

MS. GALL. FOL. 138

Les éléments de l'histoire universelle

Binding:

Binding made of brown leather, with gilding, original, made in France.

History:

This volume was made at the same time as ms. gall. fol. 139: written by the same hand, the same palaeographic features, bindings almost identical. The manuscript was made in France, in the middle of the 18th century. It does not bear any traces of collections earlier than the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin, where it was incorporated before 1828. Considering the praise of Frederick the Great, which can be found in the gall. fol. 139 manuscript, it might have been made for this king.

Content:

This is the first volume of a larger work which also includes the gall. fol. 139 manuscript. The author begins with the creation of the world. The work contains the following chapters concerning ancient history: *De l'Histoire en général* (4r^o-5r^o), *De la Chronologie* (5r^o-8r^o), *Des Fondemens de la Chronologie* (8r^o-15v^o), *Des Tables Chronologiques et de leur utilité* (15v^o-16r^o), *Les différentes Divisions des Tems* (16r^o-18v^o), *Sur les différents Auteurs qui ont écrit l'Histoire Ancienne et Moderne* (18v^o-31r^o), *Histoire du Peuple Juif* (44r^o-84r^o), *Histoire de l'Egypte* (85r^o-112r^o), *Histoire des Assyriens* (113r^o-123r^o), *Histoire de Troïe* (124r^o-125r^o), *Histoire des Lydiens* (126r^o-129r^o), *Histoire de Thir* (130r^o-134r^o), *Histoire de Carthage* (135r^o-142r^o), *Histoire des Macedoniens* (143r^o-152r^o), *Histoire des Babiloniens* (153r^o-155r^o), *Histoire des Medes* (156r^o-160r^o), *Histoire des Perses* (161r^o-168r^o), *Histoire de la Grece* (169r^o-217r^o), *Histoire des Grecs* (218r^o-235r^o), *Histoire des Syriens* (236r^o-249r^o), *Histoire de l'Asie* (250r^o-258r^o), *Histoire des petits Roïaumes de l'Asie Mineure* (258r^o-305r^o). The whole volume ends with a chapter entitled *Observation* (306r^o-307r^o), in which the author lists ancient countries he has not described, and justifies his choices. The

work had not been published; other manuscripts have not been found. The work is of high scientific value. With reference to this manuscript, cf. Lemm, p. 8.