

A system for citing Anglo-Saxon charters

Anglo-Saxon charters are cited conventionally by their number in P. Sawyer, *Anglo-Saxon Charters: an Annotated List and Bibliography*, Royal Historical Society Guides and Handbooks 8 (London, 1968), abbreviated as S, followed by the number in the catalogue (e.g. S 876); but, as a matter of good practice, it is helpful if the reference can also incorporate an indication of the edition cited and of the 'archive' in which it was preserved.

When complete, the new edition of the surviving corpus of charters, prepared under the auspices of the British Academy / Royal Historical Society Joint Committee on Anglo-Saxon Charters, will comprise about 30 volumes, each containing the charters formerly preserved in the archives of a particular religious house, or group of houses. A revised edition of 'Sawyer' has been prepared and is being maintained as part of the same project. The data in the 'Revised Sawyer' is available online as the 'Electronic Sawyer'. For further information, please visit the 'Kemble' website <www.kemble.asnc.cam.ac.uk/>.

In those cases where a charter is from an archive which has already been published in the new edition, the charter can be cited by its number in 'Sawyer', followed in brackets by a standard form of abbreviation for the volume in question (which of its nature serves also as an indication of the archive), e.g. S 876 (*Abing* 124). In those cases where a charter is from an archive which has not yet been published in the new edition, it would be necessary to give its number in Birch's edition (for the period to 975), or in Kemble's edition (for the period 975–1066). Charters forming part of the Crawford collection, in the Bodleian Library, should be cited in these circumstances from *Crawford Charters*, ed. Napier and Stevenson. Vernacular texts, which may be available in Birch or Kemble, though not yet in the new edition, should be cited from the series comprising Harmer's *SEHD*, Whitelock's *Wills*, Robertson's *Charters*, and Harmer's *Writs*.

The volumes in the new edition may be cited in an abbreviated form, as follows:

Abing: *Charters of Abingdon Abbey*, ed. S. E. Kelly, 2 pts, AS Charters 7–8 (Oxford, 2000–1)

Bath: *Charters of Bath and Wells*, ed. S. E. Kelly, AS Charters 13 (Oxford, 2007)

Burt: *Charters of Burton Abbey*, ed. P. H. Sawyer, AS Charters 2 (Oxford, 1979)

CantCC: *Charters of Christ Church, Canterbury*, ed. N. Brooks and S. E. Kelly, 3 pts, AS Charters 17–19 (Oxford, forthcoming)

CantStA: *Charters of St Augustine's Abbey, Canterbury*, ed. S. E. Kelly, AS Charters 4 (Oxford, 1995)

Glast: *Charters of Glastonbury Abbey*, ed. S. E. Kelly, AS Charters 15 (Oxford, forthcoming)

LondStP: *Charters of St Paul's, London*, ed. S. E. Kelly, AS Charters 10 (Oxford, 2004)

Malm: *Charters of Malmesbury Abbey*, ed. S. E. Kelly, AS Charters 11 (Oxford, 2005)

North: *Charters of Northern Houses*, ed. D. A. Woodman, AS Charters 16 (Oxford, forthcoming)

Pet: *Charters of Peterborough*, ed. S. E. Kelly, AS Charters 14 (Oxford, 2009)

Roch: *Charters of Rochester*, ed. A. Campbell, AS Charters 1 (London, 1973)

Sel: *Charters of Selsey*, ed. S. E. Kelly, AS Charters 6 (Oxford, 1998)

Shaft: *Charters of Shaftesbury Abbey*, ed. S. E. Kelly, AS Charters 5 (Oxford, 1995)

Sherb: *Charters of Sherborne*, ed. M. A. O'Donovan, AS Charters 3 (Oxford, 1988)

StAlb: *Charters of St Albans Abbey*, ed. J. Crick, AS Charters 12 (Oxford, 2007)

Wells: *Charters of Bath and Wells*, ed. S. E. Kelly, AS Charters 13 (Oxford, 2007)

WinchNM: Charters of the New Minster, Winchester, ed. S. Miller, AS Charters 9 (Oxford, 2001)

Volumes in advanced stages of preparation:

BuryStE: Charters of Bury St Edmunds, ed. K. Lowe and S. Foot

Midland: Charters of Religious Houses in the Midlands, ed. S. E. Kelly

West: Charters of Westminster, ed. R. Mortimer

Wilt: Charters of Wilton Abbey, ed. R. Rushforth

WinchOM: Charters of the Old Minster, Winchester, ed. A. R. Rumble

Further details are available on the ‘Kemble’ website.

Older publications may be cited in abbreviated forms, as follows:

KCD, followed by number of charter: J. M. Kemble, *Codex Diplomaticus Ævi Saxonici*, 6 vols. (London, 1839–48), paperback reprint, 6 vols. (Cambridge, 2011)

BCS, followed by number of charter: W. de G. Birch, *Cartularium Saxonicum*, 3 vols. (London, 1885–93), paperback reprint, 3 vols. (Cambridge, forthcoming [2012])

CrawCh, followed by number of charter: *The Crawford Collection of Early Charters and Documents Now in the Bodleian Library*, ed. A. S. Napier and W. H. Stevenson (Oxford, 1895)

SEHD, followed by number of charter: *Select English Historical Documents of the Ninth and Tenth Centuries*, ed. F. E. Harmer (Cambridge, 1914), paperback reprint (Cambridge, 2011)

Wills, followed by number of charter: *Anglo-Saxon Wills*, ed. Dorothy Whitelock (Cambridge, 1930), paperback reprint (Cambridge, 2011)

Charters, followed by number of charter: *Anglo-Saxon Charters*, ed. A. J. Robertson (Cambridge, 1939; 2nd ed., 1956), paperback reprint (Cambridge, 2009; re-issued, 2011)

Writs, followed by number of charter: *Anglo-Saxon Writs*, ed. F. E. Harmer (Manchester, 1952), reprinted with an addition (Stamford, 1989)

Facsimiles of charters extant in their ‘original’ (single-sheet) form are conventionally cited from the standard editions:

BMFacs, followed by volume number and number of facsimile: E. A. Bond, *Facsimiles of Ancient Charters in the British Museum*, 4 vols. (London, 1873–8)

OSFacs, followed by volume number and number of facsimile: W. B. Sanders, *Facsimiles of Anglo-Saxon Manuscripts*, 3 vols. (Southampton, 1878–84)

BAFacs, followed by number of facsimile: *Facsimiles of Anglo-Saxon Charters*, ed. S. Keynes, AS Charters, Supplementary Series 1 (Oxford, 1991)

Images of the great majority of single-sheet charters are available, via a classified list, and a database, on the ‘Kemble’ website.

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This system of abbreviation is used for dissertations, and is also used for the journal *Anglo-Saxon England* (Cambridge).