

Middle English Prose Brut Chronicle

Chronicle of England

Codicology: Vellum, mm 288 x 200 (11.2 x 8 in.), ff. 179 + 1, 29 lines to a page. Cent. **xv** clearly written in a rather current hand.

Collation: 1 flyleaf, 1^s (6, 7 of cent. **xvi**) 2^s (1-6 of cent. **xvi**) 3^s-22^s (6-8 of cent. **xvi**) 23 (three).

Foliation: ff. a-b + i + 1-60 + 60a + 61-179 + ii + c-d.

Language: Middle English and Latin.

Contents:

1.

1r-179v *Middle English prose Brut chronicle (Extended Version)*

- 1r *Incipit:* Here begynneth a booke in Englissh tonge called Brute of Englonde[¶] or the cronicles of Englonde[¶] compilinge and treatyng of the saide lande etc.
- 1r () *Explicit*conteynyng cc and xxxvij chapters
f. 1r is finely bordered in gold and colour in characteristic English style and has decorative initial on gold ground, somewhat rubbed
- 1r () *Incipit:* The pr(o)loge of this booke declareth and tellith howe þis lande was furst callid Albioun[¶]
- 1r () *Explicit*and slowe many of hem
- 1r () *Incipit:* Sum tyme in the noble lande of Surr[¶]
A fragment of the original f. 6r (see collation above) is inserted after f. 60v
At f. 151r (ch. 239: death of Edward III[¶]) is a note by Parker[¶]: “hic terminatur unus liber” (a reference to MS 174^[CCC174])
Ends with ch. 245
- 179v () *Explicit*restid him in the castell tille the toun was sette in Rule and Goueranase (!)
Colophon (**xvi**)
- 179v () *Rubric:* *Explicit usque ad annum 7m Henrici quinti*[¶]
The last edition is by Dr F. Brie (E. E. T. S.)^[Brie 1906]
On a fly-leaf is a Parkerian[¶] note from Goscelin[¶]'s *Life of St Augustine*[¶], and the *Scala Chronica*

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

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