

Historia Eliensis**Historia Eliensis**

Codicology: Vellum, mm 220 x 150 (8.8 x 6 in.), ff. 1 + 82 + 1, 24 lines to a page. Cent. **xii**, in a very beautiful clear upright round hand.

Collation: 1 flyleaf, 1⁸-3⁸ 4¹⁰ (misbound) 5⁸-8⁸ 9¹⁰ 10⁸ (wants 7, 8), 1 flyleaf.

Provenance: From Ely Priory¹. On the R. margin of f. 1r is the Ely¹ mark erased. The lower edge of the leaf has been cut off. On f. 82v, |81v| below the text is an erased inscription: iste liber pertinet ecclesie de ely¹.

Additions: On f. iv old title: de vita S. Erkengote¹ et de vita S. Etheldrede¹, etc. The lines: Hec sunt helye, etc. in a hand of cent. **xv**. Date of Augustine¹'s coming (**xv**).

Foliation: ff. a + i + 1-82 + ii + b.

Language: Latin.

Contents:**1.****1r-33v** *Vita et miracula beatae Æthelthrythae¹**Vita et miracula beatae Etheldrithae*

- 1r () Large and fine initial in colour, with yellow-brown ground
1r *Incipit:* Anno ab incarnatione dominica **DC xvi** qui est annus uigesimus primus ex quo augustinus¹
2v () *Explicit* in magna gloria solet celebrari die nonarum iuliarum
3r *Incipit:* Beata et gloriosa uirgo Aetheldritha¹ utriusque titulo nobilitatis insignita (not in BHL^[Bollandists 1898-99])
3r () Fine initial with blue ground
33v () *Explicit* referens cunctis audire uolentibus omnia que ei contigerunt

2.**33v-58v** *Gregory of Ely OSB¹, Vita et miracula Sanctae Etheldredae¹ metricè**Vita et gesta ejusdem per Gregorium Eliensem monachum¹ versifice composita*

- 33v () *Rubric:* Incipit prologus in libellum de uita et gestis Beate ÆDELÐREÐE¹ uirginis quem uersifice composuit Gregorius Eliensis monachus¹
34r () *Incipit:* Qui iouis¹ ardores rapti ganimedis¹ amores
34r () Handsome blue initial
34r () *Explicit* Ut rosa pulchra rubens ut lilia florida candens
34v () *Rubric:* Explicit prologus
34v *Rubric:* Incipit liber primus de uita et obitu Beate Æðeldriðe¹ Uirginis et anglorum regine
34v () *Incipit:* Celum sideribus decoratur. lumine. phebys
Autumnus pomis. uer floribus. uua racemis
39v () *Explicit* Effectumque rei sic ELGE dicimus ely¹
39v () *Rubric:* Explicit Vita Sancte Æðeldriðe¹ Virginis
42r () *Rubric:* Incipit prologus in librum II de miraculis eiusdem
42r *Incipit:* Scribere uirtutum uirgo sacra gesta tuarum
42r () *Rubric:* Capitula libri secundi
42r () *Incipit:* De statu anglie¹, etc.
Text
42v *Incipit:* Postquam deuicto mundo pariterque relicto
50r () *Explicit* Que bis nupsisti dotem geminam meruisti
Epilogue to liber II or Prologue to liber III
50v *Incipit:* Virgo uirgineas utinam te uirgine dignas
50v () *Explicit* Tertius expressit nostro que tempore gessit
50v Capitula, unfinished
Text
51r *Incipit:* Anglorum populis diuersa sorte minutis
Ends unfinished
55r *Explicit* Virginis ut meritum testantia nobile factum
(Of the prisoner Brithstanus¹ delivered)
ff. 55v-58v blank
Hardy I 280^[Hardy 1862a]. BHL. 2639^[Bollandists 1898-99]

3.

39v-41v *Description of the Isle of Ely*

Descriptio situs Eliensis insulae^l et de quibusdam ejusdem insulae proprietatibus

[Nasmith:] (ut opinor ejusdem auctoris)

- 39v () *Rubric:* Incipit Descriptio situs eliensis insule^l et de quibusdam insule proprietatibus
40r (39v) *Incipit:* Iam locus atque loci tanto splendore decori
41v () *Rubric:* Epilogus primi libri
ending
41v *Explicit* Fructum centenum cumulans tibi fenore plenum

4.

59r-69r *Vita Sanctae Wihthurgae^l virginis*

Vita Beatae Wihthurgae^l sororis Beatae Ætheldrithae^l

haec sunt Helye^l lanterna capella Mariae^l [Nasmith:] In protocollo (f. iv),

astque molendinum multum dans vinea vinum

continet insontes quos vallant undique pontes

hos ditant montes nec desunt flumina fontes

[Nasmith:] (Wharton, *Anglia Sacra* I. 592^[Wharton 1691a])

Later heading

- 59r () *Rubric:* De Sancta Wythburga^l sorore Sancte Ætheldrede^l virginis
59r () *Rubric:* Prohemium in vita Sancte Wihthurgae^l virginis
59r *Incipit:* Orientale orientalium anglorum sidus
59r () Good initial, Withburga^l nimbed, throned, holding flowering branch and crown. Drapery outlined with green and blue. Ground, blue
59v () *Explicit* nec sensus sufficiat nec lingua nec manus
59v () *Rubric:* Vita eiusdem
59v *Incipit:* Filia et aurora lucis etheree nata regaliter
69r () *Explicit* diem quo incorrupto ostensa est corpore
Hardy I 469^[Hardy 1862a]. Mostly abridged from the text in Trinity O. 2. 1^[CTC105]

5.

69r-71v *Goscelin of Saint-Bertin^{ll}, Lectiones in festiuitate Sanctae Sexburgae^l*

In festiuitate Sancte Sexburge^l

- 69r *Incipit:* Regum proles et regum parens
71v () *Explicit* testatur se posidere cum Christo regna celestia ipso prestante qui cum patre et spiritu sancto regnat in eterna secula
Hardy I 361^[Hardy 1862a] mentions the same text as in Caligula A. 8^[LBCA8], but does not mention this copy

6.

71v-75r *Goscelin of Saint-Bertin^{ll}, Lectiones in natale Sanctae Eormenhilde^l*

In natale Sancte Eormenilde^l

- 71v () *Incipit:* De beata et deo digna Eormenilda^l eadem fere recensemus
Ends
75r () *Explicit* consortio perfruamur largiente ipso domino saluatore nostro qui omnium seculorum dominatur cum deo patre et spiritus Sancto. Amen
Hardy I 368^[Hardy 1862a]. Also in Caligula A. 8^[LBCA8] and Trinity College O. 2. 1^[CTC105]

7.

75r-iir *Goscelin of Saint-Bertin^{ll}, Vita Sanctae Werburgae^l*

Vita Sancte Werburge^l virginis

- 75r *Incipit:* Filia regum et sponsa Christi decentissima
Ends
81v (82v) *Explicit* annuat inquam ipse saluator qui cum patre et spiritus Sancto in omnia secula regnat et dominatur. Amen
By Goscelin^{ll} (?). Hardy I 421^[Hardy 1862a], who does not mention this copy. Also in Caligula A. 8^[LBCA8], Acta Sanctorum 3 Feb. (I 386)^[Bollandus and Henschenius 1658]
iir () On the flyleaf is a note (xiv?)
iir () “Erconbertus^l et sexburga^l. Dux tonbertus^l. Sancta Etheldreda^l. Rex Egfrid^l. Sancta Wihthurga^l. Rex Wlferus^l. Sancta Ermenilda^l. Sanctus Petrus^l Sanctus Benedictus^l”
Perhaps this is a list of figures on a shrine or painting
iir () A rough pencil sketch of a church and a very faint inscription in old pencil

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

- text: copied from James.txt SP
- markup: SP
- markupCheck: checked by SP, BA, CF
- msCheck: NJC 9/12/2008
- remarks: