



# English Legal Manuscripts

## Stage VIII: The Middle Temple Library

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- A thirteenth-century *Bracton* manuscript
- A *Registrum Brevium* given by Elias Ashmole in 1677
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- Later reports (2R) include some attributable to Sir Thomas Abney in the time of George II
- A series from Doctors' Commons 1771-7 (five volumes formerly in the Royal Courts of Justice)
- Reports of the Georgian judges, Sir Vicary Gibbs, Sir Henry Dampier and Sir Soulden Lawrence
- Five volumes of Chief Baron Pollock's judicial notebooks.
- Lord Nottingham's *Prolegomena*
- An early version of Bathurst's *Nisi Prius*, belonging to its editor, Francis Buller
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- The Phillimore collection containing ten volumes of opinions, judgments and notes from the celebrated family of ecclesiastical and admiralty lawyers, ending with some papers of Lord Phillimore (d. 1929).

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