

The Worcester Collection of Canons: Handout

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This handout, along with a copy of my paper, can be viewed/downloaded at:

<http://individual.utoronto.ca/michaelelliot/manuscripts/texts/wig.html>. Included on this Web page are links to my own transcriptions of the *Wigorniensis* from four of the five extant manuscript witnesses.

1. Manuscripts witnesses of the *Wigorniensis* (and core witnesses of the 'Commonplace Book')

- C** Cambridge, Corpus Christi College, MS 265, pp. 3–208 (s. xi^{med-3/4}, Worcester?)
- D** Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Barlow 37 (SC 6464), fols. 1–61 (s. xii^{ex}/xiiiⁱⁿ, Worcester?)
- I** London, British Library, MS Cotton Nero A. i, fols. 70–177 (1003×1023, Worcester or York; with corrections by Wulfstan's hand)
- O** Cambridge, Corpus Christi College, MS 190, pp. iii–xii and 1–294 (s. xi¹, Worcester?, with additions made at Exeter, s. xi^{med-2})
- R** Rouen, Bibliothèque municipale, MS 1382 (U. 109), fols 173r–98v (fragm.; s. xi¹, England [London?])

2. Formal sources of Recension A (in descending order of importance)

Collectio quadripartita (Book 4 only)

Collectio Hibernensis

Collectio vetus Gallica

Aelfric's *First Latin pastoral letter for Wulfstan*

Ansegis's *Collectio capitularium* (Book 1 only)

Paenitentiale pseudo-Theodori

Iudicia Theodori

Theodulf's *First capitulary*

Pope Gregory I's *Libellus responsionum* (JE 1843)

Enlarged version of Chrodegang's *Rule*

Excerpta de libris Romanorum et Francorum ('*Canones Wallic?*')

3. Additional *Wigorniensis* material found in Commonplace Book manuscripts but omitted in the standard edition

- C** Contains a total of **369** chapters of a canonical or quasi-canonical nature. **Recension A** occupies cc. 3–108 (according to my numeration), leaving about **220** chapters which remain to be considered.
 - D** Contains a total of **279** chapters of a canonical or quasi-canonical nature (though some of these are post-Conquest additions). **Recension A** occupies cc. 1–111 in my transcription. This leaves about (according to my numeration), leaving about **160** chapters in this manuscript which remain to be considered.
 - I** Contains a total of **184** chapters of a canonical or quasi-canonical nature. **Recension B** occupies cc. 2–164 in my transcription. This leaves about **25** additional canonical or quasi-canonical chapters in this manuscript.
 - O** Contains a total of **172** chapters of a canonical or quasi-canonical nature. '**Recension B**' occupies cc. 48–144 in my transcription. This leaves about **75** additional canonical or quasi-canonical chapters in this manuscript.
 - R** Not yet analysed.
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4. Volumes assembled piecemeal via 'booklets' in Wulfstanian scriptoria

- a. Copenhagen, Kongelige Bibliotek, MS Gl. Kgl. Sam. 1595 (4^o) (1003×1023, Worcester or York)
- b. London, British Library, MS Cotton Vespasian A. xiv, 114r–79v (1003×1023, Worcester or York)
- c. London, British Library, MS Cotton Nero A. i, fols. 70–177 (**I**)
- d. (possibly) Rouen, Bibliothèque municipale, MS 1382 (U. 109), fols 173r–98v (**R**)

5. Chart: canonical sequences in the Commonplace Book, with their relative chronologies indicated by directional arrows (chapter numbering keyed to my transcriptions)

