

Collection Summary

Title

Gutenberg Bible (facsimile)

Date

1962

Extent

2 volumes

Name and Location of Repository

Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence (Mo.)

Reference code: MGC 1030-GBF

Collection History

This two volume facsimile of the Gutenberg Bible was created in 1962. The volumes are printed in Latin; contain hand-worked illustrations, and gilding. As stated in an article from the International Society of Bible Collectors, "Each volume of the Bible contains over 1200 pages. The paper for this facsimile was specially manufactured of 100% rag and each of the four watermarks (the head of an ox, the bunch of grapes with a loop in the stem, the bunch of grapes with an enlarged stem, and the running ox) are all reproduced as in the original." The article further states "The binding is of crushed-grain Bordeaux-colored Morocco leather cut in a single piece for each volume. The gilding is done in genuine 22 carat gold and old gold style on top, fore-edge, and bottom. The endpapers were made by hand in the old fashioned manner."

Mid-Continent Public Library received the two volume set as a donation from the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum. These volumes were on display at Mid-Continent Public Library's administrative headquarters building for a number of years. The volumes were moved to the Midwest Genealogy Center's rare book room upon the opening of that branch in 2008. One volume is in a display case in the Library.

Scope and Content

This collection contains a two volume facsimile of the Gutenberg Bible.

Collection Inventory

System of Arrangement

These records are arranged in 1 series.

Series 1, 2 volume facsimile of the Gutenberg Bible

Rights and Access

Conditions Governing Access

Access is restricted; contact the Midwest Genealogy Center for details.

Physical Access

Most records within this collection are housed in the Midwest Genealogy Center's rare book room.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use

Permission to publish, quote, or reproduce must be secured from the Midwest Genealogy Center.

Languages and Scripts of the Material

Materials in the collection are entirely in Latin.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was donated to the Mid-Continent Public Library by the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected for this collection.

Existence and Location of Originals

Originals owned by the Midwest Genealogy Center.

Notes

The following sources were consulted during the preparation of the history:

International Society of Bible Collectors. "Meticulous Re-edition of Gutenberg Bible." Accessed August 29, 2013. http://www.biblecollectors.org/articles/gutenberg_bible.htm.