

Preliminary Guide to the Collection of Bookplates from British Institutions

BKP 55



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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: BKP 55

TITLE: Collection of Bookplates from British Institutions

DATES: circa 1700-1950

BULK DATES: 1800–1899

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.42 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection comprises mostly 18th- and 19th-century bookplates from a variety of British institutions, including libraries, social organizations, military organizations, schools and colleges as well as businesses.

ONLINE FINDING AID: To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/arts.bkp.0055>

Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/arts.bkp.0055>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Yale Bookplate Collection was formerly housed in Sterling Memorial Library, Room 608. The collection was incorporated into the Arts of the Book Collection in 1984 and then moved to the Seeley G. Mudd Library in 1990. In 2011 it was transferred to the Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Copyright has not been transferred to Yale University.

Preferred Citation

Collection of Bookplates from British Institutions, Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library, Yale University.

Processing Information

The collection was originally housed in two boxes labeled "English Institutions." Also, the series divisions are based on the original categories assigned to the collection.

Scope and Contents

The collection comprises mostly 18th- and 19th-century bookplates from a variety of British institutions, including libraries, social organizations, military organizations, schools and colleges as well as businesses.

Arrangement

Organized into ten series: I. Parochial and Ecclesiastical Libraries. II. Circulating and Public Libraries. III. Clubs and Other Social Organizations. IV. Military Organizations. V. Schools and Colleges. VI. Premiums. VII. Universal Bookplates. VIII. Unidentified Bookplates. IX. Dr. John S. Pearson Collection of Bookplates from British Institutions.

Arranged alphabetically by the name of the institution. Whenever multiple bookplates from different organizations are affixed to the same mount, these are filed at the end of the series in a "Miscellaneous" folder or folders. Some of the miscellaneous items are duplicates of those appearing earlier in the series, whereas others are new to the series.

Collection Contents

Series I: Parochial and Ecclesiastical Libraries

This series includes bookplates from a variety of parochial and ecclesiastical libraries.

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| b. 1, f. 1 | Martin Benson, Bishop of Gloucester – York Minister <i>24 Items</i> | 1742-1847 undated |
| b. 1, f. 2 | Miscellaneous parochial and ecclesiastical libraries <i>22 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 3 | Miscellaneous parochial and ecclesiastical libraries <i>22 Items</i> | 1821-1833 undated |
| b. 1, f. 4 | Miscellaneous parochial and ecclesiastical libraries <i>21 Items</i> | 1732-1826 undated |
| b. 1, f. 5 | Miscellaneous parochial and ecclesiastical libraries <i>13 Items</i> | 1737 circa 1800 undated |

Series II: Circulating and Public Libraries

This series includes bookplates from both circulating libraries and municipal free public libraries.

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| b. 1, f. 6 | Bally's Circulating Library – Dumbarton Library <i>20 Items</i> | 1815 1825 undated |
| b. 1, f. 7 | Falkirk Public Library – Liverpool Library <i>16 Items</i> | 1758-1876 undated |
| b. 1, f. 8 | Manchester Circulating Library – Plymouth Proprietary Library <i>23 Items</i> | undated |
| b. 1, f. 9 | Reference Library (Buckingham Palace Rd.) – Worcester Library <i>8 Items</i> | 1790-1890 undated |
| | Bookseller's Labels Booksellers often offered circulating library services. | |
| b. 1, f. 10 | Adolphe – Withers <i>10 items</i> This folder also contains a plate for Adolphe Art Photographer and Miniature Painter, 75 Grafton St., Dublin. | undated |
| b. 1, f. 11 | Miscellaneous circulating and public libraries <i>13 Items</i> | 1892 undated |

Series III: Clubs and Other Social Organizations

This series includes bookplates from a wide variety of social organizations.

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| b. 1, f. 12 | <p>Archaeological Society (London) – Inner Temple Library <i>22 Items</i></p> <p>This folder contains a record of subscribers' names as well as dates for when a book was delivered by and returned to the Godalming Book Society.</p> | 1824-1901 undated |
| b. 1, f. 13 | <p>Louth Book-Club – Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts <i>20 Items</i></p> | 1704-1882 undated |
| b. 1, f. 14 | <p>Society of Antiquaries of London – Working Men's Club <i>10 Items</i></p> <p>This folder contains an ex-libris design for the Royal Watercolour Society. The design features a landscape with a monument in the foreground, listing members' names and capped with a palette labeled "Water Colours."</p> | 1894 undated |
| b. 1, f. 15 | <p>Miscellaneous clubs and other social organizations <i>20</i></p> | 1805-1846 undated |
| b. 1, f. 16 | <p>Miscellaneous clubs and other social organizations <i>20 Items</i></p> <p>This folder contains a membership list in the order of circulation along with dates for the Castle-Gate Junior Book-Society.</p> | 1765-1825 undated |
| b. 1, f. 17 | <p>Miscellaneous clubs and other social organizations <i>22 Items</i></p> <p>This folder contains a bookplate for the Ex Libris Lodge, No. 3765, a Freemason organization founded in London in 1915 by bookplate enthusiasts. This bookplate was designed by J. A. C. Harrison.</p> | 1839-1916 undated |
| b. 1, f. 18 | <p>Miscellaneous clubs and other social organizations <i>22 Items</i></p> | 1878 undated |

Series IV: Military Organizations

This series includes bookplates from a variety of military organizations.

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| b. 1, f. 19 | 67th Regiment – Royal Naval School <i>7 Items</i> | 1763-1879 undated |
| b. 1, f. 20 | Miscellaneous military organizations <i>16 Items</i> | 1842 undated |

Series V: Schools and Colleges

This series includes bookplates from a variety of schools and colleges, ranging from grammar school to university.

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| b. 1, f. 21 | Blackheath Proprietary School – Presbyterian College of England <i>20 Items</i> | 1841 undated |
| b. 1, f. 22 | Queen’s College, Cork – Winchester College <i>17 Items</i> | 1746 1760 undated |
| b. 1, f. 23 | Miscellaneous schools and colleges <i>15 Items</i> | 1869 undated |

Series VI: Premiums

This series includes prize bookplates – also known as premiums. Schools often presented students with books as a reward; starting in the 18th century, these books typically included a bookplate inscribed with the name of the student and the subject or other reason for recognition.

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| b. 1, f. 24 | The Association Incorporated for Discountenancing Vice and Promoting the Knowledge & Practice of the Christian Religion – St. Peter’s College (Westminster, London, England) <i>14 Items</i> | 1779-1866 undated |
| b. 1, f. 25 | Trinity College (Dublin, Ireland) <i>52 items</i> | circa 1700-1869 undated |
| b. 1, f. 26 | Miscellaneous premiums <i>18 items</i> | circa 1700-1885 undated |

Series VII: Universal Bookplates

This series includes universal bookplates, which are ex-libris designs that are typically available commercially and allow the owner to insert his or her own name.

b. 1, f. 27

Miscellaneous universal bookplates
17 Items

undated

Series VIII: Unidentified Bookplates

This series includes mostly unidentified armorial bookplates, although it also includes a few unidentified pictorial ex-libris designs as well.

b. 1, f. 28

Miscellaneous unidentified bookplates
*22 Items*undated

Series IX: Dr. John S. Pearson Collection of Bookplates from British Institutions

This series includes a group of British institutional bookplates housed in an envelope addressed to Dr. J. S. Pearson.

b. 1, f. 29

Dr. John S. Pearson Collection
14 bookplates; 2 envelopes

1800-1950
undated

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Bookplates, British

Genres / Formats

Bookplates