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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOCUS

Continuation de Normandie (1482)

Just as we wrap up the Year Library, a calendar of continuations. The Law Library has continued to develop its collection of the customary law of France with some important purchases, including the very scarce 1685 *Continuation de Normandie (Paris Jean de Pol)*. Other recently acquired *Normandie* continuations include compilations from 1705, 1698, 1768, 1713, and 1762. Outside *Normandie* the Library acquired continuations from the regions of Burgundy (1533 and 1534), Paris (1492), Brittany (1643, 1645, and 1752), Auvergne (1676, and 1712), Artois (1675), Beaufortois (1676), Montagne (1676), Nancy (1776), and a 17th-century manuscript, *Normandie* (1836), plus two compilations of general *Continuation de France* from 1607 and 1626.

The 1485 *Continuation de Normandie* is considered to be the first edition of this work, and traditionally passed as the first book printed at Rouen. This edition is based upon the oldest edition of this customary law compiled in the thirteenth century. It is regarded as one of the most beautiful editions of the ancient law, and as such entitled a preface and

TO A HIGH COURT: Alumnus Neil Proso Donates U.S. v. SCRAP Papers to Law Library



From the Times-Picayune, 10/14/79

More law students dream about "making a difference" through the law. Neil Thomas Proso and his fellow GW Law students did just that, in the area where grand-justice-er Ralph Waldo was setting the standard for public-interest activism, and the importance of protecting the environment had begun to become a matter of general consciousness of a nation. The writing *GW* in the early 1970s, much in the spirit and hope of that era. The pleasure the law students in Professor John Ransford's United States Practice course, describing the course option to engage in a "real-world" legal project relating to the public interest. The project challenging the Interstate Commerce Commission for failing to prepare an environmental impact statement before approving a federal interchange discriminatory against shippers of recyclable scrap. Thus the student group "SCRAP" was born. "Students Challenging Regulatory Agency Procedures." The document with Justice Stewart writing for the

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