

Ms. Gall. Fol. 132

Binding:

Binding of brown leather, contemporary to or slightly later than the manuscript. Spine decorated with plant motifs.

History:

The text of the original was written in 1660. The copy was made still in the 17th century, as the writing analysis indicates. The manuscript was probably made in France. A similar inference comes from the filigree in the form of a grapevine – a typically French motif. The binding seems original. The manuscript did not enter the accession register of the Königlische Bibliothek in Berlin. Therefore, it must be assumed that it reached the library before 1828 (date of introduction of the accession register).

Content:

The copy contains two texts by Roger Bussy-Rabutin (1618-1693). The first is entitled *Histoire amoureuse de France* and is a part of a novel under the same title. The novel is better known as: *Histoire Amoureuse des Gaules*. The work had numerous editions. The best one, as far as the critical apparatus is considered, is the Boiteau edition (cf. « *Histoire amoureuse des Gaules* », revue et annotée par P. Boiteau. Suivie des Romans historico-satiriques du XVII^e siècle, recueillis et annotés par C.-L. Livet, Paris, Jeannet, 1856-1876, in four volumes). Besides *Histoire amoureuse des Gaules*, Bussy-Rabutin also wrote *Carte géographique de la cour et autres galanteries* (Cologne, Marteau, 1668) and *Mémoires* (Paris, Anisson, 1696). His correspondence was also published (*Lettres de messire Roger de Rabutin, comte de Bussy*, Paris, Delaulne, 1720). Rabutin, a courtier, soldier and writer in one, was known for the scandals he caused. For writing *Histoire Amoureuse des Gaules* he fell into disfavour at the court of Louis XIV, from which he was eventually banished. The second text in this volume is a letter from Roger Bussy-Rabutin, addressed to count de Saint Agnan de la Bastille of 12th November 1665. The letter was published in the collection entitled *Lettres de messire Roger de Rabutin, comte de Bussy*, Paris, Delaulne, 1720.