

Notes to Users

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[second line:] (3) Ker number (N. R. Ker, *Catalogue of Manuscripts Containing Anglo-Saxon* [Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1957; repr. with supplement 1990]); (4) Gneuss number (Helmut Gneuss, *Handlist of Anglo-Saxon Manuscripts: A list of Manuscripts and Manuscript Fragments Written or Owned in England up to 1100*, MRTS 241 [Tempe: ACMRS, 2001]); (5) short title or indication of contents; (6) folios contained on each fiche (foliation may occur on first line in some cases for reasons of space).

The layout is as follows:

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Ker 137, Gneuss 308 Heliand ff.	1r–40r

In addition to Ker and Gneuss numbers, descriptions may also include Lowe numbers (E. A. Lowe, *Codices Latini Antiquiores: A Paleographical Guide to Latin Manuscripts Prior to the Ninth Century*. Part II: *Great Britain and Ireland* [Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1934–1971])= CLA.

Abbreviations

The following character sets and abbreviations are used:

- < > expansions, e.g., d<e>i
- [] supplied; when blank, used to indicate missing text
- () erasure

	line end
	page or column end
/	used to separate folio numbers from line numbers, e.g., f. 154v/13a–6b = folio 154v, line 13, column a to line 6, column b
a b, etc.	indicate columns, e.g., f. 154v/13a–6b
“ ”	customary title
⸘	incipit, explicit, gloss
⸘⸘	interlinear
F./f.	folio
Ff./ff.	folios
r	recto
v	verso
c	century, e.g., 15c, 10/11c
chap(s).	chapter(s)
corr.	corrected
d.	died, e.g., d. 998
fl.	floruit
boldface	used for titles or headings written in MSS
A-S	Anglo-Saxon
OE	Old English
PG	<i>Patrologia Graeca</i>
PL	<i>Patrologia Latina</i>

In cases where Ker's dating of a manuscript is cited, readers should note that dating is indicated by quarter-century intervals; thus, s. x/xi, s. x¹, s. x med., s. x². A full explanation is given in his *Catalogue of Manuscripts Containing Anglo-Saxon*, p. xx.

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