## Foreword

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  Modern Libraries and Ancient Painting in Seicento Rome," Zeitschrift für Kunstgeschichte
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- Alessandra Tempesta, "Il museo di Francesco Gualdi nella Roma del Seicento tra raccolta private ed esibizione pubblica," Bollettino d'arte ser. 6, 77 (1992): 1-42.
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  - While the former are unedited, the latter have in most cases been edited.
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## Chapter One

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  - Ago, Economia barocca.
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- TI. Jane Schneider, "Trousseau as Treasure: Some Contradictions of Late Nineteenth-Century Change in Sicily," in Beyond the Myths of Culture: Essays in Cultural Materialism, ed. Eric B. Ross (New York: Academic Press, 1980); Helen Ward, "Worth Its Weight in Gold: Women and Value in North West India" (PhD diss., University of Cambridge, 1997); Muldrew, The Economy of Obligation, 80; Giulia Calvi and Isabelle Chabot, eds., Le ricchezze delle donne: Diritti patrimoniali e poteri familiari in Italia (XIII–XIX secc.) (Turin: Rosenberg and Sellier, 1998). On the role of women in the circulation of goods, see also Marilyn Strathern, The Gender of the Gift: Problems with Women and Problems with Society in Melanesia (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1988); Marilyn Strathern, Property, Substance, and Effect: Anthropological Essays on Persons and Things (London: Athlone Press, 1999).
- 12. Renata Ago, "Oltre la dote: I beni femminili," in Il lavoro delle donne, ed. Angela Groppi (Rome-Bari: Laterza, 1996), 164–82; Sandra Cavallo, "Proprietà o possesso? Composizione e controllo dei beni delle donne a Torino (1650–1710)," in Le ricchezze delle donne, 187–208.
- See the case of Dorotea Antolini, pp. 35-36 herein; ASR, Notai RCA, b. 1474,
  will of Bernardino Gioj; ibid., b. 1474, cc. 275f, will of Marta de Rossi (1639).
- Giovanni Gioviano Pontano, I libri delle virtù sociali, ed. Francesco Tateo (Rome: Bulzoni, 1999). On the uses of money, also see Tateo's introduction, p. 16.
  - 15. Ibid., 18.
  - 16. Ibid., 231.
  - ASR, TN, uff. 28, Wills, vol. 2, cc. 63f.
- 18. Some examples of bequests that called for the liquidation of furniture, silver, and other goods are found in ASR, TN, uff. 28, Testamenti, vol. 2, cc. 63, 790, 916; ASR, Notai RCA, b. 1474, cc. 6, 7, 23, 221, 266; ibid., b. 854, c. 849.

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- On the role of time in creating a symbolic link between an object and its owner, see
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  - 22. ASR, Santacroce, b. 969 and b. 747, f. 3.
  - 23. Ibid.
- 24. Biblioteca Casanatense, Rome, ms. 5054, Lettere di Girolama Naro Santacroce al figlio Scipione. In reality he was in exile because of a duel, but this did not prevent his full participation in court life or cause the disgrace of his family in Rome.
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  - 27. ASR, Cartari Febei, b. 22, November 1, 1633.
  - 28. Ibid., January 17, 1634.
- 29. Daniel Roche, The Culture of Clothing: Dress and Fashion in the "Ancien Régime," trans. Jean Birrell (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994); Patricia Allerston, "Clothing and Early Modern Venetian Society," Continuity and Change 15, no. 3 (2000): 367–90; Patricia Allerston, "The Market in Second Hand Cloths and Furnishings in Venice, c. 1500–1650" (PhD diss., European University Institute, 1996); Ago, "Gerarchia delle merci e meccanismi dello scambio a Roma nel primo Seicento," Quaderni storici 96 (1997): 663–83; Beverly Lemire, "Second-Hand Beaux and "Red-Armed Belles": Conflict and the Creation of Fashions in England, c. 1600–1800," Continuity and Change 15, no. 3 (2000): 391–417; Maria Giuseppina Muzzarelli, Guardaroba medievale: Vesti e società dal XIII al XVI secolo (Bologna: Il Mulino, 1999).
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  - ASR, Spada Veralli, b. 775, conto n. 16, 1681.
- 33. Luciano Allegra, "Come il capitalismo maturo riscoprì la protoindustria e la impose (agli altri)," in Il genere dell'Europa: Le radici communi della cultura europea e l'identità di genere, ed. Andreina De Clementi (Rome: Biblink, 2003).
  - 34. ASR, Santacroce, mandati nn. 174, 193, 207, 208 in 1702 and 35 in 1703.
  - 35. ASR, Cartari Febei, b. 22, December 6, 1633.

- Ibid., December 13, 1633.
- Ibid., December 20, 1633.
- Ibid., February 1634.
- 39. The mother had written: "I have already made the fur coat for Father Gregorio and I spent two scudi on it, and now it is necessary to send money as payment to our agent Facchini, otherwise he won't do anything for us" (ASR, Cartari Febei, b. 22, December 6, 1633).
  - ASR, Cartari Febei, b. 22, December 10, 1633.
- Cesare Evitascandali, Dialogo del maestro di casa (Roma: Vullietti, 1603), 81,
  cited also by Gozzano, La quadreria di Lorenzo Onofrio Colonna, 158.
  - 42. ASR, Sforza Cesarini, b. 249, Register of Payments, 1689.
  - 43. ASR, Santacroce, b. 747, n. 164 of 1702.
  - 44. ASR, Cartari Febei, b. 22, 20 and 27 of June 1634.
  - 45. Ibid., October 29, 1633.
  - 46. Ibid., December 24, 1633.
  - 47. Ibid., November 12, 1633.
- 48. The original reads 19 hore (19 hours). Since Italian hours began the day at a half hour after sunset, on May 6, 1593, the sun set at 7:13 p.m., making this just before 4 p.m. (PF).
  - ASR, S. Giacomo, b. 172, fasc. 10 (Fabiani).
- 50. ASR, S. Giacomo, b. 172, fasc. 8 (Gavotti). In 1657 Maria Veralli gave Venetian wax and fine sugar to the lawyers who were dealing with one of her cases (see ASR, Spada Veralli, b. 1002).
- Cited by Donatella Livia Sparti, Le collezioni Dal Pozzo: Storia di una famiglia e del suo museo nella Roma seicentesca (Florence: Panini, 1998), 169, December 13, 1642.
- 52. Ibid., February 1702, March 1702, July 1702, March 1704, and May 1703. Even melons were a sought-after food: in an account book they appear as an exceptional expense for the Feast of the Assumption (see ASR, Santacroce, b. 713, August 1552).
  - 53. Ibid., March 1702 and March 1704.
  - ASR, Cartari Febei, b. 40.
  - 55. Ibid., b. 22, February 14, 1634.
  - 56. Ibid., b. 22, August 8, 1634.
  - Pomian, "Collezione."
- Maura Piccialuti Caprioli, L'immortalità dei beni: Fedecommessi e primogeniture a Roma nei secoli XVII e XVIII (Rome: Viella, 1999).
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- 61. In ibid., 217.
- 62. From the Palazzo Venezia to the Palazzo Farnese, the bibliography on the great Roman palazzos of the Renaissance is very rich. For a recent synthesis see Maria Letizia Gualandi, "Fervore edilizio, trasformazioni urbanistiche e realizzazioni monumentali da Martino V Colonna a Paolo V Borghese," in Roma del Rinascimento, ed. Antonio Pinelli (Rome: Laterza, 2001), 123–60.
- 63. Maria Luisa Madonna and Mario Bevilacqua, "The Roman Families in Urban Development," in Rome and Amsterdam: Two Growing Cities in Seventeenth-Century Europe, ed. Peter van Kessel and Elisja Schulte van Kessel (Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 1997), 104–23.
  - 64. Ibid., 118-19.
  - 65. Ibid., 120.
- Mario Bevilacqua, Il Monte dei Cenci: Una famiglia romana e il suo insediamento urbano tra Medioevo ed età barocca (Rome: Gangemi, 1988), 78.
- 67. Benedetta Borello, "Du patriciat urbain à la Chaire de Saint Pierre: Les Pamphilj du XVe au XVIIIe siècle" (PhD thesis, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales [Paris], 2000).
- 68. Goldthwaite, Wealth and the Demand for Art in Italy, 168–69; Bevilacqua, Il Monte dei Cenci, 76–78. On the "obsession" of Filippo Strozzi, who in his testament devoted page after page to a minute assessment of all the genealogical possibilities that could have led to a similar catastrophe—namely, the loss of the family palazzo, see Goldthwaite, Wealth and the Demand for Art in Italy, 233.
  - 69. ASR, Notai RCA, c. 274, 1638.
  - 70. Ibid., c. 206, 1606.
- 71. Paula Findlen, Possessing Nature: Museums, Collecting, and Scientific Culture in Early Modern Italy (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1994), 293. Identical concepts are found in the wills of Ulisse Aldrovandi (1603) and Alfonso Donnino (1651).
- Rodolfo Amedeo Lanciani, Storia degli scavi di Roma e notizie intorno le collezioni romane di antichità (Bologna: A. Forni, 1975), 83.
- 73. Christoph Luitpold Frommel, "Caravaggios Früwerk und der Kardinal Francesco Maria del Monte," Storia dell'arte 9–10 (1971): 5–52; Zygmunt Wazbinski, Il cardinale Francesco Maria del Monte, 1549–1626, 2 vols. (Florence: L. S. Olschki, 1994).
  - 74. ASR, Giustiniani, b. 132, c. 30.
  - 75. ASR, Cartari, b. 22, November 1, 1633.
  - 76. Ibid., March 21, 1634.
  - 77. Ibid., March 25, 1634.
  - 78. Ibid., March 27, 1634.
  - 79. Ibid., April 4, 1634.

- 80. Ibid., April 18, 1634.
- 81. Ibid., May 25, 1634.
- 82. Ibid., December 18, 1633.
- 83. Ibid., February 14, 1634.
- 84. ASR, Misc. famiglie, b. 61, fasc. 6.
- 85. Leon Battista Alberti and others often used the adjective "massaio" and the noun "masserizia" to indicate "concern and care for things." See Leon Battista Alberti, I libri della famiglia, ed. Ruggiero Romano, Alberto Tenenti, and Francesco Furlan (Turin: Einaudi, 1994).
- Martha C. Howell, "Fixing Movables: Gifts by Testament in Late Medieval Douai,"
  Past and Present 150 (1996): 3–45.
  - 87. ASR, S.ma Annunziata, b. 44, cc. 277-78 (italics mine).
- 88. ASR, Notai RCA, b. 1474, cc. 262f., will of Francesco Raimondo, 1634; ibid. cc. 275f., will of Marta de Rossi, 1639. For other examples of bequeathed objects see ibid., cc. 6f., cc. 8of., cc. 201f., and cc. 329f. See also Howell, "Fixing Movables."
- 89. "Movables must be acquired by a splendid man for honest uses, so that he can avail himself of them when necessary and also, when reason so counsels, give them away, sometimes in great quantities." Pontano, I libri delle virtù sociali, 231.
- ASR, Santacroce, b. 286, October and November 1702; ASR, Santacroce, b. 747, gifts, 1703.
  - 91. ASR, Notai AC, vol. 4772, cc. 32f., 1667.
  - Letter of October 2, 1627, cited in Sparti, Le collezioni Dal Pozzo, 173.
  - 93. ASR, Spada Veralli, b. 827, cc. 7, 9, 10, 13, 17, 33.
  - 94. Ibid., cc. 7 and 9.
  - ASR, Cartari, b. 33, August 31, 1672.
  - 96. Ibid., August 6, 1672.
  - 97. ASR, Misc. famiglie, b. 61, fasc. 6.
  - ASR, S. Girolamo della Carità, b. 4.
- Christiane Klapisch-Zuber, "The Griselda Complex: Dowry and Marriage Gifts in the Quattrocento," in Women, Family, and Ritual in Renaissance Italy (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1985), 213–46.
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## Chapter Two

 ASR, S. Giacomo, b. 183. On family record books in Italy, see Angelo Cicchetti and Raul Mordenti, I libri di famiglia in Italia (Rome: Edizioni di storia e letteratura, 1985).

- ASR, Cartari Febei, b. 40, f. 1.
- ASR, Santacroce, b. 514.
- ASR, S.ma Annunziata, b. 150, 1616.
- Monsignor Giovan Battista Gavotti always had his household steward keep the account books, although he reviewed them himself (ASR, S. Giacomo, b. 172, 1628–31).
  - ASR, Santacroce, b. 524, 1647–53.
- 7. ASR, Spada Veralli, b. 1002, years 1651–63. An old inventory defines them as ledgers, but in reality they were journals of income and expenditure. They contained all the receipts and expenses in which the marquise was involved on a daily basis, with income written on the left side of the page and expenditures on the right side.
  - The first is in ASR, Spada Veralli, b. 756, 1662.
  - ASR, Cartari Febei, b. 40, July 30, 1647.
  - ASR, Notai AC, b. 945, cc. 37f., 1700.
  - ASR, Santacroce, b. 713, 1551.
- For some examples see ASR, TN, uff. 28, vol. 142, cc. 51f., February 7, 1628;
  ibid., uff. 25, vol. 101, cc. 499f., August 21, 1625; ASR, Notai AC, vol. 2204, cc. 565f.,
  1645.
  - See the expense book of Monsignor Gavotti in ASR, S. Giacomo, b. 172.
- 14. Virgilio Spada divided his notebook into six distinct, highly ordered parts, such as the expenses for the Spada family of Rome, his "relatives, the Fantuzzi," his "own upkeep," the Spada of Faenza, etc. He concluded with a few pages of general summary (see ASR, Spada Veralli, b. 827).
  - ASR, Spada Veralli, b. 827, c. 30.
- 16. On economic treatises and the duties of the paterfamilias, see Daniela Frigo, Il padre di famiglia: Governo della casa e governo civile nella tradizione dell'Economica tra Cinque e Seicento (Rome: Bulzoni, 1985).
  - 17. Ibid.
  - ASR, Spada Veralli, b. 1002, 1657.
  - 19. Ibid., 1658.
  - Ibid.
  - 21. Ibid., 1659.
- 22. The documents record a taffeta hood from England in 1659, a feather beret in 1660, and a robe of silver leaf in 1661 for one girl. For the other, a shawl embroidered with gold and a matching outer girdle in 1657 and a collar of white lace and a dress of quilted fabric in 1660. See ASR, Spada Veralli, b. 1002.
- Young chickens, pigs, pigeons, eggs, and sausage on various occasions. See ASR,
  Spada Veralli, b. 1002.
  - 24. See ASR, Spada Veralli, b. 1002.
  - ASR, Spada, b. 756, n. 15, 1663; ibid., n. 46, 1663.

- 26. Ibid., n. 30, 1663; ibid., n. 20, 1663; ibid., nn. 20 and 50, 1663.
- 27. ASR, Spada, b. 794, c. 3.
- 28. ASR, Spada, b. 801.
- ASR, Spada, b. 794, January, April, May, and July 1667; August, February, April, June, July, and August 1668.
  - 30. Ibid., December 1667.
  - 31. Ibid., January, May, and December 1668; January and February 1669.
  - 32. Ibid., July 1669.
- 33. ASR, Spada, b. 801, September 1670: 1.50 scudi for "stuff bought from the milliner who came to the Castle to give [the purchased merchandise] to those women."
- Ibid., November 1668; February, June, July, October 1669; October 1670; January, July, August, December 1671; May 1672, etc.
- That is, like a tapestry. See Luigi Grassi, Marco Pepe, and Giancarlo Sestieri,
  Dizionario di antiquariato: Dizionario storico-critico di Arte e Antiquariato dall'antichità
  all'inizio del Novecento (Turin: UTET, 1989).
  - 36. ASR, Santacroce, b. 969, March, September, and December 1700; May 1701.
- Ibid., November and December 1700, October 1701, January and May 1702;
  March 1703.
  - 38. Ibid., February, October, and November 1700.
- 39. We do not know their titles because the first two inventories mention only "twenty-four different books" and "one devotional to the Virgin Mary," and the final one only speaks generically of "thirty books" and "three devotionals."
- 40. The sources offer at least one more case in which the monetary part of a dowry was restituted in kind: the will of the merchant Bernardino Gioj (1632), which ordered the restitution of 300 scudi in the form of jewelry, silverware, and "stuff from the shop." See ASR, Notai RCA, b. 1474, cc. 221f.
- Christiane Klapisch-Zuber, "Un salario o l'onore: Come valutare le donne fiorentine del XIV–XV secolo," Quaderni storici 79 (1992): 41–49.
- 42. The sample consisted of seventy-six inventories—not only postmortem but also dowry and others—chosen at random, provided that the testators were members of the middling classes (they did not come from the titled nobility).
- 43. Paolo Malanima, I Riccardi di Firenze: Una famiglia e un patrimonio nella Toscana dei Medici (Florence: L. S. Olschki, 1977); Carole Shammas, The Pre-Industrial Consumer in England and America (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1990); Maria Antonietta Visceglia, "I consumi in Italia in età moderna," in Storia dell'economia italiana, vol. 2, L'età moderna: Verso la crisi, ed. Ruggiero Romano (Turin: Einaudi, 1991), esp. 212–15.
- 44. See Malanima, I Riccardi di Firenze, 159, table XVIII. On the Odescalchi family, see Giuseppe Mira, Vicende economiche di una famiglia italiana dal XIV al XVII secolo

(Milan: Società editrice "Vita e pensiero," 1940). On the expenditures of noble households in general, see Valeria Pinchera, Lusso e decoro: Vita quotidiana e spese dei Salviati di Firenze nel Sei e Settecento (Pisa: Scuola normale superiore, 1999).

- 45. ASR, TN, uff. 5, Testamenti 1645, cc. 15f.
- 46. ASR, Notai RCA, b. 1474, cc. 6f e cc. 201f.
- See, for instance, the will of Serafina Mancini, who left "her best garment to her cousin." ASR, Notai RCA, b. 1474, cc. 329f.
- ASR, Notai AC, Testamenti e donazioni, b. 4, 1641. For Dorotea Antolini, see
  pp. 35–36 herein.
  - 49. Lanciani, Storia degli scavi di Roma.
- 50. ASR, Notai RCA, b. 854, cc. 849, will of Gian Girolamo Spinola, 1622; ASR, TN, uff. 28, Testamenti, vol. 2, cc. 63f, will of Attilio Casini, 1623; ASR, Notai RCA, b. 1474, cc. 7f, will of Vincenzo Panziroli, 1598.
- 51. Ibid., cc. 790f., will of Alessandro Cataneo, 1602; ibid., cc. 916f., will of Giovanni Maria Benaglia, 1629; ASR, Notai RCA, b. 1474, cc. 6f., will of Camillo Moretti; ibid., cc. 23f., will of Virginia Bardi, 1604; ibid., cc. 266f., will of Sofonisba Ciaroni, 1635; ASR, Notai RCA, b. 1029, cc. 301f., will of Alessandra Pelliccia, 1648. On "becoming Roman," see ASR, Notai RCA, b. 1474, cc. 221f., will of Bernardino Gioj, 1632.
- 52. Fideicommisary agreements emerged with increasing frequency in the late sixteenth and seventeenth centuries in Italy, inspired by Roman law. They offered a version of entail, creating an inalienable trust, often in perpetuity, out of the most precious aspects of a family patrimony (PF).
- 53. Leon Battista Alberti, I libri della famiglia, ed. Ruggiero Romano, Alberto Tenenti, and Francesco Furlan (Turin: Einaudi, 1994). Book 2, De re uxoria, 86f. Elsewhere, when he spoke about "unnecessary" but still honorable expenses, he cited only "beautiful books and noble horses" (ibid., 224). Even Giovanni Pontano spoke only about vases, drapes, flatware, and "similar things." Pontano, I libri delle virtù sociali, 229.
- 54. Sabba da Castiglione, Ricordi overo ammaestramenti di monsig: Sabba Castiglione, caualier gerosolimitano; ne i quali con prudenti, e christiani discorsi si ragiona di tutte le materie honorate, che si ricercano a un vero gentil'huomo (Venice: Griffio, 1575), 160-67.
  - 55. Alberti, I libri della famiglia.
  - 56. Ibid., 263.
  - 57. Ibid., 218.
- 58. Ago defines this distinction more vividly as beni del corpo (corporeal things) and beni dello spirito (goods for the soul), but since "spiritual" in English has a more specific meaning than the idea of "goods for the soul" in Italian, we have preferred a less literal translation.