

MANUSCRIPT 6

Ubaldi, Baldo degli, 1327-1406

Consilia. Interspersed with various other consilia by Pietro and Angelo degli Ubaldi, Bartolo da Sassoferrato, Giovanni da Legnano, Jacobus de Belviso, et al.

MS 6

Italy (in Latin)

Ca. 1420?

Baldo degli Ubaldi, often called Baldus de Perusia (Perugia), a professor of civil law who taught at various northern Italian universities, particularly at Perugia and Bologna, enjoyed an enormous reputation in his own times and later. His legal consultations--known as Consilia and consisting of judgments, advice, legal maxims, etc.--were among the most popular of his various writings, and many copies of them circulated among law students. In the 16th century they were printed a number of times (Lyons 1543; Leyden 1559; Venice 1575; etc.). His brothers (Angelo and Pietro) were also prominent teachers of jurisprudence, and writings attributed to them are included in this collection.

A quite detailed description of this codex can be found in Goodspeed, Descriptive catalog, p. 7, and an abbreviated description in De Ricci, Census, I, 554. Although the consilia of over a dozen legal authorities and medieval writers on jurisprudence are to be found in the codex, the materials attributed to Baldo degli Ubaldi clearly predominate in quantity and number over all the

rest. Fol. 13v. contains the specific date 26 July 1390, but it seems likely that the codex was not written before 1400. The watermarks in the paper suggest an early-15th-century origin, and there seems no reason to doubt that the paper was manufactured in northern Italy.

Folio, 31 x 23 cm.

150 numbered leaves, plus preliminary leaves and blanks, or 162 leaves in all.

Bound in boards by the University of Chicago.

A fair copy in a single unidentified hand, with a few marginal notes in another hand. Arranged in carefully ruled double columns, written in light brown and dark brown ink, with some rubrication in the first leaves but very little after fol. 76. The formulas, or extracts, are numbered (not very correctly) in Roman numerals, and run from I to CLXXXVI (186). At the end of each extract the name of the author has been entered in large, bold letters. The first few leaves, which contain the table of contents, have been damaged and portions are missing. There are inconsequential water stains on most of the leaves in the volume.

Part of the Berlin Collection. Belonged once to the Marquis of Taccone, Italy (18th century), who gave it No. 41.

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Addenda: The Marquis of Taccone was treasurer to the King of Naples late in the 18th century. MSS 12, 14, 17, 18, 39, 47, 54, 63, 65, and 101 were also part of the Taccone collection, and were once identified by oval labels on the spines, on which the Taccone MS number was written in ink.

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