

Ms. Gall. Fol. 201

### **Binding:**

Original parchment binding, damaged. The volume is similar to ms. Gall. Fol. 202 (format, paper, binding, origin).

### **History:**

The copy is dated on the basis of a filigree (*I TAYLOR* [=John Taylor] – a paper manufacturer active until 1794/1795). The copy was probably written in England. The manuscript was entered into the accession register of the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin in the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 1883, under the catalogue number 11197. The same catalogue number was assigned to ms. Gall. Fol. 202, which means that the two copies were bought together. As we know the owner of the ms. Gall. Fol. 201 was August Danican (real name – Louis Michel Auguste Thévenet, 1764-1848), whose signature is on the front endpaper and on the page no. 1r<sup>o</sup>. Forced to leave France, Danican emigrated to Great Britain in 1800. This is probably where he came into possession of the copy (as well as ms. Gall. Fol. 202). He is not the author of the copy, although the text contains notes written by him. Around 1820 he moved, together with his family, to the duchy of Holstein. The duchy is probably the place where the owner of the manuscript changed. The new owner was a German chemist, Dr. Adolf Pinner (1842-1909). He handed over his library (including the mss. Gall. Fol. 201, 202) to the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin.

### **Content:**

ANONYME : RECUEIL DES MAXIMES EN LATIN. The manuscript is a collection of quotations from Latin authors, provided with indications of the source texts: Virgil (2r<sup>o</sup>-10r<sup>o</sup>), Horace (11v<sup>o</sup>-19r<sup>o</sup>), Ovid (20r<sup>o</sup>-53r<sup>o</sup>), Tibullus (55r<sup>o</sup>). The copy also contains texts written by its owner – August Danican in the form of notes from a personal journal, which describe two days from his life, the 28<sup>th</sup> of March 1814 and the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 1817 and complaints about his misery (the exile and death of his five-year old son).