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Richard Rufus of Cornwall Project

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Final Performance Report
Work Accomplished

1. Metaphysics: *Memoriale in Metaph. Aristot.*

Rufus' *Memoriale in Metaph. Aristot.* transcribed.

Transcription rechecked against the manuscript.

Checked for parallels in Roger Bacon's *Methaphisica ... de viciis contractis in studio theologie*.

Transcribed books 2 and 8 of Rufus' *Dissertatio in metaph.* from Erfurt Quarto 290.

Preliminary edition prepared.

Checked for parallels in Adam of Buckfield's published *Metaphysics* commentary.

Parallels in Avicenna, Averroes, Auxerre, and Hales checked.

Checked for parallels with Phillip the Chancellor and Thomas of York.

Manuscript of the *Memoriale* reread for the second time.

Found parallels in books 1 & 2 of Roger Bacon's *Questiones altere super lib. prime philosophie*

2. Chemistry: *In De generatione et corruptione Aristot.*

Rufus' commentary on Aristotle's *De generatione et corruptione* transcribed.

The *Erfurt Meteora commentary* transcribed

Preliminary report on the authorship of the *Erfurt Meteora commentary* prepared.

Parallel passages in Albertus Magnus' *De gen. et corr.* found.

Parallel passages in Rufus' *Physics* found.

Checked for opinions and parallel exposition in Philipp the Chancellor

Preliminary edition prepared and forwarded to Albert Zimmermann for comment.

Zimmermann suggestions introduced.

Manuscript of *De generatione et corruptione* reread.

Verified all citations to Aristotle, Augustine, Averroes, Plato etc.

Preliminary editions prepared and forwarded to Neil Lewis for study.

Microfilms and Cd-roms obtained: Vatican Urb 206 (gloss on *De generatione*)

Oxford, New College 285 (Asphall's *De generatione* commentary).

Comparison with Adam Buckfield was based on Oxford Merton 272 & Wellcome 3.

Checked for parallels with Robert Grosseteste and William of Auvergne.

Text established with Neil Lewis.

Problem passages discussed in detail with Professors Hester Gelber,

Michael Wigodsky, and Calvin Normore.

Edition completed.

3. Psychology

The Erfurt *De anima* commentary examined & attributed to Rufus.

An article on the commentary and its attribution, "The Earliest, Known, Surviving,

Western *De anima* Commentary Richard Rufus' *De anima* commentary,"

appeared in the Spring issue of *Medieval Philosophy and Theology* 10 (2001) 119-156.

Obtained microfilm of Madrid BN 3314.

4. Physics: *In Phys. Aristot.*

Introduction to the edition of the *Physics* commentary written.

Jennifer Ottman checked the footnotes to the introduction for accuracy.

Comments from Charles Burnett reviewed; revisions completed.

Camera ready copy for book 1 of the *Physics* approved by James Rivington of the British Academy. We will print in Adobe Kepler Font, using LateX. Chris Martin has almost completed the LateX printing program. Lauri Kanerva is still working on the programs which will be prepared MS-Dos for transfer to LateX.

Appended is a copy of a preliminary version of the first book of the edition.

5. Theology: *In Sententias Petri Lombardi, Lectura Oxoniensis*

Transcription of Rufus' Oxford theology lectures completed (R. James Long transcribed 19 folios; Rega Wood, 2, and G. Etzkorn transcribed 67 folios).

Jennifer Ottman checked for parallels with Fishacre (book 2.1-25).

Rega Wood explored parallels with Robert Kilwardby, Albertus Magnus and the *Summa Halesiana*. The results appeared in "Early Oxford Theology," in *Mediaeval Commentaries on Peter Lombard's Sentences*, ed. G. R. Evans. Leiden 2001, pp. 289-343.

6. Codicology: Erfurt cod. Q. 290 and Q312

Visited Erfurt, corrected manuscript descriptions.

Confirmed a hypothesis about why old folios 74-83 were misnumbered.

Disconfirmed the suggestion that quire numbers antedate old folio numbers.

Discovered what appears to be a first person report of the sighting of a moonbow in a work which may be by Rufus. The description is precise. The date is indicated by Kalend, dominical letter, and lunar age. Presently, the hypothesis is that date so indicated is December 18, 1211. If that is so and this work is by Rufus, he is older than was once thought.

Comparison with the Goals Set in the Work Plan

For the comparison of Rufus' theological works with Thomas Aquinas we have substituted a comparison of the anonymous 13th century Oxford gloss on Aristotle's *De generatione et corruptione*. This will substantially strengthen the editions being prepared for publication with NEH support in the next few years without much harm to the later theological editions planned. Based on manuscript rather than printed sources, it is considerably more demanding and time-consuming.

As planned the edition of Rufus' *In De generatione et corr.* was completed; a preliminary edition of his first *Metaphysics* commentary was finished. The editions planned will offer the readers a rich variety of information on the commentaries and their sources from printed and unprinted sources.

The source work for which R. James Long was responsible has been completed, the transcriptions assigned to him were finished in June 2002. We have also completed a number of tasks not originally planned. Rufus Oxford theology lectures have been transcribed in full (Etzkorn did 47 folios more than was planned). Work began on Rufus' *De anima* commentary. Progress was made in preparing camera-copy of the *Physics* commentary. Attached is camera-ready copy of the first book of the *Physics* commentary.