

The trials of Joan of Arc - Sources and editions, an overview

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Sources

- Interrogation at Poitiers

no manuscript or archival records, only references and a few quotes during the other trials

- Rouen trial 1430-1431

London, BL, Egerton 984 - written 15D / 16A, paper, 161 fol. - online,
http://www.bl.uk/manuscripts/FullDisplay.aspx?ref=Egerton_MS_984

Orléans, Bibliothèque municipale, 518 - French, 1514-1524, paper, 154 fol. - online, Bibliothèque virtuelle des manuscrits médiévaux (BVMM),
https://bvmm.irht.cnrs.fr/resultRecherche/resultRecherche.php?COMPOSITION_ID=19833 - only binding digitized (2 images)

Paris, Chambre des Députés, ms. 1119 [Bibliothèque de l'Assemblée Nationale] - XVth century, parchment; Latin and French, 120 fol. - online, BVMM: <https://bvmm.irht.cnrs.fr/mirador/index.php?manifest=https%3A%2F%2Fbvmm.irht.cnrs.fr%2Fiiif%2F35369%2Fmanifest>

Paris, BnF, ms. Latin 5965 - XVth century, paper, 169 fol. - online, Gallica,
<http://gallica.bnf.fr/ark:/12148/btv1b10034295p>

Paris, BnF, ms. Latin 5966 - XVth century, paper, 220 fol. - online, Gallica,
<https://gallica.bnf.fr/ark:/12148/btv1b100342964>

- "Nullification trial", 1455 - *Processus justificationis*

London, BL, Stowe 84 - written 1455-1456, parchment, 182 fol. - online,
http://www.bl.uk/manuscripts/FullDisplay.aspx?ref=Stowe_MS_84

Paris, BnF, ms. Latin 5970 - 1456, parchment, 182 fol. - online, Gallica
<http://gallica.bnf.fr/ark:/12148/btv1b10027866w>

Paris, BnF, ms. Latin 17013 - Rouen, 1456-1458, parchment, 180 fol. - online, Gallica,
<https://gallica.bnf.fr/ark:/12148/btv1b8593564c>

Paris, BnF, ms. Latin 8838 - Rehabilitation trial and Chronique du siège d'Orléans, also called the "D'Urfé manuscript" ("episcopal copy") - French, XVth century, parchment, 293 fol. - online, Gallica,
<https://gallica.bnf.fr/ark:/12148/btv1b8458433p>

The links to the manuscripts in London lead first to the descriptions. Descriptions of manuscripts at the Bibliothèque nationale de France can be found using the catalogue for archives and manuscripts, <https://archivesetmanuscrits.bnf.fr>, or using the links to this catalogue given in Gallica for each item. For the other manuscripts descriptions can be found online using the *Catalogue collectif de France*, <https://ccfr.bnf.fr/portailccfr/jsp/public/index.jsp>.

- Some sources held at the Archives nationales, Paris - ARCHIM

<http://www2.culture.gouv.fr/documentation/archim/accueil.html>

AE/III/2809 - inquest concerning the nullification trial, 1452, Jehan Brehal -

<http://www2.culture.gouv.fr/Wave/image/archim/Pages/04571.htm>

AE/II/447 - Registers of the Parlement de Paris - at. fol. 12v marginal drawing of Joan of Arc, 1429 -

<http://www2.culture.gouv.fr/Wave/image/archim/Pages/03870.htm>

Major editions and studies

Quicherat, Jules (ed.), *Procès de condamnation et de réhabilitation de Jeanne d'Arc. dite la Pucelle* (5 vol., Paris 1841-1849) - online, <https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/000409945> - reprint by Tisset, Pierre and Yvonne Lanhers (eds. and trans.), *Procès de condamnation de Jeanne d'Arc.* (3 vols., Paris, 1960-1971)

Champion, Pierre (ed.) . *Procès de condamnation de Jeanne d'Arc. : Texte, traduction et notes* (2 vols. . (Paris, 1920-1921). -online: vol. 1, <https://archive.org/details/procsdecondamn01cham/> ; vol. 2 <https://archive.org/details/procsdecondamn02cham>

Doncoeur, Paul and Yvonne Lanhers (eds.), *Documents et recherches relatifs à Jeanne la Pucelle* (5 vols., Paris, 1952-1961).

Duparc, Pierre (ed.), *Procès en nullité de la condamnation de Jeanne d'Arc.* (5 vols., Paris 1977-1989).

- Major modern studies

The flood of studies about Joan of Arc is immense. In my view one study stands out for its sheer scale, Wolfgang Müller, *Der Prozeß Jeanne d'Arc. Quellen, Sachverhalt einschließlich des zeit- und geistesgeschichtlichen Hintergrundes, Verurteilung und Rechtfertigung, rechtliche Würdigung und Schlußbemerkungen* (4 vol., Hamburg, Kovač, 2004); The validity of the trial and the use of canon law comes concisely into view in his article, 'Le procès de réhabilitation. Fut-il "le vrai procès de Jeanne d'Arc"?', *Francia* 34/1 (2007) 207-213 - online, <https://perspectivia.net/publikationen/francia/34-1-2007/0207-0213>