A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF SYON ABBEY, ISLEWORTH,

WITH

SOME SOURCES FOR THE EARLY HISTORY

OF

SYON HOUSE.

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A: The Key Documents and Primary Sources

General:

The (UK) National Archives, Kew London (formerly the Public Record Office), is the primary source for Syon original documents. There are over 1000 separate records at the National Archives for Syon Abbey, including more than 1200 account rolls. The more important relevant documents are cited in extenso in Dugdale (1693), Tanner (1744), Aungier (1840), and Dunning (1964) – listed below. For SARA transcriptions of 12 individual Syon National Archive documents, see Forbes (2012) below. Searchable website for National Archives http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/

(UK) State Papers, Calendar of: There are numerous references to Syon Abbey and Syon House pre-, and immediately post- dissolution in the various State Papers, available in hard copy at the British Library (see ‘Lemon, State Papers’, below) and also online (see below for link - not all reigns are available). Calendar of State Papers, Edward VI, Mary and Phillip, and the first half of the reign of Elizabeth I: Searchable website: http://www.british-history.ac.uk/statepapers.aspx

The State Papers are also covered by:


FLETCHER, JOHN, RORY: State papers connected with Syon Abbey : AD 1406-1506, 1528, 1557-8 at Exeter University Special Collections (FLE/1 etc).


The Extant Syon Abbey printed books and MSS have been extensively covered by Bateson (1898) Fletcher (FLE/15 and 16), Ker, with Watson, (1941 to 1987), de Hamel (1991), Bell (1995), Gillespie (2001) and all of which q.v. below. There is an overview of these authors and some new comments in Adams (2012, forthcoming), together with the current location of extant Syon MSS and printed books. Lost Syon MSS and books, as extracted from the Registrum (Library Catalogue) by its librarian Betson (Cambridge, Corpus Christi College Ms 141) are analysed in Bateson (1898) and Gillespie (2001) – see below.
There are also **private papers regarding Syon Abbey and Syon House** summarised in ‘Principal Family and Estate Collections, Family Names L to W’ (1999); HMSO, London. See: Percy (Dukes of Northumberland) pp60-61; and Seymour, Dukes of Somerset, p84.

**London Metropolitan Archives (LMA):** The Abbess of Syon was also ex officio ‘Lady of the Manor of Syon’ and the papers of the Manor of Syon’s Courts Leet – from the foundation to dissolution, and mainly as yet untranscribed – are at the LMA, together with London Guildhall Library MS 25524 *Additions for the Lay Brothers* (in Middle English) - notice required for ordering the latter.

LMA searchable catalogue at: [http://search.lma.gov.uk/opac_lma/index.htm](http://search.lma.gov.uk/opac_lma/index.htm)

The LMA also has some scant references to Syon in the **Bishop’s Visitation Papers** (untranscribed and partial) of the Bishops’ of London, in whose diocese lay Middlesex, and hence Syon Abbey. See previous entry for searchable catalogue.


**Syon Abbey, Devon:** The mainly post-dissolution books and MSS previously held by the Bridgettine Order at Syon Abbey while in Devon at Chudleigh and South Brent (both now closed) have been passed to the Special Collections of Exeter University, Devon. They include the Fletcher Archive (q.v.) of 35 MSS volumes concerning Syon Abbey, its history and people, as well as the catalogue and the books of the Bridgettines post-dissolution, and some pre-dissolution MSS.

For details see ‘A handlist of the Marley House Library’ held by Exeter University Special Collections, and Article on the Catalogue of the Books at Syon Abbey, Marley House at:

[http://syonabbeyesociety.files.wordpress.com/2012/04/sas_newsletter_issue_2.pdf](http://syonabbeyesociety.files.wordpress.com/2012/04/sas_newsletter_issue_2.pdf)

The **pre-reformation MSS previously held by the Brigittines in Devon**, now also at Exeter University, are covered in detail in Ker (1969-2002) under ‘Syon Abbey, South Brent.’

**Bridget (Birgitta) of Sweden, Saint, Writings:** The different versions of texts by, and attributed to, Saint Bridget (Birgitta), including the Revelations, some letters, and selected biographies, are very well covered in the ON-LINE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF ST
Further comprehensive bibliographies, including Brigittine liturgy, legal texts and lives of St. Bridget and St. Catherine by the same authors (incorporated only in part here below) may be found at: http://www.sanctabirgitta.com/underniva/lardigmer/artikel_visa.asp?ID=512 (to March 2009).

Biographies of those involved with Syon Abbey can be found:

in the University of Exeter Special Collections: Fletcher’s ‘Who’s Who in Syon.’ FLE 10-13, Vols 1-4

and also Fletcher’s ‘A catalogue of the dead, both brothers and sisters, in ye monastery of Syon of the Holy Order of Saint Birgit : from the first foundation in England in ... 1415 to the present year 1923.’ FLE 14.

The on-line and printed ‘Oxford Dictionary of National Biography’ (ODNB, 60 volumes from 2004) also contains 112 direct entries for Syon,

as does the older ‘Dictionary of National Biography’ (DNB, printed from 1885 to 2004). The latter’s 63 volumes, three supplements, errata and Index can be accessed free on line at: http://archive.org/details/dictionarynationio43stepgoog

The more important Syon characters from both the ODNB and DNB are listed in the main bibliography section below.

‘The History of Parliament’ also contains details of those Members of Parliament (e.g. Sir Francis Englefield) who influenced events at Syon. Online and searchable at: http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/

There are also some limited entries referring to Swedish and British characters important for Syon in the Riksarkivet database – Searchable at: http://www.nad.riksarkivet.se/?Sokord=Syon&f=True&EndastDigitaliserat=false&Fritext=&Namn=&DatumFran=&DatumTill=&Ort=&AvanceradSok=False

The DNB, ODNB and Riksarkivet also cite useful sources, at times extensive, for their biographic entries.

English Monastic Database at UCL. The Link connects to 252 items for Syon. Texts not provided - but repository cited – e.g. National Archives / PRO etc., with short summary. http://www.ucl.ac.uk/history2/englishmonasticarchives/
**Syon Manuscripts:** Many of the Syon MSS are listed and featured on the websites of the current locations (British Library, Bodleian etc). Cambridge colleges were catalogued by M. R. James in the early 1900s, and these catalogues are now on-line - see ‘Web Resources’ below. The current location of Syon MSS is covered in Adams (2012 - forthcoming), with links to websites where available.

**Microfilm: Adam Matthew Publications:** MEDIEVAL AND EARLY MODERN WOMEN Part 2: Household Books, Correspondence and Manuscripts owned by women from the British Library, London. Microfilm copies of the following Syon documents are available:

**REEL 18**
Arundel Ms 11 Syon Abbey, Confessor Generalis, 15th century
Arundel Ms 146 Syon Abbey, Orders and Constitutions of Nuns, 15th century
Add Ms 5208 Syon Abbey, Rules of the Abbey, late 15th - early 16th century.

**REEL 19**
Add Ms 22285 Syon Abbey, Martyrologium and notes, 15th - 17th century
Add Ms 30514 Syon Abbey, Hours of the Virgin, 15th century.

**REEL 20**
Add Ms 40006 Syon Abbey, Vulgate Bible, c1300.
Archaeology Data Service - Syon Abbey Report: Medieval - Abbey; Post Medieval - Bridgettine Double House; 1557 - 1558 - Extant Building; 1431 - 1539 - Undercroft. Website guide to 117 digs in the Syon Abbey / Syon Park area, and Syon Abbey estates throughout Britain. These can be examined at: http://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/myads/copyrights?from=2f617263687365617263687365617263682f

**Riksarkivet: Swedish National Archives.** Contains a number of useful documents concerning Syon, and Vadstena, as well as Vadstena itself. English translations are available on the website, but should be treated with caution.
http://www.nad.riksarkivet.se/

“**Svenskt Diplomatarium** (also known under the Latin name Diplomatarium Suecanum) is a series of critical editions of medieval Swedish documents or documents pertaining to the history of Sweden (in Swedish, Latin and other languages). Many documents are also available online in full text and with colour images of the originals.” Diplomatarium Suecanum (Svenskt Diplomatarium 1828-) FANT, GEIJER & SCHROEDER (1828) Scriptores Rerum Suecicarum iussu regis. Ed.
Carl Silfverstolpe. See in particular Nos: 2524, 2521, 2522 and 2524 on the dispute as to whether the English recruits were professed. See also: [http://www.riksarkivet.se/](http://www.riksarkivet.se/)

**Syon Abbey’s Relations with the Vatican:**

References to individual Papal Bulls concerning Syon are listed in this bibliography below at ‘Papal Bulls.’

See also: Calendar of Papal Registers relating to Great Britain and Ireland. H.M.S.O. London, and Irish Manuscript Commission, 1893 - to date.

1 Key Sources, by Author:


AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO. (1525 & 1527) The Rule of Saynt Augustyne. Trans. Richard Whitford. London: Wynkyn de Worde, 1525. STC 922.3, and London: Wynkyn de Worde, 28 November 1525 and 1527. Latter - STC 922.4. The address by the translator to his 'good devout religious daughters' says that he was asked to amend the English version of their rule, but found it 'so scabrous rough or rude' that he has translated it 'of new.' It was printed again by Wynkyn de Worde as 'The rule of Saynt Augustine both in latyn and Englysshe, with two Exposycyons. And also the same rule agayn onely in Englysshe without latyn or Exposycyon.' The longer exposition is that of St. Hugh of Victor, the shorter is Whitford’s.


BETSON, THOMAS. *Registrum bibliothecae de Syon.* ‘The catalogue of the Library of Syon Monastery, Isleworth.’ xv-xvi c. Latin on vellum. Cambridge, Corpus Christi College, Parker Medieval Manuscripts MS 141. This is the catalogue to the Brothers’ Library. See also Bateson (1898) and Gillespie (2001).


Saint Bride and her Book (1990), Birgitta of Sweden's Revelations. Translated by Julia Bolton Holloway. A modern English version of the medieval biography, excerpts from, the *Revelaciones*, from a translation into Middle English made at Syon Abbey. Includes an interpretive essay and an introduction tracing St Bridget’s life.


BRIDGET, SAINT: The Revelations of Bridget of Sweden (Libri XII), Written by Thomas Colyngbourn; British Library, Harley MS 612 f.78v. With Acts for the canonization of Bridget and accounts of her miracles, and various other texts, including the *Tractatis de summis pontificibus*, and the *Vita venerabilis domine katerine filie beate Birgitte*.


BRIDGET, SAINT. (1928) *Sermo Angelicus*: Revelations & prayers of St. Bridget of Sweden: being the "Sermo angelicus," or angelic discourse concerning the excellence
of the Virgin Mary, revealed to the saint, with certain prayers. Ed. Benzinger Brothers.


**Calendar of Papal Registers relating to Great Britain and Ireland.** H.M.S.O. London, and Irish Manuscript Commission, 1893 - to date.


DEANESLY, MARGARET (1915) The Incendium Amoris of Richard Rolle of Hampole (Manchester University Press).


**The Diarium Vadstenense** (or passim Vadstense and Wazstenense), Memorial Book of Vadstena Abbey in Sweden, with entries relevant to Syon Abbey, was published in a critical edition by Claes Gejrot in 1996, with a parallel translation in Swedish as: Vadstenadiariet: latinisk text med översättning och kommentar, Stockholm: Samfundet för utgivande av handskrifter rörande Skandinaviens historia. An electronic version (on CD-ROM) of Gejrot’s edition, with facsimiles of the original manuscript, was produced in 2003.

Website with Latin text, is at pp99-230 of: [http://books.google.co.uk/books?id=caBMOX11nYC&pg=PA119&lpg=PA119&dq=vazstenas&source=bl&ots=EzwJW0qyFL&sig=XYQ1rcXw35wOqmu-rhNZ15Jvn0o&hl=en&sa=X&ei=WwUJUNb5Osam0QWfv9S3Cg&ved=0CC0Q6AEwAA#v=onepage&q=vazstenas&f=false](http://books.google.co.uk/books?id=caBMOX11nYC&pg=PA119&lpg=PA119&dq=vazstenas&source=bl&ots=EzwJW0qyFL&sig=XYQ1rcXw35wOqmu-rhNZ15Jvn0o&hl=en&sa=X&ei=WwUJUNb5Osam0QWfv9S3Cg&ved=0CC0Q6AEwAA#v=onepage&q=vazstenas&f=false)


EXETER UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES: 35 MSS volumes of Canon John Rory Fletcher (q.v. below); also the substantial book collection (pre-1850) of Syon Abbey, Devon,
are held at Special Collections, which is fully catalogued, with entries available on the library OPAC online catalogue: see http://lib.ex.ac.uk under classmark Syon, and the papers of Syon Abbey, Devon.


FISHBOURNE, THOMAS "Collacio proposita corpos College Brigittini ordinis in Suecia, per generalem et primum confessorem de Sancta Syon in Anglia.". Incip. "Vide, domine, et considera." British Library Arundel MS 11, fol.177. Sermon delivered at Vadstena perhaps by Fishbourne - as an implicit critique of Vadstena and the Birgittine community for not trusting the true, original meaning of the Rule that focused on the nuns, and seeking to extend it with dispensations and indulgences. Syon’s recurring wish to return to the original intentions of Saint Birgitta may be detected: - ‘that excessive number of indulgences, granted by the Holy See, which …. overthrow our order and our Rule and prepare a road to her final destruction’ “. See: http://www.archive.org/details/notitiamonastica00tann


FLETCHER, CANON JOHN RORY (1930-1940). Exeter University Archive: The collection consists of 35 bound manuscript volumes relating to the medieval and post-Reformation history of Syon Abbey and its order of Bridgettine nuns. Also included are histories of the community in exile on the Continent following the Dissolution in 1539, as well as are four volumes of 'Syon's Who's Who' (including a detailed index), catalogues of brothers and sisters, lists of manuscripts and book materials, and notes on other Bridgettine communities foundations situated elsewhere in Europe. Fletcher divided his work into the following categories:

A. State Papers; B. Descriptive history of the Abbey; C. Biographical work; D. English sources in general; E. Syon sources and Dom Hamilton's writings F. Swedish and foreign sources; G. Preliminary notebooks; H. Folio volumes (various subjects) ; I. Large folio (various subjects). See: http://lib-archives.ex.ac.uk/Dserve/dserve.exe?dsqIni=Dserve.ini&dsqApp=Archive&dsqDb=Catalog&dsqCmd=Browse2.tcl&dsqKey=RefNo&dsqItem=EUL%20MS%2095


GREGERSSON, BIRGER (1876) Vita S. Birgittae in Scriptores rerum sveciarum medii aevi. 3 Uppsala: Edvardus Berling.


[Vol. 1, History of Syon Abbey, not published]

Vol. 3: The Syon Additions for the Brethren and The Boke of Sygnes from the St. Paul's Cathedral Library MS (1980);


JULIAN OF NORWICH (1368). MSS for Showing of Love: 1: British Library Additional 37790 (The Amherst MS); 2: Syon Abbey manuscript owned by Westminster Cathedral and now on loan to Westminster Abbey; 3: 'Paris Manuscript' - Bibliothèque Nationale, Anglais 40. The website below gives a useful and considered discussion of three texts of 'Showing of Love' by Julian of Norwich, drawing out their Syon connections. "There are eight manuscripts representing three versions of Julian of Norwich’s Showing of Love. The three oldest manuscripts are generated within Brigittine surroundings, both at Syon Abbey and in exile from England.... In a continuum from the fourteenth to the twentieth centuries, they preserve material that has its birth in Birgitta of Sweden's Revelationes ....An earlier version of this essay was published in The Tablet, 11 May 1996, and is reproduced here....." : http://www.umilta.net/tablet.html


LILJEGREN, JOHAN GUSTAF (1820s-) Diplomatarium Suecanum (Svenskt Diplomatarium) Ed. Carl Silfverstolpe. http://www.riksarkivet.se/


This web version is in OCR and very corrupt. A corrected version, with notes, can be obtained on request by email from web@amcd.co.uk

Rule of our Most Holy Saviour (1914) (includes The Syon Additions and The Rule of St Austin.) ‘From the British Museum and St Pauls’ Manuscripts’. (No publisher, but approved by the Censor Deputatus and the Bishop of Plymouth). See: http://www.archive.org/stream/ruleofourmosthol00briduoft#page/10/mode/2up


Syon Abbey: (3 March 1415). Charter of Foundation and Incorporation, translated in Aungier (q.v.) pp25-35. The Latin text is in Dugdale's Monasticon, London 1830 VI (1) 542-3, (q.v.). A version of the original document is in the Archives of the Duke of Northumberland in Alnwick Castle. See also: British Library Add. MS 24,062, fol. 150, being a letter of state concerning King Henry IV’s desire to establish a Brigittine house at ‘St Richard’s Church’, prior to that of Syon Abbey.

Syon Abbey: Part of letters patent, dated 26 October 1462 (Calendar of Patent Rolls PRO, Ed IV- Ric III (London 1897-1901) vol 1 (Ed IV 1461-67 (1897) p216 (See Bell p174) - in Oxford Bodleian Laud Misc. 602 (s.xv) as Walter Hilton, The Ladder of Perfection. Manuscript. The front fly-leaf is the bottom part of the letters patent.

Syon Martyrlogium / Martyrlogy / Martirloge / Martiloge

1: BL ADD MSS 22285 (also known as 22,285) British Library. Sole surviving MSS copy of 'The Martiloge in Englyshhe after the use of the chirche of Salisbury, and as it is redde in Syon with addicyons,' compiled by Richard Whytford.

2: (1526 – Printed Book) ‘The martiloge in Englysshe after the vse of the chirche of Salisbury and as it is redde in Syon with addicyons’. Printed by Wynkyn de Worde in 1526. The translator was Whitford, who gathered the additions 'out of the sanctiloge, legenda aurea, catalogo Sanctorum, the cronycles of Antonine, and of Saynt vincent and other dyvers auctours.' http://archive.org/details/martilogeinengly00salirich


**Vatican MS LP VIII 661.** Full account of the legal defence and death of Richard Reynolds, brother of Syon.  

WHITFORD, RICHARD (1526) The martiloge in Englysshe after the vse of the chirche of Salisbury and as it is redde in Syon with addicyons. Printed by Wynkyn de Worde in 1526.  
http://archive.org/details/martilogeinengl00librgoog

http://www.archive.org/details/myroureourelady00abbegoog

Other works by Whitford are listed in the Main Bibliography below.
B     Some Selected Bibliographies


**The Bibliography of British and Irish History** has some 100 or more hits for Syon, 62 for Syon Abbey, and 21 for Syon House, and around 40 for St Bridget of Sweden. These are mostly incorporated below. The website can be accessed (restricted) through *Brepolis*.


**Archives, Syon Abbey, Devon:** The working archive of Syon Abbey, Devon (mainly 19th to 21st c.) has now been passed to Exeter University, Devon. For Details see: [http://syonabbeysoocie.files.wordpress.com/2012/04/sas_newsletter_issue_2.pdf](http://syonabbeysoocie.files.wordpress.com/2012/04/sas_newsletter_issue_2.pdf)

**Florin Website:** comprehensive religious bibliography, with useful Syon coverage: [http://www.florin.ms/libbeth.html](http://www.florin.ms/libbeth.html)


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1 I am also indebted to Victoria Bainbridge for allowing me to use two unpublished Syon bibliographies, from which particular entries have been incorporated.


**Syon Abbey Society**: “This research guide is a list of resources to help both scholars who are coming to the topic for the first time, as well as those continuing their research.” [http://syonabbeyguide.wordpress.com/researchguide/](http://syonabbeyguide.wordpress.com/researchguide/)


SYON BOOKS AND MANUSCRIPTS: Adams, J.S. (2012, forthcoming). *A Description of, and Guide to, the location of extant Syon Abbey printed books and manuscripts*. This is mainly a summary of Bateson, Bell, de Hamel, Gillespie and Ker, but with comments on most of the Syon MSS and books in Britain, which were examined by the author in 2011 and 2012, with some new comments on unnoticed marginalia. Available on request from J.S Adams by email at: [web@amcd.co.uk](mailto:web@amcd.co.uk).
C: Web Resources


ALFONSO, BISHOP OF JAEN, & OLAVI, PETRUS (1506) Life of Seynte Birgette. Written in Latin by Archbishop Birger Gregersson of Uppsala and Nicholas Hermanni, Bishop of Linköping (1506). The version given in this book, from the Middle English, was printed by Pynson in 1516. http://www.umilta.net/thgascbirgitta.html


"A Scholarly Resource for the Study of Women’s Religious Communities from 400 to 1600 CE." http://monasticmatrix.usc.edu/monasticon/?function=detail&id=1016#architectureArchaeology


1448, for Syon Abbey of the Birgittine Nuns' Breviary, Hours, Masses and Offices; with extracts of the revelations of Mechtildis of Hackeborn. Foundation of Syon Abbey described pp. xi–xix.
http://archive.org/details/myroureourelady01abbegoog

http://www.ccel.org/s/schaff/encyc/encyc02/htm/iv.v.cccxxiv.htm

**Bridget, Saint** in *Famous Swedes: Saint Birgitta*:
http://www.sweden.se/templates/cs/BasicFactsheet___4404.aspx

UCL Monastic Archives Syon Mdx.
http://www.catholic.se/birgittasystrarna/eng/moreabout.htm


http://www.philological.bham.ac.uk/cambrit/mids1


http://www.archive.org/stream/englishcatholicr01guiluoft/englishcatholicr01guiluoft_divu.txt


D'AVRAY, D. Deeds of Surrender [=Dissolution Documents] University College London. [http://www.ucl.ac.uk/history/research_projects/monasticarchives/typology/deeds](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/history/research_projects/monasticarchives/typology/deeds)
http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/cgi-bin/History/History-idx?type=header&id=History.EckenWoman&q1=Syon

FLETCHER, JOHN RORY: The Archives Hub: Papers of Canon John Rory Fletcher (1861-1944). http://archiveshub.ac.uk/data/gb029ms95

Florin Website: comprehensive religious bibliography, with useful Syon coverage:  
http://www.florin.ms/libbeth.html


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JAMES, M.R. (1904) The Western Manuscripts in the Library of Trinity College. 4 vols. Cambridge University Press, in particular MSS B 15.2, 792, 1.7.8, 1336  
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JAMES, M.R. (1909). A Descriptive Catalogue of the Manuscripts in the Library of Magdalene College, Cambridge. In particular Magdalene Coll MSS, 11, (page 20); 12, page 22); 13 (page 24) and 23 (p50), which are related to Syon. Cambridge University Press.  
http://archive.org/details/descriptivecatal00magd
See also THOMSOM, R.M., (2011).

JAMES, M.R. (1913) A Descriptive Catalogue of the Manuscripts in the Library of St John's College, Cambridge. Cambridge University Press, in particular MSS 11, N.16 (249), N.17 (250), MS E 28 (131), E.6 (109), 139, 167 and 219. Full list at:
http://www.joh.cam.ac.uk/medieval-manuscripts


The martiloge in Englysshe after the vse of the chirche of Salisbury and as it is redde in Syon with addicyons. Printed by Wynkyn de Worde in 1526 (1893). See:
http://archive.org/details/martilogeinengly00salirich


‘Thinking myself to be with child in lawful marriage between my said dearly beloved husband and Lord, altho’ I be at this present (thankes be unto Almighty God) otherwise in good helthe, yet foreseeing the great danger which by Godd’s ordynance remaine to all whomen in ther travel of children, have thought good, both for discharge of my conscience and continewance of good order within my Realmes and dominions, to declare my last will and testament’
http://books.google.co.uk/books?id=6TVFAAAAACAJ&pg=PA329&lpg=PA329&dq=syon+archaeologia+XVII&source=bl&ots=V9XlmOKN_f&sig=8c7O353zvxeHF5P05NBXRG0YM&hl=en&ei=RVeTvfW1Iqa-wbX4lZQDg&sa=X&ei=book_result&ct=result&resnum=1&ved=0CBwQ6AEwAA


http://books.google.co.uk/books?id=mgDsALjAUuWH&pg=PA107&lpg=PA107&dq=Queens'+College+Library+M5+31+SYON+source=bl&ots=Z7cmnOlz5&sig=Le3z3il9b1j8ttxm0XLIPOHp5M&hl=en&ei=knbXTu31IMXugAOktaHPDQ&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=3&ved=0CCsQ6AEwAg

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Rule of our Most Holy Saviour (includes The Syon Additions and The Rule of St Austin.) From the British Museum and St Pauls’ Manuscripts (In English. Published 1914 – no author or publisher, but approved by the Bishop of Plymouth.)
http://www.archive.org/stream/ruleofourmosthol00briduoft#page/10/mode/2up


http://www.archive.org/stream/MN5129ucmf_0/MN5129ucmf_4.djvu.text


Syon Abbey: Description of the moated boundaries c1488 to 1500. Also of Map from time of James I. In The Critical review, or, Annals of literature, Volume 50 edited by Tobias George Smollett pp258-262, July 1780. http://books.google.co.uk/books?pg=PA261&dq=Peter%20le%20Neve%20Norroy%20Syon&sig=tjbV B9rWdg98mlcUarumWUTypk8&ei=W57QTpi2OYqtiAeD2bHLDg&ct=result&id=8hIYAAAAAYAAJ&ots=hlHFds PA5U&output=text

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**Syon House**: Archaeology for the People. [http://www.bbc.co.uk/london/content/Articles/2008/06/20/syon_house_feature.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/london/content/Articles/2008/06/20/syon_house_feature.shtml)


**Syon Park** – a Guide. [http://www.syonpark.co.uk/history.asp](http://www.syonpark.co.uk/history.asp)

TANNER, JOHN (1744) *Notitia Monastica*, with lists of Syon documents – p324 [http://archive.org/details/notitiamonastica00tann](http://archive.org/details/notitiamonastica00tann)

WHITFORD, RICHARD (1526) The martiloge in Englysshe after the vse of the chirche of Salisbury and as it is redde in Syon with addicyons. Printed by Wynkyn de Worde in 1526. [http://archive.org/details/martilogeinengl00librgoog](http://archive.org/details/martilogeinengl00librgoog)


D: Archaeology and Architecture


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carpentry and marble - not seen at the excavations. Again, this is a source quoted by Dunning.


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Diarium Vadstenese, Notes 289 and 666

The Diarium itself, in Latin, is at:
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E: The Syon Libraries, Books and MSS

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