

Royal Commonwealth Society Library

Acquisition of Library for transfer to University of Cambridge. From its foundation in 1868, the organisation known successively as the Colonial Society, Royal Colonial Institute amassed a library on the British Empire, the Commonwealth and member countries (together with smaller collections on the empires of rival nations) - an astonishing range of books, pamphlets, periodicals, official publications, manuscripts and photographs. The collection now consists of over 300,000 printed items, over 600 archival collections (inc, manuscript diaries, correspondence, pictures, cine films, scrapbooks and newspaper cuttings) and over 100,000 photographs. It is now part of Cambridge University Library.

Nation/region

London

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