

# The Grantha Manuscripts in the Cambridge University Library Collection: a Survey

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Among the hundreds of manuscripts held by the Cambridge University Library, a relatively small group consists of 42 manuscripts on palm leaves written in the Tamilian Grantha script, i.e. the script used for centuries in the Tamil speaking areas in South India to write texts in Sanskrit language. Virtually no information about these manuscripts was known before they were investigated and catalogued between September 2013 and July 2014, in the frame of the “Sanskrit Manuscripts Project, Cambridge”. This paper aims at providing a survey of this sub-group of the CUL collection, with special reference to the texts they hand down (which amount to more than one hundred, since most of the 42 Grantha manuscripts are multi-text manuscripts). Some remarks about interesting palaeographical features found in the codices will be given as well.