

John Johnson Collection: pre-1960 ephemera

Private Press index

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Introduction

This index is intended to give a general outline of the contents of this large and important section of private and quality commercial press material. All large publications or formally published items have been indexed.

A number of section titles are described by 'block headings', such as 'Catalogues, prospectuses and announcements', which indicates that items (not necessarily all three at once) of this nature can be found in this section. The term 'Catalogue' is used to describe a wide variety of publications which have the intention of listing a bookseller's, publisher's or printer's stock for sale. This includes everything from early columned lists to traditional format booklets.

Jobbing printing is used to describe work done by the printer or press (usually of an advertising nature) for another company (usually a paying customer). These sections include everything from stationery to large advertising brochures and, where possible, the largest items have been indexed.

This section formerly contained many private press books, many not available elsewhere in the Bodleian. These books have been removed and catalogued. They are listed with shelfmarks and should be ordered through the Bodleian catalogue and not through the Librarian of the John Johnson Collection.

The Private Press section also contained a large amount of personal and professional correspondence between Johnson and various pressmen. All letters to and from Johnson have been removed and placed in a separate and as yet uncatalogued, manuscript section. It is hoped that the letters will be catalogued and fully indexed. Until then, permission to view this small collection (3 boxes) of letters must be obtained from the Librarian of the John Johnson Collection.

Since the acquisition of the John Johnson Collection by the Bodleian in 1968 we have continued to collect private press ephemera. There is a separate list of post-1960 Private Press material.

Kelmscott Press (William Morris)

Box 1:

Morris, William Under an elm-tree or, thoughts in the country-side [Aberdeen; 1891]

Morris, William 'Extracts from an article by William Morris on the artistic qualities of the woodcut books of Ulm and Augsburg in the fifteenth century' in *Bibliographica*, November 5

1890

Morris, William Note by William Morris on his aims in founding the Kelmscott Press (incomplete)

Morris, William Poems by the way (incomplete, possibly a specimen)

The Kelmscott Press Annexe of trial pages... [London; 1933]

Catalogues, prospectuses and announcements, publication lists

A talk by May Morris about her father, William Morris, broadcast by the BBC 1934.

Box 2:

Early Press paper specimens

Jobbing printing

Socialist ephemeral printing (1 item incomplete)

Specimen pages: Including 'The Water Willow' prospectus specimen

Wrappers: Blue paper Cartouches, borders and initial letters

Miscellaneous: Including British Museum accessions receipt [1898]

Box 3:

Prospectuses &c.: Items by and about the Press, but printed elsewhere.

Morris' influence on other printers

Posthumous use of Kelmscott types

Bibliography of Bodleian Library holdings (Pre-1920 CD-ROM)

William Morris Society

Modern Kelmscottiana : Postcards, gallery leaflets etc

Book jackets

Catalogues for Kelmscott Press material sales (other Pre-Raphaelite Presses represented also)

Articles and news cuttings concerning the Press and William Morris

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Morris' influence on named Press's : Essex House Bible (inc. correspondence)

Basilisk Press reprint of 'Chaucer'

John Johnson reprint of Morris poem

Merrymount Press, (D B Updike)

J H Nash's Gutenberg Bible reprint

Specimen pages, uncut proofs etc

Borders (Blanks) and ornaments

For prospectus of William Morris, Edward Burne-Jones and the Kelmscott Chaucer see Arman Coll. Vol. 1 (8v)

King and Queen Press (Williamsburg, Virginia)

20th century

Dew, Thomas R A letter of President Thomas R Dew to professor John Millington [Williamsburg; 1963]

Rago, Henry Praise of comedy: A discourse [Williamsburg; 1963]

'Vital facts: A William and Mary Chronology' in Library Contributions 3 [Williamsburg; 1963]

Exhibition catalogues

Miscellaneous

King's Stone Press

20th century

Buchan, Alice *St George and the dragon: A play in one act*

[Long Compton;]

Cornish Church Kalender being a kalender of saints for the use of the diocese of Truro [Long Compton; 1933]

Miscellaneous (1 item)

Knight, Charles (Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge)

19th century

Penny Magazine and other publications

Skits and cartoons

Biography &c.

Titles

Catalogues, prospectuses and announcements

Window bills

Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge

Knight, John and Lacey, Henry

19th century

The chimney corner companion, issue 1 [London;]

Titles

Miscellaneous

Koch, Rudolph (Klingspoo Typefoundry Offenbach, Germany)

20th century

Box 1

Biography and articles concerning the Press

Greetings cards

Nazi symbolism and design

Exhibition catalogues

Catalogues, prospectuses and announcements

Miscellaneous printed : General

Miscellaneous printed : Music

Box 2

Flower, Desmond; Meynell, Francis and Symons, A J A *The Nonesuch Century. An appraisal, a personal note and a bibliography of the first hundred books issued by the Press 1923 - 1934* [London; 1936]

Haupt, Georg *Schrift und Handwerk* [Wien; 1934]

Klingspoo, Gebr. *Jessenschrift* [Offenbach;]

Koch, Rudolph *Antiquaschriften* [Offenbach;]
Stangen, Fred C 'The Fursteneck Press a revival in quality printing' in Germany and You,
Volume VI, Number 1 [Berlin; 1936]
Wolpe, Berthold *Handwerkerzeichen* [Germany; 1936]
Archiv fur Buchgewerbe und Gebrauchsgraphik [Germany;]
Stahl [Offenbach; 1939]

Kynock Press (Birmingham)

20th century

Box 1

Correspondence (removed to Private Press letters)

Specimens

Jobbing printing: Advertisements, company catalogues and tradesman's lists

Jobbing printing: Pamphlets and small publications (to be indexed)

Box 2

Diaries and notebooks

Box 3

Diaries and notebooks

see also Dryad Press