

MS. 151

Year books of Henry V and Henry VI, in Latin and French England; s. xv

Text

For lists of printed editions and manuscripts (not including the present manuscript), see Jennifer Nicholson, *Register of manuscripts of year books extant* (Historical Manuscripts Commission, for the Selden Society, 1956). The genealogical trees are perhaps by Sir William Poole (1561–1635) (cf. under Provenance).

[Items 1–4 occupy quires 2–4]

1. (fols. 1r–9v; with early foliation 1–9) I Henry V: ‘*De termino Hillarij Anno regni regis Reparati Primo En breve de terris quare vi & armis certos lapides pro metis & bundis inter terram le plaintiff & terram le defend’ &c. ... disabeisance de la ley & defence a Roy fait &c quod nota.*’ (printed in *Les reports del cases en ley ... Roy Henry le Cinque ...* (London, 1679), pp. 1–14). [\[Image\]](#)
2. (fols. 10r–25v) Genealogical trees with names in roundels. [\[Image\]](#)
3. (fols. 26r–32v) I Henry VI: ‘*Annus primus H vi^{ti} William Actone de Lincoln einsi une appelle de Rape de Johanne sa femme &c. ... quere finem &c.*’ (edited by C. H. Williams, *Year books of Henry VI: I Henry VI, A.D. 1422*, Selden Society, 50 (London, 1933)). [\[Image\]](#)
4. (fols. 33r–34v) Genealogical tree with names in roundels.

[Items 5–6 occupy quire 5]

5. (fols. 35r–45r) II Henry VI: ‘*De termino hillarii anno rr^s henrici sexti secundo Robertus Basset porta breve de recordare envers le prior de saint John de Jerusalem en Engleterre ... Strange dites ceo que vous voilles ou demoures en iugement & disputes en apres &c.* [added in paler ink: .s. vj^{ti}. iij^o. 52.] Explicit Annus secundus henricus sextius’. [\[Image\]](#)
6. (fols. 45v–46v) Genealogical tree with names in roundels.

[Items 7–10 occupy quires 6–15]

7. (fols. 47r–88r; with early foliation i–xli) III Henry VI, starting and ending differently from printed editions and other MSS: ‘*De termino Sci Michaelis Anno rr h vj^{ti} iij^o Un a suist vn repleg. ... Explicit Annus tercius h. vj^{ti}.*’ [\[Image\]](#)
8. (fol. 88v) Genealogical tree with names in roundels.
9. (fols. 89r–101r; with early foliation 1–12, omitting fol. 94) IV Henry VI: ‘*Terminus Michaelis Anno Henrici Sexti iij^o.* John Ingramm de london Tayllour ... [ending in mid-sentence at the bottom of a page, in the Easter Term, in the section beginning ‘Residuum de breve ...’, at:] le terre envers vous et per le rec’le le roy duist’ (1609 edn., fol. 18v; 1679 edn., p. 18). [\[Image\]](#)

10. (fols. 101v–138v) Genealogical trees with names in roundels; ‘This pedigree I received from Mr John Trevilian of Netelton’ (? Nettlecombe, Dorset) (fol. 101v); ‘Out of the liger booke of the Abbey of fforde.’ (fol. 103v) (i.e. the Cistercian abbey of the BVM, Forde, Devon).

[Items 11–12 occupy quires 16–18]

11. (fols. 139r–156r; with contemporary foliation 1–18) VII Henry VI: ‘*Terminus Michaelis Anno Henrici Sexti septimo Scire facias* fuit porta vers le Duke de Gloucestr. ... [ends in the Easter term with the section beginning ‘Scire facias port vers W & T ...’:] & n’est partie a telle issue &c. Explicit Annus Septimus Henrici Sexti.’ [\[Image\]](#)

12. (fols. 156v–168v) Genealogical tree with names in roundels.

[Item 13 occupies quires 19–25; Michaelmas term occupies quires 19–22]

13. (fols. 169r–217v; with contemporary foliation 1–53, omitting ‘7’) IX Henry VI: ‘[De termino Michaelis] *Anno nono H viⁱⁱⁱ* Quare impedit fuit port per J. Bowne [printed editions have ‘John Down’] versus le prior de Caledewell ... ceo nest p’ plee sil ne plee de m’ lacre en demande &c.’ [\[Image\]](#)

[Item 14 occupies the last few leaves of quire 25, and quires 26–33]

14. (fols. 217v–300r) One hundred and sixty-three pedigrees of the ancient gentry, with occasional arms in trick, etc.; with an index of names (fols. 299v–300r); fols. 298r–299v, 300v originally blank.

Physical description

Paper, *c.*345 x *c.*245 mm., each quire with a parchment re-enforcement strip in the centre.

ff. iii (original parchment) + 303 + iii (original parchment), foliated in many medieval series, and with 19th-century numbers on the first leaves of main texts, and in sections of genealogies; gaps foliated in modern pencil, preserving the 19th-century numbers, which omit the stubs of two written leaves after fol. 206, and skips a leaf before fol. 218: i–iii, 1–205, 206a–c, 207–215, 216a–c, 217–302.

Text quires mostly of eight leaves each, pedigree quires mostly of twelve: 1⁴⁺¹ (2nd leaf excised) (fols. i–iii) | 2¹⁰ (fols. 1–10), 3–4¹² (fols. 11–34); 5¹² (fols. 35–46); 6–12⁸ (fols. 47–102), 13–15¹² (fols. 103–138); 16⁸ (fols. 139–146), 17¹⁰ (fols. 147–156), 18¹² (fols. 157–168); 19–21⁸ (fols. 169–192), 22⁶ (fols. 193–198); 23–25⁸ (fols. 199–219), 26¹² (fols. 220–231), 27¹²⁻¹ (12th leaf excised) (fols. 232–242), 28–28¹² (fols. 243–254), 29¹²⁺¹ (13th leaf inserted, stuck to the 12th) (fols. 255–266), 30^{two} (structure uncertain) (fols. 267–268), 31¹² (fols. 269–280), 32⁸ (fols. 281–288), 33¹⁰⁺² (11th and 12th leaves, a bifolium, added) (fols. 289–300) | 34⁴⁺¹ (4th leaf missing) (fols. 301–303); catchwords supplied in some sections (e.g. quires 8–10, 19–21, 23–24); leaf signatures of various forms and in various positions, sometimes continuing from one quire to the next (quires 9–11 have leaf signatures ‘1’–‘4’, ‘5’–‘8’, and ‘9’–‘10’, respectively).

Frame-ruled in leadpoint, the ruled space varying from *c.*250 x 165 mm. to 235 x 150 mm.

Written with approximately 40–50 lines per page in cursive anglicana scripts, with headings in calligraphic textualis.

Secundo folio: ‘sur’.

Binding

Sewn on five double thongs; the boards missing; the spine with the remains of a plain skin covering. [\[Image\]](#)

Provenance

1. Written in England, perhaps at a variety of dates; inscribed by a number of 15th- and 16th-century hands: ‘Iste liber constat C[...] Gale de Ju[...]ti | G[?] [...] filius(?) [...] Will’ [...] legem’ (all but the first three words are erased, and only parts of the remainder have been readable with a UV lamp) (i verso) [\[Image\]](#); on the final verso: ‘Nomine(?) [...] p(ro) p(re)fecte [...] Will(ia)m | Underwod gentilman te[...] & oblig[?] [...]’, ‘William’, ‘nyeplath’, and ‘[...] of Clifforde Inne’ [\[Image\]](#); ‘He that in yowthe no vertu will usse in age all honer wyll him reffusse’ (fol. iiir, cf. fol. iir) [\[Image\]](#); ‘senex xij’ (fol. iiir); a signature(?) ‘P.(?) Lurdes(?)’ (fol. iiir); and with pen-trials etc.; the upper margin of fol. 182v inscribed ‘baylysse’.
2. Sir William Pool (1561–1635) (on whom see *DNB*), antiquary, owner of a large collection of manuscripts concerning the history of Devonshire: the catalogue of manuscripts in MS. 557 describes this volume as ‘Pedigrees of the *West parts* p(er) S^r W^m Pool’.
3. ‘There is in this booke .163. Pedegrees of the auntient | Gentry of the Westerne Countyes. | Bought of M^r Burridge the 2^d Jan: 1658.’ (fol. 301r, written sideways; cf. fol. 300r, fore-edge, written sideways). [\[Image\]](#)
4. Coxe states ‘olim T. Hale, de Holworth’, but the evidence for this is not now clear.
5. Queen’s College, acquired presumably after the compilation of Langbaine’s mid 17th-century catalogue and before the early 18th-century handlist in MS. 557; inscribed with the former shelfmark ‘K. 11’ (fol. ir); and, 19th century: ‘Queen’s College | Library’ (fol. ir, cf. 1r) and ‘JW’ in pencil (fol. 303v) by the same hand that inscribed the front pastedown of MS. 388.

Bibliography

Coxe, *Catalogus*, p. 29.

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