

Guide to
Dwight Pentecost Collection of Bible Leaves and Antiphony Leaf

1290-1611 and undated, bulk 1510-1611

13 leaves

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Abstract: Eleven leaves from Bibles, one Psalter leaf, and one Antiphony leaf, dating from approximately 1290-1611 and undated.

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Biographical Sketch: J. Dwight Pentecost was born in Pennsylvania in 1915 to Presbyterian parents, and graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia (1937 A.B.), where he met his wife and mother of two children, Dorothy. Following his new marriage, he relocated to Dallas Theological Seminary, where in 1941 he earned his Masters of Theology. Upon graduation he pastored in Cambridge Springs, PA (1941-46) and at St. Johns Presbyterian Church in Devon, PA (1946-51), then taught at Philadelphia College of the Bible (1948-55). He returned to Dallas Theological Seminary to complete his Doctor of Theology, which he earned in 1956. During this time he began his professorship at Dallas Seminary (1955). Upon receiving his Doctor of Theology, Dr. Pentecost took a pastorate at Grace Bible Church in Dallas and served there for approximately eighteen years. For those many years he both taught at Dallas Seminary and pastored at Grace Bible Church. Dr. Pentecost also has written extensively on matters concerning prophecy, the life and ministry of Christ, and daily Christian living. His dear wife Dorothy passed away in 2000, sixty-two years after they were married. He has traveled widely, ministering around the world. In 2007, Dr. Pentecost, Distinguished Professor of Bible Exposition, Emeritus, was still teaching courses at Dallas Theological Seminary.

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System of Arrangement: This collection has one series, leaves.

Series I. Leaves, 1290-1611 and undated. (13 leaves)

The pages are listed in chronological order, with undated leaves at the end. The assorted sizes of the leaves required a different physical arrangement, and the container list indicates the folder number housing each leaf.

Scope and Content Note: This collection housed in six legal size files and three oversize files is composed of one facsimile and twelve original pages removed from Bibles and an antiphony, dating from approximately 1290 to 1611. This collection would be of interest to researchers studying the history of the Bible, making books, or printing.

Selected Search Terms:

Bible--History

Donor/Source: Dr. J. Dwight Pentecost donated eight leaves in November 2001 and five additional leaves in May 2003.

Literary Rights: It is the researcher's responsibility to determine requirements of copyright laws.

Related Material:

Biblia: das ist die Gantze Heilige Schrifft des Alten und Neuen Testaments. In verlegung Brandtmullers, circa 1716. RARE BOOKS BS239 1700Z

Biblia: das ist die Gantze Heilige Schrifft Deudsch. Koln: Taschen, 2003.

FOLIO BS239 2003 INTRO-V.2 [3 volume facsimile of Martin Luther's 1534 edition of the Bible]

A history of the English Bible: as Shown in Facsimile Pages from 1525-1611. New York: American Bible Society, undated. FOLIO BS455 .H57 1970Z

Holy Bible, Conteyning the Old , and the New. London: B. Rainbird, [1968?]

RARE BOOKS BS185 1611 .L6 [facsimile of the King James Authorized Version]

Note to the Researcher: Many of the leaves are fragile and should be handled very carefully. See the attached Container List for more details about this collection.

Processing Information: Identification of the Bibles and dates of publication were taken from the information supplied by the donor. The leaves were removed from their frames and housed in acid free folders. Mylar sleeves were made for the larger pages to provide more support and protection.

Container List

Series I. Leaves

Folder# Title, Dates, Description

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| 1 | "Girdle" Bible Leaf
Miniscule handwritten Latin text in two columns; sections of text are marked by a single large letter in either red or blue, accompanied by simple illuminations; parchment; 7 3/4" H x 5" W. | 1290 |
| 2 | Psalter Leaf
Handwritten text in Latin, published in Germany; capital letters beginning sentences are alternately red or blue; parchment; 6" H x 4 1/2" W. | 1510 |

- 3 Matthew's Bible Leaf 1539
Printed English text in two columns; Isaiah 39-41 (beginning verses); 11 3/4" H x 7 1/2" W; accompanied by a New Testament title page dated 1549 which is probably a facsimile. [The Matthew's Bible, first published in 1537, includes translations by Tyndale and Coverdale. Thomas Matthew was probably a pseudonym for John Rogers, a former associate of Tyndale.]
- 4 Coverdale Bible Leaf 1550
Printed English text in two columns with printed marginal cross references; Exodus 6:26-8:27; 8 1/4" H x 6 7/8" W. [Miles Coverdale published the first complete printed English Bible in 1535. He based the New Testament and Pentateuch on Tyndale's translation.]
- 7 Luther Bible Leaf 1564
Printed German text in two columns; Psalm 139-141(beginning verses); large letters illuminated in green yellow and orange start each Psalm; accompanied by photocopy of note telling some the history of the Bible from which this page came; 14 7/8" H x 9 1/2" W. [Translated into the German vernacular, Martin Luther's first complete Bible was published in 1534.]
- 8 Bishops' Bible Leaf 1568
Printed English text in two columns; text from Joshua; includes illustration of the priests of Israel carrying the Ark of the Covenant to the Promised Land; 15 1/2" H x 10 1/2" W. [Bishops revised the Great Bible to "compete" with the popular Geneva Bible.]
- 7 Bishops' Bible Leaf 1572
Printed English text in two columns; James 1:23b-4:12a; printed marginal notes, but parts of some notes were lost when the page was cut from the Bible; large ornamental letters begin the chapters; 15 3/4" H x 10" W.
- 7 King James Authorized Version 1611
Printed English text in two columns; Jeremiah 41:2-43:2a; large ornamental letters begin the chapters; 15 3/4" H x 10 3/4" W. [James I of England sponsored this revision of the Bishops' Bible partly to help unite various religious groups.]
- 8 King James Authorized Version 1611
Printed English text in two columns; Ezra 3:12-5; large ornamental letters begin the chapters; 15 1/4" H x 10 1/2" W.
- 9 Antiphony Leaf undated
Handwritten Latin text; five five-line staves of music per page; brown or faded black letters, red staves, one large illuminated letter with green and rose decoration; parchment; 33" H x 22" W. [The text on one page starts with "caput Iohanis." The online Catholic Encyclopedia indicates an antiphony originally "included generically the antiphons and antiphonal chants sung by cantor, congregation, and choir at Mass (*antiphonarium Missarum*, or *graduale*) and at the canonical Hours (*antiphonarium officii*);

but now it refers only to the sung portions of the Divine Office or Breviary."]

- 5 Unidentified Bible in English, Leaf undated
Printed text; Gospel of John 16:21b-17:11a; includes an illustration of Christ teaching His disciples; 7 1/2" H x 5 1/2" W.

- 6 Unidentified Bible in Greek, Leaf undated
Small printed text in two columns; good condition with slight discoloration at top probably from tape, 12 3/4" H x 8 1/2"W.