

Collectie Thomas Phillipps



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During his lifetime, [Sir Thomas Phillipps](#) (1792-1872) amassed the greatest private book collection in the world, and this included hundreds of Dutch manuscripts and archival documents. In 1826 he acquired about 140 lots at the auction of the library of Petrus van Musschenbroek (1764-1823) in Leiden (Munby 1951-1960, III, p, 28). This purchase contained a large number of archival records of the city of Utrecht, such as those related to the medieval chapters, which Pieter Bondam (1727-1800), a professor in Law at the University of Utrecht with historical interests, had 'borrowed' from the public archives. Something which Van Musschenbroek also tended to do, even though he was an archivist in Utrecht himself. And so a considerable collection of Utrecht archival records and historical manuscripts was added to Phillipps' collection in England.

This was of course known to the state archivists of the province of Utrecht. In 1857 the British Museum inquired whether the University Library of Utrecht was willing to sell the valuable early medieval [Utrecht Psalter](#). It had previously belonged to the collection of Robert Cotton, which was now housed in the British Museum. Petrus Jacobus Vermeulen (1809-1878), both university librarian and state archivist in Utrecht, suggested to trade the Utrecht Psalter for the Van Musschenbroek collection, but Thomas Phillipps refused to part from it. Money and titles Vermeulen wanted to offer him were to no avail either (Grosheide et al, 1986, p. 236-237).

After Thomas Phillips died in 1872, his heir, his daughter Katharine, her husband Rev. John E. A. Fenwick, and the couple's son Thomas Fitzroy Fenwick (1856-1938), began to sell parts of the collection – a process which would take more than a century to complete. When the new Utrecht state archivist Samuel Muller Fz (1848-1922) heard that a new sale was afoot, he contacted Fenwick directly, and in 1888, after much haggling and legal negotiations, about 170 manuscripts (as numbered in the Phillips catalogue, see Munby 1968) and fourteen boxes of deeds were purchased by the Dutch government for £ 2.000.-. This included more than the Van Musschenbroek collection alone (Muller 1889; Munby 1933; 1951-1960, V, p. 26-28; website HUA - [link](#)).

For a large part, the archival records were placed in their proper place in the Utrecht provincial archives, and other archival material was given to the most fitting state archival collections elsewhere, as ordered by the Ministry of Internal Affairs (see also Omont 1909, p. 185-239). Eighteen manuscripts were sent by Muller to the University Library of Utrecht (Utrecht, University Library, Bibliotheek Archief, no. 15 (1888-1894), no. 1211, 15 Nov. 1888), most of them related to the history of Utrecht. In 1935 and the 1970s three more manuscripts which had belonged to the Phillips collection were purchased by the University Library. The total of twenty one manuscripts are listed below.

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S. Muller Fz., 'De aankoop der Hollandsche handschriften van Sir Thomas Phillips te Cheltenham', *Bijdragen voor vaderlandsche geschiedenis en oudheidkunde*, Derde reeks, 5 (1889), 104-122. [Link](#)

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LIST OF MANUSCRIPTS FROM THE COLLECTION OF THOMAS PHILLIPPS IN UTRECHT UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Catalogue numbers (with the shelfmark between brackets) and titles are from Hulshof 1909, the Phillipps numbers, titles and provenance from the Phillipps catalogue (reprint Munby 1968), and the link is to WorldCat.

Ms. 1589 (8 H 26)

De modo vivendi primorum fratrum in Windesh(e)im antequam Statuta Ordinis essent edita (Bethleem iuxta Lovanium), etc.

= Phillipps 3543 (De modo vivendi primorum fratrum in Windesheim); coll. Thorpe. [Link](#) (Digitised).

Ms. 1599 (8 B 22)

Regestum diversarum rerum et collectanea iuridica

= Phillipps 3307 (Anonymi collectanea juridical Trajectina); ex bibliotheca Muschenbroek de Utrecht, 1827, no. 483.

Ms. 1642 (8 K 6)

P. Bondam, Analecta historica Belgica (annotationes historicae dissipatae 461-1590)

= Phillipps 3313 vol. 1; ex bibliotheca Muschenbroek de Utrecht, 1827, no. 28 (vol. 2 = Ms. 1724).

Ms. 1650 (8 B 15-18)

Joannes de Beka, Chronicon de episcopis Ultraiectinis (in usum Petri Bondam)

= Phillipps 3243 (Johannis de Beke, Gesta Pontificum Trajectensium); ex bibliotheca Muschenbroek de Utrecht, 1827, no. 203.

[Link](#) (Digitised)

Ms. 1656 (8 H 23)

Catalogus sive nomina episcoporum qui fuerunt in Traiecto inferiore per successiones suas (P. Bondam)

= Phillipps 3322 (Catalog. Episcoporum Traject. ad 1483); ex bibliotheca Muschenbroek de Utrecht, 1827, no. 71.

Ms. 1660 (8 B 20)

Acta et decreta Academiae Rhenotraiectinae 1641-1650

= Phillipps 3264 (Decreta Academiae Traject. 1641); ex bibliotheca Muschenbroek de Utrecht, 1827, no. 345.

Ms. 1684 (8 B 21)

Johannes van de Water, Catalogus librorum quos possedit (autogr.)

= Phillipps 3306 (Catalogus librorum J. V. D. Water); ex bibliotheca Muschenbroek de Utrecht, 1827, no. 479.

Ms. 1692 (8 L 6)

Hoe een leeck man een doctoer in der godheid bekeerde (Vanden leeck ende meester); Lerynghen en exemplen

= Phillipps 4013 (Hier beghint hoe een leechman een Doctor in der Godheit behende). Coll. Bruxelles.

[Link](#) (Digitised)

Ms. 1693 (8 H 21)

Collaciën en sermoenen gehouden van 1556 tot 1560 door pater Henricus Reyniers ... in Thabors

= Phillipps 4005 (Excerpta de Sermonibus Henrici Reyniers). Coll. Baynes.

[Link](#)

Ms. 1694 (8 L 5)

Gebeden; Regel van de orde der armen vrouwen (Clarissen), etc.

= Phillipps 4014 (Miscellaneous prayers, Belgicè), Bruxelles.

[Link](#) (Digitised)

Ms. 1724 (8 H 25)

P. Bondam, Lijst van werken en onuitgegeven stukken betreffende het oud-vaderlandsch recht, vooral van Gelderland

= Phillipps 3313 vol. 2; ex bibliotheca Muschenbroek de Utrecht, 1827, no. 28 (vol. 1 = Ms. 1642).

Ms. 1801 (8 K 8)

Johannes de Beka, Cronike van den Stichte van Utrecht ende van Holland ... tot 1426

= Phillipps 3244 (Johannis de Beke, Gesta Pontificum Trajectensium ... saec. xv); ex bibliotheca Muschenbroek de Utrecht, 1827, no. 204.

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Ms. 1802 (8 K 7)

Johannes de Beka, Cronike van den Sticht van Utrecht ende van Hollant ... tot 1432

= Phillipps 2524 (Chronicon van Utrecht ... saec. xiv); coll. Thorpe.

[Link](#) (Digitised)

Ms. 1805 (8 H 22)

Gozewijn van Weteringen, Chronijk van Holland en Utrecht (1099-1393)

= Phillipps 3321 (Gozewyn van Weteringen's Cronyk van Utrecht en Holland); ex bibliotheca Muschenbroek de Utrecht, 1827, no. 64.

Ms. 1806 (8 B 19)

Chartularium episcopatus Traiectini (P. Bondam)

= Phillipps 3250 (Chartularium Episcopatus Trajectensis); ex bibliotheca Muschenbroek de Utrecht, 1827, no. 210.

Ms. 1852 (8 B 23)

P. Bondam, Lijst van middelnederlandsche woorden met verklaring

= Phillipps 3304 (Excerpta ex libro in Bibl. Deventer vocato "Boec van 5 manieren broederliker Minnen." 1355); ex bibliotheca Muschenbroek de Utrecht, 1827, no. 473.

Ms. 1883 (8 B 24)

Bruchstücke des sächsischen Land- und Lehnrechtes (fragmenta juris)

= Phillipps 22277 (Fragments of Flemish MS ... Sachsen Spiegel); ex bibl. miscellaneis.

[Link](#) (Digitised)

Ms. 1891 (8 K 9)

Lettres à P. van Musschenbroek, sur l'achat des manuscrits (Collaert, Brasseur, 1816-1817)

= Phillipps 3332 (Correspondentie van J. B. Brasseur); ex bibliotheca Muschenbroek de Utrecht, 1827, no. 149.

ACQUIRED IN 1935 AND THE 1970S

Ms. 4 C 15: Fragmenta cartularii monasterii Ultraiectensis Ordinis S. Brigittae.

= Phillipps 1370 (Bulla pro Ecclesia S. Petri ad Vincula); ex bibl. miscellaneis.

Bought by Utrecht University Library at Sotheby's, Cat. 1973/4, no. 3.

[Link](#) (Digitised)

Ms. 8 L 18: Getijdenboek in het Middelnederlands, diocees Utrecht

= Phillipps 4072 (Hier beghint die ghetide van onser vrouwen ... well illuminated). Bruxelles (= P. J. de Mat, Librairie).

Bought by Utrecht University Library at Sotheby's, Cat. 3 Nov 1971, no. 521 (via N. Israel, Amsterdam)

[Link](#) (Digitised)

Ms. 8 K 27: Juvenal, Satyrae; Perseus, Satyrae.

= Phillipps 1289 (Juvenal et Persius); ex bibliotheca Derschau de Nuremburg.

Bought by Utrecht University Library at Beijers, Utrecht, 25 Nov 1935 (Cat. no. 1).

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