

466a. Sondershausen, Schlossmuseum, Hs Br. 1

Binding strip from a glossed Anglo-Saxon Psalter
("Sondershäuser Psalter")

With Cambridge, Pembroke College 312 C 1–2 [72] and
Haarlem, Stadsbibliotheek [137]
[cf. Ker 79 and Supp. 79; cf. Gneuss 141]

HISTORY: A strip from a single leaf cut down to 300 x 77–100 mm., from a mid-11c A-S psalter in the Gallican version and with a continuous interlinear OE gloss, which came to general notice only in 1997 (Pilch). It was taken from a binding but it is not known when or from what book the strip was abstracted. The fragment is kept with several others. It carries two stamps at the bottom of the recto side. The first reads: 'FÜRSTL. SCHWARZBURG. LANDESBIBLIOTHEK SONDRERSHAUSEN', which indicates that it belonged to the princes of Schwarzburg-Sondershausen. The second stamp reads 'Thüringische Landesbibliothek', which harbored the princely library after its expropriation in 1918. Pilch (1997: 313) and Gneuss (1998: 274) suggest that the fragment might have come from the collegiate church of Jechaburg, close to Sondershausen in Thuringia. It has fairly recently been crudely repaired with ordinary cellulose tape.

DESCRIPTION: See no. 72 for a detailed description of this fragment and its setting within the ensemble.

CONTENTS:

Parts of Psalms 6.9–7.9 with continuous interlinear OE gloss (see no. 72 for details; this fragment ed. Pilch 1997; Gneuss 1998, with facsimile).

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