

Regenerating the Local Catalog: An Approach for Augmenting Bibliographic Information for Early Printed Texts

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Databases like the English Short Title Catalogue (ESTC) and Incunabula Short Title Catalogue (ISTC) document the location and institutional holdings of early printed texts. While tracking the location of these printed texts helps develop an understanding of book transmission, the missing provenance and copy specific features limit researchers. By adding binding information and other textual features to the local catalog, scholars may expand their bibliographic study to questions of readership, ownership, production practice, and economic trade. Cristina Dondi and other dedicated scholars have already begun to make copy specific features of incunabula public through the Material Evidence in Incunabula (MEI) database. A similar database does not exist for ESTC, but the ESTC does allow institutions to include notes on their volumes. Using MEI as a guide, this project focuses on enhancing records for sixteenth-century English printed works as the University of Iowa Special Collections reports their holdings to ESTC.

New Record

035 |a (OCoLC)874270811
 040 |a EUX |b eng |c dcrrb |c EUX |d OCLCO |d OCLCF
 049 |a NUJA
 1001 |a Véron, John, |d -1563.
 24510 |a A fruteful treatise of predestination and of the diuine prouidence of god : |b with an apology of the same, against the swynyshe gruntinge of the epicures and atheistes of oure time : whereunto are added, as depending of it a very necessary boke againste the free wyll men, and an other of the true iustification of faith, and of the good workes proceedyng of the same, made dialoge wyse by Iohn Veron.
 2463 |a Fruteful treatise of predestination, and of the deuyne prouidence of god
 2463 |a Apologye or defence of the doctryne of predestination
 2463 |a Fruteful treatise of predestination and of the diuine prouidence of god
 260 |a Imprinted at London : |b By Iohn Tisdale, and are to be solde at his shop in the vpper end of Lombard strete, in Alhalowes churchyard, nere unto grace church, |c [1561]
 300 |a [12], 55, 57-115, [9], 43, [5] leaves : |c 13 cm (8vo)
 500 |a The ESTC lists this book as printed in 1561. The red slip case states 1560, the spine label 1557, and the inside signature 1551. |5 |aU
 500 |a An enlarged edition.
 500 |a Publication date from STC.
 500 |a Signatures: [par.]8 *4 A-O8 P3 Q6; 2A-E8 F6. |5 |aU
 500 |a Colophon is missing from P3 verso. |5 |aU
 500 |a "An apologye or defence of the doctryne of predestination" (caption title) has separate foliation and register.
 500 |a Foliation at the top is misnumbered at 49-56: 48(F8), 50 (G1), 49 (G2), 53 (G3), 51 (G4), 55 (G5), 53 (G6), 57 (G7), 55 (G8), 57 (H1), 58 (H2). |5 |aU
 500 |a Page dimensions: 13.6 x 8.4. Laid paper. |5 |aU
 5611 |a William Bayntun of Gray's Inn, d. 1785. Title page signed: Bayntun anno 1551 / Gray's Inn. |5 |aU
 5611 |a Two extant bookplates. The larger bookplate belongs to John Robert Daniel Tyssen (1805-1882), uncle of William Amhurst Tyssen-Amherst, Baron Amherst of Hackney (1835-1909). Our copy is no. 462 in Seymour De Ricci. A hand-list of a collection of books and manuscripts belonging to the Right Ho. Lord Amherst of Hackney at Didlington Hall, Norfolk (Cambridge: Printed at the University Press, 1906). (Bookplate identified by John Lancaster). |5 |aU
 563 |a Quarter leather binding with marbled papers. Red and black leather spine labels. Gilt lettering and stamps. Spine stamps are a griffin's heads which the British Armarial Bindings connects to William Bayntun. Bayntun probably had the book bound after he acquired it. Boards disengaged. Housed in red slip case. |5 |aU
 500 |a Includes indexes.
 500 |a With a final colophon leaf; the last leaf is blank.
 500 |a Intended to be issued with "A moste necessary treatise of free wil" (STC 24684) and "The over throw of the justification of workes" (STC 24685), but in fact these are found together only in one sophisticated copy
 500 |a Signatures: [par.]8 ** A-O8 P4 *; *A-F*.
 5104 |a STC (2nd ed.) |c 24681
 5104 |a ESTC |c S119106
 561 |a From the library of John Hutton. |5 (SIEdu : DPL 550)
 650 0 |a Predestination |v Early works to 1800.
 650 0 |a Providence and government of God |v Early works to 1800.
 650 7 |a Predestination. |2 fast |0 (OCoLC)fst01075012
 650 7 |a Providence and government of God. |2 fast |0 (OCoLC)fst01080657
 655 7 |a Early works. |2 fast |0 (OCoLC)fst01411636
 7001 |a Hutton, John, |d 1649 or 1650-1712, |e former owner. |5 SIEdu : DPL 550
 7001 |a Bayntun, William, |d d. 1785. |e former owner. |5 |aU
 7001 |a Daniel-Tyssen, John Robert, |d 1805-1882, |e former owner. |5 |aU
 945 |a cataloged in JAS |d 20150402

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 035 |a (OCoLC)47652125
 040 |a NUJ |c NUJ
 1001 |a Veron, Jean.
 |a Fruteful treatise of predestination & of the diuine prouidence of God; |b with an apology of the same, against the swynyshe gruntinge of the Epicures & Atheistes of oure time. Whereunto are added ... a very necessary boke againste the free wyll men & another of the true justification of faith & of the good workes proceedyng of the same, made Dialoge wyse ...
 24510 |a Lond., |b Tisdale, |c 1557.
 300 |a 1 v. (various pagings) |c 24to.
 650 0 |a Predestination
 830 0 |a 15th and 16th century editions in the University of Iowa Library.
 945 |a rcp1649 |b Retro |d 20020316
 949 |l main.xcol |a Z34.9 |b .V54 |c 1 |j |D |x RECON |z BOOK |9 rc25155
 TMP11 |y Fruteful treatise of predestination & of the diuine prouidence of God;
 TMP15 |y Fruteful treatise of predestination & of the diuine prouidence of God;
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The first challenge when recataloging *Fruteful treatise of Predestination* was the conflicting printing dates. The book in hand contradicts itself three times giving: 1551, 1557, and 1560 as possible years. The ESTC lists the accepted date as 1561.

This copy has passed through multiple hands, as evidenced by the bookplates and marginalia. Recording provenance preserves both the book's history and how it was read. In this instance former owner William Bayntun guessed the book was printed in 1551.

Recataloging this book revealed a unique signature statement and misfoliation. Other copies are also misnumbered, but differently from this copy.

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By cataloging with the book in hand, you not only add textual evidence to the record, but can also correct mistakes. This allows for an increased familiarity with your institution's holdings and the associated provenance. The augmented records provide a better resource for material studies scholars and faculty who incorporate special collections materials into their courses. Furthermore, reporting institutional holdings to ESTC contributes to the larger effort to document early print texts.

