Ioh. Wallensis.

Codex membranaceus in 4to, cujus prior pars literis Saxoniciis vetustioribus scriptus, continet

1. Vitam S. Guthlacii per Felicem Croylandensem.
   In posteriore parte, seculo xv scripta, continentur tractatus sequentes.

Vellum, 9½ x 6½, ff. 2+52 | 4+108, two volumes of cent. ix (Bradshaw) and xiv.

Collation: a³, 1a-6b 7a.
II. a³, 11a-91a.

Contents:

I. 1. In a very fine bold English hand of cent. ix, 24 lines to a page.
   2 fo. ut lucem.

   In black capitals . . . . . . . . . . . . . . f. 1
   Incipit prologus scí GuðLaci.
   In domino dominorum / (cursive from this point) domino meo
   mihi prae ceteris regalium primatum gradibus dilectissimo
   ælfpoldo regi......felix
   —in principio finem in fine conpono. Expl. prol. (rubric).
   Rubr. Inc. capitula libri scí Guthlacii anachoritae . . . . 3b
   53 capitula.
   Finiunt capitula (black capitals).
   Rubr. cap. Incipit uita . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 6b
   Fuit itaque in diebus æthelredi inlustris
   The initial is slightly ornamented in black.
   From c. 28 the chapters have titles in capitals.
   C. 53 ends f. 52 a: Viditque uidentes quos prius uidere negavit;
   Grates deo persoluenus. dignas quas ullus reddere nescit;

In a smaller script of the same period, but I think not by the same scribe, an acrostic follows:

E go licet uilis uernaculus Christi I;
A diuuanus gratia iusta deipingen S;
D omino donante digna quae feci T;
U ota gud uenimus ad summa A;
U oliminis istius fuerunt quip P;
A d decembris falendas (!) dies putat I;
L ucide uiginti uos deprecor exi N;
(verso)
D elere u(t) dignetur debita re X;
U uienti preces fundere patr I;
S emper in secula cui gloria mane T;
(no space in the original, but a larger initial).
C larificis uirtutum armis ia M;
A c seon regen moyses mirabile fat U;
There may be three acrostics here: certainly there are two. The first, of ten lines, is sufficiently plain, though the text contains mistakes (e.g. falendas for kalendas). The initials and finals read EADUUALDUS ISTA PINXIT. The meaning seems to be that the scribe by God's help has reached the end of his task, 20 days before the kalends of December, and asks for the prayers of the reader.

The six lines which follow are hexameters (of rather indifferent construction). The initials give CALDUG (i.e. Gudlac reversed). The finals at present give MUDEAA. I cannot doubt that they were meant to read GUDLAC. The first line in that case must have ended with a G: and, in fact, line 2 beginning Ac seon shows that an allusion to Og is wanted in line 1 (which is obviously imperfect).

Line 3 (also a short line) pretty plainly ended with David.

Line 4 (also a short) needs a word ending with L (? Michael, Israel, mel).

Lines 5 and 6 both end with ita: in l. 6, a word like istac or illic or perhaps et lac is wanted.

I cannot undertake to restore the text so as to yield a good sense: but it is at least certain that the first line is imperfect and that the name of Og must have occurred in it.

The twelve remaining lines contain fragments of hexameters but cannot themselves be called hexameters. The initials and finals give respectively BEATUS GUDLAC and BARTHOLOMEUS. The connexion of St Bartholomew and St Guthlac is well known.

For the text of the Life see Acta S.S. 11 Ap. and Mabillon, Acta S.S. O.S.B. III 257 (both from MSS. on the Continent). Other early copies are no. 389 in this library, Royal 13 A. XV, Cotton Nero C. vii, Nero E. 1, Harley 3097.

See Hardy i 404.
2. Floriloquium philosophorum Iohannis Wallensis.
3. Ejusdem breviloquium de philosophia sive sapientia sanctorum.
4. Tractatus de legibus sacrae scripturae.
5. Sanctorum exempla et collectiones de penitentia.
6. De ente et essentia.

II. f. 1 blank. On ii, iii an alphabetical table to the next treatise in double columns, in a hand of cent. xv. 2 fo. mundialium.

2. Floriloquium philosophorum (Joh. Wallensis) . . . . f. 1
   In a good hand of cent. xiv early, double columns of 41 lines.
   Cum enim debeatmus apes imitari
   —in hoc finis huius collectionis de qua sit laus christo.
   Tractatus de vita illustrium philosophorum et de dictis
   moralibus eorum et exemplis imitabilibus . . . . 2 b
   Cum ex uita honesta gentilium
   —qui solus illuminat omnem hominem uenientem in hunc
   mundum. Jo. 1. Et hec ad presens sufficiant de pre-
   dictis. Expl.

3. Huius breviloquii quod est de sapientia sanctorum . . . 42 (43)
   —mundanorum in uita et operibus.
   Breviloquium de philosophia siue sapientia sanctorum.
   Cum uani sunt omnes homines.
   Ends—que amicos dei et prophetas constituit. sap. 7. et hec
   ad presens de hiis sufficiant.
   Later colophon added.

4. No title (Legiloquium Ioh. Wallensis) . . . . 48
   Scribam eis multiplices leges meas. osee. d. omnipotens creator
   omnium ac omnium sapiens gubernator
   —et ipso fruantur et sacientur in eterno.
   63 b blank.

5. Change of hand (Summa de penitentia Ioh. Wallensis) . 64
   Quoniam prouida sollertia est iugiter meditari
   —de talium ineuitabili dampnacione.
   Prime partis sunt x. capitula etc.
   In primis uero notandum quod penitentia describitur multi-
   pliciter.
   The first hand is resumed on f. 70.
   There seem to be 9 parts of the treatise.
   —ipse memorie continuacio eternitatis. Et hec ad presens
   sufficiant de predictis.
   95 b, 96 blank.

6. No title (Th. Aquinas de ente et essentia) . . . . 97
   Quia parus error in principio magnus est in fine
   —sua simplicitate. in quo sit finis huius sermonis amen.
   103-108 blank.