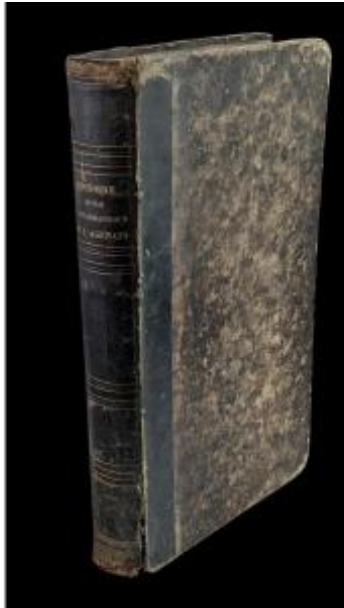




Manuscript, 623 Pages - History Of Agen By Pierre Caprais Tournié (1795-1880)



750 EUR

Signature : Pierre Caprais Tournié (1795-1880)

Period : 19th century

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Description

623-page manuscript - History of Agen by Pierre Caprais Tournié (1795-1880) Very handsome bound manuscript recounting the history of the city of Agen and its church by Pierre Caprais Tournié, priest and intellectual luminary. Taken from the manuscripts of M. Argenton, canon of Saint-Caprais and M. Laburrie, curé de Monbran with notes and additions by M. Tournié, priest and professor at the Petit Séminaire. Agen 1842 623 beautifully written pages. With the author's bookplate at the front of the book. 21.5x33cm and 5cm thick. This manuscript was discovered in a closed box in a house in Agen not long ago. Ref Y165 Life of Pierre Caprais Tournié Born in Agen in 1795, Pierre Tournié grew up in a family poor but deeply Christian working-class family. His childhood

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was marked by the French Revolution; he was secretly baptized by a proscribed priest a scene that would engrave in him an unshakeable faith. Fatherless raised by his mother and grandmother with absolute respect for religion. After a rough start at school with a master weaver, he entered in 1808, where he proved to be a model pupil, with a keen intelligence and great piety. At the age of twenty, he began teaching at M. Boë's college in Agen, where he re-established discipline by example alone. Noticing his talent, his teacher sent him to Paris to perfect his studies. Nicknamed "the little monk of the Sorbonne", he rubbed shoulders with some of the greatest such as M. Gail and M. Burnouf, with whom he collaborated on editions of Greek classics. His phenomenal memory, in particular his ability to recite the Iliad by heart, made him a star in his examinations. Despite the prospects of fame in Paris, he chose to return to Agen out of gratitude to M. Boë. It was then that his religious vocation. This choice leads to a heart-rending scene with Mr. Boë, who had hoped to make him his successor, but Mr. Tournié remained firm: "God is calling me! God is calling me! He entered the Petit-Séminaire in 1830 and was ordained a priest shortly afterwards. As a teacher, he taught the sciences (botany, mineralogy) and archaeology with a simple, practical method. He even set up a natural history cabinet. In 1849, despite his great modesty and initial reluctance, he was appointed Superior of the Petit-Séminaire d'Agen. During his twelve years in charge, he : modernized discipline, emphasizing a sense of duty rather than fear. Rejuvenated the buildings, creating gardens and opening up the institution for the well-being of students. Remains a respected friend and advisor to his colleagues. Stricken by infirmities resulting from his hard work, he retired prematurely from his position as superior. He spends his last years in the seminary, a consultant revered for his science and benevolence. He passes away peacefully,

resigned and ready for heaven, on the feast day of his first communion. Sources describe him above all as a "man of duty", remained true to his principles through the many changes of political regimes of his century.