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Italy (Tuscany, Sant'Agnese in Chianti), 1458-1488

**Register of tithes to be paid to the church of Sant'Agnese in Chianti, 1458-1488**

In the description the original foliation is followed.

1. f. 1r M° CCCC° LVIII°. D\*\*\*\*\*. Invocandum est, inquit, rerum omnium patrem quo pretermisso nullum rite fundatur exordium. Boetii de consolatione [Anicius Manlius Severinus Boethius, *De consolatione philosophiae*, III, Prosa 9.33]. In questo libro \*\*\* ricordo io, Giovanni di Lupo Squarcialupi, p\*\*dia\*\* di Sancta Agnesa di Chianti, arciveschovado di Siena, di tutti [?] poderi, terre et luoghi sono tenuti a dare decima a detta \*\*\* et quanto, chome in questo per ordine si può vedere secondo le consuetudine et usanze antiche servate per tutti e miei predecessori et per me dall' anno M CCCC XLVIII per insi\*\*\*\*\* anno M CCCC LVIII et pel future Deo duce secando. Et chiamasi libro decimario della pieve di Sancta Agnesa, segnato A.

Et \* \*ancia \* prima.

Populo di Sancta Agnesa	a2	
Populo di Sancto Fabbiano	aXXI	
Populo di Villole	a24	
Populo di Cedda	a35	
Populo di Sancto Quirico	a48	
Populo di Sancto Donato in Verzeto et di Sancto Nicholo a Stersi	a68	
Populo di Siepi	a77	
Populo di Cispiano	a88	
Populo di Lecchi	a98	
Populo di Bolsano	a110	
Et è in *****el libro carte cento diciotto.		f. 1v blank

Title and Table of Contents of art. 2, referring to the original foliation. Text partially illegible.

2. ff. 2r-114r M° CCCC° LVIII°. Popolo di Sancta Agnesa. Podere di Piero d' Antonio di Cambio dalle Caselle paga l'anno staia uno di grano et manne quattro per cento di lino ...

Register of the tithes ("decimario") to be paid by the owners of farms ("poderi") or grounds ("terre") situated in the villages mentioned in art. 1, the churches of which were subjected to the "Pieve" of Sant'Agnese. In principle only the recto pages are used. Each of these opens with the name of an owner of a farm or of a piece of land and the amount of the tithe the owner has to pay in grain and flax in the year 1458. Other hands have added on the same page similar data for the following years up to 1488.

Paper, ff. 104, 280 x 205 mm. ... folding. Original foliation "1"- "118". The following leaves, probably all blank, are missing: 20, 33, 34, 45-47, 62, 66, 67, 97, 108, 109, 113-115. The following leaves are blank: 76, 84-87, 116-118. The lower half of f. 114 is torn out without loss of text. Many leaves damaged by moist, water stains sometimes causing loss of text especially on f. 1r.

Written in one column *in campo aperto*.

Art. 1 and the first entries on the text pages of art. 2 were copied in 1458 by Giovanni di Lupo Squarcialupi in Humanistica Textualis Libraria. All later entries are by hands writing small rapid variants of Italian Hybrida (Mercantesca) or Humanistica Cursiva.

Large plain initials (Capitalis) in ... in the parts copied by the first scribe.

Limp parchment binding with flap. On the front cover inscription in ink: "DECIMARIO DELLA PIEVE DI SANCTA AGNESA". On the rear cover a calculation.

At the bottom of f. 1r the contemporary large archival mark ".A." . MS 106 in the collection of Bernard M. Rosenthal, Berkeley, CA. Purchased from him.