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William Niobé († 1143)

1. Name variants: –

2. Places: Savigny

3. Biography: There is almost no information about W., although he was honored, together with Vitalis, Godfrey, Hamo, and Peter of Avranches, as one of the “saints” of Savigny. He seems to have lived as a hermit before he came to Savigny, where he died as a novice and was buried in 1143.

4. Cultus:

a. Relics: His relics were assigned to a place with the other “saints” of Savigny in the chapel of St. Catherine in 1173, and in the new Abbey church in 1243. It is reported that William’s relics, along with those of Peter of Avranches, were conserved in the church of Landivy, but they seem to have since been transferred to Savigny-le-Vieux, 4.6 km away (H. Sauvage, *Saint Vital* (1895), 59).

b. Liturgical commemoration: –

c. Patronage: –

d. Attributes: –

5. Fontes: –

6. Literature: J. B. BLIN, *Notice sur saint Guillaume de Niobé, novice de l’abbaye de Savigny*, Sées 1900, which reprints six short notices on William printed in *La Semaine catholique de Sées*; AS, Octobris 8, Brussels 1853; H. SAUVAGE, *Saint Vital et l’Abbaye de Savigny dans l’ancien Diocèse d’Avranche*, Mortain 1895, 59.

7. Illustrations: –

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