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*Rectangular world map from The Book of Curiosities
and Marvels for the Eyes, c.1200. (MS. Arab. c. 90)*



Bodleian Libraries
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS

The Friends of the Bodleian is the oldest library support group in the world. The main aim of the society is to provide resources for the acquisition of manuscripts and printed materials which the Library would not otherwise be able to afford. We also support conservation of the priceless collections.

Over the years we have helped the Bodleian to secure such diverse treasures as the Sheldon tapestry map of Gloucestershire, the manuscript draft of Jane Austen's *The Watsons*, Mendelssohn's *Hebrides Overture*, and *The Book of Curiosities*, an Arabic manuscript on cosmography dating from the 12th or early 13th century.

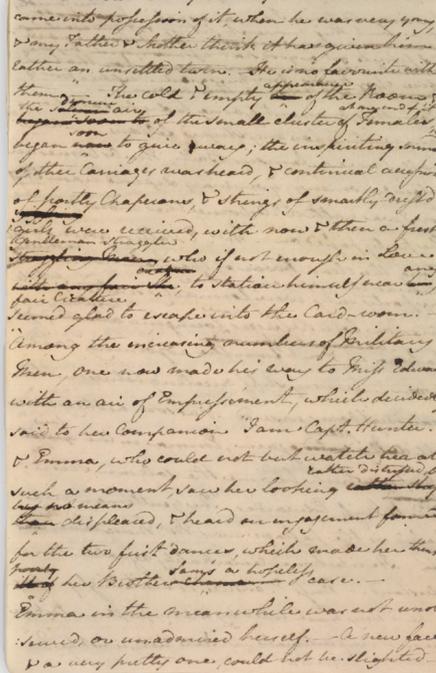
We also host a lively programme of lectures, exhibitions and concerts designed to explore and enjoy the Library's holdings. Our twice-yearly Newsletter provides up-to-date information about the Bodleian's newest acquisitions and its ongoing programmes of cataloguing, digitization and conservation.

We invite you to join us in our efforts to maintain the Library's standing as an international centre of research and education. Your support can make a difference.

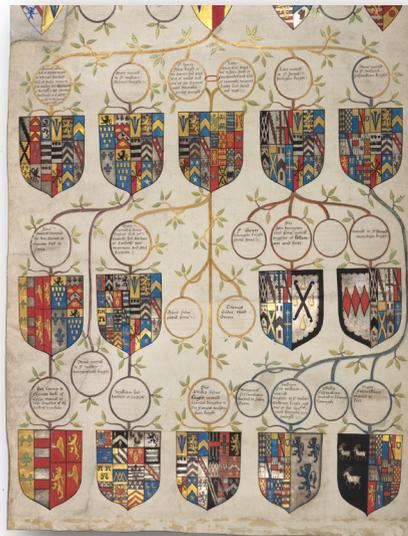
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Jane Austen's manuscript draft of
The Watsons (MS. Eng. e. 3764).



Family tree of Sir Philip Sidney on illuminated
vellum scroll (MS. Eng. b. 2152 (R)).

SUPPORT THE BODLEIAN LIBRARIES

The Bodleian is one of the most important libraries in the world. Founded in 1598, it is a centre for advanced international research, a national copyright repository, and the principal library of the University of Oxford. Generations of famous scholars (40 Nobel Prize winners, 26 British Prime Ministers, and writers such as Oscar Wilde, C.S. Lewis and Alan Bennett) have studied in its historic buildings. The Bodleian's collections span more than a millennium of the human written record and include monuments of history such as four engrossments of Magna Carta, a Gutenberg Bible, modern political papers, and the literary archives of J.R.R. Tolkien, Franz Kafka and Philip Larkin.

Since Sir Thomas Bodley's own endowment which formed the basis of the Library, many generous individuals and institutions have supported the Library in a variety of ways. The founder's challenge for 'posterity to imitate these former good examples' is more urgent than ever.



The Sheldon tapestry map of Gloucestershire, commissioned by Ralph Sheldon (1537-1613), probably in the 1590s (MS. Don. a. 12(R)).

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- Order books and manuscripts prior to a visit
- Discount on the price of a Bodleian Reader Card
- The Library's scholarly journal *The Bodleian Library Record* (Honourable and Life members)

The images in this brochure represent some of the items the Friends have helped to acquire.

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UK taxpayers are urged to complete this declaration, which will increase the member's contribution by 25% at no extra cost to the member.

I would like the University of Oxford Development Trust Fund, on behalf of the friends of the Bodleian, to treat this membership as a Gift Aid donation and any other donations I may make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise.

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3. Please notify the Friends of the Bodleian of any change of name or address.

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