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Binding:

A simple binding made of parchment, probably contemporary to the manuscript (accepted approximate dating: 17th century). It seems that the volume underwent certain renovation works at a later period, as visible on its binding.

History:

The first manuscript is a transcript of a work first published in print in 1591, and moreover, the handwriting allows an approximate dating of the volume to the 17th century. The location of the volume is uncertain (Spain?). Both manuscripts in the volume are anonymous copies. The volume appears in the *Alte Manuskripte Kataloge*, the Berlin Königliche Bibliothek catalogue gradually prepared since 1818 (with notes from the 1820s and 1830s). Moreover, the volume lacks an accession number, which means that it was incorporated into the Berlin collection before 1828, when the accession register was introduced in the Berlin library. The abovementioned library catalogue contains no information pointing to the origin or provenance of the manuscript. The volume possesses no markings from other collections.

Content:

The volume contains two manuscripts, thematically complimentary. The first is a transcript from a treatise containing instructions for nobles by Juan Benito Guardioli (c. 1530-1600), *Tratado de nobleza y de títulos y dictados que hoy día tienen los varones claros y grandes de España*. The copy was created on the basis of the first edition of the work from 1591. The manuscript is incomplete. Manuscript II, written slightly later, is entitled *La descripción de muchos escudos de Armas así de los Reynos de España como fuera de ellos dispuestos en alfabeto, los apellidos solam^{te} q^[ue] los demas se sesiguen*. The manuscript contains



descriptions of escutcheons of Iberian and European rulers in an alphabetical order. The manuscript has probably never been published.