

Helsinki, National Archives, C 5:11/I, Court records for Kaakkois-Häme 1443-1502

Saec. XVI-XVIII, Finland

Contents

Court records for Kaakkois-Häme 1443-1502. Edited in Hausen 1881, 1-123. The first five leaves contain some copies of court records between 1460 and 1494. They have been written in saec. XVIII and left out of Hausen's edition.

Fol. 1r-4r (in a saec. XVII hand): Court records from Tennilä, Asikkala, Padasjoki between 1460 and 1494 (not in chronological order)

[1r] Annod domini MCDLX ipso die beata Katharina [virginis?] thå war lagmansting och skatteting I teiunila... [4r] ...Af Biörn ragualdssons och hans Kersons domar. (fol. 4v is blank)

Fol. 5r-53r: Courts records for Kaakkois-Häme between 1443-1502. Edited in Hausen 1881, 1-123. The records are arranged according to place, but not necessarily by date.

[5r] *Asikkala sochnn*. Anno domini 1477 fredagen näst S. Margarete dagh... [53r] ...Peer simonsson, Erich Hussah.

Fols. 9v, 10v, 21v, 24r, 30r-v, 36v, 40r-v, 49v, 51v-52r and 53v are blank. Fols. 22v, 24v and 26v only contain short unrelated additions.

Structure

II⁴; 2xIV-1¹⁸ + III²⁴ + IV³² + IV-1³⁹; III⁴⁵ + 2xII⁵³. Paper, 53 fol. (I-IV + 86 pages); 20,5 x 32,5; one column, no ruling. Text area and number of lines varies. Pagination in ink in the upper margin starting from fol. 5. Modern foliation with a type writer in the lower margin. Catchwords in the lower margins of the verso leaves. Judging from these catchwords leaves are missing after fols. 19, 23.

The manuscript has been composed of parts written during different times. Fol. 1-4 probably during saec. XVIII, fol. 41-44 during saec. XVI and the rest during saec. XVII. The manuscript is in relatively good condition. Several leaves have been repaired especially around the edges using a lining tissue. It is uncertain whether the current quire construction respects the original or has been created during the rebinding. Most leaves have been strengthened with paper at their fold.

The watermarks are different between the sections written by different hands.

Script

Three scribes writing a saec. XVI-XVIII cursives. Hand I (fol. 1r-4r) writes a saec. XVIII cursive; hand II (fol. 5r-39v, 45r-53r) writes a very carefully executed and petite script, probably from the beginning saec. XVII; Hand II (fol. 41r-44v) writes in a somewhat less formal, but yet practiced script, probably from the end of saec. XVI (Hausen 1881 argues that the manuscript is written by one hand in the beginning of saec. XVI; a more accurate description is found in Pirinen 1947, 68).

Decoration

No decorations. The layout and other features serve practical purposes.

Provenance

In the beginning of saec. XVIII the manuscript may have ended up from Kankais manor in the possession of Kustaa Erik Tavast (d. 1731) of the Kurjala manor. From there it probably ended up in the hands of the governor of Häme, J. F. Stichaeus, who sold his collection to the National Archives in 1862 (Pirinen 1947, 79).

Fol. 14v: ‘af heredshöfding Erick Axcellsons dom book. denne Ofwan stående doms inne håld är ljka lydande ifrån ord uth skriffwn. Mavechmas d. 6 October 1747. Carl Christ. Eneman’ (Hausen 1881, 28). The reference is to Erik Axelsson Tott (see Pirinen 1947, 70). Carl Eneman was a captain who owned goods in Maavehma. He may have borrowed the manuscript while it was located in Kurjala (Pirinen 1947, 80).

Binding

Modern binding.

History

The manuscript contains court records from the Kaakkois-Häme area. It is a compilation of copying done at different times. Mostly the sections seem to be complementary, but there is some overlapping: For example, fols. 3r-3v contain records also found on fol. 5r, which is written by another hand; and fol. 42v contains a record also found on fol. 19r. The organization of the book, as well as certain notes referring to its sources, suggest that the manuscript was not a copy of a single medieval source, but rather a compilation from various sources (see Pirinen 1947, 69). The manuscript seems to have been passed on between officials and added to for centuries. The manuscript seems to have ended up in the National Archives in 1862 when the collections of the governor of Häme, J. F. Stichaeus, were purchased.

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Literature

Reinhold Hausen, *Bidrag till Finlands historia 1*, Helsingfors 1881, I-II.

Kauko Pirinen, “Suomen keskiaikaiset arkistot”, *Historiallinen Arkisto* 52 (1947), 67-70.