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The Sword Collection at East Balgray... Sale by Auction of the greater part of the whole historical Collection of Veteran & Vintage Cars; Veteran & Vintage Motor Cycles which belonged to the late J.C. Sword, Esq. [with] The Sale of the J.C. Sword Collection... Report on the Sale Together with Impressions of the Cars and Prices Realized by Kenneth Ball

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Quarto. 27, [1]pp., illustrated. Stitched wrappers printed in red, black, and gold. Additional photographic broadside on a perforated leaf is detached but present and otherwise fine. A trifle age-toned, very near fine. Lists 119 cars, 29 motorcycles, and some related bits.

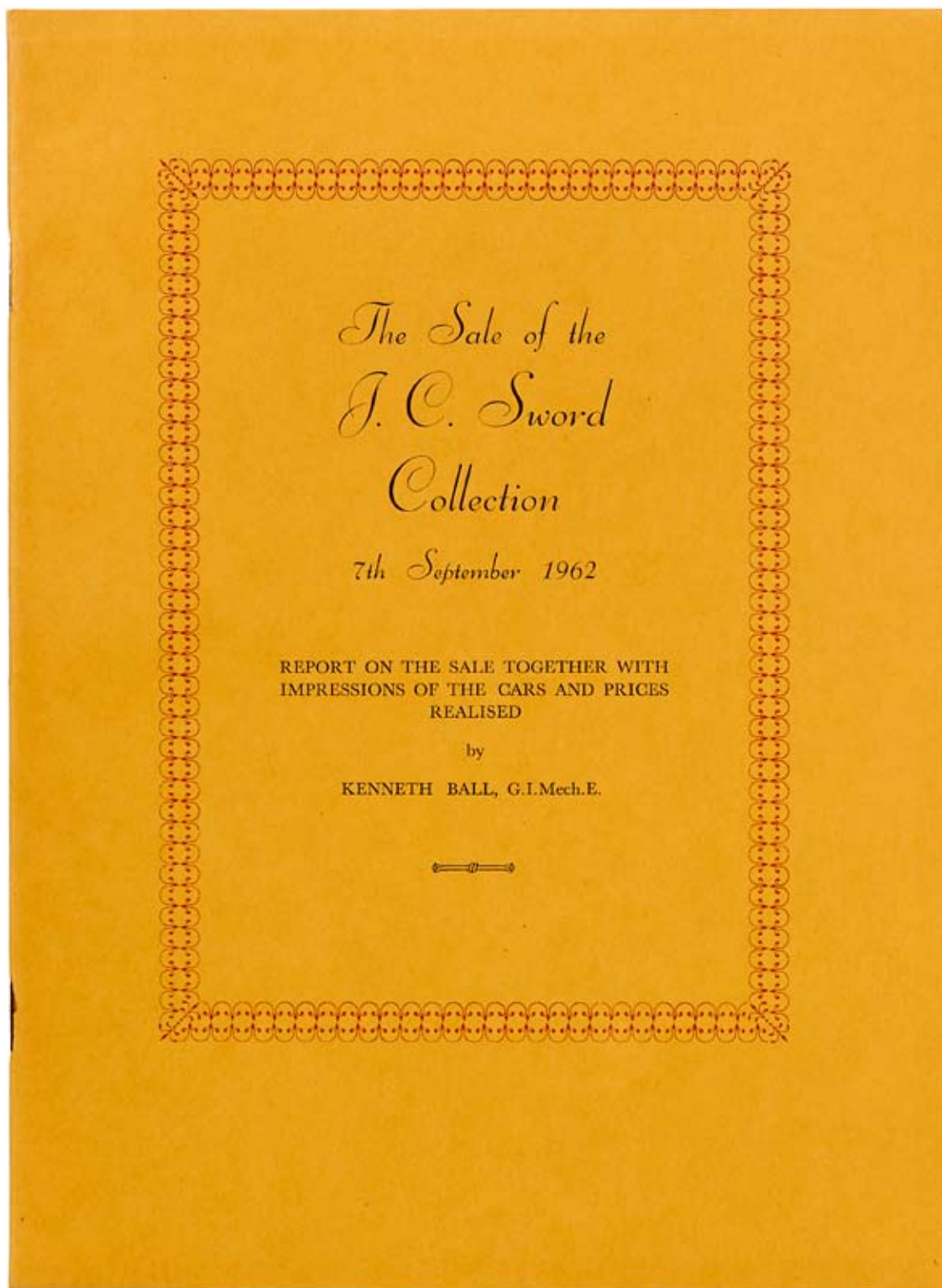


History

The Sword Collection has for many years been something of an enigma among Veteran Car enthusiasts. This has been brought about almost entirely due to the geographical location of the collection which has inevitably kept it out of the public eye. The late Mr. J. C. Sword was interested in transport, particularly public road transport, from the early days of the century. This interest, professionally speaking, had considerable influence on the transport of both people and goods in the West of Scotland.

Mr. Sword's interest in transport, however, invaded his private life. To begin with he was fond of horses and for many years his mares and stallions were to the fore at all the local equestrian events. This was not only true in the inter-war years, but also in the first few years after the second World War. Nonetheless just as the motor car came to replace the horse on the public roads, so it came to occupy more of Mr. Sword's leisure hours.

Even in pre-war days the monogram J.C.S. was to be found on many private cars but it was not really until after 1945 that his veteran car collection came into



Laid in is *The Sale of the J.C. Sword Collection... Report on the Sale Together with Impressions of the Cars and Prices Realized* by Kenneth Ball. Small quarto. 13, [1]pp. Fine. Excellent and very scarce auction catalog of an important collection. OCLC locates three copies over two records. [BTC#395885]