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Vergil, Aeneid

The fragment includes the Pseudo-Ovidian prologue to Book 3, of which it omits line 10. The text of the prologue agrees with that in Wolfenbuettel, Herzog-August Bibliothek, Gudianus lat. 70 (Lyon, s. IX).

f. 1r //Puluere per pedes traiectus lora tumentes ... Incidit aut rapidus// [montano flumine torrens]

Vergil, Aeneid, 2.273-305; P. Vergili Maronis opera, ed. R. A. B. Mynors, OCT (Oxford, 1969), 135-6. The lower margin has been trimmed with the loss of the last line of text and a portion of the next to last line.

f. 1v //Praecipitesque trahit siluas. stupet inscius alto ... [Addunt se socios ripeus et] maximis armis//

Aeneid, 2.307-339; Mynors, 136-7. The lower margin has been trimmed with the loss of the last line of text and a portion of the next to last line.

f. 2r //Tunc sic affa[ri] et curas. his demere dicis ... C[essi et sublato montis genitore petiui]//

Aeneid, 2.775-804; Mynors, 151. The upper margin has been trimmed with loss of three lines of text. Almost all the text has been erased from when the leaf was

used in a binding.

f. 2v //Regis ad hospitium ... poliphemo urgente receptit.//

Pseudo-Ovidian Prologue III.4-9; A. Reise, ed., *Anthologia Latina*, (Leipzig, 1869), 1:3. The upper margin has been trimmed with loss of three lines of text.

f. 2v //Postquam res asi priamique euerte[re gentem] ... Conatus ra[mis] tegerem. ut frondentibus ar[a]s//

Aeneid, 3.1-25; Mynors, 153.

Parchment. 2 folios. Fol. 1 measures 170 x 99 mm; fol. 2 measures 170 x 76 mm (written space originally ca. 172 x 62 mm). 1 column. Fol. 1 preserves 33 lines, and fol. 2 preserves 31 lines of an original 34. Lead ruling. Double vertical bounding lines. Prickings in outer margin.

Written in late Caroline minuscule. A portion of the initial "P" ("Postquam") of Book 3 is preserved, written in red and partially set apart from the text. 1-line initials at the beginning of verses are in brown in a mixture of rustic capital and uncial forms and are set apart from the text between the vertical bounding lines. Punctuation consists of the punctus.

A leaf from the same manuscript was sold to a private collector by Maggs Bros. Ltd, in 1982 (see Maggs Bros., *Many Kinds of Learning* [Sale Catalogue 1025, March 1982] lot 167, pl. 2). This leaf preserves Book 1.513-543 and 547-576, and was earlier sold by E. von Scherling (Leiden): *Rotulus*, 4 (Winter 1937): 23, item 1878.

Folio 2 of the Beinecke fragments was used as the spine in the binding of a book measuring ca. 146 x 83 mm. Folio 1 and the Maggs leaf formed the wrappers for the front and back covers of this volume.

Bibliography:

Babcock, *Reconstructing a Medieval Library*, 32 and 34 fn. 34.