

Transcription of M.R. James's unpublished description  
Cambridge, University Library, MS Ii.3.13

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| <b>Title:</b>            | Statii Thebais   |
| <b>Secundo folio:</b>    | 3f. Archados   |
| <b>Language:</b>         | Latin  |
| <b>Material:</b>         | vellum   |
| <b>Measurements:</b>     | 11¾ x 8½ ins.  |
| <b>Collation:</b>        | 1 <sup>8</sup> (+1 <sup>4</sup> ) 2 <sup>8</sup> -9 <sup>8</sup> |
| <b>Number of leaves:</b> | 153  |
| <b>Columns:</b>          | single   |
| <b>Lines to a page:</b>  | 32   |
| <b>Date:</b>             | XIV  |
| <b>Handwriting:</b>      | round italian gothic, large & fine                               |
| <b>Binding:</b>          | black leather  |

James 74          Rotheram 3          F.η.8

**Contents:**

On 1<sup>a</sup> otherwise blank is a neat note by an annotator who writes much in the book.

Intencio huius auctoris est titum et domicianum a fraterna discordia deortari -et ad grecam ystoriā se transfert.

Argument of the 12 books

Associat tideum profugum primus polinici

Argiam flentem memorat duodenus et ignes

Argument...      Thesiphonem uocat edipotes stige cecus  
                              abyrma etc

added small hand: Stacius altiloqui uestigia magna maronis

Hec ego composui nolui cum carmina pennam  
Ceruere si forsan calamus bene scriberet ipse.

Inc. prol. Statii Papini Sursuli Thebaydos

Queriter quod tempore fuerit stacius iste

-mortaliter fatiat

Statii Papini Sursuli thebaydos liber primus inc.

Fraternas acies

There are many glosses interlinear & marginal in a very minute hand

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|------|---------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Lib. | II arg. | Ab maia genitus     | 13 <sup>b</sup> |
|      | III     | Perfidus interea    | 25              |
|      | IV      | Mox septem bellona  | 36 <sup>b</sup> |
|      | V       | Postquam pulsasitis | 50              |
|      | VI      | Graiorum turbe      | 62              |
|      | VII     | Sic iouis imperio   | 77              |

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|------|-------------------|------------------|
| VIII | Tunc graüter      | 90               |
| IX   | Penide interitu   | 102              |
| X    | Quatuor afflictis | 116 <sup>b</sup> |
| XI   | Nunc capanei      | 131              |
| XII  | Alterno postquam  | 143              |

ends imperfect with l.664  
cui in ogigio stet princeps lancea muro  
[...] At procul ingenti  
ll. 665-819 wanting

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Vol. IV pp. 57, 66 (Old. Cat.)  
Garrod?

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