

Transcription of the list of manuscripts recorded in a list of books given by
Matthew Parker to the University Library in Cambridge in 1574,
as found in Rare Books, Sel.3.217,
with identification of the present-day shelfmarks of the manuscripts

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Matthæus Cantuar. Archiep. Dedit Academiae Cantebr. in
bibliotheca sua communi seruandos hos libros sequentes. An. Dom. 1574.

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Libri Scripti. in pergameno.

1. Coletus *de duobus Euāgelistis, folio maximo. Continet pag. 690.*

- Dd.7.3

- Gospels of SS Matthew and Mark in the Vulgate together with Erasmus' translation, commissioned by John Colet from the scribe Peter Meghen, 1509.

2. *Euangelia quatuor Saxonice. Continet paginas scriptas. 403.*

- li.2.11

- Gospels in West Saxon presented to Exeter by Bishop Leofric (d. 1072).

3. *Bedæ historia Britannica Saxon. versa per Aluredum. Cont. pag. script. 193.*

- Kk.3.18

- The Old English Bede. Written at Worcester, c. 1025-30.

4. *Psalterium cum expositione, in charta Græcè. Continet pag. 641*

- Ff.1.26

- Euthymius in Psalmos et Cantica, in Greek. 15th cent.

5. *Libri Paralipomemon 1. & 2. Hypomnisticon Iosephi, testamentum duodecim
Partriarcharum Græcè. Cont. pag. 520.*

- Ff.1.24

- Bible: 1 and 2 Chronicles, with the Commonitorium of Josephus Christianus etc.
Testament of the twelve patriarchs in Greek. c. 10th cent.

6. *Pastoralia Gregorij Saxon. Cont. pag.*

- Ii.2.4

- Gregory the Great, *Regula pastoralis*, in the Alfredian Old English translation.

7. *Photius in epistolas Græcè continet pag. 339.*

- Ff.1.30

- Photius, *In Epistolas Pauli*. 11th and 12th cent. Imperfect; other leaves are to be found in Oxford, Magdalen College, Gr. 7.

8. *Homiliæ quædam Chrysostomi Græcè. Continet paginas. 290.*

- Ii.3.25

- John Chrysostom, Homilies, in Greek. 14th cent.

9. *Homiliæ diuersæ. 34. Saxon. Cont. pag. 609*

- Ii.4.6

- Homilies, in Old English. 11th cent. From the Abbey of Tavistock.

10. *Genesis cum Homilijs 51. Saxonicè. Continet paginas. 450.*

- Ii.1.33

- Homilies, etc. Written c. 1125-98, perhaps from Ely.

See William Schipper, 'A composite Old English homiliary from Ely: Cambridge University Library, MS. Ii.1.33' *TCBS* 8 (1983), 285-98. Schipper notes (p. 294), 'As an inscription on fol. 3 [i.e. 2^r] indicates, Matthew Parker donated the manuscript to the University in 1574. It did not form part of his bequest to Corpus Christi College.' According to Neil Ker, *Catalogue of manuscripts containing Anglo-Saxon* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1957), p. 27, this was listed among the manuscripts bequeathed to Corpus Christi College by Archbishop Parker but never came there, as indicated by M.R. James, *A descriptive catalogue of the manuscripts in the Library of Corpus Christi College Cambridge* (Cambridge: University Press, 1912), vol. I, p. xxxvii under S (17), against which is added 'deest J[ohn] P[arker]' and 'wanting at y^e first, Jo. Parker'.

11. *Eusebius cū historia Hieronymi, Prosperi, Sigisberti, R. Abbatis, H. Huntudonensis ad warinum. Continet pag. 364.*

- Ff.1.31

- Chronicles by various authors. 13th cent. From Christ Church Priory, Hampshire.

12. *Doctrinale antiquitatū ecclesiae per Thomam Walden. Libri 4. Continet paginas. 690*

- Dd.8.16

- Thomas Netter of Walden, *Doctrinale antiquitatum ecclesiae*. 15th cent.

13. *De Sacramentis eiusdem Thomæ Walden. Cont. paginas. 628.*

- Dd.8.17

- Thomas Netter of Walden, *De sacramentis*, preceded by the continuation of the *Doctrinale* (see previous entry). 15th cent.

14. *Epistolarum Pontificum et Canonum pars prima. Cōt. pag. 520.*

- Dd.1.10

- *Epistolarum pontificum et canonum pars prima*. 14th cent.

15. *Epistolarum similiū pars secunda. Cont. pag. cum priori parte. 1506*

- Dd.1.11

- the second part of the previous item; *Expositio fratris Nicolae Treueth Anglici ordinis praedicatorum super Boetio de consolatione*. 15th cent.

16. *Polichronicon siue Ranulphus Cestrensis. Continet pag. 316*

- Ii.2.24.

- Ranulph Higden, *Polychronicon*. 14/15th cent., from St Augustine's Canterbury

17. *Memoriale historiarū incipiens a Iulio Cæsare, et finiens in an. Dom. 1321. Edwardi secundi 14. Cont. pag. 622.*

- Ii.2.28.

- *Memoriale historiarum a diluvio in Annum Domini 1321*. 14th cent.

18. *Speculum historiale de gestis Regum Angliæ. Continet pag. 518*

- Ff.1.28

- Richard of Cirencester, *Speculum historiale de Gestis Regum Angliae*. 15th cent

19. *Chronica Abindoniæ per R. Gisburnum Cont. fol. 256.*

- Dd.2.5

- Walter of Guisborough, *Chronica*. 14th cent. Contains a list of twenty manuscripts given by Matthew Parker to the University Library on folio vi verso. From Abingdon Abbey.

20. Geruasii *Dorobornensis histor. Cont. fol. 193*

- Ff.1.29
- Gervase of Canterbury, *Chronica*. 14th cent.

21. Gildas, *Beda*, *Nennius*, *Simon Dunelmensis de sancto Cuthberto, de Haugulstadensi ecclesia*, *Giraldus Cambrensis*, *Galfridus de fontibus et c. Cont. pag. 642*

- Ff.1.27
- a composite manuscript of chronicles and histories, formed by disbinding two MSS, from the Cistercian Abbey of Sawley in Yorkshire and from Bury St Edmunds, and constructing two new MSS. from them, this and Corpus Christi College MSS 66 and 66A.

22. Guliel. *Malmesbury de Pōntificibus cum nouella historia. Itinerariū regis Rich. I. Et historia Galfridi Monumetensis. Cont. pag. 460.*

- Ff.1.25
- William of Malmesbury, *De Pontificum gestis* and other works. Now bound in five volumes.

23. *Grammatica, & hist. Angliæ Saxon. Cont. pag. 290*

- Hh.1.10
- Aelfric, *Glossary and Grammar*. c. 1025-50.

24. *Gulielmus Malmesbury de regibus, cum historia H. Huntingd. Cont. pag. 410*

- Ii.2.3
- William of Malmesbury, *De gestis regum Anglorum*; Henry of Huntingdon, *Historia anglorum*. 12th, 13th and 16th cent.

25. *Martianus Minæus, de 7. Artibus liberalibus. Continet pag. 208.*

- Ii.2.23
- Martianus Capella, *De Nuptiis Philologiae et Mercurii*. 11th-12th cent.

Note:

The list found in Parker's *De antiquitate Britannicæ ecclesiæ* is reproduced in:

- John Strype, *The Life and Acts of Matthew Parker* (London: J. Wyat, 1711), p. 485.

- RB: U.7.12 / Peterborough P.4.9
- copy at British Library available on [ECCO](#).
- John Strype, *The Life and Acts of Matthew Parker*, 3 vols (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1821), II, pp. 410-11
- RB: D.30.32

M.R. James too reproduced the list in his introduction to the manuscripts of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, providing the manuscripts' University Library shelfmarks and occasionally details concerning the manuscripts and their provenance. See: M.R. James, *A Descriptive Catalogue of the Manuscripts in the Library of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge*, 2 vols (Cambridge: University Press, 1912), I, pp. xxiii-xxiv.

- copy available on the [Internet Archive](#).