
Guide to the Stanley S. Slotkin Printed Book Leaves Collection

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Title: Stanley S. Slotkin Printed Book Leaves Collection

Creator: Slotkin, Stanley S., 1905-1997

Identifier/Call Number: SC.SSB

Extent: 0.20 linear feet

Date (inclusive): 1495-1876

Abstract: Stanley S. Slotkin was a successful Los Angeles businessman who owned the medical and party supply rental company Abbey Rents. He was also an avid collector of antique bibles and other rare books, amassing hundreds of thousands of books which he also regularly donated to various museums, universities and libraries across the United States. In the 1960s, Slotkin began to donate individual leaves from books to institutions rather than whole works, as he felt intact books were too often locked away where they could not be seen. The collection consists of 22 of these individual leaves donated by Slotkin, which he removed from various religious texts. Each leaf is mounted onto a sheet of paper which also includes a facsimile of the cover page of the work the leaf was originally from.

Language of Material: English,French,German,Latin,Arabic,Greek,Modern(1453-)Welsh,Hebrew

Biographical Information:

Stanley S. Slotkin was a successful Los Angeles businessman who owned the medical and party supply rental company Abbey Rents. He was also an avid collector of antique bibles and other rare books, amassing hundreds of thousands of books which he also regularly donated to various museums, universities, churches, and libraries across the United States. In the 1960s, Slotkin began to donate individual leaves from books to institutions rather than whole works, as he felt intact books were too often locked away where they could not be seen. He dismembered a number of books, and donated sets of pages to any institution that would agree to display them publically. He was also heavily interested in archaeology, cosmetic medicine, and recreational diving and contributed philanthropically to a number of causes throughout his life.

Scope and Contents

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Stanley S. Slotkin

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Processing Information:

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

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Folder 1, Item 11	Leaf from a Roman Missale, 1624
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Folder 1, Item 20	Leaf from a Commentary on the Koran by Mohammed Ben Garir El Tabri, circa 1245 A.H. [1829 C.E.]
Folder 1, Item 21	Leaf from <i>Commentary on the Koran</i>, 1276 A.H. [1859 C.E.]
Folder 1, Item 22	Leaf from a Koran, 1293 A.H. [1876 C.E.]