

Three Halle Manuscripts from Løgum Abbey, Denmark

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In an earlier paper (Haastrup 1985a) I examined some manuscripts of miscellaneous contents with a view to establishing whether *exlibris* connecting a part of a manuscript with Denmark could establish such a connection for the whole book. Among the mss mentioned were three with links to the Cistercian monastery of Løgum in Jutland, all three of which are now in Halle, Germany, and for which I did not at the time have sufficient information. I have now inspected the mss and here record my findings.

The three mss are: Halle, Universitätsbibliothek Y.c.4°.6, Y.c.4°.8 and Y.c.4°.2. They have all been described by Menzel in 1935 and, more thoroughly, in an unpublished inventory by Dr J. Fliege (1978/9), which is available in the library in Halle, but neither Menzel nor Fliege paid special attention to the problem whether the Løgum *exlibris* is in each case valid for the whole book. In what follows '{105-109}' is used to mean "the gathering constituted by ff. 105-109", and '{105-109} - {99-104}: X, ff. 104v-106v' to mean "the gathering 105-109 is linked to the gathering 99-104 by means of the text X, which occurs on ff. 104v-106v.

Halle, UB, Y.c.4°.6, 13th century, parchment, mm. 190 x 125, ff. 109, 13 gatherings in all, cropped and bound in recent times, probably in the 19th century.

Exlibris f. 108v: Liber sancte marie de loco dei quem qui furatur anatema sit et moriatur. Liber sancte marie de lo loco dei Quem qui furatur anatema.

The *exlibris* occurs in {105-109}. This final gathering is linked to the preceding ones as follows:

{105-109} - {99-104}: Bernhard of Clairvaux, *Sermo in nativitate domini*, ff. 104v-106v.

{99-104} - {67-74} *Prologus marci ad quandam abatissam in visione cuiusdam hybernensis militis*, ff. 73v-99r (this text links five gatherings).

{67-74} - {60-66}: *Virginibus deo sacratis*, ff. 65v-73v.

{60-66} - {33-42}: A text by Elisabeth of Schönau (linking four gatherings), ff. 35v-65v.

{2-34v} - {1-9}: *Visiones Elisabeth*, "Petis a me frater", ff. 2r-34v.

It is thus permissible to conclude that the *exlibris* refers to the whole ms as presently conserved, with the sole exception of the covers.

Incidentally, the scribe of the last text seems to have been named James. Fol. 109r, *ad calcem*, one reads: Iacobus scripsit.

Halle, UB, Y.c.4°8, 12th c. (so Menzel 1935; 12th-13th according to Fliege 1978/9), parchment, mm. 190 x 130, ff. 72, ten gatherings in old (contemporary ?) leather covers with clasps.

Two texts make up the contents of this manuscript, viz:

Eckebert of Schönau, *Expositio super Evangelium*, "In principio erat verbum", ff. 1v-61v, and

62r-70v *Rudolfi de calice spirituali*¹

No gathering binds the two texts together, as one ends with {58-61} and the other begins with {62-69}. But a Løgum provenance is assured for both of them by:

(a) an *exlibris* on f. 1r: Liber sancte Marie De Loco Dei,

(b) a note on f. 70v: Honorabili ac semper in xro reverendo domino abbati de loco dei Frater P dictus abbas in insula dei² quicquid proficere poterit cum salute in domino sp sempiterno P..toram per son... fit.

Halle, UB, Y.c.4°2, 14th c., parchment, mm. 235 x 195, ff. 183, 24 gatherings (+ two leaves in Carolingian minuscule detached from the covers). The ms contains these texts:

1-111v, <*Nucleus theologice veritatis*>, inc. *Omnibus hoc scriptum cernentibus*

111v List of taxation of Cistercian houses in Scandinavia and the Baltic area.

112r Blank.

112v-178r <Arnoldus Leodicensis>, *Prologus in libro narrationum*

178r-183 *Incipit tabula de eodem*.

111v List of taxation of Cistercian houses in Scandinavia and the Baltic area.

Scribe's self-identifications:

(a) f. 55v: Incipit speculum beate et gloriose virginis Marie per manum petri dan de loco dei.

(b) f. 111v: Explicit liber qui dicitur nucleus theologice veritatis scriptus per manum fratris petri dan minimi monachorum loci dei

1. Possibly by bishop Radulf of Ribe, Jutland. See Riising 1969: 50 and Nielsen 1937: 93.

2. I.e. Holme Abbey, Denmark.

Exlibris f. 111v: lkbfr sbnctf marie (code, in which a letter is replaced with the next one in the alphabet, *k,f,b* replacing *i,e,a*, so = liber Sancte Marie) de l c d-- (code with omission of some letters, = de loco dei); then the scribe writes without cryptography: liber sancte marie de loco dei. This is followed by: explicit iste liber scriptor sit crimine liber.

An entry on f. 183v also deserves attention: frater swen abbas totusque conventus in loco dei frater sweno.

According to Riising (1969: 50-51) the text that starts at f. 55v is a collection of sermons by the monk Peter Dan, whose hand she also finds in another sermon ms, Uppsala UB C.353, which both for this and for other reasons may be presumed to have a Løgum provenance. The descriptions by Menzel (1934) and Fliege (1978/9) implicitly assume that the sermons in the Halle ms constitute a part of *Nucleus theologicæ veritatis*. If this is correct, Løgum provenance is assured for all of ff. 1-111. For the second part of the ms, ff. 112-178, we have no certain indications, but it deserves mention that the covers of the book seem to be no younger than the quires, and their dimensions perfectly fit the size of the present book with all its quires. Hence it is reasonable to suppose that both parts of the book were bound together in Løgum soon after production.

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