

Diarmuid O’Riain, New light on the origins and transmission of the *Magnum Legendarium Austriacum*

Abstract: This article presents new findings in relation to the late-12th-century *Magnum Legendarium Austriacum*, the largest hagiographical collection of its time. It records the recent discovery of fragments of a seventh copy of the legendary at the Benedictine monastery of Göttweig, the first to be identified since the 19th century. It also provides new evidence concerning the previously uncertain origins of the collection, which can now be pinpointed to the Benedictine monastery of Admont. New insights with regard to the processes by which the legendary was compiled and transmitted are also offered. It is argued that the study of the manuscript tradition of hagiographical texts and collections can help reveal wider patterns of transmission across the monastic landscape of high-medieval Central Europe.

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