

MS. GALL. QUART. 54

Binding:

Binding made of very ordinary marbled paper in Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin (cf. super ex-libris of this library), in the 19th century.

History:

The manuscript contains two different manuscripts, the history of which was initially different and separate: they were made at a different time. The first one was made in the 18th century, the second one in 1683. Considering the fact, that in both cases recto of the first page and verso of the last page are dirtier than other pages, both manuscripts must have initially functioned without a binding. The present binding, although it does not date from the period of origin of the manuscripts, might be their first binding. There are no signs which would enable to establish their history from their origin until their incorporation to the collection of Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin. They entered this library before 1828 and probably they were incorporated separately, because earlier they had functioned individually.

Content:

The first manuscript contains *Panegyrique de saint Louys* of an anonymous author. Panegyrics in honour of Saint Louis, delivered in the 18th century, similar to those delivered earlier and later, are very numerous, presently retained in manuscripts as well as in print editions. The one included in the analysed manuscript, delivered certainly on 25th of August on the holiday of Saint Louis (similar to the other ones), has been found neither in the print edition nor in any other manuscript. The second text is a mourning speech delivered by Nicolas Villette, a canon from Laon (with reference to this figure cf. l' « Histoire de la ville de Laon » par J.-F.-L. Devisme, Laon 1822, tome second, p. 309), in presence of the Bishop of Laon, Jan VI d'Estrées, in honour of Maria Theresa, the Infanta of Spain, Queen of France and Navarre, who died at Versailles on 30th July 1683. The speech was delivered on 15th October 1683. The text probably had not been published, other manuscripts have not been found. With reference to the gall. quart. 54 manuscript cf. Lemm, p. 18.

