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Alexander monachus

d. post 1217. Italy. Benedictine monk, author of a Latin cartulary chronicle. Alexander lived and worked at the monastery at Carpineto della Nora, in the province of Pescara in Central Italy at the end of the 12th century, and received recognition for his collaborative work with abbot Bohemond (1181–93). The latter entrusted Alexander with some important embassies to the pope, the Norman monarchy, the imperial ambassador and the local count. Most of these missions concerned conflicts about the property and the rights of the monastery.

It was in order to undergird these rights that Alexander decided to write the *Chronicorum liber Sancti Bartholomaei de Carpineto* (Chronicle of the monastery of St Bartholomew of Carpineto) in the last decade of 12th century, probably influenced by the work of John → Berard. The chronicle narrates the history of the monastery from 962

to 1198, including in appendix the most important documents.

The autograph is lost, but we have twelve copies, the most complete of which is Milan, Biblioteca Ambrosiana, cod. D 70 inf. (17th century).

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