

Who, What, When, and Where? Uncovering the Clues on the Body of a Book

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BACKGROUND: Ancillary aspects of books, such as institutional provenance or material biography, hold another side to the history of the item. Where these intersect may reveal bibliographic information critical to research or inspire new forms of research.

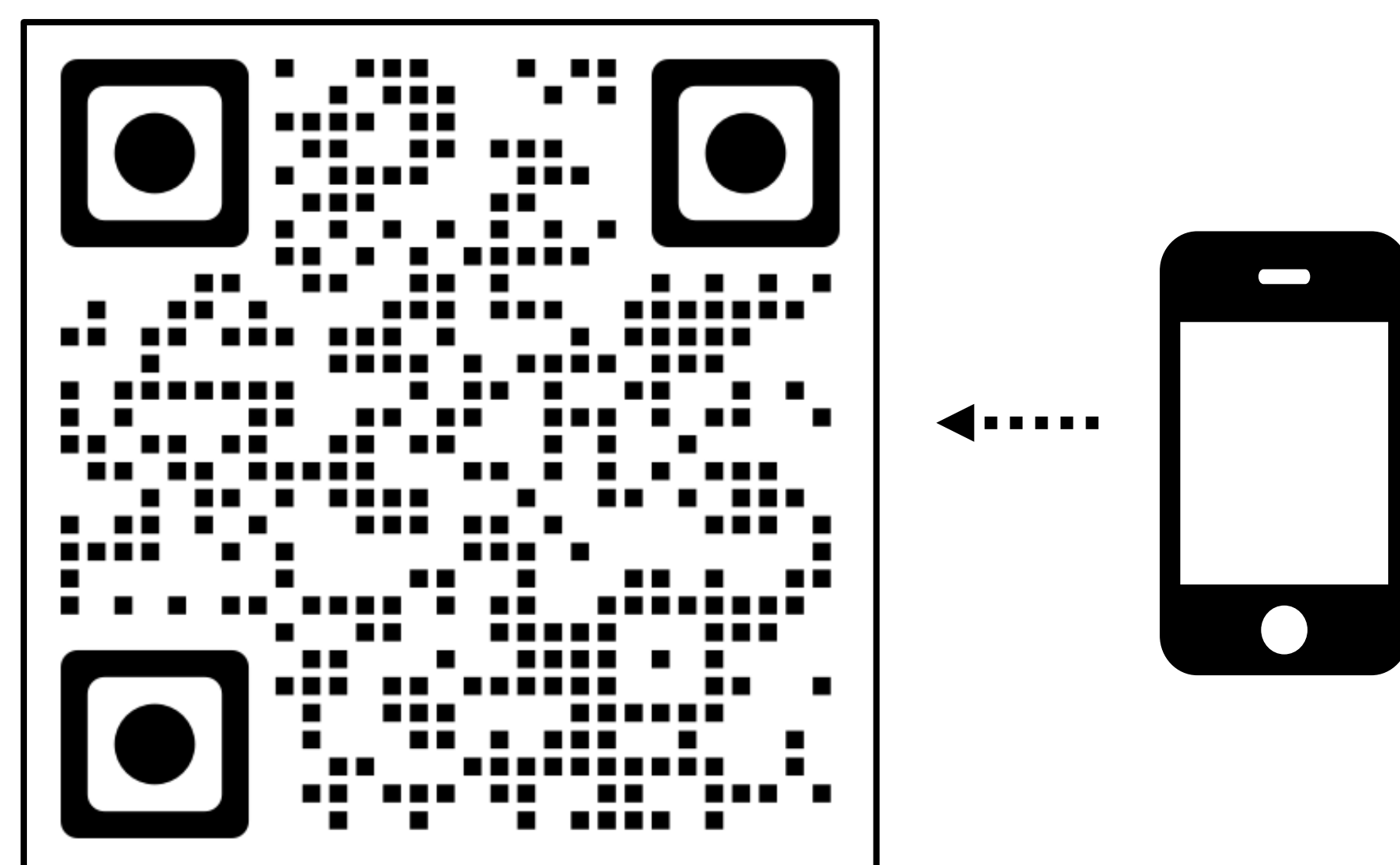
THE BOOK

Polygraphie by Trithemius, 1561 at the US Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC)

CONCLUSIONS

- Institutional provenance
 - gathering and diaspora of books
 - trends in the collections
 - geographic mapping
- The history of restoration/conservation repairs is critical of dating when the rebinding occurred
- Inclusion of these types of information empowers those in the digital humanities and democratizes bibliographic research

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START

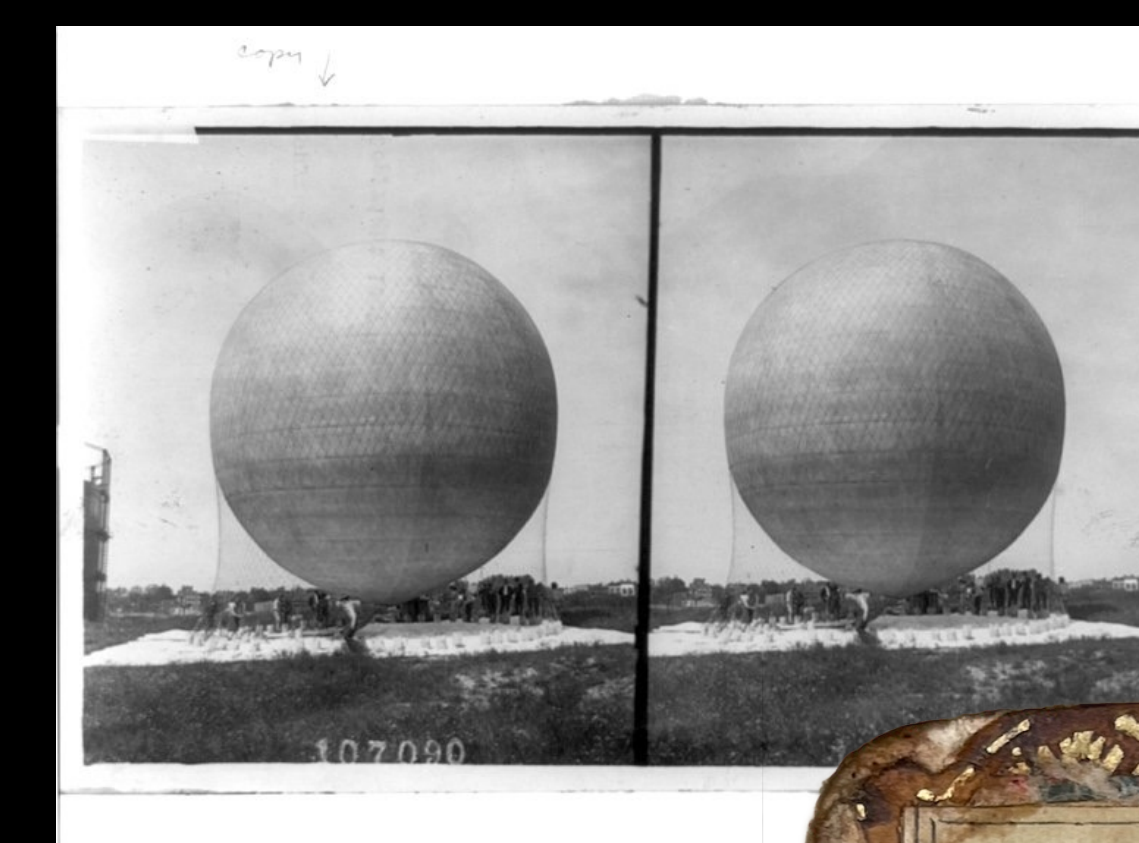


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Paris
1561



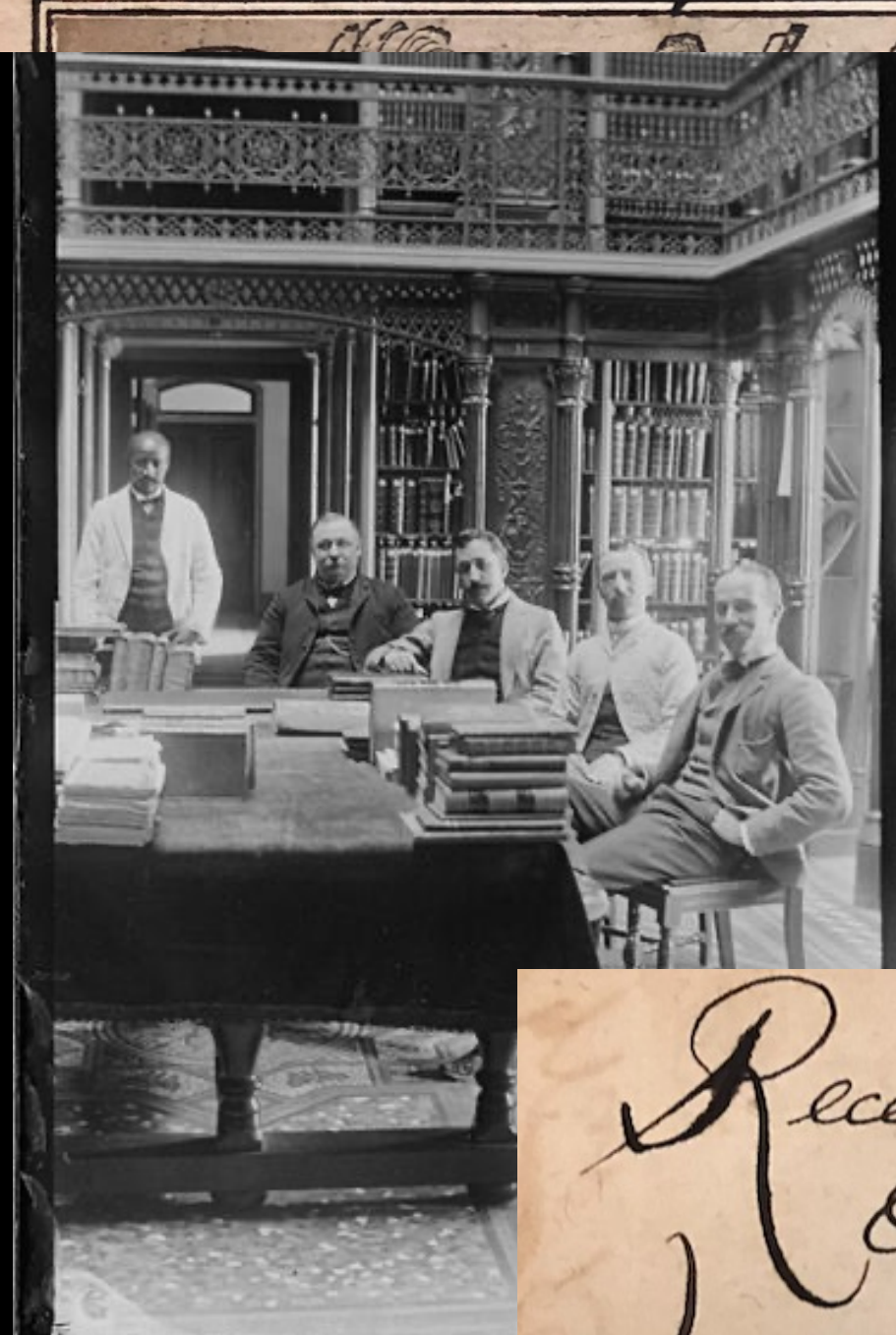
Nantes
18th c



Ft. Whipple (Myer), VA
19th c



War Department Library



Washington, DC
1892 – mid-20th c.



US Army Heritage and
Education Center
Carlisle, PA
mid-20th c. - present

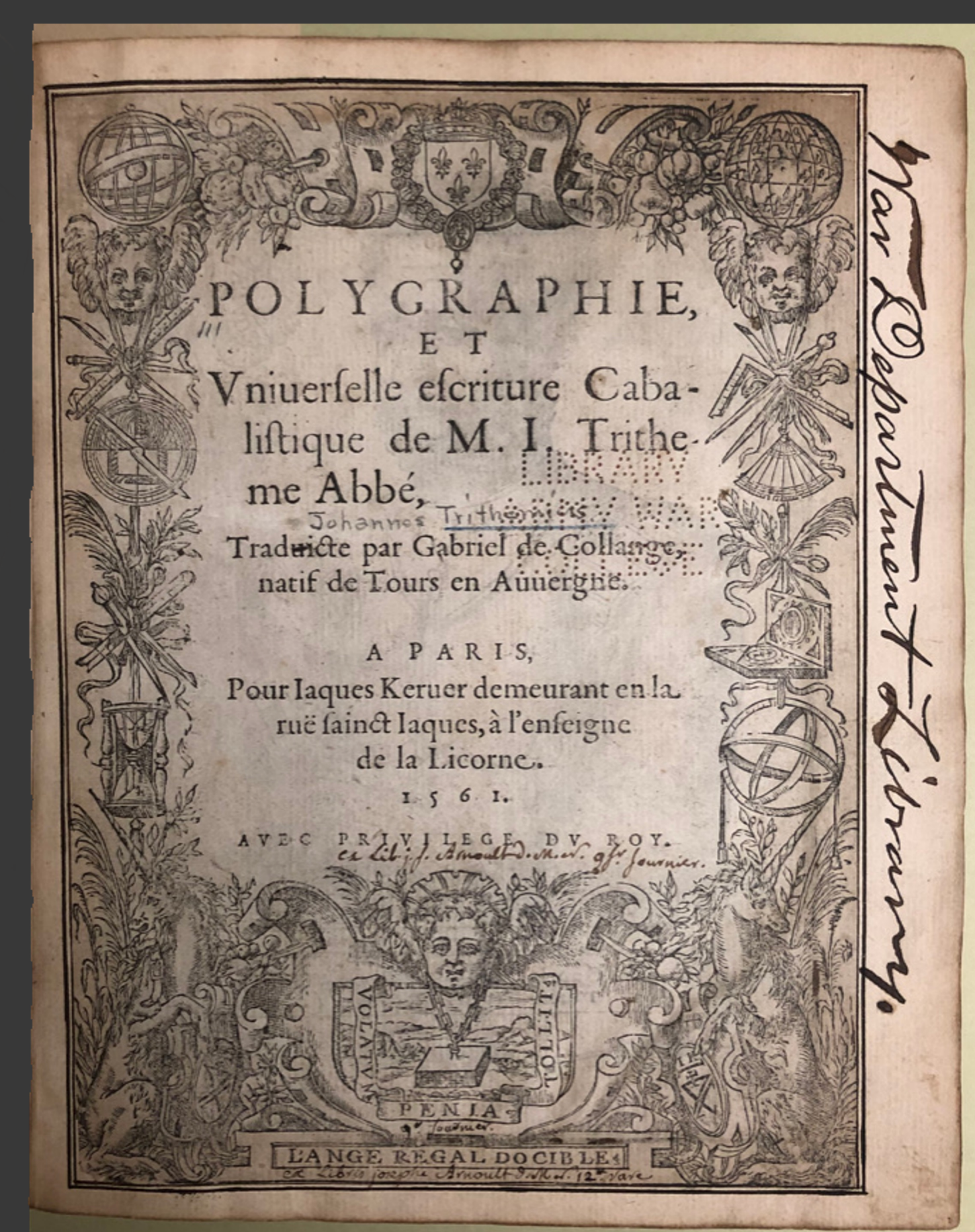


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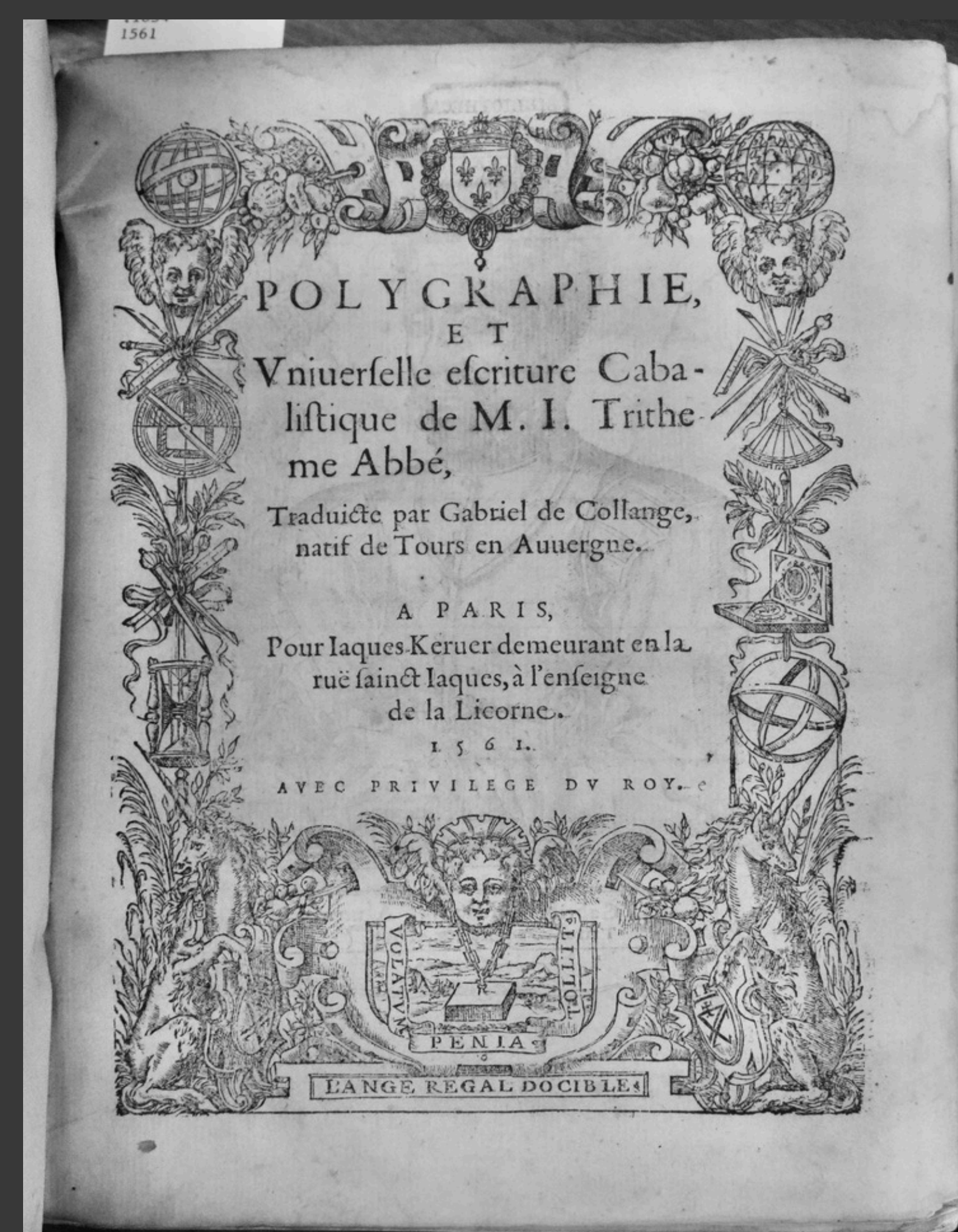
TIMELINE

REPAIRS

Paper Splitting, 19th c.

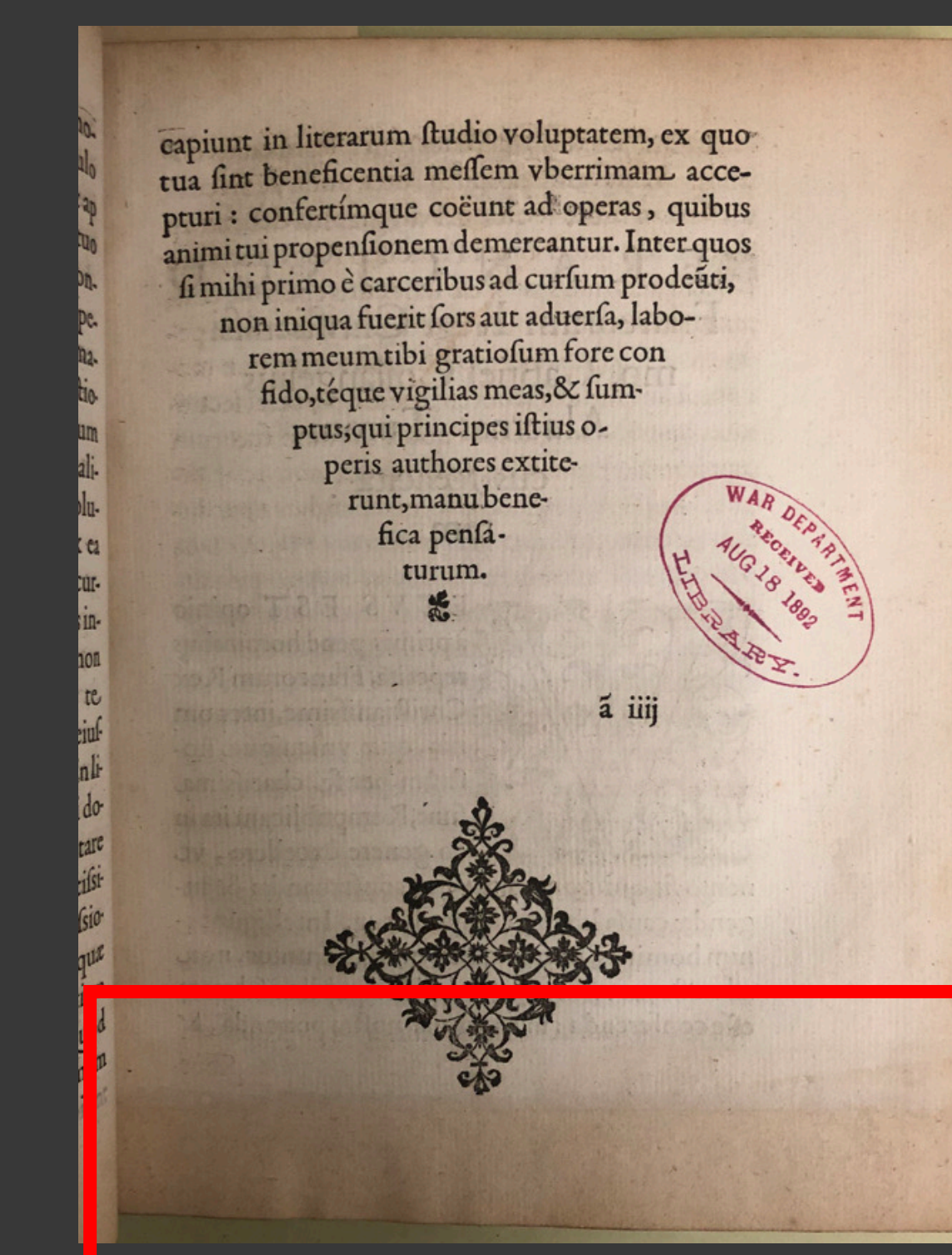


USAHEC's Title Page



National Cryptologic Museum's Title Page

Silk Bookmarks,
18th & 19th c.



False Margins mid-late 19th c.