

OSWALD (Saint) -

English 10thc Benedictine. His chronicler records that in 992:

"To the praise of God and St. Benedict, and as a decoration for the church, St. Oswald took 30 pounds of copper to make an organ, which, with the tips of its feet in uncrowded rows arranged above the appropriate bore-holes, gives forth on feast-days (driven by the strong breath of its bellows) a magically sweet melody and a sound which can be heard from a great distance."

It is possible that this is a reference to an early Blockwerk with basic stop control which could shut off the main Mixture, leaving only a single "sweet" foundation stop.