

ITAL. FOL. 169

Binding:

Half-binding, of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, bad condition. Leather spine. and marbled boards. Gilt lettered title embossed on the spine.

History:

The manuscript was made in Bologna together with ital.fol.168 and is a continuation of it. Dating on the basis of an inscription on the title page of ital.fol.168 which indicates the year 1734. The work includes the further fragments of the third part of “The History of Bologna” published in 1758 but practically unavailable due to the confiscation of the edition. The copyist used a copy similar to the autograph, and also to the 1758 edition. The owner who collected all four volumes of the series: the first and the second part published in print, with comments as well as the handwritten third part in two volumes, probably bound the whole series. All volumes were bound in the same manner and in the same period, perhaps at the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Lack of old catalogue numbers or other marks indicating owners. The manuscript was entered into the collection of the Königliche Bibliothek together with other codexes from the series in 1894 and was handed over from the Imprints Department to the Manuscripts Department. It was bought in Rome from an antiquarian bookseller called Manozzi. It was probably Vincenzo Manozzi.

Content:

Continuation of the third part of the Ghirardacci's “History of Bologna” (1471-1508). Due to the fact that the whole edition of the third part issued in 1758 was confiscated, apart from one copy, the history circulated in many hand made copies. ital.fol.169 belongs to a group of manuscripts similar to the preserved autograph by Ghirardacci kept in the University Library in Bologna (MS 1975), the manuscripts are also very similar to the 1758 edition. The manuscript is a continuation of ital.fol.166, ital.fol.167, and especially of ital.fol.168, since it is its second part. Print editions: “Della historia di Bologna parte terza”, Lucca 1758 [Rerum Italicarum Scriptores, v. 33]; contemporary with a critical comment A. Sorbelli, Ed. S. Lapi, Città di Castelli 1915-1932; Ed. Zanichelli, Bologna 1932.

With reference to the manuscript: cf. Lemm, p. 77.