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Donald Welsh Collection of Playing Cards

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Extent: 367 boxes, c. 6,110 packs

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The Donald Welsh Collection

The Donald Welsh Collection of Playing Cards and Card Games came to the Bodleian by bequest in 2018. The Donald Welsh Collection comprises c. 6,110 packs of non-standard, standard and advertising playing cards and card games. Major R.T. Donald Welsh cofounded the English Playing Card Society in 1984.

Cataloguing of the playing cards and card games is in progress.

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