

## Helsinki, National Archives, 216a, Court records for Ala-Satakunta 1550–1552

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### *Contents*

Records of the 1550 summer and autumn season sessions, and 1551 and 1552 winter, spring, summer, and autumn season sessions of the lower courts (*häradsrätt*) of Ala-Satakunta, as well as the second-tier court (*lagmansrätt*) sessions in 1551 and 1552 at Eura, Eurajoki, Huittinen, Kokemäki, Loimaa, Närpiö, Ulvila and Köyliö, held under president of the court Knut Eriksson Kurck. The book is digitized from a microfilm at:

<https://astia.narc.fi/astiaUi/digiview.php?imageId=1667541&aytun=2149764.KA&j=1> (the digitized version is missing fols. 57-59).

First flyleaf: *Dombook*

Fol. 1-31v: 1550 sessions (followed by one unnumbered blank), edited in Roos 1964, 3-44.

[1r] Anno domini 1550. Om Sancte Marie Magdalene affton. Thå halt jach Jöns Wästgöte Somar Tingit... [31v] ...after xii men ranzacan d:t 2 öre. (after fol. 31 a blank unnumbered leaf).

Fol. 32r-110v: 1551 sessions. Edited in Roos 1964, 45-149.

[32r] Anno domini 1551, torsdaghen nest epter Helge Tree Konunge dagh, tho hultt jagh Lasse Madtzson winter tinget... [110r] ... Summa peninger 10 marck.

Fols. 64v-65r and 110v are blank. After fol. 58 there is a blank, unnumbered folium.

Fol. 111r-178v: 1552 sessions. Edited in Roos 1964, 150-240.

[111r] Anno domini 1552, then 4 daghen nouembrij [pro januarij], hultt iagh Lasse Madtzson...

[178v] ...Sumarum effther host tingth peninger 78½ marc. (fol. 179 is an added slip with accounts concerning the 1553 sessions).

Fols. 128v and 180r are blank.

Fol. 180v: A note concerning borders in Sastamala: 'Tesse är Råår Emellan Pomarck och Selckis j Sastamala sockn'.

### *Structure*

The whole binding has been renewed during saec. XX. This modern binding is extremely tight causing some of the text to get lost in the folds. The original quires are, however, usually visible in the digitized version based on microfilms predating the rebinding. This shows that the manuscript had quires of varying sizes (from III to XI). Paper; 180 (183) fols.; 20x28,5; text area varies, number of lines varies, no ruling. Inserted slips after fols. 94, 100, 178 (numbered). The first flyleaf has been left unnumbered; after fols. 31 and 58 there is a blank unnumbered folium.

Two different foliations. The first, original(?), foliation (1 – 178) begins from the actual text, in ink in the upper margin (a later hand has added foliation to the slip 179 and fol. 180). The second, takes the title leaf into account and continues throughout the manuscript (including the other part bound in the same covers, 216b), with a type writer in the lower margin. In this description, the first one is followed.

In places damaged by fire. Especially the first flyleaf is darkened by smoke.

### *Script*

At least four scribes, probably secretaries of the court, writing sixteenth-century cursives (I: fols. 1 – 31v, with the exception of 22v – 25v; II: 22v – 25v; III: 32r – 142r; IV: 142v – 178v). Scribe IV is possibly Lasse Mattsson (Matinpoika) who presided over the lower court from 1550.

### *Decoration*

Ingresses written in a more carefully executed script. Brackets drawn next to the lists of jurors occasionally decorated. Apart from this, no decorations.

### *Provenance*

fol. 1: ‘Dombok 1550, no. 27’, a saec. XVI mark made in the Chamber College in Stockholm. Transferred to Finland after 1809 and to the National Archives in 1819.

### *Binding*

Modern binding in blue cardboard. The original parchment cover, with the title ‘Thetta Domboken J Nedhre häredhe j Kwmgardz län etc. för åren 1550 – 1552’, has been removed in the nineteenth century. Now bound together with an account of the fines paid in Ylä-Satakunta in 1551 (216b).

### *History*

The records were probably compiled relatively soon after the court sessions. They seem to represent a fair copy of the records, although certain additions and corrections are made (often by scribe I). The corrections by one hand, along with the foliation, which may be near contemporary with the texts, suggests the records of the sessions were kept, and possibly bound, together from early on. After having been compiled as a record of court sessions by the municipal judge’s office, the book was probably sent to Stockholm soon after the closing of the court season in 1552. The book belonged to the shipment of documents that were taken to the Senate archives in Turku in accordance with the Hamina accords between Sweden and Russia in 1809. The archives were moved to Helsinki in 1819, but the book was not inserted into the catalogues of the National Archives before another shipment of documents arrived in 1864.

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### *Literature*

John E. Roos, *Ala-Satakunnan tuomiokirja 1550-1552*, Suomen vanhimmat tuomiokirjat vol. II, Helsinki 1964.