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Otto of Riedenburg (12th c.)

1. Name variants: Otho minor

2. Places: Landgrave of Riedenburg, Walderbach

3. Biography: O. was the son of Otto the Elder, burgrave of Regensburg, the founder of Walderbach. The Younger became landgrave of Riedenburg after his father's death. O. was married to a daughter of the Bavarian duke. They had four children. After becoming a widower, he entered Walderbach as a lay brother (possibly around 1182). As proof of his ascetic attitude, the foundation history of Walderbach claims that he did not change his clothes throughout the year. O. died on an unknown date around 1185. There is no evidence of medieval veneration, but Rader's 'Bavaria Sancta' (1624) or its immediate sources refer to him as "blessed", perhaps motivated by counter-reformation interests.

4. Cultus:

a. Relics: –

b. Liturgical commemoration: 30 Jun (WEIGL), 21 Oct (RITTER)

c. Patronage: –

d. Attributes: –

5. Fontes: Fundatio monasterii edited in: M. MAYER, *Geschichte der Burggrafen von Regensburg*, Munich 1883, 63–70; also in: T. MAYER, *Fundatio Monasterii in Walderbach nebst Vorerinnerungen über die Familie der Regensburger Burggrafen, Grafen von Stevening und Ridenburg*, in: *Archiv für Kunde österreichischer Geschichtsquellen* 12 (1854), 263–266.

6. Literature: M. MAYER, *Geschichte der Burggrafen von Regensburg*, Munich 1883; T. MAYER, *Fundatio monasterii in Walderbach nebst Vorerinnerungen über die Familie der Regensburger Burggrafen, Grafen von Stevening und Ridenburg*, in: *Archiv für Kunde österreichischer Geschichtsquellen* 12 (1854), 247–266; M. RADER, *Bavariae Sanctae Volumen Alterum...*, Munich 1624, 252–253; E. RITTER, *Zeugen des Glaubens. Heilige, Selige und Diener Gottes im Bistum Regensburg*, Regensburg 1989, 280–284; G. SCHROTT, *Der Walderbacher Mönch Otto von Riedenburg – ein zisterziensischer Seliger?*, in: *CistC* 128.3 (2021), 540–553 (with further references); F. WEIGL, *Kleine Regensburger Bistumslegende*, Munich 1937, 62.

7. Illustration: 19th c. stained glass portraying O., originally a window of St. John the Baptist Church, now in the Riedenburg parsonage.

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