

Foreign costumes & uniforms

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Collection Overview

Repository: Smithsonian Libraries

Title: Foreign costumes & uniforms

Date: [186-?]

Identifier: SIL-DL.UC480.F71

Creator: De Peyster, J. Watts (John Watts), 1821-1907 (Compiler)

Extent: 1 Album (40 leaves; all ill. (some col.); 28 cm.)

Language: Undetermined.

Summary: A scrapbook of miscellaneous illustrations of European military

uniforms, historical costumes, and some ecclesiastical architecture, featuring both engravings and original artwork (ink sketches and watercolor paintings). The uniforms, with examples from the Prussian, Hanoverian, Austrian, and other armies, date mostly from the first half of the 19th century. The historical costumes are chiefly from the early

modern period, and are mostly Italian.

General

Gilt-stamped ownership label on spine: Brig. Gen. J.W. De Peyster; a mounted newsclipping from an unidentified source, listing the details of De Peyster's career, is mounted on the front free endpaper. DSI

General

The first two leaves have the date "1866" handwritten in ink, probably by De Peyster; a few other brief ms. annotations appear in the margins throughout. DSI

General

Each leaf is accompanied by a blank guard-sheet; some leaves have mounted or tipped-in illustrations; some illustrations are hand-colored.

Local Notes

SCDIRB copy 39088011475969 has a contemporary half-leather binding with brown embossed-cloth-covered boards, gilt-tooled spine, decorated endpapers, and brown sprinkled edges; re-backed

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Costume -- Europe -- Pictorial works Military uniforms -- Pictorial works