L'ystoyre du Saint Graal.

Manuscript on paper, written and illuminated, according to the colophon, at Bruges, by Loys Daymeryes in 1479, for Ysembert Rolin, bailli d'Aymeries, whose arms, 3 keys, appear in the initials on ff. 1 and 9.

Decoration: There are no pictures. The decoration consists of 2 large initial letters C., in wash gold, filled in with pink and blue. They are placed upon a blue ground; above and at the side of each letter is a broad floreate border.

Text: The text, in French prose, is abbrevi-ated and follows the version attributed to Robert de Borron (d. 1203). It is written in cursive Gothic script in brown ink with many rubrics and contractions and begins: "Cy commande le rubéricoe des Chapitf."

Colophon: "Explicit lystoyre du sst. graal, escripte a Bruges lan Mocoolxxix de la main de loys daymeryes, Finito libro sit laus et gloria xpc. Scriptor d' scriptisit in cristo vive possit."

283 leaves (10 3/4 x 7 5/8 inches) 34 lines.

Binding: French, 19th cent. (ca. 1830) calf by P. Dufey, lettered "Hystoire du St. Graal du Roy Artur et de Lancelot escripte 1479".

History: From the collections of Ysembert de Rolin, bailly d'Aymeries (d. 1523); Jehanne de Guillemont-Roysin; de Veusels canon of Tournai (before 1611); J. Barrois (cat. no.398); Lord Ashburn- ham (cat. no.535); John E. Kerr (cat. no.8).

Add. Cards.

MSS.-Illum.-Flemish-XV cent.

" " Scribes: Aymeries, Loys de. fl. 1479.

" " Colophons

" " Dated. 1479.

Romances, Arthurian: Holy Grail

Bindings-Dufey, P. ca. 1830 (see next page)
Add. Cards (concluded)

Provenance—Rolin, Ysembert de, bailly d'Aymeries. d. 1528.
   —Roysin, Jehanne de Guillemont
   —Veusels, de, canon of Tournai (before 1611).
   —Barrois, Jean Baptiste Joseph. 1780–1855.
   —Ashburnham, Bertram, 4th earl.
   —Kerr, John E. ca. 1903.

x-ref. Borron, Robert de. d. 1202. Saint Graal, see Holy Grail. French. XV cent. (x)
Rolin, Ysembert de, bailly d'Aymeries. d. 1528 – Coat of arms

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