

## Karl G. Johansson: Bero Magni de Ludosia, “Biskop Arne” of Bergen and Monastic book collections. The movements of books in the Middle Ages.

Bero Magni, or in Swedish Björn Magnusson, left Skara for Wien in the first half of the fifteenth century and would never return to Sweden. His book collection was donated to Skara in 1475. The collection is not extant today, but an inventory list is still extant. More than a century earlier a Latin codex, now Uppsala University Library Ms. C 564, was produced, perhaps in Bergen. It contains a book inventory often attributed to the Bergen bishop Arne. These two lists provide highly relevant information about books owned by two clerics at two different points in time during the Middle Ages. In my presentation I would like to make a comparison between the two libraries and further compare them to what we know of monastic book collections in the period 1300–1500 with a focus on Iceland. The presentation will be tentative and aimed at starting a discussion on how books moved and were collected to form libraries in Scandinavia.