



### Scraps of evidence activity

#### Scrap of evidence 1



The writ was produced between 1062-1066. St Edward the Confessor declares that he has granted land at Perton, Staffordshire to Westminster Abbey. The attached seal is St Edward the Confessor's and is one of only three known surviving seals from his reign.

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### Scrap of evidence 2



The Abbey's undercroft is one of the few surviving structural parts of St Edward the Confessor's 11<sup>th</sup> century church. It was built to house the monks of Westminster Abbey. The style is Norman-massive proportions, rounded and solid. This was the first building in England to be built in the Norman style.

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### Scrap of evidence 3

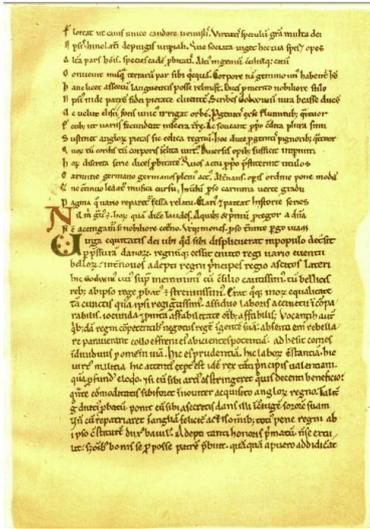


Westminster Abbey appears on the Bayeux Tapestry. It is the only contemporary illustration of St Edward the Confessor's church. The tapestry was made c1070 on the orders of Bishop Odo, William the Conqueror's half-brother. In this scene, St Edward the Confessor's body is being carried into the almost completed Abbey. A builder adding the weather vane can be seen on the left-hand side.

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Scrap of evidence 4



The document is Vita AEdwardi Regis (Life of King Edward) and it dates from c1067. It was probably commissioned by Queen Edith the widow of St Edward the Confessor. 'Outside the walls of London, upon the River Thames, stood a monastery dedicated to St Peter...the king...being devoted to God, gave his attention to that place, for it both lay hard by the famous and rich town and also was a delightful spot, surrounded by fertile lands and green fields and near the main channel of the river ...because of his love of [St Peter]...he decided to have his burial place there'

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