

16th-century Italian drawings in the Dresden Kupferstich-Kabinett

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This catalogue uses the following abbreviations for archival sources concerning the collections and libraries of the Saxon court and the institutions that developed from them.

The inventories of Kupferstich-Kabinetts (KKD) are preserved on site, while the inventories of the court library are held at the Sächsische Landesbibliothek — Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek Dresden (SLUB).

In addition to the documents cited here, the catalogue also makes reference to archival holdings in the Sächsisches Hauptstaatsarchiv Dresden (HStAD).

SAXON COURT LIBRARY

Library 1574

Registratur der bucher in des Churfursten zu Saxen liberey zur Annaburg 1574 [Inventory of the Saxon court library, 1574]. Manuscript. SLUB, shelfmark [Bibl.Arch.I.Ba](#).

Library 1595

Inuentarii über die Churfürstliche Sächsische Librarey zu Dreszden [Inventory of the Saxon court library, 3 vols., 1595]. Manuscript. SLUB, shelfmark [Bibl.Arch.I.Ba,Vol.28/30](#).

KUPFERSTICH-KABINETT (KKD)

Acc. 1764–1798

[Accession inventory of the KKD, vol. 1, for the period 1764–98: drawings, prints, and books]. Manuscript. KKD, shelfmark Cat. 102.

Acc. 1799–1828

[Accession catalogue of the KKD, vol. 2, for the period 1799–June 1828: drawings, prints, and books]. Manuscript. KKD, shelfmark Cat. 103.

Acc. 1828–51

[Accession inventory of the KKD, vol. 3, for the period July 1828–51: drawings, prints, and books]. Manuscript. KKD, shelfmark Cat. 104.

Acc. 1852–72

[Accession inventory of the KKD, vol. 4, for the period 1852–89 (1873 missing). Here, 1852–72: drawings, prints, books, and reproductive photographs]. Manuscript. KKD, shelfmark Cat. 105, fols. 1v–126v.

Acc. C 1874–1915

[Accession inventory of the KKD, section C (drawings), for the period 1874–1915; listing invs. C 1874-1 to C 1915-67]. Manuscript. KKD.

Acc. C 1916–44

[Accession inventory of the KKD, section C (drawings), for the period 1916–44; listing invs. C 1916-1 to C 1944-431]. Manuscript. KKD.

Acc. C 1987–93

[Accession inventory of the KKD, section C (drawings), for the period 1987–93: listing invs. C 1987-89 to C 1993-217]. Manuscript. KKD.

Acc. C 1993–2010

[Accession inventory of the KKD, section C (drawings), for the period 1993–2010: invs. C 1993-218 to C 2010-186]. Manuscript. KKD.

Acc. C 2010 onwards

[Accession inventory of the KKD, section C (drawings), for the period from 2010: beginning with inv. C 2010-187]. Manuscript. KKD.

Acc./Retr. C 1945–67

[Accession and retrospective inventory of the KKD, section C (drawings), for the period 1945–67; listing invs. C 1945-1 to C 1967-165]. Manuscript. KKD.

Acc./Retr. C 1967–73

[Accession and retrospective inventory of the KKD, section C (drawings), for the period 1967–73; listing invs. C 1967-166 to C 1973-370]. Manuscript. KKD.

Acc./Retr. C 1973–80

[Accession and retrospective inventory of the KKD, section C (drawings), for the period 1973–80. Manuscript. KKD.

Acc./Retr. C 1980–84

[Accession and retrospective inventory of the KKD, section C (drawings), for the period 1980–84; listing invs. C 1980-94 to C 1984-248]. Manuscript. KKD.

Acc./Retr. C 1984–87

[Accession and retrospective inventory of the KKD, section C (drawings), for the period 1984–87]. Manuscript. KKD.

Cat. 1 (1738)

Johann Heinrich von Heucher. *Consignation en detail de tous les tomes d'Estampes qui se trouvent dans les Bureaux du Salon d'Estampes de Sa Maj. Le Roi de Pol: Elect: de Saxe. MDCCXXXIIX*. [Inventory of the KKD, 1738]. Manuscript. KKD, shelfmark Cat. 1.

Cat. 10 II (before 1763)

Carl Heinrich von Heineken. *Catalogue, qui contient les Estampes du Cabinet du Roi* [Inventory of Italian prints in the KKD, vol. 2, artists beginning with C, before 1763; including a revision begun in 1805 by Franz Anton Schneyder, continued by Johann Gottfried Abraham Frenzel]. Manuscript. KKD, shelfmark Cat. 10 II.

Cat. 12 (1764)

Übergabe des Churfürstl[ichen] Kupferstich-Cabinets von dem Herrn Geheimen Cammer-Rath [Carl Heinrich] von Heineken an den Herrn Geheimen Legations-Rath [Johann Heinrich] von Hagedorn, 1764 [Inventory of the KKD, 1764, with a comparison to the holdings of 1746]. Manuscript. KKD, shelfmark Cat. 12.

Cat. 17 (after 1786)

Catalogue Alphabetique des Livres des Arts et Emblemes [fols. 1r–18v], *Livres des Art, qui estoient compris dans l'ancien Catalogue mais à present ne se trouvent plus. In fol.* [fols. 19r–19v], and *Catalogue, de toutes les Pièces détachées du Cabinet Electoral d'Estampes* [fols. 21r–69v], [after 1786]. Manuscript. KKD, shelfmark Cat. 17.

Cat. 18 (after 1764)

[Various listings, among them]: *M. Desseins. a) Desseins. b) Desseins et Peintures Chinoises et Indiennes. C) Estampes enluminees* [Record of bound volumes and rolled drawings kept under shelfmarks beginning with M; fols. 1r–11r; after 1764]. Manuscript. KKD, shelfmark Cat. 18.

Cat. 32 (1855–56)

Johann Georg Theodor Graesse. *Inventarium sämmtlicher im Kgl. Sächs. Kupferstichcabinet befindlichen Kupferstiche, Handzeichnungen, Kupferwerke, Gemälde & Kupferplatten*, 1855–56. [Inventory of the KKD, 1855–56]. Manuscript. KKD, shelfmark Cat. 32.

Cat. 34 I (1858–60)

Andreas Gottlieb Marius Franke. *Katalog Italienische Schule* [Inventory of Italian prints in the KKD, vol. 1, 1858–60; recorded items later assigned invs. A 85540 to A 100922]. Manuscript. KKD, shelfmark Cat. 34 I.

Cat. 64 I (1865)

Andreas Gottlieb Marius Franke. *Catalog der Hand-Zeichnungen*, 1865 [Inventory of drawings in the KKD; recorded items later assigned invs. C 1 to C 3563]. Manuscript. KKD, shelfmark Cat. 64 I.

Cat. 65 a (1862)

Andreas Gottlieb Marius Franke. [Clean copy of Cat. 65: *Die Königliche Kupferstich-Sammlung von ihrem Entstehen. 1720–1862*; overview of the KKD's history and description of the permanent exhibition of prints and drawings], 1862. Manuscript. KKD, shelfmark Cat. 65 a.

Cat. 136 (1778–1852)

[Collections of loose sheets with invoices for acquisitions, 1778–98, 1805–29 and 1832–52; supplement 1821–47]. Manuscript. KKD, shelfmark Cat. 136.

Cat. 138 (1719–1722)

[Correspondence, transactions, and deaccessions, from 1719 to 1722]. Manuscript. KKD, shelfmark Cat. 138.

Cat. 139 (1723–64)

[Correspondence, notes, and lists of items transferred to the KKD, from 1723 to 1764]. Manuscript. KKD, shelfmark Cat. 139.

Cat. 141 (1764–after 1782)

[Correspondence and invoices, acquisitions and deaccessions, records of the reorganisation of the KKD, from 1764 to after 1782]. Manuscript. KKD, shelfmark Cat. 141.

Cat. 145 (1773–78)

[Notes on acquisitions from the years around 1773–75, as well as *Journaux* on the years 1775–78]. Manuscript. KKD, shelfmark Cat. 145.

Cat. Ca (1988)

[Retrospective inventory of bound volumes with drawings], 1988. Manuscript. KKD.

Retr. C I (1983–87)

[Retrospective inventory of the KKD, section C (drawings), 1983–87; listing invs. C 3556 to C 6010]. Manuscript. KKD.

Retr. C II (1987 onwards)

[Retrospective inventory of the KKD, section C (drawings), 1987 onwards, beginning with inv. C 6011]. Manuscript. KKD.