

Transcription of M.R. James's unpublished description
Cambridge, University Library, MS Dd.8.7

Title	Polychronicon etc.
Secundo folio	
Language	Latin
Material	Vellum
Measurements	15 ³ / ₄ x 11 ¹ / ₂ ins.
Collation	1 ⁸ (wants 1?) 2 ⁸ (8 canc.) 3 ¹² 4 ¹⁰ 5 ¹² – 11 ¹² 12 ¹⁰ 13 ¹² – 15 ¹² 16 ⁶ 17 ¹² – 22 ¹² (wants 3 - 5) 23 ⁸ 24 ¹² 25 ¹² 26 ⁶ 27 ¹² 28 ¹² (wants 12) gap 29 ¹² 30 ¹² 31 ⁴ 32 ¹⁰ 33 ⁶ 34 ⁶
Number of leaves	ii + 355
Columns	Double
Lines to a page	54
Date	XIV
Handwriting	Good English
Binding	Old leather rebacked

James 221 (number on fore edge) Rotheram 173 F. χ . 6

Contents

There is a medieval foliation in very large thick Italian figures running from 1 to 419 (ff. 5 [16] – 343 of this MS).

At top of f. 1 is (xvii): polychronicon. Et uide MSS 188. Et in Archiuus num. 26.

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| 1 | Historia Tartarorum, beginning imperfectly
myen uenit ut exercitum illius inuaderet. Tartari uero audacter occurrerunt illi
Ends (de prouinciis magno cham subditis): Est autem regio illa frigida supra modum et
usque ad oceanum mare protenditur. Expl. hist. tartarorum.
7b blank. | 1 |
| 2 | Table of contents to the Polychronicon, with preface.
Ad subsequentis tabule noticiam considerentur primo numeri foliorum in angulo
superiori uersus manum dextram inscripti.
— si de dauid d. o. et sic de reliquis.
The initial has a picture of a throned king with sceptre. The table runs from Aaron to
Uter. | 8 |
| 3 | Polychronicon
Prol. In historico namque contextu (Rolls ed. i. 4. § 2)
The first paragraph, Post preclaros, is wanting here as in several MSS.
There is a reference at top (xvii):
Vide alterum exemplar in Archiuus orient. Bibliothecae Publ. Cant. num. 16 lin. 13.
Ends: — pariter conscribetur. Expl. prol. historice Policronice.
Inc. historia policronica. | 15 |
| | Iulius cesar diuinis humanisque rebus (l. c. p. 40 note) | 16 |

Lib. II f. 24 (old), 39 (new) pretty initial
Lib. III f. 91b 106b bust in initial
Lib. IV f. 116 131 initial of earlier style
Lib. V f. 202 217

wants ff. 220 – 2 (235 – 7), A.D. 518 – 533

Lib. V ends in A.D. 604 Rolls ed. V.

Lib. VI begins imperfect [old f. 305, new 265] in A.D. 940; ff. 250 – 304 are gone [there is no corresponding gap in the later foliation].

— anglorum. Iste Ricardus dictus est sine timore; cf. Rolls ed. VI, 446 note. The text agrees more with that of the MSS C, D than with the print.

Lib. VII f. 321 (281): Willelmus ut predictum est (as C, D). Rolls ed. VII, 248 note. Good initial.

Ends f. 355b (new fol.) in 1347: Et regi Anglie urbs calesii reddita est. cf. Rolls ed. VIII, 344.

There are some few marginal additions, e.g. 389b (313b) from *historia ierosolimitana*; 411 (335) on the penitence of John XXII.

The years are elaborately entered at the head of each column, in the margin.