

gall. fol. 141

Binding:

Half-binding made of brown leather, lining made of paper with a German text. Covering made of marbled paper. The binding dates from the 18th century.

History:

The manuscript consists of 19 codicological units from the 16th and the 17th century. The documents were kept together as early as the 17th century, which can be inferred from the fact that two hands from this period wrote dates of origin of individual texts: the first hand in parts : *a* (fol. 1r^o), *c* (fol. 51r^o), *n* (fol. 452r^o), *q* (fol. 515r^o), and *s* (fol. 630r^o); the second hand in the following parts : *g* (fol. 120v^o), *h* (fol. 162v^o), *i* (fol. 210v^o) *j* (fol. 248v^o), *k* (fol. 306v^o) *m* (fol. 422v^o), *n* (fol. 451v^o) and *o* (fol. 453r^o). Taking into account the language of the texts we can assume that they were written in France. There is no information concerning owners from the period in which the documents were kept separate. The whole manuscript belonged to Friedrich Jakob Roloff (1721-1788), a famous preacher (cf. ex-libris on the front pastedown). A complete catalogue of this collection was made by F. S. Augustin (*Bibliotheca Roloffiana*, Berlin, J. F. Unger, 1789) ; our copy appears there under number 3243. After Roloff's death his whole collection was bought by Frederick William II and handed over to the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin (in 1799) (cf. Friedrich Wilken, *Geschichte der Königlichen Bibliothek zu Berlin*, Berlin, 1828, p. 114).

Content:

The manuscript is a collection of copies of the French Reformed churches synods' acts from the years 1594-1660. The documents are in chronological order. ms. gall. fol. 141 does not omit any synod held in the above time period. However, the copies are very often incomplete. The text of all synods' acts was published by Jean Aymon under the following title: *Tous les synodes nationaux des églises réformées de France*, La Haye, Charles Delo, 1710. With reference to this manuscript cf. Lemm, p. 8.