

## Middle English Prose Brut chronicle

### Chronicle of England

**Codicology:** Vellum, mm 292 x 200 (11.5 x 8 in.), ff. 198 + 2, 31 lines to a page. Cent. **xv**, in a good clear hand.

**Collation:** 1 flyleaf, 1<sup>s</sup>-16<sup>s</sup> 17<sup>6</sup> 18<sup>s</sup>-25<sup>s</sup>, 1 flyleaf.

**Decoration:** The catchwords are enclosed in rather elaborate ornaments.

**Writing:** About f. 24r the hand begins to get larger and settles into a script which continues to the end.

**Additions:** On f. 198v, note by Parker<sup>[MaPa01]</sup>: hic desunt usque ad 7 h. quinti. This refers to MS 182<sup>[CCC182]</sup>. A later note: "imperfect. he wrot to almost the end of Edw. 4th<sup>]</sup>."

**Research:** For the period 1333 to 1377, this MS. has been used for the edition by Dr F. Brie (E. E. T. S.)<sup>[Brie 1906]</sup>, the introduction to which has not yet appeared. It was also used, as Mr J. A. Herbert<sup>]</sup> tells me, by Joshua Barnes<sup>]</sup>, for his history of Edward III<sup>[Barnes 1688]</sup>.

**Foliation:** ff. i-ii + 1-198 + iii-iv.

**Language:** Middle English and Latin.

### Contents:

#### 1.

#### 1r-198v *Middle English prose Brut chronicle (Common Version)*

##### *Chronicle of England<sup>]</sup>*

- 1r () Good border of gold and colour to f. 1r  
1r () Title **xvi**: "William Caxton<sup>]</sup>s Fructus Temporum"  
1r *Rubric*: Here may a man hure (how) Engelande<sup>]</sup> was fferst callede albyon<sup>]</sup> and þoru3 wham hit had þe name  
1r () *Incipit*: In the noble land of Syrrie<sup>]</sup>  
In 239 chapters, ending with the death of Edward III<sup>]</sup>  
198v *Explicit* the deide att Shene<sup>]</sup> and is beried worshipfully at Westmynster<sup>]</sup> on whos soule god haue mercy. Amen

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