

Guide to the Collection of Bookplates from the British West Indies

BKP 73



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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: BKP 73

TITLE: Collection of Bookplates from the British West Indies

DATES: 1741-1913

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.25 linear feet (3 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: This is a collection of mostly 18th- and 19th-century armorial bookplates from territories formerly known as the British West Indies or from individuals who were associated with those territories. Most of the bookplates belonged to private individuals, although the collection does contain a few institutional bookplates from various library, university, or social organizations.

ONLINE FINDING AID: To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/arts.bkp.0073>

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.0073>.

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. 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 the British West Indies, Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library, Yale University.

Associated Materials

See also the Pearson-Lowenhaupt Collection of English and American Bookplates (Call # BKP 30).

Scope and Contents

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Most of the bookplates are mounted on paper cards, measuring 5 x 8 inches. The mounts bear evidence of various inscriptions, including the place of origin (or association) and one or more numbers, some of which may correspond to the identification numbers used by the Franks Collection of Bookplates at the British Museum.

The following is a list of the territories identified in the collection: Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, British Guiana, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Martinique, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Croix, St. Kitts, St. Vincent, Tobago, Trinidad, and the Virgin Islands.

Arrangement

Organized into four series: I. Bookplates – Mounted. II. Bookplates – Unmounted. III. Scrapbook. IV. Ephemera.

Collection Contents

Series I: Bookplates – Mounted

Arranged in original alphabetical order.

b. 1, f. 1	Adair – Austen <i>26 Items</i>	1878 undated
b. 1, f. 2	Baillie – Beete <i>20 Items</i>	1784 undated
b. 1, f. 3	Belmore – Briggs <i>20 items</i>	circa 1770 undated
b. 1, f. 4	Brisbane – Byndloss <i>26 Items</i>	circa 1770 1779 undated
b. 1, f. 5	Cameron – Codrington <i>24 items</i>	circa 1760 undated
b. 1, f. 6	Colebrooke – Cussans <i>28 items</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 7	Dallas – Dehaney <i>21 items</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 8	Desbrisay – Dyer <i>15 items</i>	circa 1800 undated
b. 1, f. 9	Earl – Estridge <i>12 items</i>	circa 1790 undated
b. 1, f. 10	Fairholme – Furlong <i>28 Items</i>	1741 circa 1790 undated
b. 1, f. 11	Gale – Gomm <i>20 items</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 12	Gordon – Guiana, Bishops College <i>17 items</i> This folder contains an institutional bookplate for Bishops College in British Guiana.	circa 1770 undated
b. 1, f. 13	Haggatt – Henslowe <i>26 Items</i>	1796 undated
b. 1, f. 14	Hering – Hyde <i>26 items</i>	circa 1750-1820 undated
b. 2, f. 15	Ingram – Julius <i>16 Items</i>	circa 1790 1805 undated
b. 2, f. 16	Keane – Lawrence <i>22 items</i>	undated

b. 2, f. 17	Leighton – Livius <i>20 items</i> This folder contains an institutional bookplate for the Literary Society in Barbados.	undated
b. 2, f. 18	Long – Lyons <i>26 items</i>	1790 undated
b. 2, f. 19	Macartney – Marryat <i>21 items</i>	circa 1791 undated
b. 2, f. 20	Martin – Maynard <i>21 items</i>	1815-1830 undated
b. 2, f. 21	Melville – Musgrave <i>26 items</i>	1903 undated
b. 2, f. 22	Neate – Oughton <i>27 items</i>	1806–1849 1913 undated
b. 2, f. 23	Paris – Pedder <i>20 items</i> This folder contains an exchange letter, dated April 27, 1883, which is attached to the Parsons bookplate. The letter is written by Daniel Parsons of Stuarts Lodge, Malvern Wells, Worcestershire, England, and is addressed to [J. W. Lloyd, Esq.?].	undated
b. 2, f. 24	Pemberton – Prevost <i>20 items</i>	undated
b. 2, f. 25	Rebello – Rutherford <i>24 items</i>	undated
b. 2, f. 26	Sage – Smyth <i>20 items</i>	undated
b. 2, f. 27	Snagg – Symes <i>15 items</i>	undated
b. 2, f. 28	Taylor – Union Hall Library (Jamaica) <i>21 items</i> This folder contains an institutional bookplate for the Union Hall Library in Jamaica.	1797 1870 undated
b. 3, f. 29	Vassall – Waterman <i>20 items</i> This folder contains a bookplate and proof for Spencer L. H. Vassall.	1807 undated
b. 3, f. 30	Webb – Wilson <i>22 items</i>	undated
b. 3, f. 31	Woodbridge – Young <i>15 items</i>	undated

Series II: Bookplates – Unmounted

b. 3, f. 32	East – Hunter <i>4 Items</i>	undated
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Series III: Scrapbook

b. 3, f. 33	Scrapbook <i>1 Item</i>	1902
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This folder contains a half-leather bound scrapbook with the title *West Indian Ex-Libris* and the date 1902 stamped on the spine. The bookplates have been removed, although some inscriptions similar to those found on the mounts of bookplates (see Series I) remain on the scrapbook pages.

Series IV: Ephemera

b. 3, f. 34	Blank bookplate mount <i>1 Item</i>	undated
b. 3, f. 35	Memo <i>1 Item</i> This folder contains a handwritten memo about this collection from Warren Hiram Lowenhaupt, former Curator of Bookplates.	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

Genres / Formats

Bookplates