

**U DX138**

**Albion Press samples**

**1979-1987**

**Historical Background:**

The Albion press is a model of early iron hand printing press, originally designed and manufactured in London by Richard Whittaker Cope (d. 1828?) in 1820 and continued to be made until the 1930s. They were used for book printing until the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century and subsequently for proof and private presses. The toggle-action, and the distinctive shape and 'crown' finial of the Albion, make it instantly recognizable.

The press in the Brynmor Jones Library is believed to date from 1833.

**Custodial history:**

Donated by David Pennie, Brynmor Jones Library

**Description:**

Small scale printing work produced using the improved Albion Press in the Brynmor Jones Library

**Extent:** 22 items

**Access conditions:**

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

U DX138/1	Keepsake printed to commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Library (1929-1979) a) Printed on white cartridge paper (2 copies) b) Printed on pale buff cartridge paper (2 copies) c) Draft of poem by P.A. Larkin which is printed in the keepsake (ms. with final ts. version) d) Photocopy of memorandum on the printing and circulation 6 items	Mar 1979
U DX138/2	Invitation to, and Order of Service for, the wedding of David A Pennie, a member of the Library staff, on 26 Apr 1980 2 items	Apr 1980

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U DX138/3	Keepsake printed to commemorate the visit of Sconul to the Library a) Typescript drafts (2) b) Proof copies (2) c) Fair copies (2) 6 items	25 Sep 1980
U DX138/4	Birthday greetings 60th birthday of Philip A Larkin 2 items	9 Aug 1982
U DX138/5	Birthday greetings 80th birthday of Sir Brynmor Jones, presented to him at a lunch on 26 Oct 1983 With typescript of verse by Philip A Larkin, printed in the card and manuscript layout by Larkin 2 items	26 Oct 1983
U DX138/6	'300th Birthday Greetings to Johann Sebastian Bach', printed as a demonstration for a group of music students 2 items	7 Nov 1984
U DX138/7	Keepsake printed to commemorate the official opening of the Philip Larkin suite in the Brynmor Jones Library by Douglas Dunn 2 items	2 Dec 1987