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Ralph Thoresby

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2) Atkinson, D. H. [possibly?] “The Library of Ralph Thoresby” [no pub details] [Bound volume, 12 pages (pp. 185-196) – shelved along with Index to Illustration etc. in [William] Boyne’s copy of Thoresby’s “Ducatus Leodiensis” and Whitaker’s “Leodis and Elmete”. (SRF 942.75 T391)*

3) Boyne, William. “History of Leeds”. Nice, 1877. (Oversize SRF 942.75 T391)*

[William Boyne, Leeds antiquary, 1814 – 1893, used T.D. Whitaker’s 1816 edition of Thoresby’s ‘Ducatus Leodiensis’ and Whitaker’s ‘Leodis and Elmete’ as the basis for his own collection of original material on Leeds. The grangerised set enlarges the original two volume version into seven volumes and includes many watercolours and drawings by local artists.]


5) Byrde, Penelope & Brears, Peter C.D. “A pair of James I’s gloves” pp. 34-41; Extracted from Costume. Vol. 24 (1990) – Two of the owners of the gloves were Ralph Thoresby and Horace Walpole. (P 391.4 B99Y)

6) Jenkins, R. “Paper and publishing at the beginning of the 18th century” In Library Association Records, 14. 1912, pp. 249-254 – based on references in Ralph Thoresby’s Diary, and Correspondence. (LP 070.5/JEN)

7) Swift, Ruth. “Duckkitus Leodeensiss; or, A topographical fairy tale” Typescript 19—(exact year unknown). (QP 942.75 SW55L)

8) Keder, Nils. “De argento, runis seu literis Gothicis insignito, quod delineatum in Camdeni Britannia Anglice nunc loquente & ampliata literato exhibetur orbi, sententia Nicolai Kederi. (Leipzig, 1703) [Title page bears a MS note “To Mr. Thoresby, at Leeds” and an autograph inscription by Thoresby, recording its presentation by Hans Sloane] (SR 737 KED)*


10) Mattison, A. “Ralph Thoresby, historian and diarist, 1658-1725 (Leeds. 193-) Microfilm (filmed with his Journal). (MIC 923.3 M434)


13) Munby, A.N.L (Editor) “Sale catalogues of librarians of eminent persons” Vol. 10. pp 1-200 Ralph Thoresby [1974] (L 017.4 PIG)


16) Thoresby, Ralph “Ducatus Leodiensis” London 1715. (FL 914.2819/THO) & (SRQ 942.81 THO)*

17) Thoresby, Ralph “Ducatus Leodiensis” London 1715 (containing a copy of a letter written to Ralph Thoresby by Mr. John Toland, dated London, Sept 29 1715; and Ralph Thoresby’s reply, dated Leeds, Oct, 12 1715). (SR Yellow Tab item)*