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Collection Summary

Repository:	Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries
Creator:	Vassar College. Library
Title:	Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts Collection
Dates:	11th century - 17th century
Quantity:	22 codices, 79 leaves and cuttings (3 boxes, 2 map folders)
Abstract:	Codices, leaves, and fragments of manuscripts and illuminated manuscripts, primarily in Latin, deriving largely from religious work such as psalters, books of hours, and sermons. Also includes scholarly and literary works.
Languages of Material:	Armenian, Dutch, English, Middle (1100-1500), Flemish, French, German, Italian, Latin.

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Access and Use

Access

This collection is open for research according to the [regulations of the Vassar College Archives and Special Collections Library](#) without any additional restrictions.

Restrictions on Use

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Related Material

Related Materials

- [The English Documents Collection includes items dating from 1552 on.](#)
- [The Nicholas B. Scheetz Collection includes manuscript material dating from the 9th to 18th centuries.](#)

Separated Materials

- [Series II. Leaves and Cuttings - Leaves 51, 70, and 73 were separated from the collection and added to the Islamic Manuscripts Collection, January 2024.](#)
- [Series II. Leaves and Cuttings - Leaves 71 and 72 were separated from the collection and added to the Russian Leaves Collection, January 2024.](#)

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Subject Headings

Organizations:

- Catholic Church--Prayers and devotions

Subjects:

- Bible
- Books of Hours
- Illumination of books and manuscripts, Armenian
- Illumination of books and manuscripts, European
- Illumination of books and manuscripts, Medieval
- Manuscripts, Armenian
- Manuscripts, Latin
- Manuscripts, Medieval
- Music--Manuscripts
- Psalters
- Sermons, Latin

Document Types:

- Books of hours
- Illuminated manuscripts
- Psalters
- Sermons

VCL Categories:

- Medieval and Early Modern Manuscripts

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Encoding Information

Encoded by Elizabeth Clarke, April 2007.

Updated by Mark Seidl, October 2011, September 2014, and April 2019.

Last updated by Emma Gronbeck, October 2024.

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts Collection, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

Processing Information

Partial list of leaves created in 2006 by Dean Rogers. Item numbers were assigned at that time. List updated by Ron Patkus and Mark Seidl in 2011. Further refinements and some corrections of dealers' descriptions made by Mark Seidl in 2014 with information received from Peter Kidd. Item titles and collection arrangement revised in 2023 following additional identification and descriptive work by Peter Kidd.

Codices have been catalogued bibliographically and more information on them can be found in their linked catalog entries.

Acquisition Information

Gifts and transfers from a variety of sources.

Leaf 74 was purchased from Bernard Quaritch, Ltd., February 2011. [M2011-006]

Leaf 83 was the bequest of Frederich Hammond, November 2023. [M2024-004]

Leaf 84 was purchased from Les Enluminures, September 2024. [M2024-019]

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Series List

[Series I.](#) Codices, 14th century - 17th century

Arrangement

Codices are arranged according to MS number.

[Series II.](#) Leaves and Cuttings, 11th century - 17th century

Arrangement

Leaves and cuttings are arranged according to item number.

Container List

Series I. Codices

- MS 1 [See Series II. Leaves and Cuttings, Item 54]
- [MS 2](#) Vergil, *Georgics* [Italy (Florence?), 15th century (1st half?)]
- [MS 3](#) Compendium including works attributed to Bonaventura, Hugh of St. Victor, and Anselm [Northern Italy (Veneto or Emilia)], 15th century (first half or middle)
- [MS 4](#) Psalter, illuminated by Jean Semont [Franco-Flemish border area (Tournai)], circa 1390-1400
- MS 5 Book of Hours, Use of Rome [Italy (Florence?)], [circa 1480?] (Missing)
- [MS 6](#) Book of Hours, Use of Paris, in Latin and French [France (Paris)], circa 1475
- [MS 7](#) Book of Hours, Use of Amiens, in Latin and French [France (Amiens)], circa 1480
- MS 8 Book of Hours, Use of Rome [Germany (or Switzerland?)], late 15th century (Missing)
- [MS 9](#) Book of Hours, Use of Besançon, in Latin and French [France (Lyon?)], circa 1425-1450
- [MS 10](#) Pope Adrian VI, Bull "In cena domini", on paper [Germany (Bamberg area?)], 1527 (or 1523 with additions?)
- [MS 11](#) Book of Hours, Use of Mons(?), in Latin and French [France-Netherlands border region (Hainault)], mid-15th century
- [MS 12](#) Jerome of Mondsee (Johannes de Werdea) (d. 1475), et al.(?), Sermons [Austria (Behamberg?)], 1474
- MS 13 [See Series II. Leaves and Cuttings, Item 61]
- MS 14 [See Series II. Leaves and Cuttings, Items 62-67]
- [MS 15](#) Inventories, mainly of Livestock and Furnishings, in English [England], 1549-1557
- [MS 16](#) Gradual, Cistercian Use, Temporale, Winter Part [Spain], 16th century (early)
- [MS 17](#) "Ferial Psalter, Secular Use, for the Night Offices from Wednesday to Saturday [Spain]", [17th century?]
- [MS 18](#) "Manorial Accounts for Uggeshall, Sotterley, Ellough, and Willingham, in Latin with insertions in English [England (Suffolk)]", 1553-1599
- [MS 19](#) Portable Breviary, Franciscan Use, adapted for Augustinian Use [Northern Italy (Genoa?)], 14th century (2nd quarter?, after 1317); with 15th century additions
- [MS 20](#) Cicero, De Senectute, Paradoxa, Somnium Scipio [Italy], 15th century
- [MS 21](#) Hauprecht Zapff, Compilation of Excerpts from Sebastian Franck's *Chronica*, in German [Southern Moravia (Nové Mlýny)], circa 1595/6
- [MS 22](#) Commendations of Souls [Germany], 15th century, with 18th/19th century addition
- [MS 23](#) Chronicle of Kings of Rome, etc., in Italian, on paper [Italy (Tuscany?, Florence?)], 16th century (between 1534 and 1549)
- [MS 24](#) Dominican Ferial Psalter [Southern Germany, Austria, or Switzerland], 15th century (between 1455 and circa 1461)
- [MS 25](#) Privileges du Vicomte de Turenne [France], 1523 Feb 3

Series II. Leaves and Cuttings

- Leaves 1-2 (Box 1) Two Leaves from a Decorated Pocket Bible [England (or perhaps France)], 13th century [third quarter?]
- Leaf 3 (Box 1) A Fragment of a Glossed Psalms [France or England], late 12th or early 13th century
- Leaf 4 (Box 1) A Fragmentary Leaf, Apparently from a List of Aphorisms Set to Music [Germany], 11th century
- Leaf 5 (Box 1) A Leaf from Philip the Chancellor (d. 1236), *Sermons* [France (Paris?)], 13th century (middle or second half)
- Leaf 6 (Box 1) A Leaf from Thomas Aquinas, *Commentary on the Sentences of Peter Lombard* [Italy (Florence)], circa 1450-1499
- Leaf 7 (Box 1) A Leaf from a Book of Hours, in Latin with French rubrics, with miniatures of *St. Francis and St. Lawrence* [France], circa 1475–1485
- Leaf 8 (Box 1) A Leaf from a Processional(?) [France (Normandy?, Caen?)], 15th century [See also [Nicholas B. Scheetz Collection, MS 11a-c](#)]
- Leaf 9 (Box 1) A Leaf from a Gradual [France], 16th century
- Leaves 10, 37 (Box 1) A Leaf from a Breviary [Italy (Tuscany, in or near Lucca)], 1464
- Leaf 11 (Box 1) A Leaf from a Praxapostolos, in Armenian, 15th or 16th century
- Leaves 12-13 (Box 1) Two Leaves from a Breviary, Use of Sarum(?) [France (Rouen?)], circa 1400-1450
- Leaves 14-15 (Box 1) Two Leaves from a Book of Hours, Use of Troyes [France], mid-15th century
- Leaf 16 (Box 1) A Leaf from a Book of Hours, in Netherlandish [Northern Netherlands], 15th century
- Leaves 17-19 (Box 1) Three Leaves from a Book of Hours, Use of Paris [France (Paris?)], circa 1475
- Leaf 20 (Box 1) A Leaf from a Book of Hours [France], early 16th century
- Leaf 21 (Box 1) A Leaf from a Book of Hours [France], 15th century
- Leaf 22 (Box 1) A Leaf from a miniature Book of Hours [France?], 15th century
- Leaves 23, 24 (Box 1) Two leaves from a Book of Hours, with rubrics in Netherlandish [Southern Netherlands (Bruges?)], [mid?]-15th century
- Leaves 25-29 (Box 1) Five Leaves with Miniatures from the Calendar of a Book of Hours [France (Reims, or Paris?)], early 16th (or late 15th) century]
- Leaf 30 (Box 1) A Leaf from the Chichester “Evangelia Festivalia” [England (Chichester?)], early 16th century
- Document 31 (Box 1) A Grant of property, in Latin with some Words in Middle English [England (Kent)], [1425 or 1426] Jan 16
- Leaf 32 (Box 1) A Leaf from a Processional, on paper [Italy], 16th century
- Leaf 33 (Box 1) A Leaf from the Litany in a Book of Hours [France], 15th century
- Leaf 34 (Box 1) A Leaf from a Burial Service [Italy], 15th century
- Leaves 35, 36 (Box 1) Two Leaves from a Book of Hours [France], 15th century
- Leaf 38 (Box 1) A Leaf from a Breviary [France (Paris?)], circa 1300/1350
- Cutting 39 (Box 1) A Miniature Depicting *The Betrayal and Arrest of Christ*, doubtless from a Book of Hours [Southern Netherlands (Flanders, Ghent?)], circa 1450-1475
- Cuttings 40, 41 (Box 1) Two Miniatures each depicting a *Pope Performing Mass*, Cut from a Missal of Pope Leo X [Italy (Florence)], circa 1513-1521
- Leaf 42 (Box 1) A Miniature by the Spanish Forger, on a Cutting from an Antiphonary [Italy, 14th century; and France, late 19th or early 20th century], 14th century, late 19th or early 20th century

- Leaf 43 (Box 1) A Leaf from a Missal [Italy], 15th century
- Leaf 44 (Box 2) A Leaf from a Bible [Bohemia], 15th century
- Leaf 45 (Box 2) A Leaf of a Martyrology [Italy], 12th century ([3rd?] quarter)
- Leaf 46 (Box 2) A Leaf from a Psalter [Southern Netherlands (Bruges?)], circa 1200-1250
- Leaf 47 (Box 2) A Leaf from a folio-sized Bible [France (Paris?)], circa 1220-1240
- Leaf 48 (Box 2) A Leaf from “The Bohun Bible” [England (East Anglia, perhaps Cambridge?)], mid-14th century
- Leaves 49-50 (Box 2) Two Leaves from a Palimpsest Antiphony [Italy], [14th?] and 15th century
- Leaf 51 [See [Islamic Manuscripts Collection, Arabic MS 2](#)]
- Leaves 52-53 (Box 2) Two Leaves from a Homiliary, in Armenian [Iran (Isfahan)], 1671–1672 [See also [Nicholas B. Scheetz Collection, MS 29a-e](#)]
- Leaf 54 (Box 1) A Leaf from Virgil, *Aeneid* [Italy], 14th century
- Leaf 55 (Box 2) A Leaf of a Gradual [Italy], 14th century
- Leaf 56 (Box 2) A Leaf from a Carthusian(?) Hymnal [Bohemia?], [15th century?]
- Leaf 57 (Box 2) A Leaf from a Dominican Missal [Italy (Perugia)], 14th century (perhaps 1353)
- Leaf 58 (Box 2) A Leaf from a Missal [Italy], 15th century
- Leaf 59 (Box 1) A Leaf from a Breviary, Use of Sarum [England], 14th century
- Leaf 60 (Box 2) A Leaf from Vincent of Beauvais, *Speculum Historiale* [France (Paris?)], late 14th or early 15th century
- Leaf 61 (Box 2) A Leaf from Terence, *Comedies* [Italy (Florence)], circa 1450-1460
- Leaves 62-67 (Box 2) Fragments from Justinian, *Institutes*, Glossed [Italy (Bologna)], 13th century
- Leaf 68 (Map Case - Drawer 28) A Vast Leaf from an Antiphony [Spain], 16th century
- Leaf 69 (Map Case - Drawer 28) A Vast Leaf from an Antiphony [Spain], 16th century
- Leaves 70, 73 [See [Islamic Manuscripts Collection, Arabic MS 8 and 9](#)]
- Leaves 71-72 [See [Russian Leaves Collection, Russian MS 1 and 2](#)]
- Leaf 74 (Box 1) A Leaf from Pseudo-Virgil, in Italian and Latin, on paper [Italy], early 16th century
- Leaf 75 (Box 3, Oversize) A Leaf from an Antiphony [Netherlands (Meuse region?)], early 16th century
- Leaf 76 (Box 3, Oversize) A Leaf from an Antiphony [Germany (Upper Rhine) or Switzerland], circa 1300-1350
- Leaves 77-78 (Box 3, Oversize) Two Leaves from a Stenciled Gradual [Spain?], [17th century?]
- Leaves 79-81 (Box 2) Psalms 148–150 [Germany (Cologne?)], 15th century
- Leaf 82 (Box 2) A Leaf from a Psalter [Flanders], circa 1200-1250
- Leaf 83 (Box 2) A Bifolium from a Noted Missal [Italy], 15th century
- Leaf 84 (Box 2) A Leaf from the Rosenbaum Psalter-Hours [Flanders or the Rhineland, or England], circa 1260

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