

A catalogue of the library of the United Service Museum : Middle Scotland Yard, London

Ms. Codex 1933

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Summary Information

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Abstract	A printed library catalog with interleaved blanks is the house copy of the United Service Museum as part of the Royal United Service Institution. The volume has copious annotated bibliographic entries on the printed pages and interleaved blanks to accommodate additions to the library. The volume was in use from the years 1836 to 1841

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Biography/History

The Royal United Service Institution is a British defense security think tank founded in 1831 by the Duke of Wellington, Sir Arthur Wellesley. The original mission of the institution was to study naval and military science. The institution's Museum was first located at Whitehall Court, London. In 1833 the institute moved to Inner Scotland Yard. The Museum relocated in 1895 next door to the Banqueting House at Whitehall Palace, its current location. The museum library is under the auspices of the Council of the Royal United Service Institution and was originally known as the Naval and Military Library Museum.

Scope and Contents

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Class I. Theology, education, and moral philosophy.

Class II. Jurisprudence, government, statistics, commerce, and political economy.

Class III. Sciences and the arts.

Class IV. History.

Class V. Biography.

Class VI. Voyages and travels.

Class VII. Belle lettres.

Class VIII. Periodicals.

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- Hybrid books
- Manuscripts, English--19th century

SUBJECT(S)

- Military art and scienc--Bibliography--Catalogs
- Naval art and science--Bibliography--Catalogs
- Private libraries--England--19th century--Catalogs

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