

ITAL. FOL. 168

Binding:

Half-binding, of the 19th century, bad condition. Leather spine. and marbled boards. Gilt lettered title embossed on the spine.

History:

The manuscript was made in Bologna together with ital.fol.169. Dating on the basis of an inscription on the title page indicates the year 1734. The work includes the final fragments of the second part of "The History of Bologna" published in 1757 and the beginning of the third part published in 1758, but practically unavailable due to the confiscation of the edition. Most probably the copyist did not have the second part of the work published in print, because he would not have rewritten its fragments. He used a copy similar to the autograph, however differing from the 1657 edition. Only the next owner collected all four volumes of the series : the first and the second part with comments, published in print and the third, handwritten part in 2 volumes. Perhaps it was also him who bound the whole series. All volumes were bound in the same manner and in the same period, perhaps at the beginning of the 19th century. Lack of old catalogue numbers or other marks indicating owners. The manuscript was entered into the collection of the Königliche Bibliothek together with other works from the series in 1894 and was handed over from the Imprints Department to the Manuscripts Department. It was bought in Rome from an antiquarian bookseller called Manozzi. It was probably Vincenzo Manozzi.

Content:

(ff. 2r^o-212r^o) the final part of Cherubino Ghirardacci's work (1524-1598) "Della historia di Bologna parte seconda", Giacomo Monti, Bologna 1657, concerning the years 1393-1424, pp. 469-648 of the print. (ff. 212v^o-763v^o) beginning of the third part of the history published in print in 1758 (years 1425-1470). Because of the fact that the whole edition of the third part, apart from one copy, was confiscated, the history circulated in many hand made copies. Ital.fol.168 belongs to a group of manuscripts which in their initial parts differ from the printed version of the second part, but are similar to the preserved autograph by Ghirardacci kept in the University Library in Bologna

(MS 2000) and do not really differ from the third part's 1758 edition. The manuscript is a continuation of ital.fol.166, ital.fol.167 and its second part is ital.fol.169. Print editions: "Della historia di Bologna parte seconda", per Giacomo Monti, Bologna 1657, 1669; Forni, Bologna 1973, 2005; "Della historia di Bologna parte terza", Lucca 1758 [Rerum Italicarum Scriptores, v. 33]; contemporary with a critical introduction by A. Sorbelli, Ed. S. Lapi, Città di Castelli 1915-1932; Ed. Zanichelli, Bologna 1932.

With reference to the manuscript: cf. Lemm, p. 77.