Rufinus of Aquileia, Historia monachorum

The text of this leaf varies from the standard text of the Historia monachorum by omitting chapters 29.5.1 - 32.1. Other copies of the text that show the same omission are Vienna, Oesterreichische Nationalbibliothek, s.n. 3610, fols. 66-112, a manuscript of the twelfth century (formerly Lambach, Stiftsbibliothek, Cml CXIII) and Brussels, Bibliotheque Royale, MS 8216-18, a ninth-century manuscript from St. Florian (see E. Schulz-Fluegel, ed., Tyrannius Rufinus Historia monachorum sive De vita sanctorum patrum [Berlin, 1990], 124-5).

f. 1r //imaginibus ludentes. requirit ab eis si in oratione uel edificandi cogitationes habuerint ... accedentium ad altare uel indignates uel merita praelaterent.

Rufinus, Historia Monachorum, chap. 29.4.11-16 (St. Macharius); Schulz-Fluegel, 373-4; PL 21.459-60.

f. 1r-v Incipit de s. Piamone. Uidimus et alium quendam presbyterem ammirabilem nomine piamonem. ... ut solito senior redderetur.

Historia Monachorum, chap. 32.2-8 (St. Piamon); Schulz-Fluegel, 383-4; PL 21.459-60.

f. 1v Incipit de sancto Iohanne. Erat in ipsis locis et uir sanctus ac totius grati dono reple tus iohannes nomine ... ut quacumque mesticia. quocumque tedio ob//[pressa]
Historia Monachorum, chap. 33.1 (St. John); Schulz-Fluegel, 384; PL 21.459-60.

Parchment (stained and with several large holes resulting from imperfection in the parchment). 1 folio. 215 x 160 mm (written space 193 x 130 mm). 1 column. 25 lines. Ruled in lead. Single vertical bounding lines.

Written in late Caroline minuscule. 1-line initials at the beginning of chapters are in red uncials and are not set apart from the text. Other 1-line initials are in brown, once filled with red, and are a mixture of uncial, rustic capital and enlarged minuscule forms; they are set apart from the text when they occur at the beginning of a line. Rubrics are written in red rustic capitals, with uncial M and enlarged minuscule or round E. A line divider is in brown filled with red. Punctuation consists of the punctus. Hyphenation is in the same ink as the text.

Other leaves of the same manuscript are preserved as flyleaves in Lambach, Stiftsbibliothek, Cml XLIV, Cml XLV and Cml IL. The manuscript may have been one of the "Duo volumina in vitas patrum" listed in the Lambach library catalogue in Cml XIX (see Holter [1956], 274, and MBKOe, 5:57). This fragment was used in the binding of a volume measuring ca. 215 x 142 mm, perhaps Lambach Ccl 284. On the recto in the lower margin there is a faint pencil notation "284" that is similar to other pencil notations of Lambach shelf numbers on other Beinecke leaves, and the measurement of the leaf is consistent with the measurements of other Lambach manuscripts that are similar in size to Lambach Ccl 284 (Ccl 283 measures 220 x 145; see its description in Holter [1959], 262).

A modern hand has written the number "50" in pencil in the lower right corner of the verso.

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Bibliography:

Babcock, Reconstructing a Medieval Library, 102 and fig. 28