This binding was received for treatment to stabilize the binding in preparation for digitization. The upper and lower board joints were split and the inner hinges broken. The cover was warped and the leather spine caps were missing. The binding’s structural repair included repairs to the outer joints and endcaps with Sekishu tissue toned with Schmincke watercolors and were adhered with dry wheat starch paste. The repairs were coated with a mixture of SC6000 and Klucel G in ethanol to protect the repair from wear. The boards were flattened by compressing the book inside the enclosure over a long period.
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Treatment Report Cont'd

i8581541x_1107_A03N, Before Treatment, Top Edge

i8581541x_1107_D03N, After Treatment, Top Edge