

To establish the Pseudo-Isidorian text of the *Libellus*, which was last edited by Jacques Merlin in 1524, this paper compares glossed passages in V to five representative False Decretals codices. These are

R134 = Rennes, Bibliothèque municipale, ms. 134, a mid-ninth-century codex that has not been classified but in its textual arrangement has some characteristics of A1;

N442 = New Haven, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, ms. 442, another A1 manuscript and archetype of the so-called Cluny Version of the False Decretals, copied sometime during the pontificate of Nicholas I;

P9629 = Paris, Bibliothèque nationale de France, ms. lat. 9629, an early A1 manuscript with contamination from the A/B recension, copied in the third quarter of the ninth century, perhaps at Laon;

V630 = Vatican City, Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, Vat. lat. 630, the preeminent representative the A/B recension which, like V itself, was copied just after the middle of the ninth century at Corbie; and

MH3 = Montpellier, Bibliothèque de la Faculté de Médecine, ms. H 3 |II, a late twelfth-century copy of the C recension²⁹.

R134, N442, P9629 and V630 represent our earliest and most important copies of Pseudo-Isidore's Symmachian dossier in the A1 and A/B recensions of the False Decretals, while MH3 stands in for the C recension, on hand only in later codices³⁰. The interrelationships that

29) See, respectively Schafer WILLIAMS, *Codices Pseudo-Isidoriani: A Palaeographico-Historical Study* (Monumenta Iuris Caonici, Series C: Subsidia 3, 1971) p. 149–50 (nos. 36A and 55A), 45–46 (no. 46), 63–65 (no. 67), and 36–7 (no. 35). R134 has been misbound and is missing Part 2 of the False Decretals, which survive only in seventeenth-century copy as Rennes, Bibliothèque municipale, ms. 135.

30) On the A1 and A/B recensions, the fundamental analysis is HINSCHIUS, *Decretales* (as n. 1) p. xviii–xli and lx–lxvii. Hinschius misses the importance of the A/B recension and writes it off as a late phenomenon, a consequence of his misdating V630 to the eleventh century (p. lxi). On the C recension see now Steffen PATZOLD, *Gefälschtes Recht aus dem Frühmittelalter: Untersuchungen zur Herstellung und Überlieferung der pseudoisidorischen Dekretalen* (Schriften der philosophisch-historischen Klasse der Heidelberger Akademie der Wissenschaften 55, 2015).