

**A MANUAL OF BRITISH HISTORIANS TO  
A. D. 1600: CONTAINING A  
CHRONOLOGICAL ACCOUNT OF  
THE EARLY CHRONICLERS AND  
MONKISH WRITERS THEIR PRINTED  
WORKS AND UNPUBLISHED MSS.**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649483600

A Manual of British Historians to A. D. 1600: Containing a Chronological Account of the Early Chroniclers and Monkish Writers Their Printed Works and Unpublished Mss. by William Dunn Macray

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.  
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

[www.triestepublishing.com](http://www.triestepublishing.com)

**WILLIAM DUNN MACRAY**

**A MANUAL OF BRITISH HISTORIANS TO  
A. D. 1600: CONTAINING A  
CHRONOLOGICAL ACCOUNT OF  
THE EARLY CHRONICLERS AND  
MONKISH WRITERS THEIR PRINTED  
WORKS AND UNPUBLISHED MSS.**



*Macray, William Dunn.*



# Manual of British Historians

TO A. D. 1600

CONTAINING A  
CHRONOLOGICAL ACCOUNT OF  
THE EARLY CHRONICLERS AND  
MONKISH WRITERS THEIR  
PRINTED WORKS AND  
UNPUBLISHED  
MSS.



LONDON  
WILLIAM PICKERING  
1845

CEBOWICK : PRINTED BY C. WHITTINGHAM.

TO THE  
REV. BULKELEY BANDINEL, D. D.

BODLEY'S LIBRARIAN, ETC.

THIS VOLUME IS, WITH PERMISSION,

RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED,

BY HIS OBEDIENT AND OBLIGED SERVANT,

WILLIAM DUNN MACRAY.

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21



Duminy  
May 20  
4-24-47  
58133



## PREFACE.

**I**N drawing up a Manual of the early English Historians, the Compiler believes he has endeavoured to supply a want in bibliographical literature which has been often felt. It is true that catalogues similar in idea, though not in execution, have been before published, but the generality of them, such as Joscelin's very brief account published by Hearne with Robert of Avesbury, Hearne's own list in his "Ductor Historicus," and Vossius' book "De Historicis Latinis,"\* besides furnishing but

\* Bishop Nicolson's Historical Libraries do not come within this class, as they consist more of critical accounts of the merits and demerits of the respective historians than of what is here attempted to be given.

short notices, are now of course extremely defective and unsatisfactory; as in the length of time which has elapsed since their publication, much additional information has been discovered, and our stock of printed historians greatly enlarged. And although in 1829 Mr. Stace published a catalogue of historical writers, yet it was *merely* a catalogue, giving nothing but the titles and dates of the works, and those often very inaccurately. This being the case, a brief biographical account of all historians of any note, with lists of the editions of their works, such as is here offered, the Compiler trusts may not prove unacceptable. And while he is far from thinking that no errors or imperfections will be discovered in it, yet he hopes it will be found to be, on the whole, accurate and complete; at any rate he can say that he has spared no pains to render it so. It will be seen that the references to MSS. are only given where the books have not been printed, and such of these as have no

references to MSS. are not known to be extant. All monastic and local chronicles have been omitted, with the exception of two, as the compilation has been confined to national histories; the two in regard to which the exception has been made, are Ingulph, and the Chronicle of London, because much of the general history of the kingdom is contained in them. Froissart, Titus Forojulensis, Polydore Vergil, &c. have been omitted as being foreigners, together with works like John Twyne's "*De rebus Albionis commentarii*," because, although of an historical nature, they cannot be called histories.

Should this attempt meet with approval, a continuation, bringing the work down to a later period, may perhaps follow at some future time.

In conclusion, the Compiler has to acknowledge his obligations to the Rev. H. O. Coxe, M. A. Sub-librarian of the Bodleian, for his kind assistance in many cases; to J. O. Halli-