

Scotichronicon (Volume 1)

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Codicology: Paper, mm 292 x 203, (11.5 x 8 in.), ff. 20 + 371, 46 lines to a page. Cent. **xv**, in a rather pointed hand.

Collation: a²⁰ (the first six fragmentary: also 17 and 19), 1²⁰ 2²⁰ 3^{22-7²²} 8^{20-13²⁰} 14²² 15^{20-18²⁰} (wants 20).

Much eaten by mice, as is noted by T. James^[James 1600].

Provenance: Formerly belonged to the Abbey of Inchcolm¹: see later

Research: This MS. is numbered 3 in Skene's edition of Fordun (1871), p. xvi^[Skene 1871].

Facsimiles of four of the pictures in it are given in *National Manuscripts of Scotland* II lxxxiii-lxxxvi^[Craig and James 1867-71].

The whole of the *Scotichronicon* (Fordun with Bowmaker's continuation) was edited by W. Goodall in 1759^[Goodall 1759].

A good deal of the extraneous matter occurs in the Royal 13 E. 10 (Black Book of Paisley)^[LBLR10]: including most of the genealogical matter, lists of Popes and Emperors, Provinciale, the tracts of John of Bordeaux¹ and St Bernard¹, the memorial verses and the extracts from St Birgitta¹'s Revelations.

Foliation: ff. i-xx + 1-150.

Language: Latin and Middle English.

Contents:

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iv-xxv *Chronologies. Lists of kings, popes and emperors*

- The earlier leaves of the first quire are much mutilated
- ir (1r) blank
- iv (1v) Part of inner column left: rhyming lines
- iv () *Incipit:* amrm corporis ... / ... leuero maxi labo ... / ... ocie volens
attemptar(e) / ... duum opus compilare / etc.
- Ends
- iv () *Explicit*deficiens vita sibi detur / ... queso quilibet ut sic sit precetur
- iv () *Rubric:* Sequitur liber qui dicitur Scoticonicon
- iv () Distich over coloured drawing of shield of France in lower margin
- iv () *Incipit:* Inclita progenies dono liliata superno
Sub carolo tu clara vale, sis leta triumphis
- iv () In lower margin on L. of the shield is a fragment of a finely executed grisaille drawing, part of a figure of a scribe at a desk remains
- iiir (2r) Most of one column
- iiir () Anno **m° cc xcvi**^o bellum de spot s ...
- iiir () *Incipit:* Sunt tria que miserum fi ...
- iiir () List of dates of battles
- iiir () Prophecy in verse begins in larger script
- iiir () *Incipit:* Albion in terris rex primus germine scotus. Jllorum ...
Fergusius fuluo ferchard rugientes in arm ...
etc.
- iiiv (2v) Genealogical table with shield of Scotland impaled with that of Edward Confessor¹
- iiir (3r) Heading
- iiir (3r) *Rubric:* lib(er)
- iiir () *Incipit:* Quoniam huius sequ... / quorum memorie labilitas ... / que inibi scripta sunt
(On the ages of the world)
- Ends
- iiir () *Explicit*In principio .s. erit corporum resu(rrectio)
3v, |iiiv|. sqq. in double columns
Verse chronicle continuing to 6r, |vir| (Edward III¹)
- viv (6v) Single lines
- viv () ... infrascripto Scoticonicon libro succinctius perstrinximus / ... verantur.
Genealogiam regis nostri moderni Jacobi secundi¹
- viiv (7v) Ends with descent of James II¹ from Adam¹
- viiir (8r) List of Popes from Peter¹ to Eugenius IV¹. Nicholas V¹ is perhaps original. Other hands
continue to Julius II¹
- ixr (9r) List of Emperors, with prose prologue, to Sigismund¹, continued by other hands to
Maximilian¹
- xv (10v) Provinciale, five columns to page
- xiiir (13r) Tabula monasteriorum Scocie, 3 columns
Ends with houses of nuns
- xivr (14r) List of vicecomitatus Scocie
14v, |xivv|-20v, |xxv| blank
- xviir (17r) A fragment

- xixr (19r) A half leaf, on it is written (**xv-xvi**)
 xixr () "I schreu hi3 hert and al ye harnis in hi3 heed / y^t this lef outschar bot gif it be ane / of ye chanouns of the Inche of saint / Columbe^[1]"
 On verso
 xixv () I schreu hi3 hert and al ye harnis in hi3 heed / y^t tuk out yis half lef gif it we3 dun in / my keping q^d gilbert ye hayes^[1]

1.

1r-150v *Scotichronicon (Volume 1)*

Scotichronicon (the History of Fordun^[1] with the continuation of Walter Bower or Bowmakar, Abbot of Inchcolm^[1], who died in 1449)

- 1r () *Incipit:* Ne scribam vanum due pia uirgo manum
 due manum rege cor uirgo maria precor
 1r () *Rubric:* Incipit liber I
 1r () *Incipit:* Debitor sum fateor non necessitate sed caritate compulsus.
 ... Reddere igitur necesse est quod promisi et ad satisfaci(endum) importunis generosae probitatis militis
 1r () *Incipit:* Domini Dauid Stewar(t) / de Rossiffe (Rossythe)^[1] petitionibus acquieui vidz. ad transcribendum sequens inclitum opus historicum per ven. oratorem d. Johannem ffordon^[1].
 etc.
 Ends
 1r () *Explicit* inceptum per se deducere ad perfectum
 1r () *Rubric:* Explicit prologus
 1r () *Rubric:* Incipiunt capitula
 1v Capitula (36 or 37)
 1v () *Rubric:* B. Compilatus incipit liber Scotichronicon. A. per sacre bone memorie Johannem de fforedon^[1]
 1v () *Rubric:* Vsque sextum codicem laus sua conualuit. Hinc ad finem operis alter onus subiit
 1v () Acrostic on Fordun^[1]'s name. Incipiens opus etc., Skene I 3^[Skene 1871]
 2r *Rubric:* Prefatiuncula operis
 2r () *Incipit:* Sicut scribit Euodius ticinensis episcopus^[1]. Superflua scribere res iactancie est
 2r () *Explicit* et quotquot tedio affecti lectura eius leticie condonentur
 2r () Cap. I
 2r () *Rubric:* De mundo sensibili etc.
 (Skene I 4^[Skene 1871])
 2r () *Incipit:* Ex variis quippe veterum
 At top in large letters is
 4r *Rubric:* Sancti columbe^[1] patet emonie liber iste
 This is the name of the Abbey of Inchcolm^[1], to which the Donibristle MS.^[DOUDON] also belonged, Skene I xvi^[Skene 1871]
 14r Liber II, capitula
 14v On lower margin a finely stippled coloured drawing of a shipful of people, mostly armed men: over the principal figure is written *gathelos*, a woman *Scota* is in the stern, a sailor is hoisting the sail. Reproduced *Nat. MSS. of Scotland* II 83^[Innes 1871]
 15r Text
 39v Liber III, capitula
 40v blank
 41r Text
 65v Liber IV, capitula
 66v Text
 87v Liber V, capitula
 88v Text
 88r The lower half has a coloured drawing:
 de rege malcolmo kenremor^[1] et thano de fiffe^[1]. The king is seated, in red robe with vandyked sleeves. The thane, a larger figure in front on L. takes his hand. The scene is an interior
 109v Liber VI, capitula
 111r Text
 On f. 110r is an addition
 110r Anno domini m^o c^o vii Eadgarus scotorum rex^[1] ... obiit
 Followed by
 110r () Copia littere manumissionis populi anglorum facta per matildem^[1]
 117v A break, at 1067, end of VI 23, and in large letters these lines (Skene I xiii^[Skene 1871])
 117v () Actenus actorem de fordon sume Johannem^[1]
 Hinc opus auctoris et scriptoris superextat
 Abreuiatiue scriptor nonnulla priori
 Immiscit parti protractu marginis apte
 Intitulata tamen. quos christus protegat amen
 118r continues (De episcopis kilreymonth etc.)
 126v blank
 130v Liber VII, capitula

CCC: space available for notes on the current status of the encoding

- text: copied from James.txt BA
- markup: BA
- markupCheck: checked by BA, CF
- msCheck: NJC 19/1/2009
- remarks: