(Auction) Sale Catalogues in the Global Philatelic Library

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- Genesis Key Players: Chris King, Frank Walton, Alan Holyoake, Greg Spring and myself
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Example of Scott Stamp & Coin Co Catalogue

Item View

Data Source Information Library: GPL Virtual Library Source Ref: SCAT-12666 Dataset: GPL AUCTION Date Loaded: 05 May 2024 12:00:00

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Auction Catalogues & Private Treaty Record Type: Source Record Type:

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Item Notes

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Associated Documents

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Auction House & Sale Information

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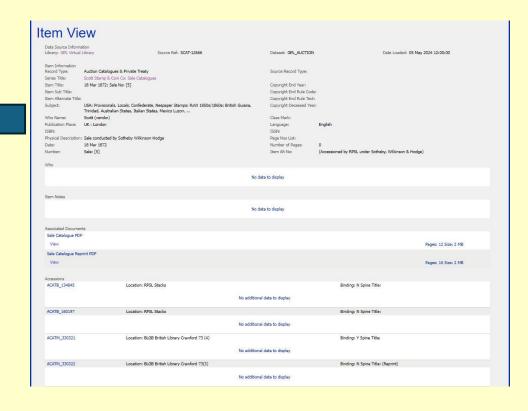
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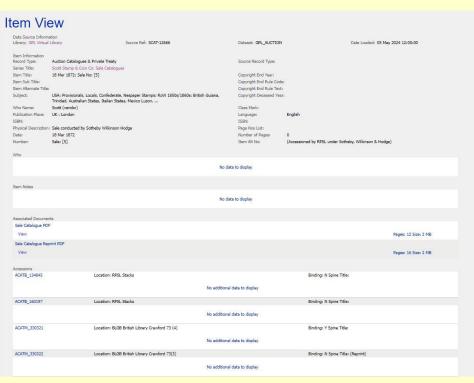
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COMPRISING

A FINE SELECTION

FROM THE

CELEBRATED COLLECTION

MR. J. W. SCOTT.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,

BY MESSES

SOTHEBY, WILKINSON & HODGE,

Auctioneers of Fiterary Property, & Morks illustratibe of the Fine Arts,

AT THEIR HOUSE,

No. 13, WELLINGTON STREET, STRAND, W.C.,

ON MONDAY, MARCH 181H, 1872.

AT ONE O'CLOCK PRECISELY.

The Collection may be viewed at the Auction Room on Saturday, the 16th inst.

Parties who cannot attend the Sale can have their Orders to purchase carefully executed by the Auctioneers, Messrs. J. W. Scott and Co., New York and London, Mason and Co., Philadelphia, and E. L. Pemberton, Birmingham.



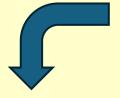
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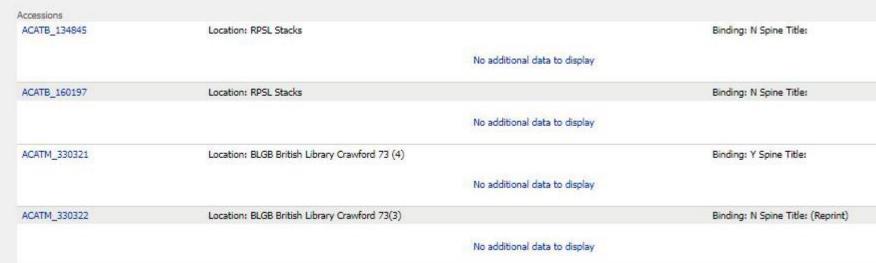
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75	11	5 c. Providence, fine condition.
36.05	12	" Brattleboro' upper right hand corner variety, extremely scarce.
55	13	Photograph of a complete sheet of Brattleboro' stamps, only three in existence.
25	14	Reprint of the New Haven provisional, only thirty were taken.
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6£	17	20 c. St. Louis, unique.
8€./23	18	,, variety, only one other in existence.
35	19	5 c. New York, postmarked.
85	20	Trial stamp for 3 c. 1861 U.S., only one other known,
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55	21	American Letter Mail Co. Eagle in circle, black, Original letter.
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105	24	25 c. Humboldt Express, brown.
14 35	25	Russell's 8th Avenue P.O. red.
175	26	Carriers Dispatch, two varieties, red and blue.
#1./23.		Set of Wells, Fargo, and Co.'s Pony Express, 10 c. brown, 25 c. red,
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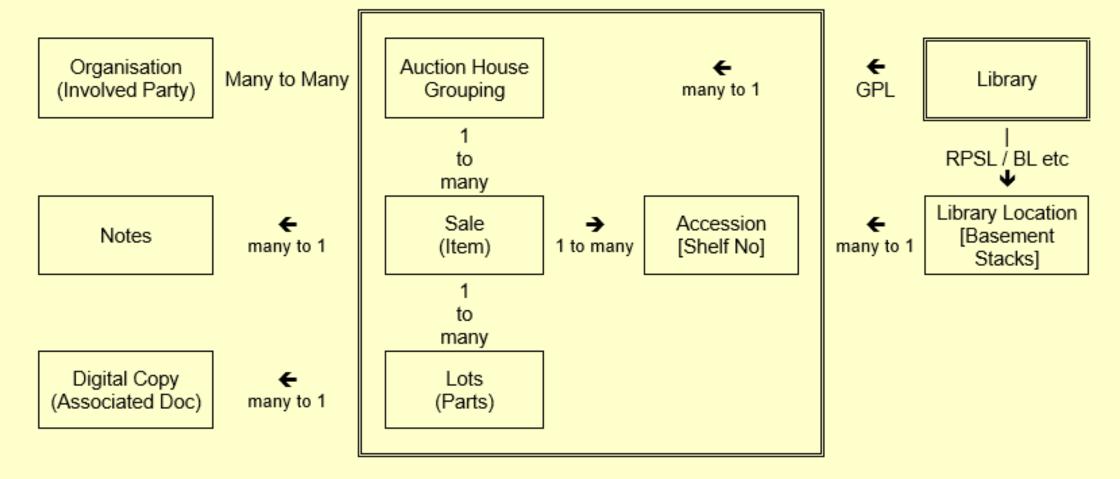




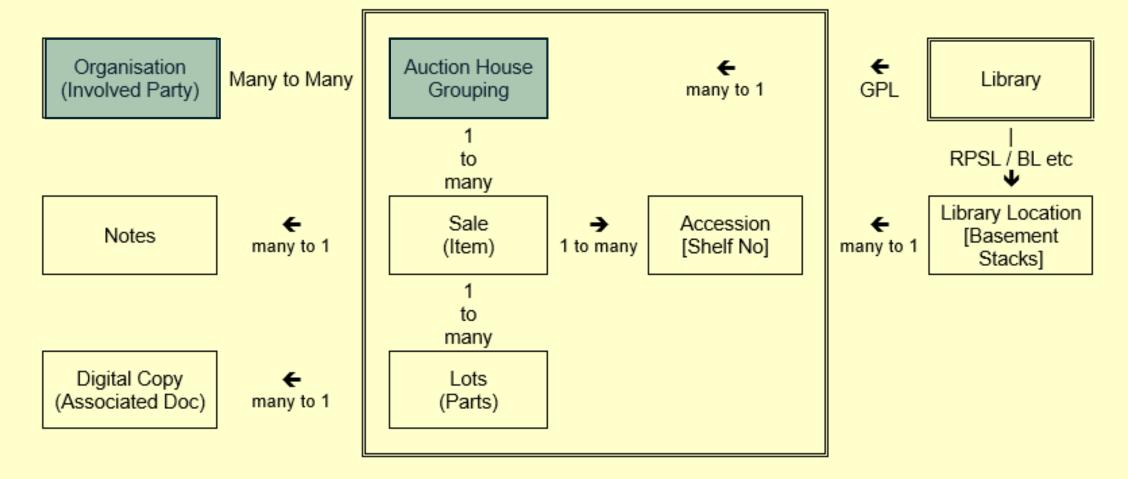
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Sale Lot/Reference	Lot 2 COLOURED MOLL MAP; c.1760 coloured map (13 x 9 ins.; some minor stains mostly in margins) of "THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA, divided into its Principal Parishes with the Roads, &c." by H. Moll; with the usual central fold but attractive, and showing just how few roads there were on the island at this date.	Jamaica EARLY MAPS AND PRINTS	
Sale Lot/Reference	Lot 3 COLOURED BELLINI MAP; 1764 large (16 x 11 ins.) "CARTE DE L'ISLE DE LA JAMAIQUE" showing roads, parishes, etc. Very attractive.	Jamaica EARLY MAPS AND PRINTS	
Sale Lot/Reference	Lot 4 PRINTS OF KINGSTON, 1860 ARCHITECTURAL BLUE-PRINT OF THE P.O., ETC.; Three large & attractive 1849-65 coloured prints of Kingston (2) and a "Sugar Boiling House", unusual linen-backed blue-print of "G.P.O. Kingston, Ja., B.W.I., 1860", and two later Photos (6 items).	Jamaica EARLY MAPS AND PRINTS	
Sale Lot/Reference	Lot 5 MORANT BAY PRINTS; Pair of 1865 large (7 \times 10 ins.), mounted, coloured prints of the town and the "temporary courthouse". (2 items).	Jamaica EARLY MAPS AND PRINTS	
Sale Lot/Reference	Lot 6 PORT ANTONIO NAVAL CHART BY BELLINI; 1764 coloured "Plan des Havres de Port Antonio et de Saint François", showing the coast and part of the mainland. Rare.	Jamaica EARLY MAPS AND PRINTS	
Sale Lot/Reference	Lot 7 PORT ROYAL NAVAL CHART & PRINT; 1764 Bellini "Plan de la Ville de Port Royal" (attractively coloured); plus large coloured, mounted 1865 print of the port from the sea. (2 items).	Jamaica EARLY MAPS AND PRINTS	
Sale Lot/Reference	Lot 8 THE SECOND EARLIEST RECORDED LETTER FROM JAMAICA; 20th May 1675 fine EL from Sir Thomas Moodyford (the Governor of the island), headed "Jamayca", sent to Sir Richard Hopkins in London, courtesy of "Capt. Molesworth (who brings these)". Very few pre- 1700 letters from Jamaica of any kind have been recorded; this letter is addressed to the same man as the only earlier known letter (which is dated 1670). In fact the first Jamaican P.O., that was intended to commence in 1663, was hardly use	Jamaica EARLY LETTERS, 1675-1741	

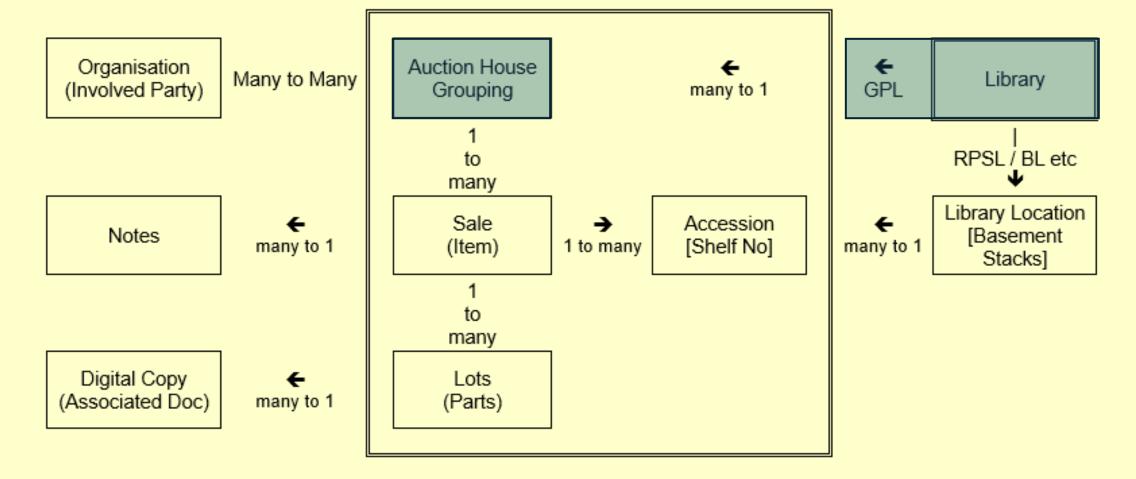




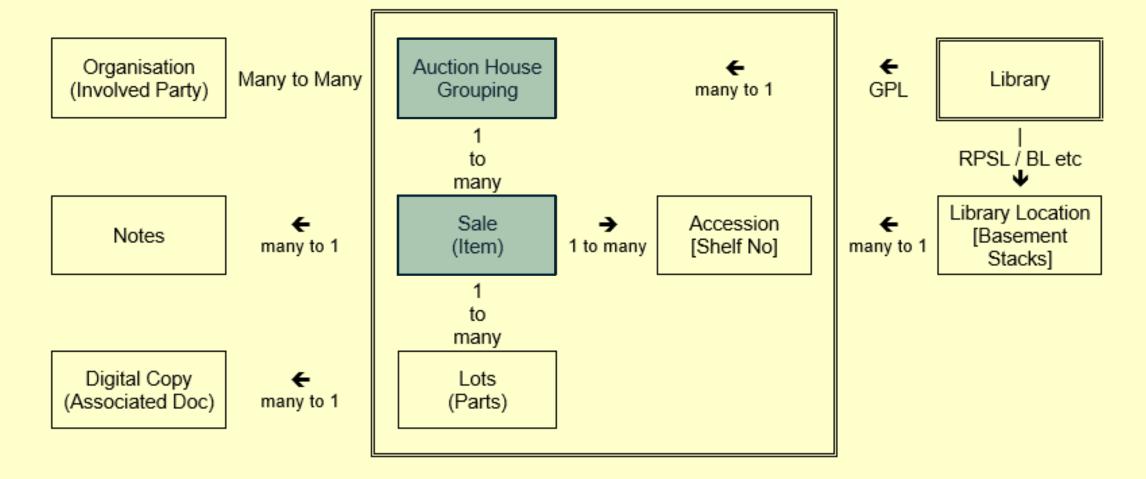




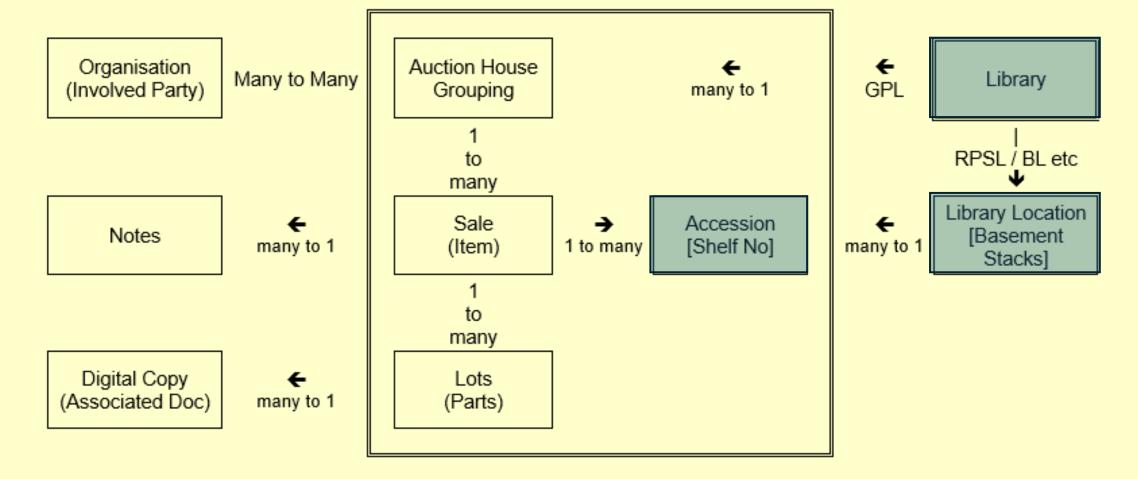




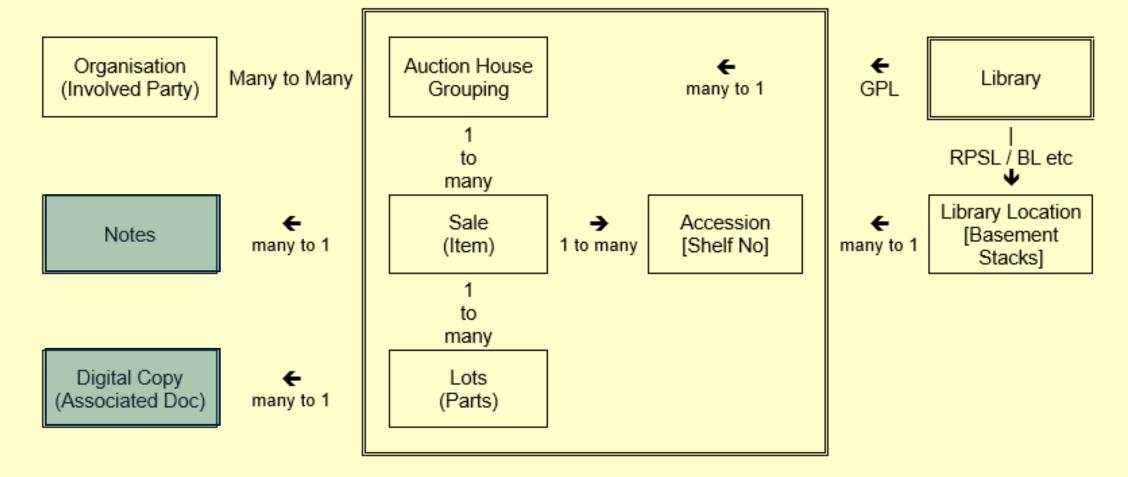










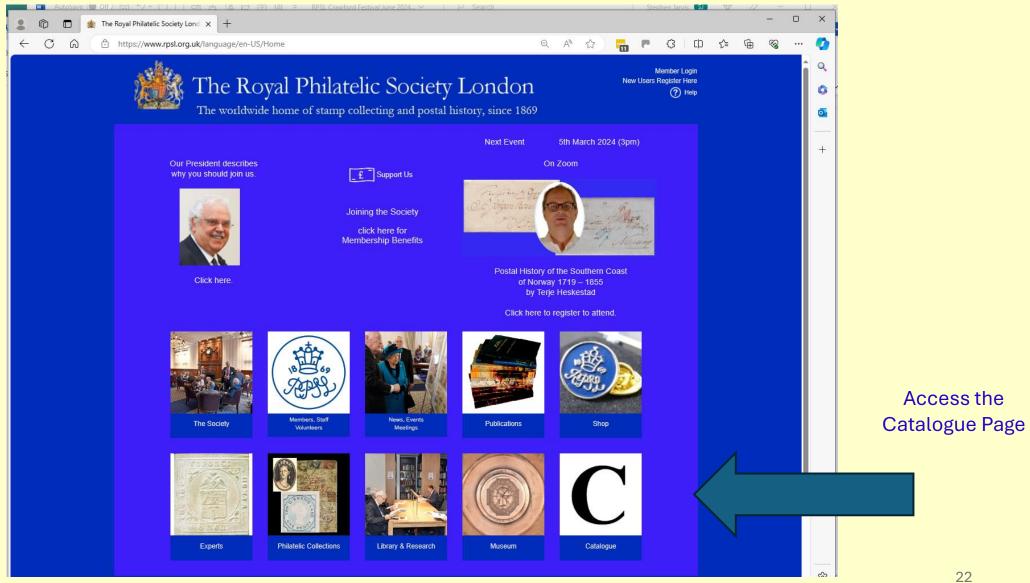




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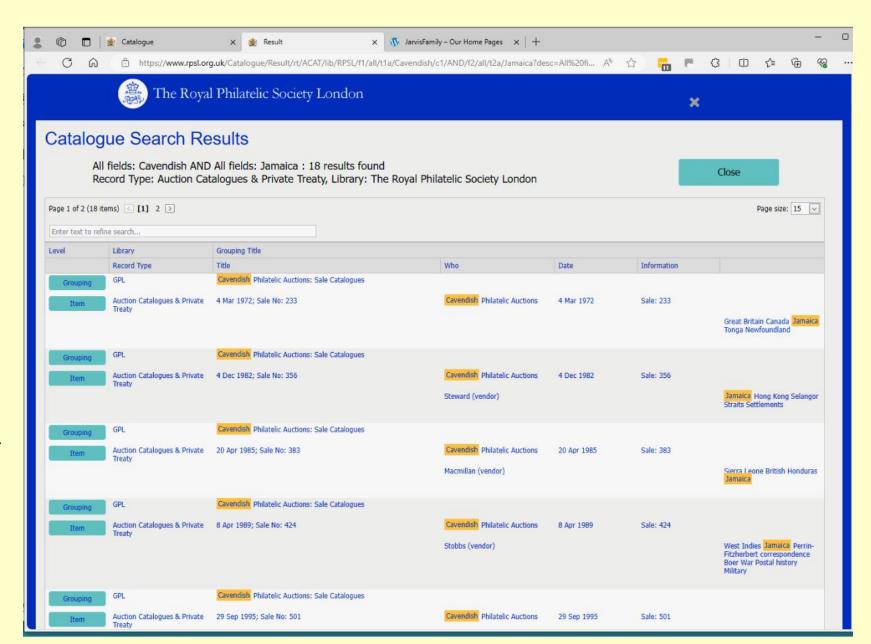


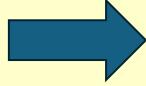
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Search Results







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Grouping

Grouping View

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Treaty

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Sub Title: Alternate Title:

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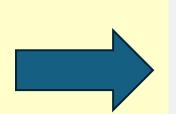
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20 Apr 1985; Sale No: 383	Macmillan (vendor)	Sierra Leone British Honduras Jamaica	20 Apr 1985	UK : Derby
16 Mar 1985; Sale No: 382			16 Mar 1985	UK : Derby
9 Feb 1985; Sale No: 381			9 Feb 1985	UK : Derby
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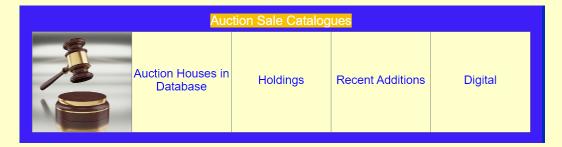
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QuickLinks: Auction Houses in Database



Auction Houses at RPSL

This is a list of auction houses in the RPSL database together with the number of catalogues accessioned against each house.

Clicking on View in the Link column opens the auction house page with a list of sales identified.

(Not all have accessions - use one of the other auction screens to identify those without accessions).

Click here to return to the auction menu







QuickLinks: Holdings



Auction Catalogues Held and Wanted by RPSL

The list below shows the auction catalogues in the Authority file together with whether held in the RPSL Library (Held or Wanted) and whether a digital version is available (enter "Digital" to filter).

(The days column indicates how recently the accession has been added.)

Click on View Detail to see more details of the physical accession and click on the Assoc Doc to view the actual catalogue. There may also be parts further down the screen.

If you right Click the link it opens in a new window. The filtered list can be exported to a pdf or a .csv file (for import to Excel).

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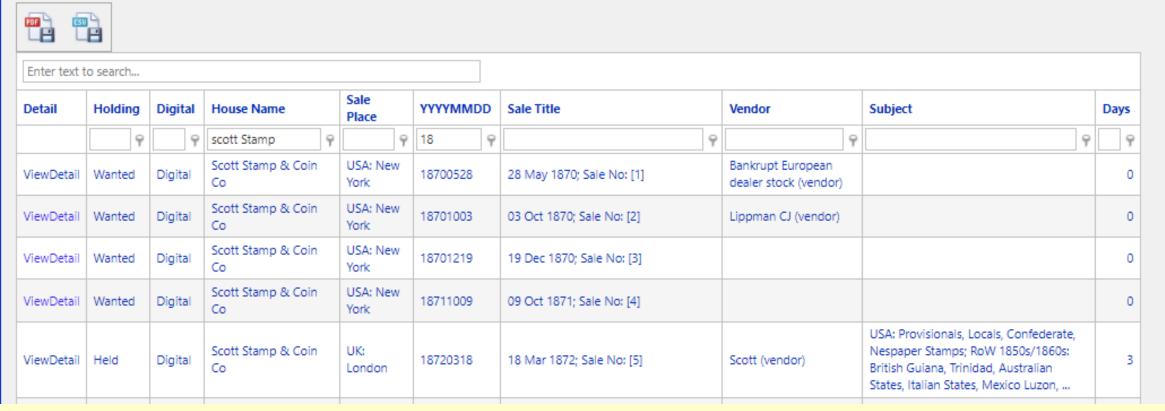




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Recent Additions

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Digital Catalogues

Name	Digital	Dates
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Bridger and Kay	2	1991-1992
BWI Auctions	21	1984-1988
Caribbean Philatelic Auctions	109	1983-2011
Cavendish Philatelic Auctions	94	1985-2023
Chicago Philatelic Society	9	1888-1893
Christies Robson Lowe (Bournemouth)	30	1984-1991
Christies Robson Lowe (London)	45	1984-1996
Christies Robson Lowe (USA)	2	1985-1987
Christies Robson Lowe (Zurich)	1	1985
Corinphila (Switzerland)	189	2011-2022
Haines, Benjamin	1	1872

Name	Digital	Dates
Lowe, Robson (Postal History) (UK)	34	1954-1983
Lowe, Robson (UK: Bournemouth)	49	1969-1983
Lowe, Robson (UK: London)	120	1939-1984
Lowe, Robson (USA: New York)	2	1982-1983
Mason & Co	1	1870
Millennium Philatelic Auctions	71	2002-2020
Oslo Filatelistklubb	1	1895
Pennymead Philatelic Auctions	84	1982-2008
Scott Stamp & Coin Co	73	1870-1890
Siegel, Robert A Auction Galleries	1281	1931-2023
Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge	2	1872-1873
Temple Bar	83	1971-2023
Temple Bar (Private Treaty)	2	1972-1977
Trifet	1	1880
Western Auctions (UK)	40	1976-1998



Issues

Standards

- What constitutes an individual auction house?
 - o Changing Names e.g. "Scott and Co" later Scott Stamp and Coin Co
 - Variable Names e.g. "Robson Lowe London", "Robson Lowe Bournemouth"
 - Format of Names "Siegel, Robert" and "Lowe, Robson" not "Robson Lowe"

Resources

- Volunteer resources to keep up with cataloguing of new auctions
- Physical space



Issues

Digital

- Copyright: We attempt to get permission from the auction house to make their digital catalogues available
 - If they are available on the company's web site then there is no problem providing a link,
 - However, if the company ceases trading then the web site may be lost and it would be prudent to store a copy on the RPSL server
 - Permissions received so far
 - Cavendish Philatelic Auctions
 - Spink have given permission to include Robson Lowe & Christies Robson Lowe
 - Temple Bar / Bridger & Kay
 - Pennymead
 - Siegel, Millenium, Corinphila Switzerland have back catalogues online & in the public domain
 - A few defunct houses also added where I have been able to scan old catalogues
 - More please Harmers, Spink, Grosvenor, Gibbons …
- Availability: This century many catalogues are produced as PDFs but older catalogues were before the technology existed
 - I am progressively scanning in these earlier catalogues but it is time consuming



Issues

GPL

- In order to record the holdings of other libraries against the GPL Authority file we would need to match the record in the source database against our record
 - Unfortunately, most other libraries record each catalogue like a book and hence the name of the auction house is not entered consistently
 - Also the full date is not recorded, just the year
 - o Information like the sale number is also hit and miss
- To distribute updates to the authority file across libraries there is the issue of control of who is updating what
 - The only way around this identified would be to designate an auction house to a specific library but again there are issues if another library wishes to record an accession and has to ask the other library to create a record



Futures

- Improve the presentation of the online Catalogue search results.
- Crawford Data: Split PDFs into individual sales, possibly arrange with BL to obtain missing scans.
- Supplement the Authority File with auction information from other libraries, (the GPL libraries and those in mainland Europe).
- Identify a way that auction catalogue holdings from GPL Libraries can be attached to the authority file.
- Get more people involved to contribute digital material and update the database.
- Donations of missing catalogues



Questions

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