

### Incunabula in Jesus College Old Library

- 1) Andreae, Antonius: *Scriptum in logica sua* (St Albans: Schoolmaster printer, about 1481-82 [ESTC says 1483], ISTC ia00593500) - **E.3.49**
- 2) Andreae, Johannes: *Hieronymianus* (Cologne: Conrad Winters, de Homborch), 9 Aug. 1482 - **A.2.50[3]** (ISTC ia00627000)
- 3) Antoninus Florentinus: *Chronicon partes I-III* (I & III Nuremberg: Anton Koberger, 10 Jan. 1491, ISTC ia00779000); II Lyons: Nicolaus Wolf, 1512, ISTC ia00780100) - **K.13.1-3** (catalogued at Jesus as *Historia domini Antonini Archiepiscopi Florentini pars 1-3*)
- 4) Athanasius: *De homousio contra Arrium*, collective title *Illustrium virorum opuscula* ([Paris]: André Bocard for Jean Petit, [after 5 Aug.] 1500, ISTC ia01173000) - **C.3.27[3]**
- 5) Bartholus de Saxoferrato: *Super prima parte digesti veteris cum additionibus* (Venice: Baptista de Tortis, 12 Apr. 1494, ISTC ib00225700) and *Super secunda parte digesti veteris* (Venice: Baptista de Tortis, 6 Feb. 1492/93, ISTC ib00228000) - **B.13.27** (bound together)
- 6) Bertrandi, Petrus: *Libellus de iurisdictione ecclesiastica contra Petrum de Cugneriis* (Paris: Johann Philippi de Cruzenach, 2 Apr. 1495, ib00516000) - **M.5.50[2]**. This work was issued (and is bound) with ISTC it00344500 (Becket: *Vita et processus*, Paris: Johann Philippi..., 27 Mar. 1495), although the two are treated separately. For Becket, see no. 34 below.
- 7) *Biblia latina* (Cologne: [Nicolaus Götz], 9 May 1480, ISTC ib00569000) - **A.3.19-20** (contains strips of an indulgence (ISTC ik00010500) in the binding; see no. 23, *Kendale*, below)
- 8) *Biblia latina* (Basel: Nicolaus Kesler, 9 Jan. 1491, ISTC ib00591000) - **A.3.15**
- 9) Bonifacius VIII (formerly Benedetto Gaetano): *Liber sextus decretalium (with gloss of Johannes Andreae). Ed: with additions by Hieronymus Clarius. Add: Johannes Andreae: Super arboribus consanguinitatis et affinitatis. Clemens V: Constitutiones; the 'Summaria' and 'Divisiones' of Andreae, Dominicus de Sancto Geminiano, and others; and the 'Decretales extravagantes communes selectae'* (Venice: Baptista de Tortis, 1494, ISTC ib01007000) - **P.1.33** (cupboard)
- 10) *Breviarium Saresberienae* [Salisbury breviary]: (Paris: [Jean du Pré], 1499, ISTC ib01178600) - **A.6.62**
- 11) Cicero: *Tusculanae disputationes*, with anonymous commentary, and additions by Venerius Salius (Venice: Johannes and Gregorius de Gregoriis, de Forlivio, 9 Aug. 1482, ISTC ic00637000) - **F.9.2[2]**
- 12) Cinus de Pistorio: *Lectura super codicem* (Venice: Andreas Torresanus de Asula, 26 Aug. 1493, ISTC ic00698000) - **P.1.10**
- 13) Curtius Rufus, Quintus: *Historiae Alexandri Magni, ed. Bartholomeus Merula* (Venice: Johannes Tacuinus, de Tridino, 2 Dec. 1496, ISTC ic01003000) - **F.9.2[1]**
- 14) *Decisiones rotae Romanae* (Venice: Bernardinus Benalius, 2 Aug. 1496, ISTC id00113400) - **B.13.30[1]**
- 15) Duranti, Guillelmus: *Rationale divinatorum officiorum* (Augsburg: Günther Zainer, 22 Jan. 1470, ISTC id00404000) - **O.6.47** (shelved in the Old Library desk)

- 16) Ferrariis, Johannes Petrus de: *Practica nova judicialis* (Lyons: Nicolaus Philippi and Marcus Reinhart, 1477, ISTC if00111000) - **O.9.12**
- 17) Firmicus Maternus, Julius: *Mathesis (De nativitatibus libri VIII)*. Ed: Franciscus Niger. Add: Marcus Manilius: *Astronomicorum libri V*. Aratus: *Phaenomena [Latin and Greek]*. Tr & adapt: Germanicus Caesar, Marcus Tullius Cicero, Rufius Festus Avienus. Theon: *Commentaria in Aratum [Greek]*. Pseudo-Proclus Diadochus [i.e. Geminus]: *Sphaera [Greek and Latin]*. Tr: Thomas Linacrus (Venice: Aldus Manutius, Romanus, June and [17] October 1499, ISTC if00191000) - **F.8.17**
- 18) Guillermus Alvernus: *De sacramentis*. Add: *Cur deus homo; De poenitentia* (Nuremberg: Georg Stuchs, not after 1497, ISTC ig00716500) - **C.3.29[2]** (we have as *Tractatus de sacramentis*, the author Guilhermus, with cross-reference to Gulielmus III Arvernus, Bp. of Paris)
- 19) Guillermus Alvernus: *De universo pars prima* (Nuremberg: Georg Stuchs, not after 1497, ISTC ig00717000) - **C.3.29[1]**
- 20) Guillermus Alvernus: *Opera*. Ed: Petrus Danhauser. Add: Johann Rosenbach (Venice: Georg Stuchs, after 31 Mar. 1496, ISTC ig00708000) - **C.3.28**
- 21) Innocentius IV (Sinibaldo Fieschi): *Apparatus super libros Decretalium ed. Franciscus Moneliensis* (Venice: Bernardinus Stagninus, de Tridino, 25 Aug. 1495, ISTC ii00098000) - **P.4.5[1]** (cupboard)
- 22) Johannes Nivicellensis: *Concordantiae Bibliae et canonum*. Add: *Modus legendi abbreviaturas in utroque iure* (Basel: Jacobus Wolff, de Pforzheim, 31 Jan. 1489, ISTC ij00382000) - **A.2.50[1]**
- 23) Kendale, John: *Sixtus IV: Indulgence for the Knights of Rhodes* (London: John Lettou, 1480, ISTC ik00010500; see also ISTC ik00010400) - **A.3.19-20A** (cut up and used to strengthen binding)
- 24) Lanfrancus de Oriano: *Repetitiones* (Venice: Peregrinus de Pasqualibus, Bononiensis, 23 June 1489, ISTC il00056000) - **B.13.30[2]** (catalogued under Oriano)
- 25) Lattebury, Johannes: *Liber moralium super threnis Ieremiae* ([Oxford: Theodoricus Rood], 31 July 1482, ISTC il00075000) - **A.2.42** (catalogued under Lathbury)
- 26) Martinus Polonus: *Margarita decreti seu Tabula Martiniana* (Nuremberg: Anton Koberger, about 1491-93, ISTC im00326000) - **A.2.50[2]**
- 27) Milis, Johannes Nicolaus de: *Repertorium juris canonici* (Basel: Nicolaus Kesler, 15 Mar. 1488, ISTC im00573000) - **O.9.13**
- 28) Platea, Franciscus de: *Opus restitutionum, usurarum, excommunicationum* (Paris: Ulrich Gering, Martin Crantz and Michael Friburger, 4 Jan. 1476/77, ISTC ip00757000) - **O.9.25** (catalogued as *Tractatus restitutionum*)
- 29) Pontanus, Ludovicus: *Consilia et allegationes*. With table by Bernardinus ex Capitaneis de Landriano (Venice: Johannes and Gregorius de Gregoriis, de Forlivio, 20 Sept. 1493, ISTC ip000922000) - **P.4.5[2]** (cupboard)

- 30) Rolewinck, Werner: *Fasciculus temporum* (Basel: Bernhard Richel, 20 Feb. 1482, ISTC ir00267000) - **K.3.24**
- 31) Schedel, Hartmann: *Liber chronicarum* (Augsburg: Johann Schönsperger, 1 Feb. 1497, ISTC is00308000) - **K.4.1**
- 32) *Summa in virtutes cardinales et vitia illis contraria. Add: Nicolaus de Castro: Tabula* (Paris: Ulrich Gering and Guillelmus Maynyal, 16 Aug. 1480, ISTC is00862300) - **O.10.9**
- 33) Terentius Afer, Publius: *Comoediae. Comm: Guido Juvenalis. Ed: Jodocus Badius Ascensius* (Paris: André Bocard, for Jean Petit, 22 June 1499, ISTC it00102500) - **F.3.29** (catalogued under Juvenal)
- 34) Thomas Becket: *Vita et processus super libertate ecclesia* (Paris: Johann Philippi de Cruzenach, 27 Mar. 1495, ISTC it00344500) - **M.5.50[1]**. This was issued and bound with ISTC ib00516000, Bertrandi: *Libellus de iurisdictione...* (imprint as here, 2 Apr. 1495); issued together but treated separately. For Bertrandi, see no. 6 above.
- 35) *Tractatus plurimi iuris* (Basel: Michael Wenssler, about 1487, ISTC it00416000) - **O.9.14**
- 36) Ubaldis, Angelus de: *Consilia et resposda, ed. Baptista de Sancto Blasio* (Venice: Johannes Rubeus Verzellensis, 27 Feb. 1487, ISTC iu00004000) - **P.4.10** (cupboard)
- 37) Vergilius Maro, Publius: *Opera. [Bucolica, Georgica, Aeneis, with argumenta (comm. Servius)]. Add: Maphaeus Vegius: Liber XIII Aeneidos. Additional texts* (Venice: Antonio di Bartolommeo Miscomini, Oct. '1486' [i.e. 1476], ISTC iv00167000) - **F.1.12**

#### Post-1500

Juvenalis, Decimus Junius: *Satyrae. Comm: Johannes Britannicus. Add: Johannes Britannicus: Annotationes in Asinum Apuleii et Sylvas Statii* (Brescia: Angelus and Jacobus Britannicus, 1501, ISTC ij00666500) - **F.8.21**

#### Errors in ISTC

The following works are listed in ISTC as being at Jesus College, but it has not been possible to locate them in the card catalogue under the authors or any words found in their titles:

Angelus de Clavasio: *Summa angelica de casibus conscientiae. Add: Hieronymus Tornieli* (Strassburg: Martin Flach, 15 Mar. 1498, ISTC ia00727000)

Auerbach, Johannes: *Processus iudiciarius. Ed. Johannes de Eberhausen* (Leipzig: Moritz Brandis, [14]89, ISTC ia01209000)

Meffret: *Sermones de tempore et de sanctis, sive Hortulus reginae. Add: Johannes de Lapide, Praemonitio circa sermones de conceptione virginis Mariae* (Basel: Berthold Ruppel, after 21 Apr. 1488, im00444000) – ISTC says we have only ‘fragments’, but does not clarify if this means a few leaves used in a binding or a more substantial fragment

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## Details

The Old Library at Jesus College holds thirty-nine incunabular editions bound in thirty-two volumes, ranging in date from 1470 to 1500. An almost equal number were removed by the Master, Lynford Caryl, in 1772, a list of which (extracted from Caryl's own list of removed books) has been placed in the 'lists' folder. An 'edition' is taken to mean an imprint with its own ISTC number – there are two works (3 and 5 above) which are comprised of more than one part, represented by different ISTC numbers. All incunabular editions listed above (numbers 1 to 37) have been catalogued onto Newton, as has the 1501 imprint (Juvenal), which also appears in the ISTC. The earliest imprint, Durandus' *Rationale* is the second edition of the text and is one of 6 copies in the UK. We have three early English imprints; the most important is Andreae's *Scriptum in logica sua* (St Albans: Schoolmaster Printer, about 1481-82), one of only three substantially complete copies known (and not in the BL), this one bound in a contemporary Cambridge blind stamped binding by the 'Unicorn Binder'. The other significant English imprint, Lattebury's *Liber moralium super threnis Ieremiae* (Oxford: Theodoricus Rood, 1482) is less rare, but is known to have been in the library since 1600, when it was donated by fellow Lionel Ducket.

## Rarity

There are some very rare books in terms of numbers of surviving copies. The Salisbury Breviary (Paris, 1499) is one of only five (all incomplete) copies known anywhere. The copy of Terence's *Comedies* printed in Paris in 1499 is one of four known copies anywhere (of which two are in the UK). The Latin Bible printed in Cologne by Nicolaus Gotz in 1480 is one of only three complete copies in this country. Three works - the *Practica nova judicialis* of Ferrariis (Lyons, 1477), Martinus Polonus' *Margarita decreti* (Nuremberg, about 1491-93) and *Tractatus plurimi iuris* (Basel, about 1487) - are all one of only two copies in this country. Angelus de Ubaldis' *Consilia et responsa* (Venice, 1487) is the only copy in the UK. Finally, the *Indulgence* printed by John Lettou in 1480 (London), which survives only as strips in the binding of a Latin Bible in the library (A.3.19-20), is unique.

## Bindings

A number of the library's incunabula survive in contemporary or very early 16<sup>th</sup>-century bindings, some blind stamped and therefore identifiable with known binders. There are several early Cambridge bindings, including two by the so-called 'Unicorn Binder', whose bindings are recorded on books printed no later than 1507. The first is E.3.49 (Andreae: *Scriptum in logica sua*, 1481-82), which Hobson (*Bindings in Cambridge Libraries*, 1929 – a copy is in the OL) dated to the binder's early period of c. 1485-1488. This volume was once chained, very possibly in the Old Library itself. The second is O.10.9 (*Summa in virtutes cardinales*: Paris, 1480). Hobson again dates this binding to the early period of c. 1485-1488. The St John's copy of this work is also in a Unicorn binding. K.13.2, part two of Florentinus' *Chronicon* (dated 1512; parts 1 & 3 dated 1491), was bound by another Cambridge binder, Nicholas Spierinck. The animal roll-tool used is recorded on books printed between 1521 and 1533. A.2.50, which contains three different works printed between 1482 and 1491/93, is identifiable with the 'Octagonal Rose Binder', whose bindings are recorded on books printed between 1489 and 1496.

There are other works in early English bindings, although it has not been possible to identify the binders. These include B.13.27 (the two parts of Saxoferrato, printed 1492/3 and 1494), and B.13.30 (which contains the *Decisiones rotae Romanae* and Lanfrancus de Oriano's *Repetitiones*), which is in an early London binding, according to a note inside.

Other early stamped bindings include P.1.33 (the *Decretalia* of Boniface VIII) and P.4.5 (the *Decretalia* of Innocent IV, bound with Pontanus' *Consilia*), and O.6.47 (Duranti's *Rationale* of 1470), the earliest printed book in the library. The various works of William of Auvergne (shelved at C.3.28 and C.3.29) are also in early bindings.

Many of the bindings above, although retaining their original boards, have been more recently rebacked. Platea's *Opus restitutionum* (O.9.25) is bound in contemporary alum-tawed leather over wooden boards and remains in completely original condition.

A number of volumes bear evidence of having once been chained: A.2.50, C.3.27, C.3.29, E.3.49, K.3.1 + 3, O.9.25 and P.1.33.

### Provenance

A few of the library's incunabula have certainly been in the library since the 16<sup>th</sup> century. C.3.27 has the early 16<sup>th</sup>-century inscription 'Liber Collegij Jesu', suggesting that this book has been in the library from the very earliest days. B.13.27 was given by Thomas Broughton in 1578, who matriculated at Jesus in 1575 and gave 10 books in 1578. This is one of the earliest known donations to survive in the library. Some early 17<sup>th</sup>-century donations also remain. F.8.17 is inscribed '*Hugo Williams hujus collegii alumnus...piam memoriam Edwardus Hughes in Theologia licentiatus, ejusdem collegii socius*'. These individuals are probably the Hugh Williams who took his BA from Jesus in 1601/2 and the Edward Hughes who matriculated in 1584 and was a fellow 1594-1602. A.2.42 was given in 1600 by Lionel Ducket (MA Jesus 1586; fellow 1585-1603). Charles Lidgould (MA 1721) gave F.1.12 in 1723, and F.3.29 in 1742. He also gave A.3.19-20 at an unspecified date. Charles Ashton (fellow from 1687 and Master 1701-1752) gave M.5.50.

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