). <Bishop, ECM, p. 22. Classic specimen of Anglo-Caroline minuscule, Style IV>
S 43 (BCS 144; Roper, et al., Selsey, no. 4) Nunna, king of the South Saxons (‘775’, for 705 x 714): Chichester, West Sussex Record Office, Cap. I/17/1 (BAFacs. 23), from Selsey. s.x or xi (imitative script).


S 110 (BCS 213) Offa, king of the English (774): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 99 (BMFacs. iv.4), from Christ Church, Canterbury. s.x; scribe also wrote S 230 [176]. Brooks, Church of Canterbury, p. 319.

S 111 (BCS 214) Offa, king of the English (774): BL Stowe Charter 4 (OSFacs. iii.4), from Christ Church, Canterbury. s.x; scribe also wrote S 168, MS. 2 [173], and perhaps the bounds added to S 367 [89]. Brooks, Church of Canterbury, p. 320.

S 117, MS. 1 (BCS 234) Offa, king of Mercia (‘730’, for 780): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 30 (BMFacs. i.11), from Worcester. s.xi (imitative script). There was another single-sheet copy of the charter (S 117, MS. 2 (Somers Charter 5)); also not contemporary with the given date (according to Wanley), and differing from MS. 1 in significant details (to judge from Smith’s text).


S 125 (BCS 248) Offa, king of Mercia (786): BL Stowe Charter 6 (OSFacs. iii.6), from Christ Church, Canterbury. s.xi (face written in Anglo-Caroline minuscule (Latin text) and in Insular minuscule (vernacular); dorse written in script imitative of a? s.ix exemplar, used for witness-list). <Check.>

S 132 (BCS 265) Offa, king of the English (‘790’, for ? 795): Canterbury, D. & C., Red Book no. 3 (OSFacs. i.3), from Christ Church, Canterbury. s.x. Brooks, Church of Canterbury, pp. 320-1. <Hybrid or imitative script.>

S 156 (BCS 296) Cenwulf, king of Mercia (799): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 96 (BMFacs. iv.7), from Christ Church, Canterbury. s.x or xi (imitative). <Check Brooks, Church of Canterbury, pp. 102-3.>

- (BCS 312) Council of Clofesho (803): Canterbury, D. & C., Red Book no. 5 (OSFacs. i.5), from Christ Church, Canterbury. s.xi. Later copy of [26].

S 168, MS. 2 (BCS 335) Cenwulf, king of Mercia (811): BL Stowe Charter 10 (OSFacs. iii.10), from Christ Church, Canterbury. s.x; scribe also wrote S 111 [166]. A copy of S 168, MS. 1 [36], incorporating an additional passage granting of land in Romney Marsh (with Latin bounds) and at Elmstead (with vernacular bounds). <DND: scribe also wrote bounds in S 367? Not very likely.>
[174] S 175, MS. 1 (BCS 346) Cenwulf, king of Mercia (814): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 77 (BMFacs. ii.12), from Christ Church, Canterbury. ? s. x (imitative script).

[175] S 175, MS. 2 (BCS 346) Cenwulf, king of Mercia (814): BL Stowe Charter 11 (OSFacs. iii.11), from Christ Church, Canterbury. ? s. x (imitative script).


[179] S 280 (BCS 418; Campbell, Rochester, no. 19) King Egbert (838): BL Cotton Charter viii. 35 (BMFacs. iv.8), from Rochester. A forgery produced at Rochester, s. x⁶⁵, in connection with a dispute (cf. S 1456); comparable in certain respects with S 671 [203], from the same archive. <Order of witnesses garbled by Campbell. Palimpsest, or offset?>

[180] S 282 (BCS 396) Egbert, king of Wessex and Kent ('845', for 830): Canterbury, D. & C., Red Book no. 7 (OSFacs. i.7), from Christ Church, Canterbury. ? s. xi (imitative script).

[181] S 308 (BCS 469) Æthelwulf, king of Wessex (854): BL Cotton Charter viii. 35 (BMFacs. ii.32), of uncertain provenance. ? s. xi (imitative script, based to some extent on a ninth-century exemplar).

[182] S 313 (Robertson, Charters, no. 8) Æthelwulf, king of Wessex (854): Edinburgh, University Library, Laing Charter 18 (BAFacs. 24), from the Old Minster, Winchester. s. xi. Upper part of chirograph (CYRO GRA PHVM). In English.

[183] S 319 (BCS 538) Æthelwulf, king of Wessex and Kent ('874', ? for 844), with confirmation by Archbishop Æthelred (870 x 888) and endorsement by Liofric: BL Stowe Charter 21 (OSFacs. iii.21), from Christ Church, Canterbury. s. xi³. Written by a single scribe, extending from face to dorse; probably Eadui Basan (see S 950 [144]). Bishop 1959, p. 94, n. 2: scribe also appears in BL Royal 6. C. I, from the library of St Augustine's, Canterbury.
[184] S 360 (BCS 596) King Edward (900): Winchester College, Muniment Room, no. 1 (OSFacs. ii. Winchester College 1), from the New Minster, Winchester.

s.xi. Brooks 1982. <Note irregular pricking around outer edge, as in other NMW charters; perhaps for some form of later protection.>

[185] S 376 (BCS 620) King Edward (909): BL Harley Charter 43. C. 1 (BMFacs. iv.10), from the Old Minster, Winchester.

s.xi.

<ASE 5, p. 171 n. 1: script likened to annals 973-1001 in Parker Chronicle>


s.xi; scribe also wrote S 387 [000], S 389, MS. 1 [000] and S 433, MS. 3 [000]. Chaplais 1981b, no. 1.

[187] S 387 (BCS 726) King Æthelstan (‘670’): BL Add. Charter 19516 (BMFacs. iii.7), from Exeter.

s.xi, replica of S 386; scribe also wrote S 386 [000], S 389, MS. 1 [000] and S 433, MS. 3 [000]. Chaplais 1981b, no. 2. <See DND.>


s.xi, replica of S 433, MS. 3 [000]. Chaplais 1981b, no. 11. <See DND.>


s.xi; scribe also wrote S 386 [000], S 387 [000] and S 433, MS. 3 [000]. Chaplais 1981b, no. 3.

[190] S 405 (BCS 1343; Crawford Charters, no. 4) King Æthelstan (930): Oxford, Bodleian Library, Eng. hist. a. 2, no. III (BAFacs. 27), from Exeter (ex Crediton).

s.x/xi (imitative script, modelled on a charter written by ’Æthelstan A’). Chaplais 1981b, no. 9. See also S 1387 [000].

[191] S 421 (BCS 694) King Æthelstan (933): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 31 (BMFacs. iii.4), from Exeter (ex Crediton).

s.x2. Step from wrapping-tie. Chaplais 1981b, no. 10.


s.xi (imitative script); scribe also wrote S 386 [186], S 387 [187] and S 389, MS. 1 [189]. Chaplais 1981b, no. 4.


s.xi-med; scribe also wrote S 255, MS. 1 [178]. Chaplais 1981b, no. 5. <S 433, MSS. 1-3 in different types of script.>
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[194] S 433, MS. 1 (BCS 721) King Æthelstan (937): Canterbury, D. & C., Red Book no. 13 (OSFacs. i.14), stray from Exeter.
  s. xiimed. Chaplais 1981b, no. 6.

[195] S 443 (BCS 727) King Æthelstan (938): BL Cotton Charter viii. 17 (BMFacs. iii.6), from the Old Minster, Winchester.
  s. xi. <Check in BL: large open letters TANTUN on dorse, as well as ordinary endorsement.>

[196] S 540 (BCS 862) King Æthelstan (948): BL Cotton Charter viii. 11 (BMFacs. iii.14), from the Old Minster, Winchester.
  s. xi (modelled on a charter written by ‘Edmund C’; cf. S 497 [000], 528 [000] and 552 [000]).

[197] S 546, MS. 2 (BCS 880) King Æthelstan (949): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 57 (BMFacs. iii.15), from Christ Church, Canterbury.

[198] S 553 (BCS 887) King Eadred (950): Taunton, Somerset Record Office, DD/CC 111489 (BAFacs. 32), from Glastonbury.
  s. xi/xii.

[199] S 587 (BCS 945) King Eadwig (956, Group 4): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 33 (BMFacs. iii.17), from Abingdon.
  s. x/xi.
  <Keynes, Diplomas, p. 68 n. 133. Vertical format.>

  s. xi.

  s. xi. Chaplais 1981b, no. 7.

  s. xex; cf. S 1450, MS. 1 [000], and 1451 [000]. Anomalous in various respects; step may be from wrapping-tie, or the parchment may have been cut to the written area, as if to prevent any addition (cf. S 1522 [253], also from Westminster). Brooks 1992, p. 000: original; witnesses cut off in attempt to make it appear that charter had once been sealed. <Check NPB.>

[203] S 671 (BCS 1295; Campbell, Rochester, no. 29) King Edgar (‘955’): BL Cotton Charter viii. 33 (BMFacs. iii.26), from Rochester.
  A forgery produced at Rochester, probably in the early 980s, in connection with a dispute over land at Bromley (cf. S 1457); s. xex (imitative script). A sentence giving details of appurtenant woodland was inserted as an afterthought between the sanction and the boundary clause, possibly by a different hand; cf. S 893 (dated 998). The charter is comparable in certain respects with S 280 [179], forged at Rochester at about the same time. <Check in BL. Latin introduction to boundary clause is part of the addition, but seems to be in main hand.>
[204] S 738 (BCS 1176) King Edgar (966): BL Harley Charter 43. C. 5 (BMFacs. iii.27), from the Old Minster, Winchester.
s. xi (imitative script). <check in BL: gaps in MS.; dors written in 'large letters'. Cf. S 801.>

s. x2.

s. xi2; scribe also wrote S 770 and S 832. Chaplais 1981b, no. 13.
<cf. S 774 for use of capitals in w-list.>

s. xi2; scribe also wrote S 755 and S 832. Chaplais 1981b, no. 14.

[208] S 786 (BCS 1282) King Edgar (972): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 6 (BMFacs. iii.30), from Worcester (ex Pershore).
s. x/xi.

[209] S 794 (BCS 1305) King Edgar (974): Cambridge, University Library, EDC 1B/1A (BAFacs. 25), from Ely.
s. xi2.

[210] S 801 (BCS 1312) King Edgar (975): BL Harley Charter 43. C. 6 (BMFacs. iii.31), from the Old Minster, Winchester.
? s. xi1 (probably imitative).
<check in BL: part of dorse written in 'capitals'. Cf. S 738, dorse, for 'large letters'? ? adaptation of a grant to a layman.>

[211] S 832 (Davidson 1883) King Edward (977): Exeter, D. & C., 2527 dors (OSFacs. ii. Exeter 14 dorse), from Exeter.
s. xi2; scribe also wrote S 755 [000] and S 770 [000]. Chaplais 1981b, no. 17. <On dorse of S 1027 [000], forged for same group of estates.>

s. xi2.

[213] S 906 (Sawyer, Burton, no. 28) King Æthelred (1004): Burton-on-Trent Museum, Burton Muniment 1 (OSFacs. iii. Anglesey 2), from Burton.
s. xi2. See also S 1536 [000].

[214] S 951 (KCD 728) King Cnut (1018): Exeter, D. & C., 2524 (OSFacs. ii. Exeter 9), from Exeter.
s. xi2. Chaplais 1981b, no. 21.
[215] S 953 (OSFacs.) King Cnut (1018): Exeter, D. & C., 2071 (OSFacs. ii. Exeter 10), from Exeter. s. xi²; scribe also appears in manuscripts from Exeter. Chaplais 1981b, no. 22. <No crosses in witness-list.>

[216] S 959, MS. 21 (KCD 737) King Cnut (1023): Canterbury, D. & C., Red Book no. 16 (OSFacs. i.19), from Christ Church, Canterbury. S. xi². Vernacular version of charter; cf. S 959, MSS. 1 [000], 2 [000], 3 [000] and 4 [000], for Latin versions.


[218] S 980, MS. 1 (KCD 735) King Cnut (1021 x 1023): King's Lynn, Borough Council, KL/C2/61 (BAFacs. 33), from Bury St Edmunds. S. xi/xii.

[219] S 981 (Robertson, Charters, no. 85) King Cnut: BL Stowe Charter 40 (OSFacs. iii.41), from Christ Church, Canterbury. S. x½EX. <English and Latin on top of each other.>


[221] S 1199 (BCS 515) Ealhhere (858 x 865): Canterbury, D. & C., Red Book no. 8 (OSFacs. i.9), from Christ Church, Canterbury. ? s. x or xi (imitative script). Part of tongue from wrapping-tie still present. Brooks, Church of Canterbury, pp. 28–30, 359 n. 67, and 361 n. 76: contemporary or nearly contemporary. <Reconsider. DND, SEK: later. Attestations of Kentish gilds, etc., a later feature - perhaps a later confirmation.>


[223] S 1862 (BCS 480) Æthelwulf, king of Wessex (854): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 46 (BMFacs. iv.9), from Christ Church, Canterbury. S. xmed (Square minuscule). The text (which begins with a cross, as pictorial invocation) comprises boundary clauses (for estates in Wessex?), sanction, and dating clause, and may be related in some way to the ‘Second Decimation’ charters of 854; the ‘charter’ is complete in itself, and appears to be an extract produced for a particular purpose, as opposed to a fragment. Step from wrapping-tie.

(c) Leases (in Latin or the vernacular)

For a ninth-century lease, see S 1270 [60], in the name of Cuthwulf, bishop of Hereford (840 x 852).
Lower part of a chirograph (CYROGRAPHVM). Dumville 1987, p. 157 n. 52. <Check in BL: CVRO ...?>


[226] S 1417 (BCS 648) Familia of the New Minster, Winchester (924 x 933): Winchester College, Muniment Room, no. 3 (OSFacs. ii. Winchester College 2), from the New Minster, Winchester. Latin.

Upper part of a chirograph (CYROGRAVVM).

Lower part of a chirograph (CYROGRAVVM). A note on the face, in the vernacular, records the conversion of the land from loanland into bookland; a boundary clause was added on dorse, by a different scribe. <Check hands.>

Lower part of a chirograph (CYROGRAVVM).

Lower part of a chirograph (CYROGRAPHVM); originally issued in triplicate. <Note addition of Ælfsige m.>

[231] S 1390 (KCD 754) Æthelnoth, archbishop of Canterbury (1020 x 1038): Canterbury, D. & C., Red Book no. 23 (OSFacs. i.22), from Christ Church, Canterbury. Latin.
Written by a foreign scribe (in Caroline minuscule), who names himself as the priest Haimeric.

Lower part of a chirograph (CYROGRAPHVM).

Upper part of a chirograph (CYROGRAPHVM).

Upper part of a chirograph (CYROGRAPHVM).
Lower part of a chirograph (CYRO GRA PHVM). <Check: unusual for use of Insular script in Latin text at this date?>

Lower part of a chirograph (CYROGRAVVM).

[237] S 1421 (Robertson, Charters, no. 79) Community of Worcester (s. xi?): BL Harley Charter 83. A. 3 (BMFacs. iv.43), from Worcester. *English.*
Later copy, written by Hemming. <Check identity of scribe.>

(d) Vernacular documents

[238] S 1445 (Harmer, SEHD, no. 18) Letter of Ealdorman Ordlaf to King Edward, concerning the recent history of an estate at Fonthill, Wilts. (c. 900 x 924): Canterbury, D. & C., Red Book no. 12 (OSFacs. i.13), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
An original letter, submitted as evidence in a lawsuit between Æthelhelm Higa and the Bishop of Winchester; a note recording the outcome of the dispute was added on the dorsum, by a different scribe. Keynes 1992.

[239] S 1533 (Robertson, Charters, no. 26) Will of Wulfgar (931 x 939): BL Cotton Charter viii. 16B (BMFacs. iii.3), from the Old Minster, Winchester.
Cotton Charter viii. 16A is a charter of King Æthelstan (S 416 [91]), and the will of Wulfgar is an originally separate strip of parchment now physically attached to the charter (but not attached to it originally, since the documents were folded independently). The scribe of the will (different from that of the charter) wrote one of the documents in Bern, Burgerbibliothek 671 (76v), and would appear on this evidence to have been associated with the royal estate at Bedwyn, Wilts. (which was close to Wulfgar’s property); the script has been likened to that of a s. x hand in the Parker Chronicle (see Chaplais 1965, p. 60, n. 102; Bately, MS. A, Hand 2f). A later (s. xi) endorsement on the will, added after folding, focuses on Wulfgar’s bequest to the Old Minster, and was evidently written by a Winchester scribe. Parkes 1983, p. 137, n. 51. Dumville 1987, p. 174. Keynes 1990, p. 252, n. 102. <Check in BL: appears that most of last line of will has been erased, or left blank; continues on dorsum.>

[240] S 1539 (Whitelock, Wills, no. 3) Will of Wynfled (s. x or s. xi): BL Cotton Charter viii. 38 (BMFacs. iii.38), of uncertain provenance (? Shaftesbury). *Golden Age,* ed. Backhouse et al., no. 151 (described as an ‘11th-century copy’).

[241] S 1506 (Robertson, Charters, no. 32) Agreement between Æthelwyrd and Christ Church, Canterbury (942 x 958): BL Stowe Charter 27 (OSFacs. iii.28), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
Lower part of a chirograph (CYREGRAFFA); a related document in the name of Eadric (probably Æthelwyrd’s son) was added later, by a different hand, on the dorsum. A medieval endorsement gives the date ‘958’.
[242] S 1211 (Harmer, SEHD, no. 23) Statement, by Queen Eadgifu, of the history of land at Cooling, and at Osterland, Kent (c. 960): BL Stowe Charter 28 (OSFacs. iii.29), from Christ Church, Canterbury.


[244] S 1215 (BCS 1212) Record of Æthelflaed’s sale of land in Kent to Ælfwold (968): BL Stowe Charter 30 (OSFacs. iii.31), from Christ Church, Canterbury.

[245] S 1458 (Robertson, Charters, no. 41; Campbell, Rochester, no. 34) Statement of the circumstances in which Archbishop Dunstan vouched for the terms of the will of Ælfsige (c. 995): BL Cotton Charter viii. 20 (BMFacs. iii.34), from Rochester.


[247] S 1296 (Councils & Synods, no. 35 (I)) Statement of Crediton’s claim to certain estates in Cornwall (s. x²): BL Add. 7138 (BAFacs. 9), ? from St Augustine’s, Canterbury. Latin. A step on the lower left-hand side of the parchment may be the remains of a wrapping-tie, or the parchment may have been trimmed to prevent the addition of text. <Included here to keep with S 1296; cross-ref. from above?>
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[248] S 1494 (Whitelock, Wills, no. 14) Will of Æthelflæd (962 x 991): BL Harley Charter 43. C. 4 (BMFacs. iii.35), from Bury St Edmunds.
Later copy; written first on sheet which also has S 1486 [255] in same hand.

[249] S 1497 (Whitelock, Will of Æthelgifu) Will of Æthelgifu (c. 990):
Princeton, Scheide Library (BAFacs. 15), from St Albans.

[250] S 1454 (Robertson, Charters, no. 66) Record of the settlement of a dispute between Wynflæd and Leofwine (990 x 992): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 15 (BMFacs. iii.37), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
Upper part of a chirograph (CPIRELVTGMRAEFSVTM). Dr Chaplais has observed that the letters are to be read alternately, giving CIROGRAFVM PLETUM EST (see Keynes 1990, p. 250 n. 94); one should add that the letters in ‘CIROGRAFUM’ are distinctly bolder than the letters in ‘PLETUM EST’.

[251] S 1501 (Whitelock, Wills, no. 16 (1)) Will of Æthelric (c. 960 x 994): Canterbury, D. & C., Red Book no. 20 (OSFacs. i.16), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
Later copy; step from wrapping-tie. See also S 939 [252].

[252] S 939 (Whitelock, Wills, no. 16 (II)) Confirmation by King Æthelred of the will of Æthelric (995 x 999): Canterbury, D. & C., Red Book no. 18 (OSFacs. i.17), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
Central part of a tripartite chirograph (CYROGRAPHVM CYROGRAPHVM); issued in triplicate. See also S 1501 [251].

The form of the document suggests that it ought to be an original, but the script would be more appropriate in a later copy, s. xi. Lower part of a chirograph (CHIROPHUGUM). A step on the lower edge of the parchment (extending to the middle of the sheet) may be from a wrapping-tie, or the parchment may have been trimmed to prevent the addition of text; cf. S 670 [202], also from Westminster.

Lower part of a chirograph (CYROGRAFVM).

[255] S 1486 (Whitelock, Wills, no. 15) Will of Ælflæd (1000 x 1002): BL Harley Charter 43. C. 4 (BMFacs. iii.35), from Bury St Edmunds.
Written second on the face and dorso of a sheet which also has S 1494 [248], in the same hand; presumably a copy of an originally separate document. Boundary clauses were added on the dorso by a different scribe, s. xi med. <Check stages.>

[256] S 1536 (Whitelock, Wills, no. 17; Sawyer, Burton, no. 29) Will of Wulfric (1002 x 1004): Burton-on-Trent Museum, Burton Muniments 1 (OSFacs. iii. Anglesey 2), from Burton.
Later copy; written second on a sheet which also has S 906 [213] in the same hand.
Scribe also wrote S 890 [138].

[258] S 1503, MS. 1 (Whitelock, Wills, no. 20) Will of the ætheling Æthelstan (1014): BL Stowe Charter 37 (OSFac. iii.38), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
Upper part of a chirograph (CYROGRAPHVM). It is remarkable that the text of this document is quite clearly the work of two scribes. The first (a round, upright hand, in brown ink) was responsible for lines 1-6, and the second (of less regular aspect, in a darker ink) was responsible for the rest of the text. Features of the second hand have the appearance of being 'later'; but it is difficult to believe that the document as a whole is anything other than an original. There are two texts of Æthelstan's will in the Codex Wintoniensis (only one of which is derived from a chirograph), showing that copies of the document were also preserved at the Old Minster, Winchester. Golden Age, ed. Backhouse et al., no. 152.

Cf. S 1503, MS. 1 [258]. MS. 2 is not part of a chirograph, and has a step on the lower left-hand edge, from a wrapping-tie; it is written in a different style of script, and is perhaps a copy made in connection with the 'publication' of the will. It is doubtful, however, that MS. 2 is derived directly from MS. 1. <Check K. Lowe, notes in file under table.>

Lower part of a chirograph (CYROGRAPHVM).

[261] S 1220 (Robertson, Charters, no. 75) Record of Godwine's grant of land in Kent to Leofwine the Red (1013 x 1018): London and Oslo, Schøyen collection, MS. 600 (BAFacs. 19), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
Upper part of a chirograph (CYROGRAPHVM).

Later copy, written on the dorse of S 405 [190]: the original was in the form of a chirograph (Crawford Charters, p. 80). Chaplais 1981b, no. 9.

[263] S 1460 (Robertson, Charters, no. 83) Record of the settlement of a dispute between Æthelstan, bishop of Hereford, and Wulfstan and his son Wulflic (c. 1010 x 1023): BL Cotton Charter viii. 37 (BMFac. iv.14), from Worcester.
Upper part of a chirograph (CYROGRAPHVM); issued in triplicate.

[263a] S 1462 (Robertson, Charters, no. 78) Record of the settlement of a dispute between Edwin, son of Enniaun, and his mother (1016 x 1035): Hereford, D. & C., P. i. 2, fol. 134rv, from Hereford.
Record entered in a gospel-book. <Perhaps this should be included; cf. [87], etc. Include others, and renumber?>
[264]  S 1467 (Robertson, Charters, no. 91) Statement of Christ Church's position in regard to a dispute over land at Sandwich, Kent (1037 x 1040): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 90 (BMFacs. iv.20), from Christ Church, Canterbury.<br>Bishop and Chaplais, no. 4: scribe identified as that of a writ of William the Conqueror. Chaplais 1966, p. 176, n. 129: scribe identified in other Canterbury contexts.

[265]  S 1489 (Whitelock, Wills, no. 26) Will of Ælfric, bishop of Elmham (1035 x 1040): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 85 (BMFacs. iv.21), from Bury St Edmunds.<br><SEK: later copy? Why gaps in text?>  <?</br><br>[266]  S 1225 (Robertson, Charters, no. 93) Record of Thurketel’s grant of land to Bury St Edmunds (c. 1040): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 84 (BMFacs. iv.44), from Bury St Edmunds.<br><br>[267]  S 1530, MS. 1 (Whitelock, Wills, no. 30) Will of Thurstan (1042 x 1043): Canterbury, D. & C., Red Book no. 22 (OSFacs. i.25), from Christ Church, Canterbury.<br>Upper part of a chirograph (CYROGRAPHVM); issued in triplicate. S 1530, MS. 2 [268] is a revised version of this document, written by a different scribe.<br><br>[268]  S 1530, MS. 2 (Whitelock, Wills, no. 30) Will of Thurstan, revised version (1042 x 1043): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 34 (BMFacs. iv.33), from Christ Church, Canterbury.<br>Upper part of a chirograph (CYROGRAPHVM); issued in triplicate. Revised version of S 1530, MS. 1 [267], with further corrections, additions and alterations (by different scribes). <Altered to St Albans, from St Augustine's.>

[269]  S 1471 (Robertson, Charters, no. 101) Record of an agreement between Archbishop Eadsige and Æthalric (c. 1045): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 70 (BMFacs. iv.27), from Christ Church, Canterbury.<br>Central part of a tripartite chirograph (CYROGRAPHVM CYROGRAPHVM); issued in triplicate.

[270]  S 1472 (Robertson, Charters, no. 102) Record of an agreement between Ælfstan, abbot of St Augustine’s, Canterbury, and the priest Leofwine (1044 x 1045): Canterbury, D. & C., Red Book no. 21 (OSFacs. i.23), from Christ Church, Canterbury.<br>Upper part of a chirograph (CYROGRAPHVM); issued in triplicate.

[271]  S 1473 (Robertson, Charters, no. 103) Record of Godric’s purchase of land in Kent from his sister Eadgifu (1044 x 1048): BL Cotton Augustus ii. 35 (BMFacs. iv.28), from Christ Church, Canterbury.<br>Upper part of a chirograph (CYROGRAPHVM); issued in triplicate.

[272]  S 1400 (Robertson, Charters, no. 108) Eadsige, archbishop of Canterbury (1038 x 1050): BL Stowe Charter 42 (OSFacs. iii.43), from Christ Church, Canterbury.<br>Lower part of chirograph (CYROGRAPHVM); issued in duplicate.
**III. WRITS**

(a) *Originals (or apparent originals)*


A writ announcing the king’s grant of land in Oxfordshire to Saint-Denis, and authorising Wulfwig, bishop of Dorchester, to draw up a diploma to the required effect. An impression of King Edward’s ‘Second Seal’, originally attached to the writ, was detached in antiquity, and re-attached to the diploma (S 1028 [159]); the seal is now lost. Keynes 1988, p. 215. <Script not fluent.>


An (imperfect) impression of King Edward’s ‘Second Seal’ is attached. Keynes 1988, p. 215. <Same, or similar, script in boundary clause of S 1248 [222], from Westminster.>

(b) *Copies or forgeries*

s. xii; with an impression of the (forged) 'First Seal' of King Edward. <Chaplais 1981c, pp. 91-5 and 97: Westminster forger, responsible for S 1120, 1124, 1134, 1137, 1138, 1140 (MS. 2), and 1141; S 1098 (for Coventry); S 774, MS. 1, and S 1293, MS.1. See also Heslop. DND: s. xi² ?>

s. xii; a seal was still attached to the writ, c. 1700.

s. xii; with an impression of the (forged) 'First Seal' of King Edward. <Excellent impression of forged seal - important as evidence for appearance of the genuine 'Second Seal'.>


s. xii.

s. xii; with an impression of the (forged) 'First Seal' of King Edward.

s. xii; with an impression of the (forged) 'First Seal' of King Edward.

s. xii.
IV. ANGLO-SAXON CHARTERS ON SINGLE SHEETS, POST 1100

<This list comprises only those charters which appear in BMFacs., OSFacs. and BAFacs; several others which would belong in the same category are listed in Sawyer, passim.>

(a) Medieval copies or forgeries

s. xii; seal still attached c. 1700.


s. xii; with an impression of the (forged) 'Third Seal' of King Edward.

(a) Medieval copies or forgeries


s. xii. See also S 124, MS 1 [168]. <For scribe, cf. BAFacs. 37. Heslop on Dunstan's seal: written by same scribe.>


s. xiv/xv.

[297]  S 312 (BCS 477) Æthelwulf, king of Wessex (854): Winchester, D. & C., Library Showcase (OSFacs. ii. Winchester 1), from the Old Minster, Winchester.

s. xv1. A chirograph of sorts; S 804, MS. 1, and S 1013, MS. 1, were produced by the same scribe.


s. xiii.


s. xii.

[300]  S 731 (BCS 1135) King Edgar (964): BL Harley 7513 (BAFacs. 34), from Worcester.

s. xiiimed.


s. xii; the same scribe produced S 1293, MS. 1, and several forged writs of Edward the Confessor.
[302]  S 779 (BCS 1266, 1267) King Edgar (970): BL Stowe Charter 31 (OSFacs. iii.32), from Ely.
s: xi/xii.

[303]  S 959, MS. 2 (KCD 737) King Cnut (1023): Canterbury, D. & C., Red Book no. 15 (OSFacs. i.20), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
s: xi/xii.

[304]  S 959, MS. 4 (Crawford Charters, no. 12) King Cnut (1023): Oxford, Bodleian Library, Eng. hist. a. 2, no. VIIIa (BAFacs. 34), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
s: xi/xii; a replica of S 959, MS. 2.

[305]  S 959, MS. 1 (KCD 737) King Cnut (1023): Canterbury, D. & C., Red Book no. 17 (OSFacs. i.21), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
s: xii.

[306]  S 959, MS. 3 (KCD 737) King Cnut (1023): BL Stowe Charter 39 (OSFacs. iii.40), from Christ Church, Canterbury.
s: xii.

[307]  S 1011 (KCD 779) King Edward the Confessor (1045): BL Cotton Augustus ii.58 (BMFacs. iv.30), from Westminster.
s: xii; Chaplais 1981c: copy of the (lost) pretended original of King Edward’s ‘Second Charter’ for Westminster. Keynes 1988, pp. 198-9. < Might this be s. xi/xii? - looks earlier than S 1041 and 1043; in which case perhaps not forged by Osbert de Clare.>

[308]  S 1026 (KCD 801) King Edward the Confessor (? 1065): London, College of Arms (BAFacs. 35), from Evesham.
s: xii.

s: xiii.


[312] S 1043, MS. 1 (KCD 824) King Edward the Confessor (1065): BL Cotton Charter vi.2 (BAFacs. 39), from Westminster.
s. xii. Chaplais 1981c: copy of pretended original of King Edward's 'First Charter' for Westminster [311]; the same scribe also produced S 1041, MS. 1, and S 1043, MS. 2.

[313] S 1062 (Robertson, Charters, no. 118) King Edward the Confessor (1042-1065): BL Cotton Charter x.17 (BMFacs. iv.37), from the Old Minster, Winchester.
s. xii; a seal was still attached to the writ, c. 1700.

s. xii. Chaplais 1981c: same scribe wrote S 774, MS. 1, and several forged writs of Edward the Confessor. <Remark on Dunstan's seal. See Heslop in Dunstan volume.>

s. xii.

S 1620: see under S 1434 [46].

(b) Early Modern script-facsimiles or transcripts

Apparently an early modern script-facsimile of a presumed 'original' from Glastonbury (s. viii, or more probably s. ix). Abrams 1991.

s. xvi/xvii script-facsimile of a presumed s. xmed original probably from Evesham. A column of crosses occurs in the left-hand margin; cf. column of chrismons in S 204 [81], and column of crosses in S 221 [88], also Mercian. The script-facsimile is of special interest as evidence of the appearance, in single-sheet form, of one of the so-called 'alliterative' charters of the 940s and 950s, and as an 'early' specimen of Anglo-Caroline script in a royal diploma (cf. S 594 [106]).

s. xvii copy of a presumed s. x2 original of uncertain provenance.

<Inconsistencies in classification, e.g. those dated s. xi/xii. Some re-numbering will be necessary, passim.>