

Astronomical Tracts. Liber de Joseph et Aseneth

Astronomica. Aseneth, etc.

Codicology: Paper and vellum, mm 199 x 139, (7.7 x 5.7 in.), ff. MSS. 41 + 18 + 11 + 1, six volumes. Cent. **xvi, xv, xii?, xiii.****Multivolume:**

Volumes I-III not imaged

Volume IV: Paper, 37 etc. lines to a page. Cent. **xv** in a small current hand.**Volume V:** Vellum, 28 lines to a page. Cent. **xii?** in a hand like that of Christ Church, Canterbury¹.**Volume VI:** Double columns of 41 lines. Cent **xiii**, in a good small hand.**Collation:****Volume IV:** 1¹⁴-3¹⁴ (wants 14).**Volume V:** 1¹⁰ 2¹⁰ (wants 9, 10).**Volume VI:** 1¹² (wants 12), 1 flyleaf.**2 fo.:****Volume V:** "in eo et uestimenta".**Foliation:** ff. a-b + (printed matter, unfoliated, not imaged) + 1-70 + i + c-d**Language:** Latin and English.**Contents:****Volume IV**

4.

1r-4r **Geoffrey Chaucer¹, *Treatise on the Astrolabe****A treatise of the astrolabe made English by Chaucer¹ for the use of his son Lewis¹*

Begins imperfectly

1r () *Incipit:* vnderstond well þ' þe zodiake is departyd in 2 halfe circles
(Part II § 16)

Ends

4r () *Rubric:* Explicit tractatus astrolabii secundum Chausers¹ factus filio suo lodowyc¹
Skeat, *The Astrolabe*, E.E.T.S. extra series 1872, p. xi^[Skeat 1872], describes this copy

5.

4r-6v **Kalendarium***Bona improbatio Kalendarii nostri et correctio ejusdem plane*4r *Incipit:* Sciendum est quod kalendarium quo utimur6v () *Explicit* benedictus in secula. Amen6v () *Rubric:* Explicit bona improbatio kalendarii nostri. Et correctio eiusdem plane

6.

7r-9v**pseudo-Hippocrates¹, *De prognosticationibus aegritudinum secundum motum lunae* (transl. by William of Moerbeke¹)***Prognosticatio Hippocratis¹ infirmitatum*7r *Incipit:* Sapientissimus ypocras¹ et medicorum optimus ait9v () *Explicit* dabit cum labore et difficultate9v () *Rubric:* Explicit pronosticacio ypocratis¹ infirmitatum

7.

9v-10r **Arnold of Villanova (attrib.)¹, *De electione situs lune in exhibendis farmacis****Compendium de existencia lune in signis*9v *Incipit:* Quoniam medicus practicans non semper potest habere certa loca planetarum10r () *Explicit* luna est in piscibus ubi est impedita10r () *Rubric:* Explicit compendium de existencia lune in signis

8.

10v-20v **Albumasar (Abu Ma'shar Ja'far) (attrib.)¹, *De secretis philosophorum***

Flores Albumazar^f de secretis philosophorum

- 10v *Incipit:* In nomine dei misericordie et pietatis. hic est liber quem collegit Albumazar^f de floribus philosophorum, etc.
10v () *Incipit:* Ilixit Albumazar^f oportet te scire
20v () *Explicit*ipse est auxiliator. Amen
20v () *Rubric:* Expliciunt flores Albumasar^f de secretis philosophorum

9.

20v-21r *Robert Grosseteste^f, De impressionibus aeris siue De prognosticatione*

Robertus Grostest Lincolniensis^f de prognosticatione aeris

- 20v *Incipit:* Cum circa(?) dispositionem aeris ad aliquod certum tempus
21r () *Explicit*tempus fore humidum
21r () *Rubric:* Hec lincolniensis^f de pronosticacione aeris

10.

21r-34v *Regimen sanitatis Salernitanum (Flos medicinae scholae Salerni)*

Flos medicinae seu versus Salerni^f

- 21r *Incipit:* Anglorum regi scripsit scola tota salerni
34v () *Explicit*que super renes pecten des fitque iuuamen
34v () *Rubric:* Expliciunt versus Salerni^f
See Dr N. Moore, *Schola Salernitana* (Finlayson Lecture), Glasgow 1908, p. 27^[Moore 1908]
34v Verses on signa conceptus
34v () Receipt for ptisana

11.

35r-41v *Antidotarium Nicholai^f in English*

A treatise of medicine or dispensatory by Nycolas^f

- 35r *Incipit:* I nycolas^f y prevyd of some men and felawes of practyce
The antidotarium of Nicholaus^f in English, ending imperfectly in Electuarium leticia galieni

Volume V

12.

42r-59v *Liber de Joseph^f et Aseneth^f*

De Asenath^f filia Potipharis^f sacerdotis et quo ordine accepit eam Ioseph^f in uxorem

- 42r () Title in red capitals
42r () *Rubric:* Incipit de Asenech^f filia Putifar^f sacerdotis et quo ordine accepit eam Ioseph^f in uxorem
42r () *Incipit:* Et factum est in primo anno septem annorum
42r () Purple initial
The edges have been much cropped, carrying away the upper or lower line in part
59v () *Explicit*nuncupatus est pater eius in terra Egypti
This text is printed in Batiffol, *Studia Patristica* I 1889, pp. 89-115^[Batiffol 1889-90]: collated with the text of no. 288^[CC288]
This is the oldest copy of the text I have seen. If it is really of cent. **xii**, as seems likely, it is impossible that Robert Grosseteste^f should (as I have always been inclined to believe) have had a hand in the translation of the text from Greek into Latin

Volume VI

13.

60r-68v *Thomas de Frakaham OSA^f, Speculum spiritalis amicitiae*

Speculum spiritalis amicitiae

- 60r () *Rubric:* Incipit liber qui dicitur speculum spiritalis amicitie
60r () *Incipit:* Primum quid sit amicitia arbitror disserendum
68v () *Explicit*apud iustum et misericordem iudicem intercedat
68v () *Rubric:* Explicit liber III^{us} de spiritali amicitia. hanc compilationem fecit dominus Thomas de frakaham canonicus de lesnes^f. compilavit autem hec de libris aluredi abbatis Reuallis, i. de speculo caritatis et de libro spiritalis amicitie
Lesnes (or Westwood)^f was an Augustinian priory near Woolwich^f

14.

68v-70v **pseudo-Aelred of Rievaulx OCist¹, *Speculum humilitatis***

68v (9v) *Rubric*: Incipit liber qui dicitur speculum humilitatis

68v () *Incipit*: Dominus noster Ihesu Christus dicit discipulis suis in ewangelio. Nolite in sublime tolli

70v () *Explicit* humilitatem exhibuit. beatus saluator Christus Ihesus qui cum patre et spiritu sancto uiuit et regnat in secula seculorum. Amen

This tract is noticed in Bale's *Index*, pp. 470, 480^[Bale 1902]. In the former place it is ascribed to a monk of Syon¹. It occurs in the Syon Catalogue under S.43

ir () The flyleaf is from a beautifully written **xii**th cent. copy of the Gospels containing part of Matt. xvi., xvii

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