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Francesco d'Angeluccio da Bazzano

1430?–post 1485. Italy. Merchant born in Bazzano, a castle near the town of L'Aquila, in which he lived. A consul of the *Arte della Lana* (wool guild), he took part in the political life of his town from the end of 1450s. He wrote the *Cronaca delle cose dell'Aquila dall'anno 1436 all'anno 1485*, a continuation of → Niccolò di Borbona's chronicle, in vernacular prose.

This *Cronaca*—maybe written from 1460—recounts the history of the town from 1442 to 1485, giving also some isolated information about 1436. The chronicle begins with L'Aquila besieged by Alfonso the Magnanimous (1442), and it ends with the rebellion against Antonio Cicinello, a lieutenant sent there by the King Ferrante to maintain law and order. The style of the chronicle is very simple and it belongs to the tradition of the merchant-chroniclers of late medieval Italy.

The author uses a number of typical expressions, such as *rechordo che* (I remember that...) or *facio menzione* (I mention...), and he noticed every extraordinary natural event, like earthquakes or heavy snow. The original manuscript, containing also the copies of the chronicles of → Buccio di Ranallo and Niccolò di Borbona, survived until the 18th century.

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