

Gervase of Tilbury, Otia imperialia. Julius Valerius, transl., Historia Alexandri magni. pseudo-Turpinus, Historia Caroli magni et Rolandi. 'Dares Phrygius', De excidio Troiae historia. Walter Map, Epistola Valerii ad Rufinum, Tractatus de ortu deorum, Historia de adventu Enee in Italiam, De primis habitatoribus Anglia. Geoffrey of Monmouth, Historia regum Britanniae

Gervasius Tilberiensis. Gesta Alexandri, etc.

Codicology: Vellum, mm 206 x 149, (8.1 x 6 in.), ff. 3 + 282, mostly 37-38 lines to a page. Cent. **xiv**, in several hands, rather rough.

Collation: 3 flyleaves, 1¹⁰-4¹⁰ (wants 1) 5¹⁰ 6¹² 7¹⁰ 8¹⁰ 9¹² (wants 10-12) 10¹² 11¹² 12⁶ 13⁴ (wants 4) 14¹² 15⁸ 16² 17¹⁰ 18⁴ 19¹⁰ (+2 after 1) 20⁸ 21⁸ 22¹²-29¹². Parker's pagination omits one leaf.

2 fo.: "vincit edocuit".

Provenance: The heading of no. 6 points to a Franciscan house, and the general aspect of the book suggests East Anglia^[EastAngl-001].

Additions: On ff. iv-iiir are Parkerian^[MatthewP-001] notes and on f. iiiv a Parkerian^[MatthewP-001] transcript of the beginning of the text for the use of those who are unaccustomed to the contractions.

Additions: At top of 1r (p. 3) a small erasure and the title Ocia inperialia.

Foliation: ff. a-b + i-ii + pp. 1-394 + 394a + 395a + 395-562 + ff. c-d.

Language: Latin.

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1.

3-248

Gervase of Tilbury^[Gervaseo-001], *Otia imperialia*

Gervasii Tilberiensis^[Gervaseo-001] *otia imperialia ad Ottonem IV*^[OttoIVHo-001]

[Nasmith:] Tria diversa opera quae Gervasio^[Gervaseo-001] vulgo attribuuntur, nempe

Commentarius de regnis imperatorum Romanorum

Mundi descriptio, et

Tractatus de mirabilibus mundi

omnia in his otis imperialibus continentur

3 Gervasii Tilberiensis^[Gervaseo-001] *Otia imperialia*

3 () *Rubric:* Serenissimo domino suo Ottoni quarto^[OttoIVHo-001], etc. (added)

3 () *Incipit:* Ottoni quarto romano imperatori^[OttoIVHo-001] semper augusto Gervasius tilberiensis^[Gervaseo-001] vester dignacione marescallus, etc.

3 () *Rubric:* Collaccio regni et sacerdocii

3 () *Incipit:* Duo sunt imperator Auguste quibus hic mundus regitur

7 () *Explicit:* conregnetis in eternum cum Christo

7 *Rubric:* Explicit prefatio Secuntur tituli capitulorum operis sequentis

8 *Rubric:* Prima libri decisio

8 () *Incipit:* Cum uniuscuiusque rei principium

The end of *Decisio* I and beginning of II (from capitulum 24 de diluio et archa: Leibnitz^[Leibnitz 1707], p. 906) are wanting. A marginal note on p. 51 says, Hic deficiunt x folia de alio libro. require (?) supra in principio sed et ait augustinus

Decisio II begins in the section de ortu tigris^[] et gangis^[] (Leibnitz^[Leibnitz 1707], p. 911 ?)

At p. 79 a page and a half are left blank: a quire was wanting, but was evidently supplied.

The text on p. 81 continues without break

172 *Rubric:* Incipit tercia decisio continens mirabilia uniuscuiusque prouincie

172 () *Incipit:* Ut operi cepto debitam consummacionis

178 The hand changes

There is a gap after p. 182, after the heading

182 *Rubric:* De visione portarum inferni

p. 183 deals with 'celatura lapidum'

Ends with the letter to John^[] on p. 242

242 () *Explicit:* continuans apud deuotum dominum Imperatorem

In a smaller hand, paragraphs mostly from the Letter and Gesta of Alexander, the Gesta Karoli, and Justin

242 *Rubric:* De calice aque et arundinibus

242 () *Incipit:* In libro de situ indie et generibus hominum et ferarum ita legitur

De ypotamis. De Scorpionibus. De miranda belua maris indici ... De valle iordia^[] ... grippis, arundinibus, etc., seribus, signis in morte Alexandri^[], signis in morte Karoli^[], 7 dormientibus in germania, scripto hominis et umbra hominis, Cariboli, etc., statu iudeorum et balsamo, Parthis et eorum ortu

Ending imperfectly, p. 248

248 *Explicit:* persequi destructores omiserunt. Eo tempore eciam theodotus^[]

The only printed text of the whole work is that in Leibnitz^[Leibnitz 1707], *Scriptores Rerum*

Brunsvicensium I 881-1005, taken from a MS. at Wolfenbüttel^[WOL481] formerly at St

Augustine's, Canterbury^[StAugust-001], collated for Leibnitz^[Gottfric-001] with the Corpus Christi MS. by

2.

249-275 **Julius Valerius**^[JuliusVa-001] transl., *Historia Alexandri magni*^[Alexande-001]

Vita Alexandri magni^[Alexande-001]

In the first hand

- 249 *Rubric:* Incipiunt gesta Alexandri Magni^[Alexande-001] et eius genere atque vita
249 () *Incipit:* Egipti sapientes sati genere diuino
275 () *Explicit:* extinctus occubuit
275 () *Rubric:* Explicit vita Alexandri^[Alexande-001]
Abridgment of Julius Valerius^[JuliusVa-001]. Ed. Zacher^[Zacher1867]. Ward, *Catalogue of Romances*
I^[Ward1883], p. 186 [actually pp. 120-122]

3.

275-320 **pseudo-Turpinus**^[pseudo-T-001], *Historia Caroli magni*^[Charlema-001] et *Rolandii*¹

Turpini^[pseudo-T-001] *historia Caroli magni*^[Charlema-001]

- 275 *Rubric:* Epistola turpini^[pseudo-T-001] de gestis Karoli^[Charlema-001]
275 () *Incipit:* Turpinus dei gratia Archiepiscopus Remensis^[pseudo-T-001]
275 () *Explicit:* deo placeas
275 () *Rubric:* Explicit
275 *Rubric:* Incipit tituli capitulorum sequentis hystorie que est de bello Rosciduallensi karoli
imperatoris magni^[Charlema-001]
Capitula (34)
Text
277 *Incipit:* Gloriosissimus Christi apostolus Iacobus¹
316 () *Explicit:* beatus Matheus¹ apostolus et ewangelista sua predicacione conuertit ad dominum
316 () *Rubric:* Explicit
Ward, *Catalogue* I^[Ward1883] 546. Cf. MS 292^[CCC292], MS 318^[CCC318]
316 () *Rubric:* Qui legis hoc carmen turpino^[pseudo-T-001] posce iuuamen
Ut pietate dei subueniatur ei
316 () *Rubric:* Finitur hystoria Belli Rosciduallis
pp. 317-320 blank

4.

321-343 **'Dares Phrygius'**^[DaresPhr-001], *De excidio Troiae historia*

Daretis Phrygii^[DaresPhr-001] *de excidio Troja historia*, *Cornelio Nepote*^[Corneliu-001] interprete

- 321 Dares Phrygius^[DaresPhr-001]
321 () *Incipit:* Cornelius nepos^[Corneliu-001] salustio^[GaiusSal-001]
321 () *Explicit:* ad pollicitem reuertamur
321 () *Incipit:* Peleus rex^[Peleusxx-001] in peloponense essonem fratrem habuit
341 Hand changes
The last section on f. 340 begins
340 *Incipit:* Pentesilea^[Penthesi-001] ex consuetudine
The first on p. 341 begins
341 *Incipit:* Hoc postquam multis verbis dixit
343 () *Explicit:* huc usque historia daretis^[DaresPhr-001] scripta est
343 () *Incipit:* Quis troianorum quem grecorum occiderit. Hector^[Hectorxx-001] prothesilaum^[Protesil-001]
343 () *Explicit:* palamonem. ephistrephum. ficidadum
Added
343 () Tot numerus occisorum 1839000 .i. occidentium centum milia triginta milia et nouem milia
Ward, *Catalogue* I^[Ward1883] p. 12

5.

343-366

Walter Map^[WalterMa-001], *Epistola Valerii ad Rufinum ne ducat uxorem (De nugis curialium, dist. 4, 3-5), with the Commentary of John Ridewall OFM*^[JohnRide-001]

Valerius ad Rufinum de nuptiis non habendis cum expositione

- 343 Valerius ad Rufinum (Mapes^[WalterMa-001], *De Nugis Curialium* Distinctio IV)
343 () *Incipit:* Loqui prohibeor et tacere non possum - scripsisse videar. Vale. Amen
349 () *Rubric:* Explicit epistola Valerii ad Ruffini de non ducenda uxore
349 *Incipit:* Incipit expositio eius
349 () *Incipit:* Loqui, etc. Hec epistola continet principaliter tria
366 () *Explicit:* rugose frontis et tristis offenditque correptos
366 () *Rubric:* Explicit
This is the comment of John Rideval or Ridewas^[JohnRide-001]. Tanner, *Bibliotheca Britannico-*

6.

367-396 *Tractatus de ortu deorum*

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The former hand

- 367 *Rubric:* Incipit tractatus de ortu deorum et integ(umen)tis breuibus et utilibus
367 () *Rubric:* Maria[□]. Jhesus. Jhoannes[□]. Andreas[□]. franciscus[□]
367 () *Incipit:* Dii quos pagani finxerunt et adhuc colendo uenerantur homines olim fuisse
396 () *Explicit* quod equum constat esse velocissimum
396 () *Rubric:* Explicit tractatus de ortu deorum et integumentis breuibus et utilibus
By Johannes Anglicus^[Johannes-001]? a copy of his *Integumenta on the Metamorphoses of Ovid* is in Bodl. MS. Digby 104^[OBL705], f. 161

7.

397-419 *Historia de adventu Enee[□] in Italiam[□]*

Historia aduentus Eneae[□] in Italiam[□]

- 397 *Rubric:* Incipit hystoria de itinere de aduentu Enee[□] in ytaliam[□]
397 () *Incipit:* Superius autem excidio troie secundum Daretem^[DaresPhr-001] explicito. Iter enee[□] in ytaliam[□] casusque suos quidam Paulus[□] ita prosequitur. Eneas[□] igitur cum anchise[□] patre et ascanio[□] filio
419 () *Explicit* et cepit albanum ciuitas Rome[□] subiecta esse, etc.

8.

419-421 *De primis habitatoribus Anglia*

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- 419 *Incipit:* Anglia[□] modo dicta olim Albion[□] dicebatur et habebat inhabitatores gigantes
421 () *Explicit* Et sic veritas clarescit historie de primis habitatoribus huius terre, etc.

9.

421-562 *Geoffrey of Monmouth^[Geoffrey-001], Historia regum Britanniae*

Galfredi Monumetensis^[Geoffrey-001] historia Britanniae

- 421 *Rubric:* (Galfridus Monumetensis^[Geoffrey-001])
421 () *Incipit:* Dum mecum multa
422 () *Explicit* gratulatur affectu
422 () *Incipit:* Britannia insularum optima
The prophecies of Merlin^[Merlinx-001] occur as usual
Ends
562 () *Explicit* transferre curauit
Apparently not mentioned by Hardy^[ThomasDu-001]

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

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