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A highlight of this catalogue is Edward Curtis’s monumental The North American Indian, “the most gigantic undertaking in the making of books since the King James Bible.” In addition to this magnificent set of Curtis, we are pleased to offer original glass plates for two of Curtis’s greatest photographs, his portraits Walpi Man - Meator and Honovi - Walpi Snake Priest.

Icons of the American Revolution and the Founding period include a powder horn used by a young minuteman at the Battle of Concord (“the shot heard round the world”), Thomas Jefferson’s first book, Summary View of the Rights of British America, the first edition of The Federalist owned by the man entrusted by Washington with the safe-keeping of the original Constitution, and other works by Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Alexander Hamilton, and other Founders.

Landmarks of philosophy include Machiavelli’s The Prince, David Hume’s Treatise of Human Nature, John Locke’s Two Treatises of Government, William James’s Principles of Psychology (the only presentation copy to appear in a century), and an enormous Sigmund Freud collection. Classics of literature include a rare untouched copy of John Milton’s Paradise Lost with a 1667 title page, the Second Folio of Shakespeare, a superb run of Walt Whitman books and manuscripts, and Edgar Allan Poe’s The Raven and Other Poems in original wrappers.

The tremendous series of nineteenth-century American landscape photographs includes with an important album containing twenty-one mammoth photographs of the American West, a run of rare early Florida photographs, a spectacular collection of Niagara Falls photographs, and unique images of San Francisco.

Finally, we are pleased to offer two landmark collections in the history of photography. Jannsen’s photographic revolver and Muybridge’s Horse in Motion series are represented here in photographs and offprints worthy of the most important institutional and private collections.

We thank our clients, both private collectors and librarians around the world, for their support over the years. We look forward to continuing to help build some of the world’s greatest collections. We welcome you to call on us to discuss the rewards of collecting.
First edition of “the most important volume of poetry that had been issued up until that time in America ...” (Hervey Allen). In 1845, Poe’s Tales sold well enough that Wiley and Putnam agreed to issue a volume of Poe’s poetry. Poe selected, revised, and reviewed thirty of what he described to Duyckinck as “the best of my poems.” The volume appeared in November.

Poe’s preface voices a puzzling dissatisfaction with the volume and alludes unhappily to the obstacles to his career as a poet:

“I think nothing in this volume of much value to the public, or very creditable to myself. Events not to be controlled have prevented me from making, at any time, any serious effort in what, under happier circumstances, would have been the field of my choice. With me poetry has not been a purpose, but a passion; and the passions should be held in reverence; they must not–they cannot at will be excited, with an eye to the paltry compensations, or the more paltry commendations of mankind.”

“The Raven” is “one of the most famous poems ever written. A deeply personal work about the unforgettable loss of a beloved woman, “The Raven” was reprinted at least ten times within a month after its appearance” (Silverman). In his “The Philosophy of Composition,” Poe called the title poem “a mournful and never-ending remembrance.”

This is an excellent, untouched copy of one of the most sought-after rarities of American literature. Only one example in original wrappers, the Self copy ($225,000 in 2015) has appeared for public sale in the past decade.
DODGSON, CHARLES LUTWIDGE [LEWIS CARROLL].
Photograph of Alexandra “Xie” Kitchin.

5 July 1870.

Albumen print (4 x 5 ½ in.), cabinet card mount. Inscribed in various hands: “Xie” (ink), “H.H.,” “Age 7,” and “presented by Lewis Carroll” (penciled).

Provenance: Henry Holiday, with his monogram on verso. Holiday, who illustrated The Hunting of the Snark, was a close friend of Dodgson. An album of Dodgson photographs belonging to Holiday is now at Princeton.

Taylor & Wakeling, Lewis Carroll, Photographer 1891.

DODGSON, better known as Lewis Carroll, who took up photography in 1856, was one of the most accomplished Victorian amateur photographers. He is most famous for his portraits of girls. On seeing one of his child portraits, Tennyson agreed to sit for him, saying, “You, I suppose, dream photographs.”

Beginning in 1856 Dodgson took about three thousand negatives, mostly portraits, over the span of about twenty-five years. He mastered the difficult techniques of the collodion process and devoted himself to art and composition, achieving results equaling those of the best professionals of his day. “The apparently contradictory aspects of his personality, artistic and imaginative on the one hand, and pedantically careful on the other, became the mainspring of his creative output, both as Charles Dodgson, the photographer, and as Lewis Carroll, children’s author” (Taylor, in Encyclopedia of Nineteenth-Century Photography).

Xie (pronounced “Ecky,” for Alexandra) was one of the most notable of Dodgson’s photographic subjects. She is now thought to have been six when this photograph was taken. “Another of Lewis Carroll’s early favourites, was Miss Alexandra (Xie) Kitchin, daughter of the Dean of Durham. Her father was for fifteen years Censor of the unattached members of the University of Oxford, so that Dodgson had plenty of opportunities of photographing his little friend” (Life and Letters of Lewis Carroll). “His most frequent and favourite sitter was Alexandra Kitchin, better known by her pet name of ‘Xie.’ Over the years he photographed her more often and in a wider variety of costumes and settings than any other person” (Taylor).

“With the exception of four pictures displayed at the 1858 annual exhibition of the Photographic Society of London, Dodgson had never exhibited his pictures, which were only known to a narrow circle of friends and acquaintances” (Fringier, "Out of Focus: A Portrait of Charles Lutwidge Dodgson" in Strange Sisters: Literature and Aesthetics in the Nineteenth Century).

This is a splendid, representative example of Dodgson’s portraits of children, from the collection of his close friend Henry Holiday (see Provenance).

“You, I suppose, dream photographs.” — Tennyson to Dodgson

“His most frequent and favourite sitter was Alexandra Kitchin, better known by her pet name of ‘Xie.’” — Taylor
Samuel Clemens wrote this poignant memoir of his daughter Susy in the wake of her death at age twenty-four in 1896. This moving manuscript reflects both the author’s tender memories of his beloved child and the dark outlook of his later years following many personal tragedies. Early in the narrative Clemens enters into a grief-induced melancholic reverie, projecting his emotions onto the mind of his lost child.

“As a little child aged seven she was oppressed & perplexed by the monstrous repetition of the stock incidents of our race’s fleeting sojourn here, just as the same thing has oppressed & perplexed maturer minds from the beginning of time: a myriad of men are born, they labor and sweat & struggle for bread, they squabble & scold & fight, they scramble for little mean advantages over each other; age creeps upon them, infirmities follow; shames and humiliations bring down their prides and & their vanities; those they loved are taken from them & the joy of life is to aching grief: the burden of pain cares misery grows heavier year by year; at length ambition is dead, pride is dead, vanity is dead longing for release is in their place; it comes at last, the only unpoisoned gift earth ever had for them & they vanish from a world where they were of no consequence, where they achieved nothing where they were a mistake & a failure & a foolishness, where they have left no sign that they have existed; a world a world which will lament them a day & forget them forever. Then another myriad takes their place.”

As the memoir continues, Clemens settles into his biographical task, warmly portraying his beloved daughter’s life, sibling and parental relations, and developing morality, all expertly crafted into a deeply reflective and personal text. The memoir is filled with charming and telling anecdotes about Susy, her precocious but sometimes humorously inaccurate vocabulary and spelling, and her generosity of spirit. The result is one of the finest and most intimate Clemens manuscripts, demonstrating his writing skill while exposing his closely guarded inner torments.

Clemens evidently intended this tribute to be printed as a book for private circulation. The cover sheet reads: “To precede the title-page. If I have uncovered my heart in this book it is because the book will go to none but the nearest & closest friends, & they will understand. It is my earnest desire that they shall allow no stranger to see it, but will treat it as a confidence between themselves & me. It is copyrighted & the legal forms observed, only in order to protect it from improper and unauthorized use.” In the end, the private edition was not printed. Clemens incorporated the memorial, with changes, in his Autobiography, which was finally published posthumously in 1924 (see vol. II, page 48 et seq.).

The Autobiography is one of the great American autobiographies, a work in which “one sees a mind bubbling and hears a uniquely American voice” (Literary Review). Manuscripts from the Autobiography are rarely seen in the market, and major manuscripts revealing the real Samuel Clemens behind his public persona of Mark Twain are equally scarce.

This is a rare opportunity to obtain a long working manuscript capturing the author’s inner turmoil as well as his wit and warmth.
The Discourse on Method

DESCARTES, RENE.

First edition of Descartes’s first published work, one of the most influential volumes in the history of science and philosophy.

“It is no exaggeration to say that Descartes was the first of modern philosophers and one of the first of modern scientists; in both branches of learning his influence has been vast … From these central propositions in logic, metaphysics and physics came the subsequent inquiries of Locke, Leibniz and Newton; from them stem all modern scientific and philosophic thought” (PMM).

Descartes’s starting point for the search for truth, “Cogito ergo sum” (“I am thinking therefore I exist,” often translated as “I think therefore I am”) is the most celebrated philosophical dictum of all time. In this original form, Descartes wrote, “Je pense, donc je suis.” The author’s friend Etienne De Courcelles translated the Discours into Latin in 1644, giving the famous formulation “Cogito ergo sum.” The first major exposition of this fundamental system was published in 1637 as the Discours de la Méthode (“Discourse on the Method of Properly Conducting One’s Reason and of Seeking the Truth in the Sciences”).

Descartes wrote, “Since I wished to devote myself solely to the search for truth, I thought it necessary to … reject as if absolutely false everything in which I could imagine the least doubt … And observing that the truth, ‘I am thinking, therefore I exist’ was so firm and sure that all the most extravagant suppositions of the skeptics were incapable of shaking it, I decided that I might accept it without scruple as the first principle of the philosophy I was seeking.”

The publication of the Discours sparked wide-ranging criticism and commentary not only on his radical methodology but also on the early formulation of his controversial treatment of the existence of God. In addition to its religious and philosophical content, the work presents the four essential elements of scientific Cartesianism: intuition, analysis, synthesis, and careful review of the deductive reasoning linking first principles and their ultimate consequences. The impact of this work can hardly be overstated.

“I think, therefore I am.” – Descartes

“The first of modern philosophers and one of the first of modern scientists” – PMM on Descartes

The Discourse is a fundamental work of the scientific revolution of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Aided by Descartes’s method, man can become “masters and possessors of nature.”

This volume contains three treatises in which Descartes demonstrates his new method: Les Météores, La Dioptrique, and La Géométrie. Les Météores, the founding work of meteorology, is the first attempt to put the study of weather on a scientific basis. La Dioptrique (Optics), containing the first publication of the law of refraction, is a landmark in the history of physics. La Géométrie is the founding work of analytic geometry. This work introduces the Cartesian coordinate system, familiar to every student of algebra, as a way to unite the analytic tools of algebra and the visual immediacy of geometry.

This is an excellent copy of one of the central works in the history of science and philosophy.
An iconic relic of the American Revolution. Minuteman Oliver Buttrick carried this historic powder horn at the Battle of Concord, the first battle of the American Revolutionary War.

The British government in Boston learned early in April 1775 that rebel colonists had hidden arms and gunpowder in Concord. On the morning of April 19 an expedition of 700 British army regulars marched from Boston to Concord to seize and destroy these arms. Paul Revere and other riders spread the alarm among local militias. When the British reached Lexington, the minuteman militia, not yet assembled in force, fell back. The British regulars then moved on to Concord, where a large contingent of minutemen was assembled. A formidable force held the North Bridge in Concord defying the British. The confrontation erupted into gunfire which became known as “the shot heard round the world.”

Oliver Buttrick, age eighteen, was one of seven in the Buttrick family to join with other minutemen in this historic conflict. Oliver’s uncle, Major John Buttrick led the advance at the Old North Bridge that day. Oliver was in David Brown’s Company and served alongside his brother William, who was killed three weeks later at Bunker Hill. Fellow minutemen that day included Abiel Buttrick, Daniel Buttrick, Tilly Buttrick, Willard Buttrick, and John Buttrick, Jr., a 14-year old fifer. See George Tolman, *The Concord Minute Men* (1901).

Minuteman Oliver Buttrick was born in Concord, on March 7, 1757, the son of Samuel and Elizabeth Buttrick. In addition to answering the call to action at the Old North Bridge, Oliver Buttrick served extensively in the American Revolutionary War, enlistin in the militia on June 6, 1776. He fought under the command of three of the men with whom he fought on April 19, 1775: Sgt. Abishai Brown, Capt. James Barrett and Capt. George Minot. Buttrick fought at Point Shirley, Bennington, Ticonderoga, Fishkills, and Soldiers Fortune near West Point. He also served at Boston area forts and performed guard duty on a prison ship in Boston Harbor. (See Buttrick pension application and *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, p. 973.) In 1834, at age 77, Oliver Buttrick filed for his Revolutionary War pension, declaring that when he officially entered into the service of his country he was 5’ 11”, age 21, and living in Concord.

The October 1774 date on this evocative powder horn is highly significant. Unrest in the colonies dating to the 1760s had increased with British occupation and seizure of political power, and by 1774 rebellion was at a fever pitch. In October, military governor Thomas Gage dissolved the Massachusetts Provincial Congress. Led by John Hancock, the now extralegal body nonetheless met, assuming control of the province outside of Boston, collecting taxes, raising a militia, and authorizing the procurement of arms. That very month 17-year-old Oliver Buttrick marked his ownership of this powder horn, which was to be used to defend his countrymen the following April.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to acquire an iconic object from the birth of our nation. This powder horn is among the few existing objects that can be directly associated with the first battle for American independence. This is believed to be the only colonial horn used at this historic confrontation ever to be offered for sale. We are aware of no other object used by a minuteman at the Battle of Concord being sold at auction in many years. Additional biographical details are presented in an illustrated brochure available on request.
His remarkable portrait of Revolutionary War veteran Baltus Stone is one of the very few daguerreotypes of a person who had lived in colonial America.

Few Americans born before 1750 had their likenesses captured by the new medium of photography, which came to America in 1839. The precise date of Stone’s birth is uncertain. The inscription in this case gives it as 1744, while his obituary in the National Intelligencer gives the year 1743. Stone’s pension application of 1820 states that he was then sixty-six, suggesting a birth year of 1754. The Copes-Bissett family Bible, which records the family of Stone’s presumed daughter Hannah, gives the year 1747.

Baltus Stone is one of the very earliest-born people to be photographed. The earliest competitor we have seen cited is a John Adams born in Worcester in 1745. Maureen Taylor’s The Last Muster: Images of The Revolutionary War Generation (2010) reproduces portraits of only two men born as early as that decade, in 1746 and circa 1749. Another candidate is the African-American slave Caesar, with an uncorroborated birth year of 1737, whose daguerreotype is in the collection of The New-York Historical Society.

Stone died just months after sitting for this daguerreotype. His October 1846 obituary states: ‘The venerable Baltis [sic] Stone, well known in Southward [presumably Southwark, South Philadelphia] as the oldest inhabitant, & a veteran of Revolutionary times, died on Thu. Last. At an early age the dec’d entered the army as a rifleman, along with his father, who sealed his devotion for his adopted country with his life’s blood. Baltis Stone was with Washington in every campaign of the Revolutionary struggle, & witnessed the battles of Bunker Hill, Trenton, Germantown, Red Bank, & others, & yet escaped without receiving a wound. He has received a pension from Gov’t, as a reward for these services, for many years. He was 103 years & 16 days old at his death. He was able to walk, supported by his staff, until within a few months past’ (National Intelligencer, 27 October 1846).

Stone’s official pension file reveals the obituary’s embellishments. According to that file, Stone enlisted as a private in the Pennsylvania Rifle Regiment. He saw action in the Battle of Long Island (August 1776). Captured by the British, he was freed in an exchange at the end of his enlistment period. By late 1777 Stone had reenlisted as a wagoner—possibly with Philadelphia’s First Battalion, City Militia—and subsequently saw action at Brandywine (September 1777) and Germantown (October 1777).

Stone first applied for a veteran’s pension in June 1818, after the passage of the Act to Provide for Certain Persons Engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War. Stone was apparently required to reapply for his $8 per month pension in 1820, as the file also contains a deposition from that year. Stone declared at that time, “I have no property of any description, am by occupation a day labourer, but from decrepitude and general infirmity am unable to labour. I have one daughter married with whom I reside and I am in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support myself without the assistance of my country.”

This tremendous daguerreotype of an ancient Revolutionary War veteran virtually transports us to another era in the nation’s history, before the United States of America even existed.
The Birth of Brooklyn

(BROOKLYN,)
An Act to Incorporate and Vest Certain Powers in the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Village of Brooklyn, in the County of Kings.

Brooklyn: Printed by A. Spooner, 1816.


“Cross from shore to shore, countless crowds of passengers! Stand up, tall masts of Mannahatta! Stand up, beautiful hills of Brooklyn!”

— Walt Whitman, “Crossing Brooklyn Ferry”

First edition of the rare founding document that made possible Brooklyn’s development into one of America’s greatest cities.

Early in the nineteenth century Hezekiah Pierrepont began accumulating real estate in present-day Brooklyn Heights. He intended to entice wealthy merchants and professionals to build houses across the East River from Manhattan. Robert Fulton’s revolutionary steamboat provided the necessary transportation. Beginning in 1814, the Nassau shuttled passengers and goods back and forth forty times each day, revolutionizing New York life.

In 1816 Pierrepont and other prominent citizens of Brooklyn petitioned the state legislature for a village charter to enable them to make the necessary improvements to attract prosperous New Yorkers to Brooklyn. This act marks Brooklyn’s boundaries, establishes its government, and identifies matters under the jurisdiction of the elected trustees, including draining, leveling, paving, setting a village watch, maintaining public wells and cisterns, licensing taverns and inns, restraining geese, swine, and cattle, maintaining streets and alleys, regulating “slaughter-houses, houses of ill fame, and nuisances generally,” and so on.

“This charter of 1816 set apart a district of about one square mile of the town of Breuckelen, founded in 1646, and organized it as a village under the name of Brooklyn. Since then, as is well known, this village has become the largest borough of New York City. Many later publications relating to Brooklyn are listed in the Church catalogue, Mr. Church having been a resident of Brooklyn, but this first charter was not in his collection” (Streeter).

At the time of this publication, the village’s population was 4500. Eighteen years later, with Brooklyn’s population having grown to 28,000, it was chartered as a city. A mere two decades later, its population exceeded 250,000, making Brooklyn one of America’s largest cities and “the country’s first commuter suburb” (Burnows and Wallace, Gotham).

VERY RARE. Only one example, the NYHS-Streeter copy (sold in 1944 and 1967 respectively), appears in the auction records of the past 100 years.
A Complete Set of “The most gigantic undertaking in the making of books since the King James Bible” – New York Herald, 1907

CURTIS, EDWARD SHERIFF. The North American Indian.


Printed on Van Gelder paper. 20 quarto text volumes in original half morocco (complete with 1505 photogravures, 4 maps and 2 diagrams) and 20 large portfolio plate volumes in original morocco and cloth chemises (complete with 723 photogravures). Minor wear to bindings, some offsetting. An excellent set. Portfolios in custom half morocco cases.

Provenance: Museum of the American Indian, predecessor of the National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institution, deaccessioned, with unobtrusive marking on verso of plates.

This is the most important ethnographic work on American Indians and a fundamental document of American history and culture. Beginning in 1900 Curtis spent more than three decades photographing and documenting the lives and cultures of more than eighty American Indian tribes ranging from the Inuit people of the far north to the Hopi people of the Southwest.

The North American Indian was an artistic and intellectual triumph. Theodore Roosevelt called it “a service not only to our people but to scholarship everywhere.” More than a collection of some of the most famous American photographs ever, the work was one of the great ethnological studies ever undertaken. Historian N. Scott Momaday wrote, “Never before have we seen the Indians of North America so close to the origins of their humanity, their sense of themselves in the world, their innate dignity and self-possession.”

The project was inspired by Curtis’s reflection that, “The passing of every old man or woman means the passage of some tradition, some knowledge of sacred rite possessed by no other; consequently, the information that is to be gathered, for the benefit of future generations, respecting the modes of life of one of the greatest races of mankind, must be collected at once or the opportunity will be lost for all time.”

The enormous undertaking, which cost more than $1.5 million, was supported by J. P. Morgan, Theodore Roosevelt, and many others. Still Curtis could not sell enough subscriptions to pay for the project, which resulted in bankruptcy.

Opportunities for private ownership of Curtis’s masterwork are rare as most copies have long been institutionalized. Indeed it is estimated that 85% of the sets are in institutions and the majority of the remaining sets have been broken up in order to sell the fabulous individual plates for display.

This is an excellent set of one of the monumental works in American art.
“The rapid changes make quick action essential. ... For this work there is no tomorrow.” – Edward S. Curtis
A rare mammoth portrait of the original Siamese twins, Chang and Eng Bunker (1811-1874), "the most celebrated 19th-century Asian Americans" (ANB).

The famed conjoined twins left Siam for Boston in 1829. They were exhibited by promoters—and soon exhibited themselves independently—in America and Europe until 1839. In that year they became U.S. citizens, took the surname "Bunker," and purchased land in North Carolina, becoming slave-owning farmers. There they married the Yates sisters in 1843, and over the coming years they had twenty-one children between them. The prosperous pair toured intermittently over the next three decades, often with their children.

The Civil War cost the celebrated twins their slaves, sending the aging men on the road once again in 1865. Taken in Philadelphia, this portrait shows the conjoined twins standing, Eng on the left with his fifteen-year-old son Patrick Henry Bunker, and Chang on the right with his eight-year-old son Albert Bunker.

W. L. Germon was a leading Philadelphia portrait photographer from 1846 until his death in 1877. This portrait can be dated to c. 1866 because of the survival of a small-format photograph at the Peabody Museum at Harvard. That carte de visite, from the same session at Germon’s "Temple of Art" at 914 Arch Street in Philadelphia, bears the manuscript date January 22, 1866 (Odo, The Journey of "A Good Type"). Chang and Eng sold their carte de visite photographs in conjunction with their performances, but portraits of this size are virtually unheard of.

Large-format portraits of the famous Siamese twins are of the greatest rarity.

**Provenance:** inscribed and signed in 1920 by John A. Ackley of Vineland, New Jersey, auctioneer, real estate trader, and state senator. Ackley has mistakenly ascribed the portrait to J. W. Hurd of Philadelphia in a small inscription on the mount.
George Frederic Watts (1817-1904), the renowned English Victorian painter, was one of Julia Margaret Cameron’s closest friends and art mentors. Watts painted Cameron’s portrait in the early 1850s, and Cameron reciprocated with a number of photographic portraits in the years that followed.

“His splendid portrait is inscribed and signed on the mount by Cameron “G.F. Watts From Life not enlarged Julia Margaret Cameron.”

George Frederic Watts lived for many years with the family of Cameron’s sister Sara at Little Holland House, where he was part of a long-lived artistic and literary salon. In the early 1870s Watts acquired a house at Freshwater, Isle of Wight, joining his friends Cameron and Tennyson there.

“How masterly ... are her straightforward, truthful portraits, which are entirely free from false sentiment.” “It is they which have made her work immortal in the annals of photography” (Gernsheim).
A Summary View of the Rights of British America

JEFFERSON, THOMAS. A Summary View of the Rights of British America. Set forth in some resolutions intended for the inspection of the present delegates of the people of Virginia, now in convention.

Philadelphia: John Dunlap, 1774.

23 pp. Early half sheep. In a sammelband of nine pamphlets (see opposite page). Notes on rear endpaper. Some wear to binding, joints tender, some staining and foxing, but generally a very good copy.

Provenance: J. Washington (signature); Jno. H. Croxton (signature); Chalmers Healy (bookplate); Sotheby’s, 26 June 1998, lot 227.

The earliest obtainable edition of Jefferson’s Summary View of the Rights of British America, this second edition followed the Williamsburg edition, of which fewer than ten copies are known. The Philadelphia printer, John Dunlap, printed the Declaration of Independence two years later.

This work established Jefferson’s reputation as one of America’s leading thinkers and made him a central figure in the Revolution. John Adams wrote, “Mr. Jefferson had the reputation of a masterly pen; he had been chosen a delegate in Virginia in consequence of a very handsome public paper which he had written for the House of Burgesses, ” A Summary View of the Rights of British America.

In 1809 Jefferson recalled, “The Summary View was not written for publication. It was a draught I had prepared of a petition to the king, which I meant to propose in my place as a member of the Convention of 1774. Being stopped on the road by sickness, I sent it on the Speaker who laid it on the table for the perusal of the members. It was thought too strong, for the times & to become the act of the convention, but was printed by subscription of the members with a short preface written by one of them. If it had any merit it was that of first taking our true ground, & that which was afterwards assigned & maintained ...”

“Jefferson reached the radical conclusion that the Americans possessed the natural right to govern themselves. This mingling of legalism and rationalism was thoroughly characteristic of the young revolutionary. The logic of the argument pointed to independence. ... The Summary View thus opened the final chapter in the polemics of the Revolution” (ANB).

Very rare. No complete copy has appeared for public sale since this very example sold for $88,000 at Sotheby’s nearly twenty years ago. The last copy of the Williamsburg edition to appear at auction made $231,000 in 1991.

“If it had any merit it was that of first taking our true ground.” — Jefferson on his Summary View

This example of Jefferson’s Summary View is especially appealing because it is bound as part of a tremendous collection of American Revolution pamphlets, all but one printed in Philadelphia:

2. Matthew Robinson, Baron Rokeby. Considerations on the Measures Carrying on with Respect to British Colonies in North America (1774)
4. Jonathan Shipley. Speech Intended to have been Spoken on the Bill for Altering the Charters of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay (1774)
5. Thomas Jefferson. A Summary View of the Rights of British America (1774)
9. An Address of the Presbyterian Ministers of the City of Philadelphia ... (1775)
Extremely Rare Presentation Copy of William James’s Greatest Book

JAMES, WILLIAM.  
The Principles of Psychology.  
New York: Henry Holt, 1890.  

First edition, first printing. A very rare presentation copy inscribed by William James: “Rev. Julius H. Seelye with the cordial regards of Wm. James Dec 2. 1890.” Seelye served in Congress from 1875 to 1877 and as president of Amherst College from 1876 to 1890.  

James’s Principles is “one of the earliest attempts to treat psychology as a natural science. James conceived of the mind as being subject to both Darwinian evolutionary principles and to acts of the will. Consciousness exists for practical results, and its characteristics are conditioned by such results; it flows – ‘the stream of consciousness’ is one of James’s many felicitous phrases – and the perception of a fact is represented as a brief halt in the flow” (DSB).  

“The book presents, in masterly language, a wealth of naturalistic observation about human behaviour and conscious experience. … It makes clear that psychology concerns, and is of concern to, the lives of individual people. It is exploratory, not consistently scientific in spirit, and arrives at no coherent theory of psychology. However, it widens horizons and raises issues that, in the twentieth century, have been approached scientifically. It raises many issues that still challenge scientific enquiry” (Oxford Companion to the Mind).  

James’s Principles of Psychology is “a rich blend of physiology, psychology, philosophy, and personal reflection” containing the “seeds of pragmatism and phenomenology,” a work that “influenced generations of thinkers in Europe and America, including Edmund Husserl, Bertrand Russell, John Dewey, and Ludwig Wittgenstein” (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy).  

EXTREMELY RARE. There are no other presentation copies in the auction records of the past 100 years. This is a spectacular presentation copy of a major work in American science and philosophy.


This argument is particularly significant given Hume’s friendship with Adam Smith. Smith wrote of Hume, “Upon the whole, I have always considered him, both in his lifetime and since his death, as approaching as nearly to the idea of a perfectly wise and virtuous man, as perhaps the nature of human frailty will permit.”

Hume’s discussion of the theory of self-interest helped to shape Smith’s economic philosophy. Bob McTeer, when President of The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, observed, “David Hume is primarily known as a philosopher ... studying his economic work enables us to see how he reshaped John Locke’s quantity of money theory and how he influenced the great Adam Smith, Hume’s close friend and fellow Scottish Enlightenment philosopher. Hume is one of the pillars of the classical school of economics, primarily founded by Smith” (FRBD, Economic Insights, Vol. 8 No. 1).

Rare in prime collector’s condition.
First edition of Locke’s landmark work of political philosophy, *Two Treatises of Government*. As the title suggests, this volume contains two separate treatises. The first, a reply to Filmer’s *Patriarcha*, argues against the theory of the divine right of kings. The second treatise, one of the most influential of all political writings, is “a plain statement of the principles of democracy” (PMM).

“In the Two Treatises of Government, Locke defended the claim that men are by nature free and equal against claims that God had made all people naturally subject to a monarch. He argued that people have rights, such as the right to life, liberty, and property, that have a foundation independent of the laws of any particular society. Locke used the claim that men are naturally free and equal as part of the justification for understanding legitimate political government as the result of a social contract where people in the state of nature conditionally transfer some of their rights to the government in order to better ensure the stable, comfortable enjoyment of their lives, liberty, and property. Since governments exist by the consent of the people in order to protect the rights of the people and promote the public good, governments that fail to do so can be resisted and replaced with new governments. Locke is thus also important for his defense of the right of revolution. Locke also defends the principle of majority rule and the separation of legislative and executive powers” (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy).

Locke’s Second Treatise focuses on the nature of man and the relationship between freedom, property rights, taxation, government, and revolution. These were the themes of the American Revolution, and Jefferson drew heavily on Locke’s thought in composing the Declaration of Independence. American historian Carl Becker wrote, “the Declaration, in its form, in its phraseology, follows closely certain sentences in Locke’s second treatise on government ... Jefferson, having read Locke’s treatise, was so taken with it that he read it again, and still again, so that afterwards its very phrases appear in his own writing.”

“Locke’s political theory is of great historical importance ... he influenced writers of the enlightenment such as Montesquieu ... there can be no doubt of his great influence in America ... and the widespread and lasting effects of the Treatise of Civil Government is a standing disproof of the notion that philosophers are ineffectual” (Copleston, *A History of Philosophy*).

“Londres [Paris]: Fletcher Gyles,” 1755.

Contemporary armorial calf, spine gilt, red morocco label. A few small spots. Fine.

Provenance: François-Alexandre, duc de la Rochefoucauld-Liancourt, with arms in gilt on boards and stamp on title.

First edition of the book that is, “more emphatically than any other single work, the cradle of political economy” (Jevons). Published posthumously, Cantillon’s Essay on the Nature of Trade in General was cited by Adam Smith, Condillac, Quesnay, Harris, Postlethwayt, and many others. It is “the most systematic treatment on economic principles before the Wealth of Nations” (Roul), and Cantillon is the “founding father of modern economics” (Rothbard).

Born in Ireland, Cantillon was active in banking in Paris for years. A man among boys in business, he made a fortune from John Law’s scheme. “Bankers fell like autumn leaves in Paris between 1717 and 1720, and as Higgs remarks, ‘Their losses were probably very heavy in 1720 and much of them went into Cantillon’s pocket’” (New Palgrave). He successfully defended himself in numerous lawsuits brought by victims of the Mississippi Bubble, but he eventually deemed it prudent to depart for England. In 1734 he was murdered by his recently-dismissed cook, who evidently robbed him and burned his house down, destroying his manuscripts among other things. While in Paris, Cantillon had written the *Essai* in English and translated it into French for a friend. That friend arranged for its publication more than two decades later in 1755.

Cantillon covers, in analysis far surpassing that of his contemporaries, currency, foreign exchanges, banking, credit, and the international specie flow mechanism (which Schumpeter hailed as “almost faultlessly described”). He made pioneering contributions to what was later known as the Malthusian theory of population, the theory of the allocation of surplus, and the distinction between market price and natural price as an integral part of an entire economic model. In the *Essai* Cantillon coined the term *entrepreneur*, which he observed “entails bearing the risk of buying at certain prices and selling at uncertain prices” (Cuervo).

This is a splendid copy of this founding work of modern economics.

The Word “Entrepreneur” is Coined
Leviathan “produced a fermentation in English thought not surpassed until the advent of Darwinism.”


Fist edition of Hobbes’s Leviathan, a classic of political philosophy and social contract theory. “This book produced a fermentation in English thought not surpassed until the advent of Darwinism. Its importance may be gauged by the long list of assailants it aroused. It was placed on the Index Librorum Prohibitorum 7th May 1703, though all Hobbes’s works had previously been condemned in toto, and it still remains a model of vigorous exposition, unsurpassed in the language” (Pforzheimer).

The first edition has the head ornament on the title page. The bear and triangle ornaments are found on the later editions, which are sometimes mistakenly referred to as later issues. Hobbes’s greatest work, Leviathan is the first comprehensive political system produced in England and one of the most important books in the history of political philosophy. Hobbes argued in part that men must give up certain rights by submitting to the state in order to avoid the “solitary, poor, nasty, brutish, and short” lives resulting from the state of nature’s war of all against all.

The frontispiece is one of the most famous illustrations in the history of ideas. Hobbes himself designed the etching in collaboration with the French artist Abraham Bosse. It depicts a giant crowned figure towering over the landscape, clutching a sword and a crozier, beneath a quotation from the Book of Job, “Non est potestas Super Terram quae Comparetur ei” (There is no power on earth to be compared to him). The torso and arms of the figure are composed of over three hundred men, all facing inwards in subordination to the giant figure. As Hobbes wrote, “the multitude, so united in one person, is called a COMMONWEALTH, in Latin, CIVITAS. This is the generation of that great LEVIATHAN, or rather, to speak more reverently, of that mortal god to which we owe, under the immortal God, our peace and defence.”

This is an especially attractive copy of the first edition of Hobbes’s Leviathan in a contemporary binding.

“No arts; no letters; no society; and which is worst of all, continual fear, and danger of violent death: and the life of man, solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short.” — Hobbes, Leviathan
his spectacular collection documents the height of the gold mining boomtown of Goldfield, Nevada. The images present the movement of gold from the solitary prospector and small claims to large industrial operations, from excavating, processing and shipping of ore to its sale, banking and stock trading, and ending with its expenditure on gambling and prostitutes.

The wonderful mining views include multiple views of large commercial operations, small claims, a girl playing outside a dugout home, a prospector with his burros, and caravans transporting ore. Town views include main street and the businesses the gold boom fueled, the tent in which the *Mining Review* was operated by the con man Jacob Herzig, large commercial banks, the trading floor on which mining stocks were bought and sold, a gambling hall, and a brothel. Photographer Laura Titsworth, one of the few woman photographers of the early West, took all but two of these photographs during the Goldfield boom.

The Goldfield boom began in 1902 when two bankrupt prospectors, Harry Stimler and Billy March, discovered gold in the hills south of Tonopah. Quickly, tents began to appear along claims in the barren hills in the mining district known as “Grandpa.” As vast deposits of gold were discovered, the town was renamed Goldfield.

By 1904 Goldfield had attracted some of the most famous—and infamous—men of the American West. The famed lawman Virgil Earp came to Goldfield in 1904 and was soon named deputy sheriff in 1905 despite an atrophied arm caused by the bullet taken at the O.K. Corral. Wyatt Earp was a pit boss and enforcer at Tex Rickard’s Northern Saloon, which boasted the longest bar in the history of mining towns and would soon become home to an infamous gambling house. The celebrated saloonkeeper Tex Rickard knew Wyatt Earp from a previous mining venture in Alaska.

Comprehensive collections of documentary photographs of gold mining boomtowns are now very scarce in private hands, and those of legendary towns like Goldfield are rare.

A detailed, illustrated description is available on request.
CARTER, SUSANNAH. The Frugal Housewife, or Complete Woman Cook ... [Boston]: London: Printed for F. Newbery, at the corner of St. Paul’s Church-Yard. Boston: reprinted and sold by Edes and Gill, in Queen Street, [1772].

12mo. [12], 166 of 168 pp., final leaf O6 in good facsimile. 2 engraved plates. 18th-century sheep. Spine rubbed, front hinge starting at top. Light toning, small tear without loss to title. Generally in excellent condition, a remarkable survival, especially given the subject matter.

Provenance: Sally Parsons 1774, with book label reading “The Property of Sally Parsons. 1774,” with decorative border on front paste-down.


First American edition. This is the second cookbook printed in America, preceded only by the similarly rare The Compleat Housewife printed in Williamsburg in 1742.

Carter’s Frugal Housewife was one of the “enduring classics in the American marketplace, reprinted in American cities into the 1830s” (Snell). Printed from the London edition with alterations, The Frugal Housewife strongly influenced the first cookery book by an American author, Amelia Simmons’s American Cookery (1796). Simmons copied entire passages almost word for word from Carter.

This first American edition of The Frugal Housewife, printed without a date, was advertised by Edes & Gill in the Boston Gazette as “this day Published” on 2 March 1772. Edes & Gill are best remembered as the most important printers in Boston during the American Revolution. In 1773, one year after publishing this cookbook, they and their newspaper, the Boston Gazette, played a crucial role in sparking the Boston Tea Party. For this cookbook they turned to another patriot, Paul Revere, famed as a silversmith and engraver. Paul Revere engraved two plates on copper to illustrate this work. Revere referred to his work in his Day Book on January 20, 1772, where he wrote: “Mesr. Edes & Gill Dr. To Engraving a Copper plate for coocrey [sic] Book & 500 prints 2-14-0.” Revere evidently engraved a single plate of copper with both illustrations.

Only four research libraries have copies (Library of Congress, Harvard, Brown, and American Antiquarian Society) and The Frugal Housewife is lacking from almost all of the great cookery collections. Seven copies are known worldwide:

1. American Antiquarian Society
2. Harvard 2 leaves short and likely supplied
3. Library of Congress lacking frontispiece plate
4. John Carter Brown frontispiece plate imperfect
5. Ross County Historical Society, Chillicothe, Ohio title page imperfect
6. Private collection lacking 9 leaves incl. title
7. The present copy

VERY RARE. No copy appears in the book auction records of the past 100 years, apart from an example lacking nine leaves including the title. In 1954 Goodspeed’s offered a copy with a portion of the title in facsimile—the only copy we have traced in the trade.

A fabulous provenance. This book bears the apparently otherwise unknown book label of Sally Parsons dated 1774. Women’s book labels on American books of this interest and period are of the greatest rarity.
KEY, FRANCIS SCOTT. A Celebrated Patriotic Song, the Star Spangled Banner. Written (during the Bombardment of Fort McHenry, on the 12th & 13th Sept. 1814) by B. [sic] Key Esqr.

Baltimore: Carrs Music Store, [1814 or early 1815].

Quarto. Two pages, printed from engraved plates on facing pages of a bifolium. Some restoration, creases and faint stains. Quarter brown morocco, easily removed for framing. A splendid display piece.

Fuld, Book of World-Famous Music, pp. 592-594 (locating ten copies of the “uncorrected” state); Filby and Howard, Star-Spangled Books S9 (locating five copies of the “corrected” state).

First edition of the printed words with music of The Star Spangled Banner, the American national anthem, one of the most celebrated rarities of printed Americana.

In September 1814 Francis Scott Key, a young Maryland attorney, sought the release of a physician who had been taken prisoner by the British. Key succeeded but was detained during the British bombardment of Fort McHenry preparatory to an assault on Baltimore. “Through the night bombardment of Sept. 13-14 he remained on deck in agonized suspense but at daybreak was overjoyed to see the flag still flying over Fort McHenry. In intense emotional excitement he then composed the poem” (DAB).

Over the coming weeks the song became enormously popular as broadside and newspaper printings circulated. The song’s popularity was spurred on by its setting to the well-known “The Anacreontic Song.”

Baltimore publisher Thomas Carr capitalized on the song’s popularity, engraving and printing the words and music together in this original rare sheet music. The Star Spangled Banner occurs in two states. The present copy is the corrected state, of which only six copies are known. The “uncorrected” state, of which eleven copies are located, contains the misspelling “A Patriotic Song” and does not give the dates of the bombardment or the author’s name.

To correct this spelling error, the upper portion of the copper plate was rubbed out and re-engraved with the following additions: “A Celebrated Patriotic Song” above the title, the note dating the bombardment 12-13 September, and the name of the author given as “B. Key.” Carr corrected one spelling error but made two new errors by giving Francis Scott Key’s initial as “B” and misdating the unforgettable recent bombardment as 12-13 September instead of 13-14 September, when it actually took place. The imprint, music, lyrics, and performance indications remained unaltered.

Extremely rare: only two other copies of the first edition in either state have appeared in the book auction records in the past century. The first was the Streeter copy of the first edition, traditional “uncorrected state,” sold for $23,000 in 1967. When that example first came to light in 1958, the Parke-Bernet catalogue noted it was “the first copy to be offered at public sale.” The second was a newly discovered copy of that state which brought $506,000 at Christie’s in 2010.
his remarkable collection of early Florida photographs documents two of the most important structures in Florida history: the fort Castillo de San Marcos and the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine. Built in 1672, the fort is the only extant 17th-century military structure in the continental United States. The church, located in the oldest parish of the United States (founded in 1565), was built in the 1790s.

Protecting St. Augustine (the oldest continuously occupied European settlement within the United States), the Castillo San Marco was built while the Spanish Empire controlled Florida. Construction of the masonry fort began in 1672 after a devastating raid on the city by the British privateer Robert Searles.

Over the centuries, Spain, Great Britain, the United States, and the Confederate States of America all controlled the fort. Several times over the course of its history the fort was used as a military prison. During the American Revolutionary War, the prisoners included Christopher Gadsden, the Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina and a delegate to the Continental Congress.

Beginning in 1862 the United States used the fort as a military prison for Native Americans for several decades. One of the photographs shows the jail that was used for their confinement while another shows dungeons that were presumably used for the same purpose. In later years Geronimo, his wife, and other Apache were imprisoned there. Ledger Art, a prominent art form among Plains Native Americans, began at the fort.

The Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine is located in the oldest parish in the United States, having been founded in 1565. In 1586 Francis Drake destroyed the first church. In 1566 Martín de Argüelles was born in the parish, the first recorded birth of a child of European ancestry in what is now the continental United States.
The Catholic Church in the Oldest Parish in the United States

DATING. The photographs showing the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine allow us to date the entire group, which are on identical mounts and have captions in the same hand. Due to the presence of a side chapel built in 1873, the absence of the rectory built in 1875, and the presence of a stonewall destroyed in 1875, we assign a likely date to the series of c. 1874. The photographs display consistent tones, dimensions, mounts, inscriptions, and aging across the collection.

These images appear to be unrecorded. We have made a comprehensive online survey of photographic collections of the time and place, consulted the Library of Congress’s digital archives, and queried area historical societies.

The photographs of Castillo San Marcos are:
1. Interior of Fort St. Marco. South West Corner showing entrance to Indian Prison. Old Well in the foreground. St. Augustine. Fla.

The photographs of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine are:
First edition, third issue. This is an outstanding copy of a foundational work of American history, from the library of the Calverts, the original Proprietors and colonial governors of Maryland.

This American classic is “the foundation of England’s knowledge of America during the early period of colonization” (PMM). John Smith was one of the original settlers of the Jamestown colony and a member of its governing council. After exploring the region for a year, Smith returned to find the settlement failing. “Although he is best known as the man who stepped in to force the disoriented Jamestown colonists to save themselves, his contribution as historian and theorist was also extremely important” (ANB), most notably his Generall Historie of Virginia.

The Generall Historie of Virginia contains Smith’s eyewitness accounts of the founding of Jamestown, his capture and rescue through the intercession of Pocahontas, his time spent in Virginia (1606-1609), and his explorations of the New England coast (1610-1617). The work comprises six books as follows: 1) the first settlement of Virginia, and the subsequent voyages there to 1605, 2) the land and its Indian inhabitants, 3) Smith’s voyage and the settlement of Jamestown, from December 1606 to 1609, plus two pages reprinting laudatory verses addressed to Smith from The Description of New England, with a few lines of introduction by Smith beginning: “Now seeing there is thus much Paper here to spare,” 4) Virginia from the planting of Point Comfort in 1609 to 1623, 5) the history of the Bermudas (or Summer Isles) from 1593 to 1624, followed by verses also reprinted from the Description, and 6) the history of New England from 1614 to 1624. There was one edition of the text.

Over the period of its sale, the title page was updated to reflect the year as well as the accession of Charles I, whose portrait appears on this title. The copper plates of the four excellent maps were also altered, adding names and changing details.

The Generall Historie of Virginia contains some of the most important American maps ever published including Smith’s map of Virginia ("one of the most important printed maps of America ever produced and certainly one of the greatest influence") and his map of New England ("the foundation map of New England cartography, the one that gave it its name and the first devoted to the region") (Burden).

This is a magnificent colonial American association copy in a period binding. This book is from the library of the Calvert family, the original Proprietors of Maryland. It bears the bookplate of Benedict Leonard Calvert (1700-1732), restored Proprietary Governor of Maryland and son of Benedict Leonard Calvert, 4th Lord Baltimore. This copy may descend from George Calvert, 1st Lord Baltimore, who sailed from Newfoundland to Virginia in 1629. His son Cecil Calvert, 2nd Lord Baltimore, was granted the charter for Maryland by Charles I in 1632. In 1715, the Crown restored proprietary rights to Benedict Leonard Calvert, 4th Lord Baltimore. His son Benedict Leonard Calvert, whose bookplate is in this volume, was named governor of Maryland by his brother, the 5th Lord Baltimore. Benedict Leonard Calvert died at sea in 1732 on his return voyage to England.
The Statue of Liberty

First edition of Samuel Clemens’s wonderful love letters to his wife Livy, signed by the author both “S. L. Clemens” and “Mark Twain” on the tipped-in limitation sheet. This is one of 155 numbered copies of the deluxe limited edition. The leaf also bears the notice, “these signatures of Mark Twain have been in the possession of Harper & Brothers for fifty years. There are no more.”

These letters span the years from the couple’s initial courtship in 1868 through Livy’s death in 1904. In his long first letter to Livy, who had rebuffed him, Clemens writes in small part, “I do not regret that I have loved you, still love & shall always love you. I accept the situation, uncomplainingly, hard as it is. Of old I am accustomed with grief, disaster & disappointment, & have borne these troubles as became a man. So, also, shall I bear this last & bitterest, even though it break my heart. I would not dishonor this worthiest love that has yet been born within me by any puerile thought, or word, or deed. It is better to have loved and lost you than that my life should have remained forever the blank it was before ...”

BARTHOLDI, FREDERIC AUGUSTE.
Signed Photograph of Bartholdi and the Statue of Liberty’s Left Hand.

Paris, c. 1875.

Albumen print (7 ¾ x 10 in.), mounted. A few light spots, but overall in very good condition.

Signed photographs of Bartholdi and the Statue of Liberty are very rare. This image showing the monumental statue in its earliest stages of construction is one of the most desirable items of photographic patriotic Americana we have ever encountered.
**Tom Sawyer**

**TWAIN, MARK.**

*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer.*


A splendid copy of *Tom Sawyer*, one of the first great American boy's books. This is the first American edition, first printing (on wove paper and with half-title and frontispiece on different leaves).

The great wisdom and sparkling wit of Twain's masterpiece *Tom Sawyer* is legendary, and every reading reminds us of the treasures buried in its pages: "If he hadn’t run out of whitewash, he would have bankrupted every boy in the village. ... He had discovered a great law of human action, without knowing it – namely, that in order to make a man covet a thing, it is only necessary to make the thing difficult to obtain. ... Work consists of whatever a body is obliged to do, and that Play consists of whatever a body is not obliged to do."

"Tom Sawyer was the first printed story of a boy in which the hero was recognizable as a boy throughout the whole narrative ... until *Tom Sawyer* was written, nearly all the boys of fiction were adults with a lisp, or saintly infants, or mischievous eccentrics ... in the work of Dickens there were hints of boys that were boys; but Tom was the first full blown boy in all fiction ... the book is a landmark" (Booth Tarkington).

This novel of a boy growing up along the Mississippi River is set in a town called St. Petersburg, inspired by Samuel Clemens’s hometown of Hannibal, Missouri. The author may have named Tom after a San Francisco fireman whom he met in June 1863. The real Tom Sawyer was a local hero, famous for rescuing ninety passengers after a shipwreck in 1853. The two were friendly during the author’s years in California, often drinking and gambling together. Twain referred to the real Tom Sawyer in *Roughing It*, but in later years he claimed that he himself was the model for Tom and that “Sawyer” was not the real name ... of any person I ever knew, so far as I can remember” (see Smithsonian, October 2012).

*Tom Sawyer* is among the most difficult of the great 19th-century American novels to obtain in collector’s condition. We have seen similar copies offered at $75,000. This is a lovely copy.
Gardner Photograph of the Execution of the Lincoln Conspirators

(LINCOLN, ABRAHAM.)
Gardner, Alexander.
Photograph of the execution of the Lincoln assassination conspirators.
Washington, 7 July 1865.

The hanging of the Lincoln assassination conspirators. Within two weeks of Lincoln’s death, eight accused conspirators were in custody. President Andrew Johnson ordered a trial by military commission. After a seven-week trial in May and June, the commission retired to deliberate. On July 3 Johnson approved the verdicts and sentences including four death sentences. On July 6 the verdicts were revealed, and the very next day the four executions were carried out simultaneously. The convicted conspirators were stunned to learn that they were to be executed immediately.

Alexander Gardner, the leading photographer in Washington, secured permission to document the carefully orchestrated event for which tickets were hotly contested. He made a series of ten images documenting the execution. This dramatic photograph shows the preparation for the hanging of the conspirators (from left to right):

Mary Surratt (at whose boarding house the conspirators met)
Lewis Powell (who attempted to assassinate Secretary of State William Seward)
David Herold (who assisted John Wilkes Booth in his flight from Washington)
George Atzerodt (who conspired to assassinate Vice-President Andrew Johnson)

This photograph was the sole Alexander Gardner view used as a double-page spread in the standard work on the subject, which observed: “Adjusting the Ropes. The conspirators are bound, hooded, and fitted with nooses. On the right, Atzerodt, the last to be bound, recoils at what he sees.” — Swanson and Weinberg

This momentous image is one of the first news photographs.
Adam Smith rescued his family from slavery with the help of the Underground Railroad, thereby earning a permanent place in the annals of American freedom.

He first appeared in the historical record on March 4, 1854, when Isaac Birch committed twenty-seven year old Adam to the Washington, D.C. slave jail as a runaway slave. Ten days later, he was released to Isaac Scaggs, suggesting that he had been sold to the Maryland slaveholder, “a real country ruffian” who “will sell a slave as quick as any other slave-holder.”

Three years later, on August 22, 1857, Adam ran away from the Scaggs farm. He and two other men escaped to Philadelphia via the Underground Railroad with the assistance of William Still. In his classic *The Underground Railroad* (1872), Still reprinted the “$300 Reward” Baltimore Sun notice describing Adam and his escape. Still wrote: “… The story which Adam related concerning his master and his reasons for escaping ran thus: ‘My master was a very easy man, but would work you hard and never allow you any chance night or day; he was a farmer, about fifty, stout, full face, a real country ruffian; member of no church, a great drinker and gambler; will sell a slave as quick as any other slave-holder. He had a great deal of cash, but did not rank high in society. His wife was very severe; hated a colored man to have any comfort in the world. They had eight adult and nine young slaves.’ Adam left because he ‘didn’t like the treatment.’ Twice he had been placed on the auction-block …”

What Still did not know was that Adam Smith then returned to the Scaggs farm two weeks later to free his family.

We have not seen or heard of another runaway reward poster in the market with a direct link to a documented Underground Railroad escape. This relic testifies to the thirst for freedom and strength of the African-American family even in slavery.

EXTREMELY RARE. This is the only known example. Not in WorldCat.
Maya Angelou’s Poem on the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations


Four pages (8 ½ x 11 in.), computer printout typescript. Original paper and plastic three-fastener folder with United Nations access pass mounted on the verso. Light foxing on bottom, some markings and signs of handling. Very good condition.

Maya Angelou read her poem “A Brave and Startling Truth” from this very document at the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations. Above the poem she has written, “Presidents, Excellencies, this piece was written for every human being on earth.” Angelou has also signed the document and made two manuscript revisions to the text. One of these changes is not reflected in the published version (see A Brave and Startling Truth, Random House, 1995, and The Complete Poetry, Random House, 2015). Finally, Angelou has inscribed the piece to critic and historian Richard Long, “one of the great pillars of African-American arts and culture” (Catherine Fox).

Written expressly for the ceremony, the poem describes the entire human race taking a journey toward an unknown destination—“we, this people, on a small and lonely planet.” The ceremony was held in the War Memorial and Opera House of San Francisco, where in 1945 representatives of fifty countries had signed the United Nations Charter.

Angelou gained widespread fame in 1969 following the publication of her memoir I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, which recounted life in the Jim Crow South. A decade earlier, Dr. Martin Luther King had named her the Northern Coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Among her many awards and honors are a National Medal of the Arts, awarded by Bill Clinton, a UNICEF Ambassadorship, a stamp issued by the U.S. Postal Service, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor, awarded by Barack Obama.

A leading figure in 20th-century American letters, Angelou is the best-known African-American poet. This poem, written for the UN’s fiftieth anniversary and addressed to “every human being on earth,” is an outstanding example of her work.

This working and reading manuscript’s revisions mark it as an important document in the history of African-American literature, Maya Angelou’s poetry, and of public poetry as a whole.
LOWELL, JAMES RUSSELL. Ode Recited at the Harvard Commemoration of the Living and Dead Soldiers of Harvard University, July 21, 1865.

Cambridge: Privately printed, 1865.

First edition, number 37 of 50 copies privately printed for the author. Presentation copy inscribed by the author: “Mr. E. W. Gurney with cordial regard from J. R. L. 3rd Sept 1865.” This is, after the Gettysburg Address, the greatest contemporary tribute to the Civil War dead and a work that helped to shape the American view of Abraham Lincoln.

James Russell Lowell, the foremost American man of letters in his time, delivered this poem “on the greatest occasion of his life, when Lowell was to give expression to ... his noblest and most splendid work” (F. Greenslet).

There are two dedications to the Commemoration Ode. The first, written for the occasion of the first reading of the poem, states, “To the ever sweet and shining memory of the ninety-three Sons of Harvard College Who have died for their Country in the War of Nationality, This Poem is Dedicated.” Lowell had lost three beloved nephews and other relatives in the war. He arranged for this private edition containing a special dedication: “This edition of my Commemoration Ode, printed for friends, is inscribed to those of my own kin who have fallen, not as singling them out for selfish praise, but because they were chiefly in my heart as I wrote. William Lowell Purnam. James Jackson Lowell. Charles Russell Lowell. Warren Dutton Lowell. Francis Dutton Lowell. Stephen George Perkins. Robert Gould Shaw. Cabot Russell.”

This volume contains the famous passages on Abraham Lincoln, finalized for publication after the first reading of the Ode, into which Lowell “poured a conception of Lincoln which may justly been said to be today the accepted idea which Americans hold of their great President” (Horace Scudder).

At the Streeter sale in 1969, the greatest Americana sale of the second half of the 20th century, Lowell’s Commemoration Ode brought $820. This was twice the price achieved by Streeter’s copy of Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address (New York: Baker and Godwin, 1863), which now commands $35,000. In recent years the Commemoration Ode has become rarer still. Prior to the present example, the last copy of the Ode to appear for public sale was the Martin copy, which brought over $4000 in 1990. This is one of the last opportunities to obtain this landmark work of 19th-century American literature and history.
“It is America’s second Declaration of Independence: that of 1776 was political; this of 1855 intellectual.” – PMM on Leaves of Grass

WHITMAN, WALT. 
*Leaves of Grass.*

Brooklyn, New York: 1855.


Provenance: signature of Thomas Bucher dated October 1855. The first issue Leaves of Grass is rarely found with an 1855 provenance.


**First edition, one of only 200 copies of the first issue of Whitman’s *Leaves of Grass.***

“The importance of the first edition of *Leaves of Grass* to American literary history is impossible to exaggerate. The slender volume introduced the poet who, celebrating the nation by celebrating himself, has since remained at the heart of America’s cultural memory because in the world of his imagination Americans have learned to recognize and possibly understand their own. As *Leaves of Grass* grew through its five subsequent editions into a hefty book of 389 poems (with the addition of the two annexes), it gained much in variety and complexity, but Whitman’s distinctive voice was never stronger, his vision never clearer, and his design never more improvisational than in the twelve poems of the first edition” (Ivan Markl).

“If one attempts to list the artistic achievements of our nation against the background of Western tradition, our accomplishments in music, painting, sculpture, architecture tend to be somewhat dwarfed. ... The exception is in literature. No western poet, in the past century and a half, not even Browning or Leopardi or Baudelaire, overshadows Walt Whitman or Emily Dickinson. ... The book that matters most is the original 1855 *Leaves of Grass*” (Harold Bloom, *The Western Canon*).

“Always the champion of the common man, Whitman is both the poet and the prophet of democracy. The whole of “Leaves of Grass” is imbued with the spirit of brotherhood and a pride in the democracy of the young American nation” (Printing and the Mind of Man).

According to the bookbinder’s records, 795 copies were bound; Whitman reported that 800 were printed. The first 200 were bound in June 1855 in binding A (green cloth with extra gilt stamping and all edges gilt). In December 1855 to January 1856, another 262 copies were bound in binding B (green cloth with less ornate stamping), and at this same time another 150 copies were bound in binding C (paper wrappers). Finally, in July 1855, 46 copies were bound “in boards mounted.” Ours is an excellent example of the first group of 200.

Most copies of this fragile volume that have appeared in recent years have been heavily restored. This is a very handsome copy.
Rare Walt Whitman Working Poetical Manuscript from Drum-Taps and Leaves of Grass

WHITMAN, WALT. Two autograph manuscripts: “Give me the splendid silent sun,” autograph manuscript [recto]; and autograph manuscript on equality and American government [verso].

c. 1865.

Two pages, on a composite sheet assembled in his characteristic way by Whitman from a single sheet of lined paper and a smaller unlined slip pasted on verso. Some chipping, cross-through by Whitman, upper corner cut away with loss of several letters on verso, minor staining.

The leaf contains two fine Whitman manuscripts.

The first is a Whitman poem from Drum-Taps and Leaves of Grass, a working draft of the opening of his much-quoted poem “Give me the splendid silent sun.” This poem first appeared in Drum-Taps (1865) and then was incorporated in Leaves of Grass beginning with the 1871 edition. The manuscript exhibits several small differences from the printed form.

Writing immediately following the upheaval of the Civil War, Whitman longingly calls for the beauty, quiet, and calm of nature and life on the land. Nonetheless, in the second stanza the poet comes to acknowledge that he is irresistibly drawn to the city, celebrating the activity and teeming humanity of Manhattan. The present manuscript comprises the first seven lines of the first of the poem’s two stanzas.

This is the only recorded manuscript of “Give me the splendid silent sun,” according to Walt Whitman Archive.

The second manuscript contains Whitman’s unpublished discussion of equality and government in America “And again, and eternally the idea of the perfect equality & average rights and privileges of These States, each toward any [crossed out: the and each] other, & towards the whole. And again the idea that the contracts and compacts of American government are strictly with each individual, with you me, the man who stands next to you, behind you – with every one - And that it is not permitted for the government to shirk its duty to any person [crossed out: individual] or class of persons [crossed out: individuals].” This manuscript is related in its subject matter to Whitman’s “Poem of Many in One” (1856, revised in 1867 to become “As I Sat Alone by Blue Ontario’s Shore”) in which the poet writes, “The American compact is with individuals, / The only government is that which makes minute of individuals.”

This is an outstanding pair of manuscripts combining, in a single object, Whitman’s poetical reaction to the Civil War and his prose reflections on the nature of equality and the relation between the individual and government.
Leaves of Grass, one of only 100 sets privately published, inscribed by Whitman in each volume “B. G. Morrison from the author W.W.” Leaves of Grass is additionally signed by Whitman on the title-page, and Two Rivulets is signed “Walt Whitman born May 31 1819” on the frontispiece mounted albumen photograph. This set is not to be confused with the reprinted author’s edition, also issued in 1876, bound in cream half sheep.

Leaves of Grass is today recognized as “America’s second Declaration of independence” (Bloom) and greatest work of 19th-century poetry, but in his time Whitman struggled to achieve wide recognition. By the 1870s Whitman was impoverished. William Michael Rossetti issued in England a circular describing Whitman’s plight and inviting readers to purchase the new self-published editions of Leaves of Grass and Two Rivulets. Whitman thanked Rossetti, noting that “by far the most satisfaction to me (and I think it can be done, and believe it will be) will be to live, as long as possible, on the sales, by myself, of my own works …”

He declared his intention to “bring out a volume this summer, partly as my contribution to our National Centennial. It is to be called Two Rivulets (i.e., two flowing chains of prose and verse, emanating the real and ideal), it will embody much that I had previously written ... but about one-third, as I guess, that is fresh.” At the same time Whitman would issue a matching edition of “Leaves of Grass, proper, will remain as it is identically. The new volume will have nearly or quite as much matter as Leaves of Grass ...”

The set is accompanied by an autograph postcard signed by Whitman to Morrison, an admirer living in Butler County, Pennsylvania: “I send by Adams Express this afternoon prepaid—by three Vols—directed to you same as this card – Let me know at once (by p. card will do) when they reach you all right. W. W.”

This is a splendid pair of books inscribed by Whitman documenting a turning point in his life and reputation. Matched sets in original bindings are rare in the market.
This fascinating scientific manuscript documents the state of scientific knowledge and education in France in the years following Galileo’s trial and the Church’s prohibition of Copernican theory.

The manuscript comprises three parts: Physics (De Corpore naturali inspecie seu Mondo Coelo and Elementis, Generatione and corruptione rerum Meteorisque, etc), Magnetism (Tractatus de Magnete, Historia Magnetis), and Astronomy (of Praxibus Astronomicis, Systema Copernici explicatur, etc). The Astronomy section includes discussions of the world systems, especially that of Copernicus, and the names of Galileo, Gassendi, Kepler, Tycho Brahe, and others appear. The Magnetism section includes mentions of Gassendi, Maignan, Descartes, Galileo, and Kircher, all of whom made vital contributions to the field in the seventeenth century.

The Church declared heliocentrism to be heretical in 1616, and in the following years the Jesuits, especially astronomer Giovanni Battista Riccioli, were at the forefront of efforts to oppose the theory. This manuscript was evidently written at a Jesuit institution. The writer refers frequently to authors commonly cited by Jesuits. Copernican theory (admitted to be the “ingenious Copernican system”) is opposed by the theories of Riccioli. A sample calculation in the Astronomy section states “Hic Lugduni” (here in Lyon). These facts combine to suggest that the manuscript is by a teacher or student at the Jesuit Collège de la Trinité in Lyon.

The manuscript can be dated with some accuracy. A reference to the year 1662 appears in an astronomical calculation. The text refers to Bullialdus’s Astronomia Philolaisa (1645) and Morin’s Tables Rodolphines (first published in 1652).

This fine manuscript merits further study and publication. Its astronomical diagrams make it ideally suited for an exhibition on the Copernican controversy.

We gratefully acknowledge the assistance of Professor Owen Gingerich in analyzing this manuscript.
“perhaps the greatest intellectual stride that it has ever been granted to any man to make” – Einstein on Newton’s Principia

NEWTON, ISAAC.
Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica.


Quarto. Folding plate, 215 woodcut diagrams. Original or contemporary Cambridge paneled calf, with double blind rule at edges of boards and four small cornerpieces, morocco title label “NEWTON / PHILOS,” edges sprinkled red. Joints cracked but secure, minor loss of leather, old coloring to exposed areas. Minimal dampstain to blank corners of some leaves, several quires browned as usual, some foxing and spotting as usual, a few small stains. Old manuscript shelf number 1074 on front free endpaper. An exceptionally wide-margined copy, with a number of leaves untrimmed.

First edition of Isaac Newton’s Principia, “generally described as the greatest work in the history of science” (PMM). This is an excellent, entirely unrestored copy of the first state with the preferred two-line imprint.

Copernicus, Galileo, and Kepler had certainly shown the way; but where they described the phenomena they observed, Newton explained the underlying universal laws. The Principia provided the great synthesis of the cosmos, proving finally its physical unity” (PMM). “For the first time a single mathematical law could explain the motion of objects on earth as well as the phenomena of the heavens... It was this grand conception that produced a general revolution in human thought, equaled perhaps only by that following Darwin’s Origin of Species” (PMM).

This treatise on dynamics and gravitation is undoubtedly “the most influential scientific publication of the 17th century” (Horblit). Newton presents his three laws of motion, discusses the movement of bodies through gases and liquids, defines mass and force, presents the corpuscular theory of light, and sets forth the principle of universal gravitation.

“This work was more seminal in the development of modern physics and astronomy than Newton’s Principia. Its conclusion that the force retaining the planets in their orbits is one in kind with terrestrial gravity ended forever the view dating back at least to Aristotle that the celestial realm calls for one science and the sublunar realm, another. Just as the Preface to its first edition had proposed, the ultimate success of Newton’s theory of gravity made the identification of the fundamental forces of nature and their characterization in laws the primary pursuit of physics” (Stanford Philosophy).

Neither the Royal Society nor Newton was willing or able to finance the publication of the Principia. Newton’s friend, astronomer Edmund Halley, underwrote the edition and supervised publication. About 300–400 copies were printed.

The Principia was issued with two variant title pages. This is the first state, the so-called English issue, with the title conjugate and the two-line imprint; the name of the bookseller Samuel Smith, was added to the cancel title page for copies presumably bound for export. We have always preferred the English issue of this epochal book, particularly when found in a contemporary English calf binding.

“Nature and nature’s laws lay hid at night: God said, Let Newton be! and all was light.”
– Alexander Pope, Newton’s epitaph in Westminster Abbey
eadward Muybridge’s photographs of horses in motion are icons in the history of photography. This landmark photograph was recently included in 100 Photographs: The Most Influential Images of All Time (2016).

Leland Stanford, railroad magnate and owner of the greatest racing stable in the West, engaged Muybridge to undertake pioneering experiments in instantaneous and sequential photography of horses. Stanford was in part motivated by the “unsupported transit” controversy—are there moments when all four of a horse’s feet leave the ground while trotting or galloping? On June 15, 1878, Muybridge demonstrated his method using a battery of twelve cameras whose shutters were released by a series of tripwires as the horse raced down the track. Over the next few days Muybridge made six sequences of various horses in motion.

“Muybridge’s Horse in Motion grids were the most sensational photographs of their day. Contemporaneous accounts describe crowds gathering outside shop windows in which they were displayed” (Prodger in Encyclopedia of Nineteenth Century Photography). The six photographs in the series are listed on the mounts: Mahomet cantering, Occident trotting, three views of Abe Edgington trotting, and Sallie Gardner running. Muybridge announces that six “series”—meaning a single print containing a series of photographs of a horse—“are now published.” Individual photographs appear for sale occasionally, but groups are quite rare. We offer three of the six, the largest group we have ever seen for sale.

“The negatives of these photographs were made of intervals of twenty-seven inches of distance, and about the twenty-fifth part of a second of time; they illustrate consecutive positions assumed in each twenty-seven inches of progress during a single stride of the mare. The vertical lines were twenty-seven inches apart; the horizontal lines represent elevations of four inches each. The exposure of each negative was less than the two thousandth part of a second.” “Not only did the sequences of photographs dissect rapid motion, they also presented a mechanical, scientific view of action the human eye simply could not decode on its own” (Brookman).

Muybridge issued these photographs to document and promote his accomplishment. A series of drawings from the photographs appeared in Scientific American, and La Nature in Paris published five of the sequences. Muybridge’s studies of animals in motion culminated in the publication of his Animal Locomotion in 1887.
This letter presents a very early investigation by Darwin of the races of man. In 1834 Darwin heard that head lice vary among the races of man while on the voyage of the Beagle. In his Beagle zoological diary he wrote, “Mr. Martial, a surgeon of an English Whaler assures me that the Lice of the Sandwich Islanders ... if they strayed to the bodies of the English in 3 or 4 days died ... If these facts were verified their interest would be great.— Man springing from one stock according his varieties having different species of parasites.— It leads one into many reflections.” Intrigued by the implications of this observation, Darwin began collecting specimens for further research. In 1844 Darwin began corresponding with entomologist Henry Denny, the recipient of this letter, who was investigating exotic species of lice. In this remarkable letter Darwin writes:

“You may remember a statement, which I communicated to you about the Sandwich Islands lice not living on Europeans. The other day, I met a passage in a foolish book: ‘White’s Regular Gradation of Men,’ which I thought you might like to know of. At p. 79 he states that he has heard that the lice on the Negroes born in N. America and who have never been in a hot country, are blacker and larger than the lice on Europeans and further that the European lice seem to refuse to live on the Negroes. It is singular if both this and my independent statement, are without any foundation.”

Darwin generously shared his findings and lice specimens with Denny, sending him a leaf of Beagle manuscript notes. Years later, Denny again took up the question of lice and variation in mankind in correspondence with Darwin, returning the Beagle notes borrowed long ago. Darwin continued to show keen interest in the subject and referred to it in *The Descent of Man* (Vol. I, p. 219) when discussing the question of whether the races of man might represent different species.

The “foolish” book Darwin names in this letter is Charles White’s *Regular Gradation of Man* (1799), which corroborated Darwin’s story about the lice and races of man. However, Darwin here rejects the book as “foolish” for its attempt to prove that human races were separate species with distinct origins.

This fascinating unpublished letter, written in the wake of the Beagle voyage, represents the earliest evidence we have seen in the market concerning Darwin’s investigations into the races of man.
“I do not suppose I shall continue to attend to domestic animals, except so far as they illustrate points in the Nat. Hist. of wild animals.”

Darwin and dogs. In this unpublished letter Darwin replies to a letter from dog breeder George Cupples containing detailed observations on the breeding of deerhounds. Darwin thanks Cupples for his information and “for your kind promise to observe the size of your dogs with advancing age.” Darwin relied heavily on his correspondents for observations from which he constructed his grand theories, and Cupples generously obliged Darwin, whom he admired greatly.

Darwin’s Variation of Animals and Plants under Domestication had appeared in January. He concludes the letter, “I do not suppose I shall continue to attend to domestic animals, except so far as they illustrate points in the Nat. Hist. of wild animals.” Nevertheless, Cupples and Darwin developed a friendly correspondence. In 1870 Cupples presented Darwin with a puppy whom the naturalist prized. He wrote to Cupples, “Bran is thriving & growing at a wonderful rate—coat sleek, & not too fat. Plays much with Polly & enjoys English life.”

The following year Darwin cited Cupples’s deerhound findings in several places in The Descent of Man. Darwin introduced the subject thus: “I was anxious to obtain information as to the Scotch deerhound, the sexes of which differ more in size than those of any other breed ... or than in any wild canine species known to me. Accordingly, I applied to Mr. Cupples, well known for his success with the breed ...”

The Descent of Man


Two volumes. Original green cloth. Minimal repair to head of spine. A near fine set.

Freeman 937.

First edition, first issue, with the uncorrected text in Vol. I and with the list of errata on the verso of the title page in Vol. II.

This is the work in which Darwin applied his theory of evolution by means of natural selection to man, a subject he had avoided for the decade following the publication of On the Origin of Species. The word “evolution” appears here for the first time in any of Darwin’s works (it was incorporated the following year in the sixth edition of the Origin). Darwin observed that man’s extinct ancestors would have to be classified among the primates, a statement that was misinterpreted in the popular press and caused a furor surpassed only by that of the Origin.

Darwin wrote in The Descent of Man, “The time will before long come when it will be thought wonderful, that naturalists, who were well acquainted with the comparative structure and development of man and other animals, should have believed that each was the work of a separate act of creation.”
DNA signed by Watson, Crick, Wilkins, and Stokes

**WATSON, JAMES D. & FRANCIS CRICK.**

“Molecular structure of nucleic acids. A structure of deoxyribose nucleic acid.”

**Offprint from: Nature Vol. 171 (April 25, 1953).**

London, 1953.


First edition, the rare offprint. Signed by Watson and Crick. This volume is also inscribed and signed by Maurice Wilkins and Alec R. Stokes, coauthors of the second paper with H R. Wilson. Wilkins shared the 1962 Nobel Prize in Medicine with Watson and Crick.

This is the celebrated announcement of the discovery of the structure of DNA, the cornerstone event in modern genetics and biology and one of the greatest scientific discoveries of all time. The first paper in this 3-paper offprint is the original announcement of the discovery of the double helix structure of DNA.

The Watson and Crick paper is accompanied by two important related papers on DNA from the same issue of Nature, one by Wilkins, Stokes and Wilson, the other by Franklin and Gosling (containing the famous x-ray photograph of DNA).

Watson and Crick concluded this paper with a classic understatement: "The structure has novel features which are of considerable biological interest. ... It has not escaped our notice that the specific pairing we have postulated immediately suggests a possible copying mechanism for the genetic material."

No scientific discovery has ever had such farreaching implications for the betterment of mankind. In 1962 Watson, Crick, and Wilkins shared the Nobel Prize in Medicine.

A similarly signed example of this celebrated offprint was the Green copy, which brought $86,500 in 2008 (Library of Richard Green, Christie’s, June 17, 2008). Like the present copy, the Green copy was signed by Watson, Crick, Wilkins, and Stokes.

“... It has not escaped our notice that the specific pairing we have postulated immediately suggests a possible copying mechanism for the genetic material.”
The Only Contemporary Published Account of the Secret Debates in the Federal Constitutional Convention

MARTIN, LUTHER.  
*The Genuine Information, Delivered to the Legislature of the State of Maryland, Relative to the Proceedings of the General Convention, Lately Held in Philadelphia.*  
Philadelphia: Eleazar Oswald, 1788.

Contemporary calf, quite worn, bound with eight other volumes (details on request). Brownd, some disappointing, closed tears, contemporary signature on title with a few ink burns. A rare survival.

Evans 21220.

First edition of Martin’s *Genuine Information,* a classic Anti-Federalist work and the only contemporary published source to describe the secret debates in the Federal Constitutional Convention.

Luther Martin of Maryland was a member of both the Continental Congress and the Federal Constitutional Convention. “In Philadelphia, Martin’s extensive legal knowledge and his commitment to preserving a role for small states made him a leader among the delegates who opposed James Madison’s Virginian Plan” (ANB). Martin expressed suspicion of the secrecy rule imposed upon the Convention, the debates of which were carried out behind closed doors.

Over the course of the Convention, Martin and other Anti-Federalists failed to constrain the power of the national government, to limit the legislative strength of the larger states, and to secure the inclusion of a Bill of Rights. Martin objected that the members of the convention violated their instructions to meet “for the sole and express purpose of revising” the Articles of Convention, and instead drafted an entirely new document and form of government. George Washington and Benjamin Franklin backed the new direction of the convention, but Martin warned that we should not “suffer our eyes to be dazzled by the splendor of names, as to run blindfolded into what may be our destruction.”

Therefore, as a matter of conscience, Martin walked out of the Convention and resolved to defeat its ratification. Soon thereafter, he presented this detailed report on the convention and its proposed constitution. The *Genuine Information* is the only firsthand account of the convention proceedings published at the time. Other accounts were not published for another thirty years, and James Madison’s notes were not published until 1840.

Martin and the other Anti-Federalists were deeply suspicious of strong central government. In *The Genuine Information* he warned, “no greater powers ought to be given than experience has shown to be necessary, since it will be easy to delegate further power when time shall dictate the expediency or necessity; but powers once bestowed upon a government, should they be found ever so dangerous or destructive to freedom, cannot be resumed or wrested from government, but by another revolution.”

The passage of a Bill of Rights by the First Congress and the conduct of the Washington and Adams administrations ultimately impressed Martin, who became one of the nation’s leading attorneys. He successfully defended Justice Samuel Chase in his impeachment trial and was one of Aaron Burr’s defense lawyers in the treason trial. As attorney general he argued Maryland’s side in the landmark *McCulloch v. Maryland.*

This copy of Luther Martin’s *Genuine Information* is bound in one volume with eight other political works of the period including James Monroe’s *View of the Conduct of the Executive of the United States* (1797) and *Proceedings of the House of Representatives ... Petitions Praying for a Repeal of the Alien and Sedition Laws* (Philadelphia, 1799).

The *Genuine Information* is extremely rare in the market. Only one other complete copy appears in the auction records of the last 80 years. A rare and important survival.
First edition. This rare volume documents Alexander Hamilton’s heroic efforts to secure New York’s ratification of the Constitution. In September 1787 the General Convention in Philadelphia sent the proposed Constitution to the states for ratification. One of the most contentious battlegrounds was New York. Without its ratification the new nation would be crippled from the outset.

Alexander Hamilton, leader of the New York Federalists, laid the groundwork for his campaign by publishing a series of Federalist papers in newspapers beginning in October 1787. But by June 1788 he saw that the effort was in trouble. Hamilton wrote to James Madison, “the more I can penetrate the views of the anti-federal party in this state, the more I dread the consequences of the non-adoption of the Constitution by any of the other states, the more I fear an eventual disunion and civil war.” When the New York convention commenced that month, ratification was in jeopardy: Anti-Federalist delegates outnumbered Federalists 47 to 20.

An experienced and eloquent courtroom advocate, Hamilton marshaled every argument available to the Federalists. In these speeches Hamilton presents in detail the central themes of the debate: balance of powers, federalism, the bicameral legislature, representation and apportionment, the power of the executive, defense, and so on. This rare volume presents many of the speeches of Hamilton, John Jay and other Federalists, as well as those of George Clinton and the other anti-Federalists.

REVISED BY HAMILTON FOR PUBLICATION. “From a letter in the Lamb papers (NYHS) it appears probable that at least Hamilton, Jay and Lansing revised their speeches, though Francis Childs, the reporter, virtually in his preface says that no such revision took place.” (P.L. Ford, Pamphlets on the Constitution of the United States).

Thanks to Hamilton’s efforts, New York ratified the Constitution by a vote of 30-27. This rare volume represents a pivotal moment in the establishment of the new nation.

VERY RARE. Only two other examples (the Streeter copy and a rebound copy with library stamps) appear in the auction records of the past century.

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— Alexander Hamilton to James Madison, 8 June 1788
**The Federalist in Original Boards**

First edition of *The Federalist*, the most sought-after of all American books. An exceptional copy in the original boards, with the edges untrimmed.

A splendid association copy from the library of Roger Alden, Revolutionary War officer, deputy secretary of the Continental Congress, deputy secretary of Foreign Affairs under Washington, and the man entrusted with the original Constitution after its signing.

"On September 18, 1787, the morning after it had been signed, the [Constitution] was placed on the 11:00 a.m. stagecoach for delivery to the Congress in New York City. There all the papers of the Convention were entrusted to Roger Alden, deputy secretary of the Congress" (Kammen, *A Machine That Would Go of Itself* p. 72). In 1789, Alden was again entrusted with the great state papers, this time including the Declaration of Independence.

Alden was keenly interested in the debates surrounding the new government, and he treasured his copy of *The Federalist*, signing each volume on the cover and on the title. "Few issues in American history have engrossed public attention like the debate about whether to adopt the Constitution. ... Roger Alden joked to brother-in-law Samuel William Johnson [in a letter dated December 31, 1787] that 'the report of the Convention affords a fruitful subject for wits, politicians and Law-makers–the presses, which conceived by the incubation of the Convention are delivered from the pangs of travail, & have become prolific indeed—the offspring is so numerous, that the public ear has become deaf to the cries of the distressed, and grow impatient for the christening of the first born'" (Kramer, "Putting the Politics Back into the Political Safeguards of Federalism" in *Columbia Law Review*, January 2000, p. 251).

In July 1789, the First Congress under the new Constitution created the Department of Foreign Affairs and directed that its Secretary should have "the custody and charge of all records, books, and papers" kept by the department of the same name under the old government. When Washington wrote to Thomas Jefferson in Paris on October 13, 1789, offering him the post of Secretary of State, he suggested Roger Alden to be his assistant: "Unwilling, as I am, to interfere in the direction of your choice of assistants, I shall only take the liberty of observing to you, that, from warm recommendations which I have received in behalf of Roger Alden, Esq., assistant Secretary to the late Congress, I have placed all the papers thereunto belonging, under his care. Those papers, which more properly appertain to the office of Foreign Affairs, are under the superintendence of Mr. Jay, who has been so obliging as to continue his good offices, and they are in the immediate charge of Mr. Remsen."

This extraordinary survival, worthy of the most discriminating collector, combines excellent original condition with an outstanding Founding Father provenance.
Adams’s Defense of the Constitutions of The United States

ADAMS, JOHN.
A Defence of the Constitutions of Government of the United States of America.

London: C. Dilly [vols. II-III: C. Dilly and John Stockdale], 1787-1788.

Three volumes. Contemporary mottled calf, spines gilt, morocco labels, the third volume with less ornate spine, the label mistakenly reading 2, edges yellow. Spines rubbed, joints slightly tender, stains to first few leaves of final volume. Unobtrusive private library number at foot of second leaf in volumes one and two. A very good, attractive set. Rare in original condition.

First edition of A Defense of the Constitutions of Government of the United States of America, a classic of American political theory. Adams wrote this work while serving as envoy to the Court of St. James’s in England. The first volume was published in early 1787; volumes II and III appeared later in 1787 and in 1788, respectively, and the complete work was also issued in collected form.

Adams’s work takes the form of a response to the radical French theorist A.-R.-J. Turgot, who espoused perfect democracy through a single legislative body. Adams saw this as nonsense and called instead for a system of government with checks and balances. His study of classical political theory, especially Cicero, led him in this work to call for a government of three parts: a bicameral legislature, a strong executive, and an independent judiciary.

“The fundamental article of my political creed is that despotism, or unlimited sovereignty, or absolute power, is the same in a majority of a popular assembly, an aristocratical council, an oligarchical junto, and a single emperor” (John Adams, letter to Thomas Jefferson).

The first volume appeared during the constitutional convention of 1787, and the work had “much currency in the Federal Convention, and influence upon the members” (Evans). Convention member Benjamin Rush wrote that Adams’s Defence had “diffused such excellent principles among us, that there is little doubt of our adopting a vigorous and compound federal legislature.” James Madison concurred that the book was sure to be “a powerful engine in forming public opinion.” On receipt of his copy, Jefferson wrote to Adams, “I have read your book with infinite satisfaction & improvement. It will do great good in America. Its learning & its good sense will I hope make it an institute for our politicians, old as well as young.” Late that year Adams secured his recall from his post in England and returned home to the new nation he helped create.

Complete sets in period bindings are very scarce because the three volumes were issued individually over the course of two years.

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First edition. This is a very rare example of *Paradise Lost* with the contemporary binding untouched and with a 1667 title page. This volume has been signed by women who owned it in the 16th and 17th centuries.

Samuel Johnson wrote of *Paradise Lost*, “The characteristic quality of his poem is sublimity. He sometimes descends to the elegant; but his element is the great. He can occasionally invest himself with grace; but his natural port is gigantic loftiness. He can please when pleasure is required; but it is his particular power to astonish.”

Thomas B. Macaulay hailed Milton as “the poet, statesman, the philosopher, the glory of English literature, the champion and martyr of English liberty.”

Milton, who went blind in middle age in 1652, did not write *Paradise Lost* by hand. Instead, he dictated it to family and friends who served as his amanuenses. Each morning before rising from bed, Milton was read to from the Hebrew Bible, and later in the day he would dictate *Paradise Lost*, sometimes declaring impatiently “I want to be milked.”

This copy has the second of the two 1667 title pages, of a total of six dated 1667 through 1669. The two 1667 title pages differ in the size of type for Milton’s name and in the rules and border. The likely explanation is that “the border rules were damaged and reset while the first title page was being printed. For the second title page, Milton’s name was printed in a slightly smaller type size because there was slightly less space available for it” (Dobranski, “Simmons’s Shell Game: The Six Title Pages of Paradise Lost”). This copy contains the added preliminaries including the errata, the short notice from “The Printer to the Reader,” “The Argument” (prose summaries of the individual books), and “The Verse,” in which Milton argues against the English practice of rhyming line endings in favor of blank verse, “Rime being no necessary Adjunct or true Ornament of Poem or good Verse, in longer works especially, but the Invention of a barbarous Age, to set off wretched matter and lame Meeter.”

Examples of *Paradise Lost* with the 1667 title and in an untouched period binding are rare. Only one other such copy, an example sold at Sotheby’s in 1978, has appeared for public sale in the past fifty years. As the first title page is unobtainable in a contemporary binding, this is the most desirable example of *Paradise Lost* available.
Stunning Darwin Family Photograph Album

DARWIN, CHARLES. Various Photographers. Carte-de-visite Photograph Album. [Down, Kent, 1871-1879.]

19 albumen prints (most CDVs measuring 2 ¼ x 3 ½ in.) in a Victorian album with diecut windows. Some fading, two photographs on first leaf creased, tears to some mounts. Contemporary brown leather, beveled edges, clasp, gilt edges, restored.

We gratefully acknowledge the assistance of Alison Pearn and Charissa Varma of the Darwin Correspondence Project, University of Cambridge, in the identification of these portraits.


[offered with:]


Albumen print (2 ¼ x 3 ½ in.), carte-de-visite mount. Light wear. Fine.

Signed by Charles Darwin on the mount. Elliott & Fry were leading portrait photographers in London, and this image is among the best-known portraits of Darwin.

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With a Signed CDV Portrait of Charles Darwin

An intimate photographic memento of Charles Darwin and his family. This extremely rare Darwin family photograph album contains photographs of Charles Darwin (1809-1882) and his wife Emma Darwin (1808-1896); their son George Howard Darwin (1845-1912), with another showing George holding his nephew Bernard Darwin; their daughter Elizabeth Darwin (1847-1926) and another of Elizabeth; their son Horace Darwin (1850-1953); their daughter Henrietta Emma ‘Etty’ Litchfield (1843-1927), with another two of Henrietta; Henrietta’s husband Richard Buckley Litchfield (1832-1903), with another of Richard; Charles and Emma’s first grandson Bernard Darwin (1876-1961) with two other photographs of the infant; and other photographs of as-yet unidentified sitters.

The portrait of Charles Darwin was made by Oscar Rejlander, “Darwin’s Photographer.” When Darwin decided to use photographs to illustrate his planned book on The Expression of Emotions in Man and Animals, he had found it difficult to obtain images with the desired facial expressions. After extensive searching, he eventually turned to the Swedish photographer Oscar Rejlander, whom he met in 1871. This seated portrait was one of several Rejlander made in 1871 or 1872. Darwin declared these “The best photographs of me” (Darwin Correspondence Project). Rejlander became “Darwin’s principal adviser on photographic issues ... [and] presented Darwin with at least sixty-four pictures of expression, more than any other photographer” (Prodger, Darwin’s Camera). Three of the portraits in this album are by Rejlander.

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Though far less recognized by Victorian society for her intellectual worth than her father or brothers, Henrietta was an essential linchpin in the Darwin circle, and helped anchor both the scientific and domestic activities of her family (Darwin Correspondence Project). Charles Darwin thanked Henrietta for her role in preparing the second printing of *The Descent of Man* (1871), writing in part, "Several reviewers speak of the lucid vigorous style etc.— Now I know how much I owe to you in this respect, which includes arrangement, not to mention still more important aids in the reasoning" (20 March 1871). After her father’s death, she assisted with the editing of his *Autobiography and Life of Erasmus Darwin*, and she edited her mother Emma’s *Letters*.

Henrietta’s husband, R.B. Litchfield, took a junior position in the Ecclesiastical Commission to provide an income to support him in his work at the philanthropic Working Men’s College. There he taught mathematics and singing, eventually becoming its principal. Litchfield was a friend of James Clerk Maxwell and John Ruskin.

Two of the photographs are of Charles Darwin’s second son George Howard Darwin (1845-1912). A distinguished astronomer, George Darwin was Plumian Professor of Astronomy at Cambridge, President of the Royal Astronomical Society, Fellow of the Royal Society, and recipient of its Royal Medal and Copley Medal. George Howard Darwin has signed his portrait on the verso.

The collection also includes rare photographs of two other children of Charles Darwin. Horace Darwin, a scientist, was the youngest of the Darwin children to survive into adulthood. Elizabeth Darwin, known as “Bessy,” was the naturalist’s youngest child. Elizabeth, who never married, bought a home near the Litchfields in her later years. Finally, the collection includes three photographs of Charles and Emma’s first grandson, Bernard Darwin, as an infant and as a young boy. Bernard, who became a noted amateur golfer and golf writer, was born in 1876.

Darwin family photograph albums from the lifetime of Charles Darwin are of the very greatest rarity. This is likely the only example in private hands. This album is one of the most desirable Darwin photographic objects extant.
A
braham Lincoln at his home in Springfield. "Lincoln stands on the terrace of the only house he ever owned. He called it his 'little brown cottage' and bought it for $1500 in 1844 from the Reverend Charles Dresser, an Episcopal rector who had married the Lincolns in 1842. Here Lincoln’s sons Eddie, Willie, and Tad were born, and here he was living when elected President" (Ostendorf). Lincoln stands with his sons Willie and Tad, who is barely visible behind a post.

Lincoln left Springfield for Washington on February 11, 1861. In his farewell address, he told the people of Springfield, "My friends, no one, not in my situation, can appreciate my feeling of sadness at this parting. To this place, and the kindness of these people, I owe everything. Here I have lived a quarter of a century, and have passed from a young to an old man. Here my children have been born, and one is buried. I now leave, not knowing when, or whether ever, I may return, with a task before me greater than that which rested upon Washington. Without the assistance of the Divine Being who ever attended him, I cannot succeed. With that assistance I cannot fail. Trusting in Him who can go with me, and remain with you, and be everywhere for good, let us confidently hope that all will yet be well. To His care commending you, as I hope in your prayers you will commend me, I bid you an affectionate farewell."

The photographer, John Adams Whipple (1822-1891) was a pioneering American photographer and inventor who owned a successful photography studio in Boston. "Whipple was instrumental in the development of the glass negative/paper positive process in America" (Encyclopedia of Nineteenth-Century Photography).

Lincoln was chosen as the Republican nominee for the presidency on May 18, 1860. Whipple journeyed to Illinois that summer to photograph the rising political star at his home in Springfield. This rare large-format print bears Whipple’s imprint and address.

Large-format photographs of Abraham Lincoln and his family are rare.
Lincoln intervenes on behalf of “one of the very best friends of the soldiers.”

Elizabeth Hutter was one of the most prominent Northern women in the fight to preserve the Union. During the Civil War, Elizabeth and her husband provided food and supplies to Federal recruits and volunteered at military hospitals. After First Bull Run and Gettysburg, Elizabeth traveled to the battlefields to aid the wounded, once under a special pass courtesy of Lincoln. She co-chaired a committee of the June 1864 Great Central Fair to raise funds for the U.S. Sanitary Commission, raising $250,000 for Union military hospitals. Lincoln himself attended the grand event in Philadelphia. Elizabeth is known to have met and corresponded with Lincoln on a number of occasions. In 1863 she secured Lincoln’s endorsement of her proposed earmuffs to warm soldiers’ ears!

In October 1864, Secretary of War Edwin Stanton appointed Elizabeth Hutter’s brother, Jacob A. Shindel, as Assistant Quartermaster of Volunteers with the rank of Captain. According to that appointment (item D), Jacob was to report to Maj. Gen. Edward Canby, commander of the Military Division of Western Mississippi, based in New Orleans.

Mrs. Hutter visited Lincoln in the White House on November 4, 1864 to discuss her ideas about establishing homes for war orphans (Lincoln Day by Day). At that meeting she also intervened on behalf of her brother to secure him a better posting.

This collection includes a note signed by Lincoln instructing Stanton to receive his friend, declaring, “I really wish Mrs. Hutter to be obliged in this case. She is one of the very best friends of the soldiers ...” (item A). At the same time Lincoln submitted a document to the Quartermaster General’s office in support of the appointment (item C).

Stanton acceded to Lincoln’s wishes, for the following day Lincoln amended the appointment (item D), writing “Capt. Shindel will report to Gen. W. T. Sherman, instead of to Gen. Canby as within directed. A. Lincoln Nov. 5, 1864.” William Tecumseh Sherman had recently captured Atlanta and was about to commence the March to the Sea.
Three Lincoln autographs helping Mrs. Hutter and her brother

RELICS OF LINCOLN’S ASSASSINATION

Six months later, John Wilkes Booth assassinated Lincoln at Ford’s Theatre on April 14, 1865. The mortally wounded president was carried across the street to the boarding house at 453 Tenth Street and placed in the room of William T. Clark. Clark, a clerk at the Quartermaster General’s office, was out celebrating the end of the war. Lincoln died in the morning of April 15. When Clark returned, he “found his room in shambles. That night he climbed into Lincoln’s deathbed and fell asleep under the same coverlet that warmed the body of the dying president.” Several days later, in a letter to his sister, Clark observed that “Everybody has a great desire to obtain some memento from my room so that whoever comes in has to be closely watched for fear they will steal something. I have a lock of his hair … also a piece of linen with a portion of his brain, the pillow case upon which he lay when he died …” (Swanson, Manhunt, pp. 143-145).

Careful to preserve relics of the martyred president’s death, Clark shared several objects with a friend at the Quartermaster General’s office. The collection includes Clark’s April 24 letter to his friend M. B. Lichty, written from the very house where Lincoln died (Item E). The relics listed in that letter, and present here, include feathers from Lincoln’s pillow (Item F), a bloodstained bandage from Lincoln’s head (Item G), and a piece of the crepe hung on the boarding house door announcing for the first time Lincoln’s death (Item H). Lichty immediately forwarded the relics to Governor A. G. Curtin of Pennsylvania (Item J), who in turn presented them to Elizabeth Hutter in Philadelphia, who treasured the mementos of her friend and ally Abraham Lincoln.

The collection comprises:

A. LINCOLN, ABRAHAM. Autograph note signed to Edwin Stanton. The White House, 4 November 1864. 2 x 3 ¼ in. card. Mounted to larger leaf on which is written: “Note from President Lincoln to the Secretary of War November 4, 1864.”

Lincoln instructs Edwin Stanton, “I really wish Mrs. Hutter to be obliged in this case. She is one of the very best friends of the soldiers – Hon. Sec. of War please see her. Nov. 4, 1864 A. Lincoln.”


This document, headed in manuscript “Appointment,” instructs Capt. Shindel to execute a bond in the amount of $10,000, to be forwarded to the Quartermaster General’s Office, and for Shindel to then report to Maj. Gen. Canby in New Orleans.

C. LINCOLN, ABRAHAM. Autograph endorsement signed, a panel from the verso of a Pennsylvania document heading “Guaranty,” on which Lincoln writes, “Submitted to the Quartermaster General A. Lincoln, Nov. 4, 1864.”

This document may be related to the requirement that Shindel post a bond to secure his position in the Quartermaster General’s office.

D. LINCOLN, ABRAHAM. Autograph endorsement signed on Document Signed by Edwin Stanton as Secretary of War appointing Jacob A. Shindel Assistant Quartermaster of Volunteers with the rank of Captain, dated October 5, 1864. 8 x 10 in. The document notes that Shindel is to report “in person” for duty to Maj. Gen. Edward R. S. Canby, commander of the Military Division of Western Mississippi, based in New Orleans. Original folds.

Lincoln writes: “Capt. Shindel will report to Gen. W. T. Sherman, instead of to Gen. Canby as within directed. A. Lincoln Nov. 5, 1864.” Sherman had recently captured Atlanta. Days after Lincoln wrote this order, Sherman burned Atlanta to the ground and launched his Savannah campaign, the famous March to the Sea.

E. LINCOLN ASSASSINATION.) CLARK, WILLIAM T. Autograph letter signed to “Friend Lichty.” Washington, 453 10th Street, April 24, 1865. One page. Clark writes to his coworker from the house where Lincoln died: “Please accept the enclosed & sent mementos of the death of our late president believing you will appreciate their historic value. The feathers are from the pillow on which his head lay while breathing his last. The pieces of cloth are from bandages that were on his head and the crepe is a portion of the piece which hung on the front door of the house, a moment after his death, the first to notify the people of the sad event.”

F. LINCOLN ASSASSINATION.) F. Two feathers “from the pillow on which his head lay while breathing his last.”

G. LINCOLN ASSASSINATION.) G. Two pieces of cloth “from bandages that were on his head,” one of them stained with Lincoln’s blood.

H. LINCOLN ASSASSINATION.) H. Crepe, “a portion of the piece which hung on the front door of the house, a moment after his death, the first to notify the people of the sad event.”

I. LINCOLN ASSASSINATION.) I. Black-bordered mourning edition with an illustrated account of Lincoln’s funeral.

J. LINCOLN ASSASSINATION.) J. Lichty, M. Autograph letter signed to A. G. Curtin, Governor of Pennsylvania. Washington, April 28, 1865. Two pages. Lichty sends to Governor Curtin “the enclosed relics … of the great and good man Abraham Lincoln.” He writes in part, “The piece of bandage, dyed with the life-blood of our lamented Chief Magistrate, is cut from a towel, that bound up his bleeding wound. The little symbol of mourning [the crepe], the first in all this land, to announce that Abraham Lincoln was dead. The few feathers, enclosed, are from the pillow upon which his head lay … William T. Clark, a fellow clerk, from whose hands I received these sad tokens, was one of the occupants of the room, wherein the good man Abraham Lincoln breathed his last …”

K. LINCOLN ASSASSINATION.) K. Envelopes containing the relics. On the first envelope is printed “Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Soldier’s Orphans” (one of Hutter’s chief causes) and written in manuscript “Mementoes of the death of President Lincoln.” The second envelope is likewise identified in an early hand “Lincoln’s relics. Property of Colonel J. M. Shindel 131 South 8th Street, Lebanon Pennsylvania.” It is evident that Governor Curtin presented the relics to the influential Pennsylvanian Elizabeth Hutter, knowing of her long connections with Lincoln, and that the relics then passed down in the Shindel family.

This is a magnificent collection documenting Lincoln’s generosity to his friends and the veneration in which Americans held him, in life and in death.
his is a unique photographic record of more than 100 young men, from across the South, most of whom fought for the Confederacy. The collection comprises 125 rare salt prints made in 1859-1862. All but eight of the men represented in these albums went on to serve in the Confederate military, in a total of 88 units. Four fought for the Union, and four remained neutral. 13 were killed in action, 24 were wounded in action, and 24 became prisoners of war. The men fought in many of the war’s major engagements including Gettysburg, Chickamauga, Shiloh, Chancellorsville, and others.

R. L. C. White (1844-1909) entered Cumberland University at age 16 in 1859. Over the next three years, he assembled in these albums the photographic portraits and/or autographs of 139 fellow Cumberland University students and faculty. In 1862 White enlisted in Company K, 8th Tennessee Cavalry, the “Cedar Snags,” which served as escort to Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest and later Gen. John B. Hood. Many of those from White’s hometown of Lebanon organized themselves into a militia unit called the Lebanon Greys, later Company H, 7th Tenn., led by Col. Robert Halton. A number of the young men are in the militia uniform of the Lebanon Greys or Wilson Blues. Other classmates went home to join the soldiers of their own states including Texas, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Missouri, Georgia, and Virginia.

White, who went on to become a physician and a newspaper editor, has annotated these volumes with the units and fates of a number of his Cumberland friends and acquaintances, one-quarter of whom became casualties. This collection was the source for the images in Floyd & Gibson, The Boys Who Went to War from Cumberland University: 1861-1865 (Gettysburg, 2001), which provides biographical sketches of the young men. Among the many noteworthy men and amazing stories represented in these volumes are:

- Lt. Gen. A. P. Stewart. A faculty member at Cumberland, Stewart was one of the leading figures in the Army of Tennessee and was Polk’s successor as corps commander during the battle for Atlanta. Stewart was with Johnston when he finally surrendered bringing the war to a close. This may be the earliest extant photograph of Stewart.

- Lt. Andrew Willis Gould. Gould famously considered himself dishonored by his commanding officer Nathan Bedford Forrest, who accused him of losing two captured Union guns. In the ensuing confrontation Gould shot Forrest and was fatally stabbed in return.

- Sgt. John Ferris. Ferris was nominated for the Confederate Roll of Honor for his actions at the battle of Murfreesboro.

- Lt. Elisha Dismukes. Severely wounded at Second Manassas, Dismukes recovered and was wounded again at Gettysburg, where he was captured. After being released in a prisoner exchange, he rejoined his unit yet again at Petersburg before finally surrendering there at war’s end.

Salt print photographs, prized by collectors today, reached their greatest popularity in the late 1850s, when they were eclipsed by albumen photographs. Salt prints of Confederate soldiers are notoriously scarce, and a collection of this size is truly remarkable.

This collection, representing the entire breadth of the Confederacy and set in the context of autograph inscriptions often reflecting the sitters’ youthful ideals and aspirations, is worthy of the finest collections of the history of the Civil War, the South, and photographic history.
“the only thing we have to fear is fear itself”

ROOSEVELT, FRANKLIN D.  
Inaugural Address of Franklin D. Roosevelt  
President of the United States. Delivered at the  
Capitol Washington, D.C. March 4, 1933.  

Washington: GPO, 1933.  


Halter, Collecting First Editions of Franklin Roosevelt: Contributions to a Bibliography T544.

First edition. “Only a very few copies of the address were published in this format” (Halter). This advance version of Roosevelt’s first inaugural address was printed for limited distribution and for Roosevelt’s review and use shortly before he was sworn in. Roosevelt intended to read his address from a printed advance copy, which accounts for the unusually large and dark type in this special printing. In the end, he read from a typescript with a few words added and deleted in his own hand. The essential parts of the address, including the long passage with its most famous line, “the only thing we have to fear is fear itself,” were unaltered, and the speech was first printed here.

This celebrated speech represents a defining moment in American economic history and the dawning of the modern era of the federal government. The 20-minute speech was broadcast over radio to a nation that had repudiated Hoover’s policies and elected Roosevelt in hopes of pulling America out of the Great Depression. Roosevelt opens the address with his immortal words, “So, first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself—nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance. In every dark hour of our national life a leadership of frankness and vigor has met with that understanding and support of the people themselves which is essential to victory. I am convinced that you will again give that support to leadership in these critical days.” Roosevelt goes on to describe the essential elements of what became known as the New Deal: banking reform, increased employment through national projects, national supervision of transportation, communications, and other utilities, and the expansion of executive authority.

This address marks the beginning of a new era in American government—the dramatic expansion of federal (and especially executive) power. Roosevelt declares, “I shall ask the Congress for the one remaining instrument to meet the crisis—broad Executive power to wage a war against the emergency, as great as the power that would be given to me if we were in fact invaded by a foreign foe.” The day after his inauguration, Roosevelt declared a four-day bank holiday, and on March 9 he signed the Emergency Banking Act. These events marked the beginning of the First 100 Days of the New Deal.

This is the rare first edition of one of the greatest and most influential speeches in American history. Only one copy has appeared at auction in the past 45 years.
“Here the Allies stood and fought against tyranny in a giant undertaking unparalleled in human history.” — Ronald Reagan

(D-DAY.)

ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Teletype covering the Normandy landings on D-Day.

5 and 6 June 1944.

More than 130 feet of teletype paper in total, comprising 6 strips, each 8 ½ inches wide, in sections of varying length. Folded down into flat sections 18 inches in length. Minor wear, occasional short tears, faint red ink stain along one edge, last section with full horizontal tear in length. Half morocco case.

First announcement of the D-Day landings, perhaps the most important event of the 20th century.

This file of teletypes begins on the evening of June 5, 1944, with the recent Allied liberation of Rome. Early on June 6th, breaking news comes across the wire: “The German news agency Transocean says that the Allied invasion has begun.” The reports continue with the first Allied news of the invasion, bulletin 99PA: “Today is D-Day. Allied Armies have landed on the coast of France in the mightiest military invasion ever undertaken. Tough American parachute troops, hardened in the Italian campaign, were the first to land behind Hitler’s Atlantic wall.” The final report of the day is a summary provided by President Roosevelt: “Tremendous forces of Allied tanks and infantry landed this morning along the Normandy coast of France and have battered several miles inland.”

“It was unknowable then, but so much of the progress that would define the 20th century, on both sides of the Atlantic, came down to the battle for a slice of beach only 6 miles long and 2 miles wide” (Barack Obama).

The long-planned D-Day invasion was shrouded in secrecy. The D in “D-Day” stood simply for “day,” as the actual date of the amphibious landing was not fixed until immediately preceding the operation. It was of utmost importance that the Allies restrict information on the invasion on both sides of the Atlantic. Thus contemporary written information predating the invasion is essentially unobtainable.

The invasion of Normandy, codenamed Operation Overlord, was the largest seaborne invasion in history. The effect on public morale in the United States and Britain was enormous. The landing of troops on the ground gave Britain renewed vigor in a war that had badly sapped public spirits. The American public had been long gearing up for the invasion, and its realization galvanized public support.

This fragile strip of paper is the earliest announcement of the greatest event of the 20th century: the beginning of the liberation of Western Europe and the defeat of Nazi Germany.

Inscribed by Hawthorne’s Friend, President-Elect Franklin Pierce, the Subject of the Book

HAWTHORNE, NATHANIEL.

The Life of Franklin Pierce.

Boston: Ticknor, Reed and Fields, 1852.

First edition. This is an association copy of the greatest interest, inscribed and signed by the subject of the book, President-elect Franklin Pierce, lifelong friend of the author. Pierce has inscribed the book to the Ohio newspaper publisher Washington McLean: “For Washington McLean from Frank. Pierce Concord N.H. Feb. 5. 1853.”

Hawthorne and Pierce met at Bowdoin College and developed a close friendship. In 1846 Pierce played an important role in obtaining for Hawthorne the position of Surveyor of the Custom House in Salem with a salary of $1200 per year. Six years later, Hawthorne wrote this Life of Franklin Pierce, the campaign biography which helped win Pierce the 1852 presidential election. After the election, Pierce made Hawthorne American Consul to the Port of Liverpool. This position allowed Hawthorne a substantial income and provided the inspiration for later works such as The Marble Faun, Our Old Home, and the Italian and English Notebooks.

In 1863 Hawthorne dedicated his Our Old Home to Pierce. His publisher and others warned Hawthorne against dedicating the work to Pierce, due to the strong public feelings against Pierce’s faction of the Democratic Party, which was viewed as pro-slavery. Insisting upon the dedication, Hawthorne wrote:

“I find that it would be a piece of poltroonery in me to withdraw either the dedication or the dedicatory letter. My long and intimate personal relations with Pierce render the dedication altogether proper, especially as regards the book … and if he is so exceedingly unpopular that his name ought to sink the volume, there is so much more the need that an old friend stand by him.”

Association copies of such personal interest linking great American political and literary figures are rarely encountered.

The great Stephen Wakeman, Carroll Wilson, and Parkman Dexter Howe collections all had copies of this title inscribed by Hawthorne, but none included a copy inscribed by Pierce. No other examples appear in the auction records of the past fifty years.
LOEWENTHEIL, JACOB. The Psychological Portrait: Marcel Sternberger’s Revelations in Photography. Foreword by Phillip Prodger.


Original boards. 210 pages. 206 photographs. 8 ¼ x 10 ¼ in. Newly published.

“masterpieces of the photographic art” – Albert Einstein on Marcel Sternberger’s portraits

FIRST EDITION, ONE OF 100 COPIES OF THE DELUXE ESTATE EDITION, SIGNED AND NUMBERED BY THE AUTHOR AND ACCOMPANYED BY YOUR CHOICE OF ONE OF FOUR 8 X 10 INCH ARCHIVAL PIGMENT PHOTOGRAPHS (EINSTEIN, FREUD, SHAW, OR KAHLO).

This new book is the definitive work on Marcel Sternberger, a neglected giant of 20th-century portrait photography. Few photographers “matched Sternberger’s determination to create what we might in retrospect call pathognomic portraits. Between the lively expressions he captured and the minimalist lighting he used to reveal them, one might argue that there is hardly a more recognizable portraitist in the history of photography” (Philip Prodger, Head of Photographs, National Portrait Gallery, London).

“It was the golden age of photojournalism, but [Sternberger's] photographs—including of some of the most celebrated political leaders, artists, and intellectuals of the time—were meant not only to document, but to tease out and capture his subjects’ personalities: FDR looking elegant and determined (his image on the dime was produced from one of Sternberger’s shots); a humorless Freud who, Loewentheil writes, ‘could easily have discerned the psychology taking place on both sides of the lens, [still] even he was not immune to its effects’; Frida Kahlo smiling beatifically, a flower crown fixed to her hair and mystery behind her eyes; Albert Einstein looking impish (of his portrait, he wrote, ‘It seems quite amazing to me that you could present this subject so appetizingly’); Sternberger’s portraits revealed intimate, rarely-observed characteristics of these well-known figures, who were accustomed to managing their public personas; his image of father and daughter Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi sitting together, for example, shows them emanating mutual love and respect” (New York Review of Books).

“This brilliant monograph by art scholar Jacob Loewentheil is a welcome appreciation and analysis of the work of the great portrait photographer Marcel Sternberger, who died in a 1956 car crash while on his way to visit his legendary friends (and his camera’s great subjects) Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera. Indeed, many of Sternberger’s portraits have become part of our global sensibility—the famed, darkly backgrounded images of Sigmund Freud, Albert Einstein, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, George Bernard Shaw, Frida Kahlo, Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi and countless other European, Asian and American luminaries, who literally shaped their times” (Matt Damsker, I Photo Central).

“This definitive monograph has 206 photographs, sketches, notes, and contact sheets along with a manual for portrait technique. More than just pictures, the book also tells the fascinating story of a Jewish refugee who defined modern portrait iconography way before his time” (American Photo). In addition to containing Sternberger’s extraordinary photographs, this volume presents descriptions of many of his interviews during portrait sessions with prominent figures including Albert Einstein, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Sigmund Freud, George Bernard Shaw, Diego Rivera, Frida Kahlo, Jawaharlal Nehru, and Indira Gandhi.

This deluxe signed and numbered edition is accompanied by a choice of one of the following classic photographs by Marcel Sternberger, the Deluxe Estate Edition, with stamp of authenticity on the verso:

Albert Einstein, New Jersey, 1950. 8 x 10 in. archival pigment print.

Sigmund Freud, London, 1939. 8 x 10 in. archival pigment print.

George Bernard Shaw, London, 1939. 8 x 10 in. archival pigment print.

Frida Kahlo, Mexico, 1952. 8 x 10 in. archival pigment print.

“The first time I have seen the real me … behind the mask.” – Diego Rivera
His enormous collection documents the works, life, and circle of Sigmund Freud, one of the towering figures of the 20th century. Freud was an originator of modern psychology and the father of psychoanalysis. His pioneering clinical techniques continue to exert a profound influence on psychotherapy. His theories of personality, identity, consciousness, the unconscious, sexuality, desire, memory, childhood, conflict, and human behavior have shaped discourse in countless fields for more than a century.

“Few figures have had so decisive and fundamental an influence on the course of modern cultural history as Sigmund Freud” (Library of Congress). Freud’s ideas and his conception of mankind have profoundly influenced culture, the arts, and science. His theories have provided fertile ground for literary and historical theory. They have inspired novelists and poets, artists and musicians, playwrights and filmmakers. Freud’s understanding of the mind and personality continue to shape our views, and his language has entered everyday usage and become part of daily life. Freud’s work and legacy remain the subject of intense debate. “The controversy which exists in relation to Freud is more heated and multifaceted than that relating to virtually any other post-1850 thinker (a possible exception being Darwin)” (IEP).

Painstakingly formed over nearly thirty years, the collection fully documents the history, writings, and ideas of Freud and his followers, and their publication and dissemination, making it an invaluable research tool for the study of the 20th century.

The collection comprises:

Freud’s works. A tremendous, comprehensive run of Sigmund Freud’s published works, representing most of the author’s works published in his lifetime, usually in multiple editions. 1880s-1940s. Freud was not only the dominant figure in the history of psychoanalysis but also its most prolific author, publishing scores of works. The collection includes an extensive run of Freud’s works in their original printed wrappers. The dazzling run of 22 rare offprints by Freud is likely the largest in private hands. Many of these items are present in unique or rare forms ranging from galley proofs to presentation and association copies.

Iconography. An important collection of Freud portraits. 1914-1939. These portraits show Sigmund Freud as an icon of 20th-century thought and culture, as a subject for distinguished artists, as a private individual, and as he presented himself though his publishing arm, the Internationale Psychoanalytische Vereinigung (IPV). Portraits include etchings, lithographs, bronze relief medallions, and photographs. A number of these objects are signed by Freud.

Manuscripts by Freud. A collection of autograph items representing Freud at key moments in his career. 1883-1932. The Freud autograph items range from from his early years as a medical doctor in Vienna to the publication of Die Traumdeutung to his public recognition as a leading thinker and his last days.

Manuscripts relating to Freud. A collection of more than 20 letters by members of Freud’s circle and other leading thinkers. 1922-1956. A few examples include Karl Abraham (seeking an analyst in Berlin and mentioning Sandor Rado and Hans Sachs), Franz Alexander (concerning the troubles in America in regard to the perception of psychoanalysis), Sandor Ferenczi (on poetry, with an original photograph of Ferenczi), Ernest Jones (to Sador Rado, concerning his biography of Freud), Theodor Reik (concerning a critique of Freud’s Dostoevsky paper), and Romain Rolland (stating that he cannot support Freud as a candidate for the Nobel Prize).

“A to us he is no more a person but now a whole climate of opinion under whom we conduct our different lives” — W. H. Auden on Sigmund Freud
Freud’s Library. A major collection of 80 works from Freud’s library, 1908-1937. This is the largest single holding in private hands (and the third most extensive collection anywhere) of works from Freud’s library. Most of the known books and offprints from Freud’s library are at the Freud Museum in London and at Columbia University. Scattered smaller holdings are at the Library of Congress and the Freud Museum in Vienna. These items, written mainly in German and mainly offprints, cover a wide range of subjects of interest to Freud including psychoanalysis, homosexuality, mental disorders, sex, folklore, childhood, Jewish history, philosophy, anthropology, biology, and medicine. Provenance: the Vienna Psychoanalytical Society, donated by Freud from his personal library. In 1938 the Nazis dissolved the society and destroyed its library. These volumes were secretly preserved.

Rarities. The following selected rarities reflect a fraction of the collection’s vast research and exhibition potential: galley proofs of Freud’s “If Moses Were an Egyptian” and “On Narcissism,” a presentation offprint of Jones’s obituary of Freud, an inscribed copy of Mann’s Freud un die Zukunft, a printed document announcing the formation of the IPV, a series of Otto Rank telegrams concerning Freud’s first cancer operation, and countless others.

Archive of the Internationaler Psychoanalytischer Verlag (IPV). An enormous collection of IPV publications and related material comprising hundreds of pieces. 1919-1937. Sigmund Freud founded the IPV in 1919 to publish his own works and those of other psychoanalysts. He called the IPV “meine Schöpfung … mein Kind” (my creation … my child). Its importance for the worldwide growth of psychoanalysis cannot be overstated. This enormous collection, the most important in private hands, includes: nearly 200 publications of the IPV in original bindings, including many unique copies; 100 announcements, broadsides, flyers, advertisements, etc. relating to the IPS and its publications; 100 pieces of correspondence between the Verlag’s directors (Otto Rank, A. J. Storfer, and Martin Freud) and the firm’s bookbinder providing a wealth of detail on matters relating to publication of the IPV’s books; and other important documents concerning the IPV’s founding and its financial affairs.

Journals. A comprehensive collection of complete runs of leading journals of psychoanalysis. 1909-1941. These complete runs of leading psychoanalytic journals contain key writings by virtually all of the major thinkers in the field. They provide an essential resource for the study of the development and spread of psychoanalysis and Freud’s ideas and influence.

This is a major research collection for the study of the 20th century. A detailed inventory is available on request.
“My boy, smoking is one of the greatest and cheapest enjoyments in life, and if you decide in advance not to smoke, I can only feel sorry for you”

FREUD, SIGMUND.

Autograph letter signed “Freud” to an unidentified correspondent “Honored Sir and Dear Brother.”

Vienna, 26 May 1921.

Freud buys his favorite cigars. In this fine letter Sigmund Freud asks a friend visiting Holland to bring back his beloved Dutch cigars, writing in small part, “Although I could just as well rely on your taste, in case you get to The Hague and make the purchase there, I’ll give you the address Hagen Spinecka and the brand Soberanos [presumably a series of the Soberanos brand] 15 dozen. The enclosed 60 florin note is to cover this purchase.” In turn-of-the-century Vienna, the Austrian government maintained strict control over the tobacco industry, and Freud relied on friends to bring him the cigars he smoked endlessly.

Freud, who was rarely seen or photographed without a cigar, smoked twenty each day for most of his life. When Freud nephew Harry declined a cigar at age 17, the great man declared, “My boy, smoking is one of the greatest and cheapest enjoyments in life, and if you decide in advance not to smoke, I can only feel sorry for you” (Gay, Freud: A Life for Our Time).

Freud said late in life that cigars have “served me for precisely fifty years as protection and a weapon in the combat of life ... I owe to the cigar a great intensification of my capacity to work and a facilitation of my self-control” (Cohen, Freud on Coke). Freud’s close friend Hanns Sachs remarked that Freud “was so fond of smoking that he was somewhat irritated when men around him did not smoke. Consequently nearly all of those who formed the inner circle became more or less passionate cigar-smokers” (Sachs, Freud: Master and Friend).

Freud’s cigars played a role in his psychoanalytic practice. Raymond De Saussure, a psychoanalyst who was himself analyzed by Freud in the 1920s, recalled the special role of the cigar in connecting the patient to his analyst sitting just out of view: “One was won over by the atmosphere of [Freud’s] office, a rather dark room, which opened onto a courtyard. Light came not from the windows but from the brilliance of that lucid, discerning mind. Contact was established only by means of his voice and the odor of the cigars he ceaselessly smoked” (Ruitenbeek, ed., Freud As We Knew Him).

One year after writing this letter, Freud mentioned his enjoyment of Dutch cigars while vacationing in Berchtesgaden in the Bavarian Alps. He hailed “the “the glorious air, the water, the Dutch cigar, and the good food, all resembling an idyll as closely as one can get in this Central European hell.” Freud’s attachment to Dutch cigars was so great that he once observed that “there are plenty of fine cigars in Holland. In fact, I have sometimes thought of settling in Holland for that reason” (Duner, Sigmund Freud: His Life and Mind).

This letter is a wonderful relic of the life of Sigmund Freud, who is famously said to have declared, “Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar.”
First edition of Anson's voyage, one of the greatest accounts of an 18th-century voyage. This is the deluxe "royal paper" issue available at a premium to subscribers. "The copies of the first edition, on royal paper ... were superior to any book of the kind which had hitherto been published, and were unequalled until Cook's voyages appeared. Of the large paper copies, 350 were taken by subscription" (Sabin 1629).

This is the official account of Anson's voyage, undertaken to harass the Spanish ships off South America, then at war with Britain. Anson's squadron ended up taking a number of prizes off the Pacific coast, including a Spanish galleon off Manila carrying a staggering 1.3 million pieces of eight!

"Anson's voyage of 1740-44 holds a unique and terrible place in British maritime history. [When] Anson reached the coast of China in November 1742 he was left with one ship and a handful of men, some of whom had 'turned mad and idiots.' The most extraordinary part of the voyage was still to come, for despite his losses Anson was determined to seize the treasure galleon that made the annual voyage from Acapulco to Manila. Laden with Peruvian silver, she was the 'Prize of all the Oceans.' In June 1743 Anson intercepted the Nuestra Señora de Covadonga, and in a 90-minute action forced her surrender. After refitting at Canton he returned home the next year to find himself compared with Drake, and his exploits with the long-remembered feats of arms against the Spain of Philip II ..."

"In 1748 the long-awaited authorised account appeared under the name of Richard Walter, chaplain on the Centurion, and became a best-seller. Walter's volume has formed the basis of all accounts of Anson's voyage from the mid-eighteenth century to the present. The book, more fully illustrated than any similar work up to that time, was both a stirring story of adventure at sea and an exhortation to further Pacific enterprise" (Williams, Prize of all the Oceans: the Triumph and Tragedy of Anson's Voyage Round the World).

This is a wonderful copy of one of the great voyage books, in its deluxe "royal paper" issue.
first edition of the most important book in the history of economics. Smith began The Wealth of Nations while traveling in France with David Hume in the 1760s. Hume, with whom Smith was a professor at Glasgow, recalled that at one point during the ten years that he devoted to the work, Smith was “cutting himself off entirely from human society.” Immediately on its publication in 1776, the book was hailed as a great success, and it sold out within weeks. “It is probable that no book can be mentioned which so rapidly became an authority both with statesmen and philosophers” (DNB).

The first comprehensive treatment of the subject of political economy, The Wealth of Nations accepted the French Physiocrats’ attacks on mercantilism but rejected their view that land is the whole source of wealth. Instead, Smith saw the labor of the nation as its lifeblood and identified the division of labor as the key to increased productivity. Labor, the standard of value, was the original determinant of price, which in advanced societies is also affected by wages, profit and rent, all treated in the first book. In the second book, Smith analyzes the nature, accumulation, and employment of capital, the growth of which brings an increase in productive labor. Smith concludes by attacking the mercantile system and advocating freedom of commerce and industry.

Smith’s Wealth of Nations has been the bible for generations of laissez-faire economists and political philosophers and is the cornerstone book of free-market theory. His individualistic view of political economy is neatly summarized in a famous quotation from the Wealth of Nations: “It is not from the benevolence of the butcher, the brewer, or the baker that we expect our dinner, but from their regard to their own interests. We address ourselves, not to their humanity, but to their self-interest.”

“Where the political aspects of human rights had taken two centuries to explore, Smith’s achievement was to bring the study of economic aspects to the same point in a single work. ... The certainty of its criticism and its grasp of human nature have made it the first and greatest classic of modern economic thought” (Printing and the Mind of Man 221).
This famous portrait of John D. Rockefeller is the earliest known photograph of the greatest titan of American business and industry. When he sat for this photograph in 1857 or 1858, the 18-year-old Rockefeller was working as a bookkeeper in Cleveland. He began his own business in 1859, built his first oil refinery in 1863, and established Standard Oil in 1870, revolutionizing the nascent petroleum industry.

Rockefeller was the wealthiest man in history and the first great modern philanthropist. As a percentage of the United States economy, no other American fortune has ever come close to that of Rockefeller. Apart from the immense fortune he amassed (perhaps $1 billion at the turn of the century) and the national economy he helped fuel with Standard Oil and its descendants, Rockefeller established the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research and the Rockefeller Foundation, which for almost a century have been leaders in their fields.

"The rise of the Standard Oil men to great wealth was not from poverty. It was not meteor-like, but accomplished over a quarter of a century by courageous venturing in a field so risky that most large capitalists avoided it, by arduous labors, and by more sagacious and farsighted planning than had been applied to any other American industry" (Allan Nevins).

Rockefeller chose this photograph to be the frontispiece of his autobiography, Random Reminiscences of Men and Events, published in 1909 when he was seventy. In that book the portrait appeared with the caption: "Mr. John D. Rockefeller at the age of eighteen." The Rockefeller Archive Center holds a copy of this image printed on paper (presumably created when the ambrotype was unsealed in order to create the frontispiece for Random Reminiscences).

This is one of the most valuable 19th-century American photographic portraits and a centerpiece of any collection of capitalism.

**Icon of American Capitalism**

(ROCKEFELLER, JOHN D.)

North, William C.

*Ambrotype Portrait of John D. Rockefeller.*

Cleveland, Ohio, c. 1857-1858.

Sixth-plate ambrotype (3 ¼ x 3 ¾ in.), with Rockefeller’s cheeks hand-tinted. Oval brass mat and ornate brass retainers in decorated thermoplastic case with hidden single clasp; decorated red velvet lining. Old manuscript note reading “J. D. Rockefeller Born July 8, 1839 at Richford, N. Y.” Engraved on the retainer is the photographer’s imprint: “Wm. C. North Cleveland, O.” Minor spackling lacking seal; one large chip and several minor chips to case. Very good condition.

Provenance: Rockefeller’s daughter Alta Rockefeller Prentice (1871-1962) and her husband, noted New York Republican Party official Ezra Parmelee Prentice (1863-1955), with a cut business card bearing a partial inscription: “… [PARMELEE PRENTICE / 5 West 53rd Street].” Prentice married Rockefeller’s daughter Alta Rockefeller Prentice in 1901, and this photograph descended to their daughter Mary Adeline Prentice Gilbert (1907–1981) and her husband Benjamin Davis Gilbert (1907–1992).

“The most important thing for a young man is to establish a credit — a reputation, character.” — John D. Rockefeller
The Wandering Jew

SUE, EUGENE.
Le Juif Errant.
Vicaire VII:686.

F
irst edition of Sue’s The Wandering Jew. This is the rare first edition in book form, preceding the far more common illustrated and popular editions that soon followed.

Sue’s Le Juif Errant, a classic of French nineteenth-century popular fiction, was written at the height of the age of Balzac, Dumas, and Hugo. According to Sue’s novel the Huguenot Rennepont family lost its wealth during the French Catholic persecution. What little remained was entrusted to the Jewish banker Samuel who, with his heirs, turned the money into a fortune over 150 years. The terms of the arrangement called for the descendants to meet at a certain address in Paris in 1832 to divide the inheritance. This book is the story of the seven remaining members of the family and the efforts of the Jesuits to eliminate them and claim the fortune for themselves. The old Jewish banker appears at the novel’s end proclaiming an end to the curse of the Wandering Jew.

"Eugene Sue wrote his Juif Errant in 1844. From the latter work ... most people derive their knowledge of the legend" (Jewish Encyclopedia). The medieval story of the Wandering Jew describes a Jew who taunted Jesus on the way to his crucifixion, saying, "Go on more quickly." Jesus replied, "I go, but thou shalt wait till I return," thereby condemning the man to roam the earth until the Second Coming. Oral tradition, song, and popular literature perpetuated the long-lived anti-Semitic legend and described supposed sightings of the Wandering Jew.

"Sue was, like Dumas, an improviser, and possessed remarkable fecundity and invention. To these qualities add the instinct for portraying the weird and the terrible, and it is not hard to understand why he was popular in his day, and retains a good share of that popularity still" (Warner).

The first edition is rarely encountered in a contemporary binding complete with all half-titles. Only one set appears in the auction records of the past twenty-five years.

Tristram Shandy

STERNE, LAURENCE.
The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy.
Provenance: bookplates of R. H. Isham, Lionel Damer, and Hobart F. Cole. Ralph H. Isham famously acquired the unpublished James Boswell papers from Malahide Castle, one of the greatest literary discoveries of the 20th century.

F
irst edition of one of the most innovative and ambitious works in English literature, from the library of Col. Ralph Isham, discoverer of the Boswell Papers.

Signed by Sterne as usual in volumes 5, 7, and 9 to protect the book from piracy. After the first two volumes were rejected by Dodsley, the leading publisher of literature in London, Sterne revised them and had them published in York. The remaining volumes were published in London to great acclaim, though Johnson, Richardson, and Goldsmith expressed reservations on artistic and moral grounds. Johnson commented, "Nothing odd will do long. Tristram Shandy will not last."

"Sterne’s first genuine experiment in literature brought him in an instant a worldwide reputation" (DNB). This classic of English literature is one of the most innovative novels in the language and a progenitor of the stream-of-consciousness genre. The word "shandy," meaning "half-crazy," is fitting in this madcap, digressive novel, one of the strangest ever published. The famously inventive novel is also noteworthy for its fanciful typography and book design, such as the marbled paper leaf inserted at vol. 3, page 169, the blank page for the reader’s imagined portrait of the widow Wadman (vol. 6, page 147), and the black page in the Alas, Poor Yorick! section (vol. 1, pp. 73-74).
The Second Folio

SHAKESPEARE, WILLIAM.
Comedies, Histories, and Tragedies. Published according to the true original copies. The second impression.


Folio. Title page with engraved portrait by Martin Droeshout. “To the Reader” leaf inlaid with some pen-and-ink facsimile; title page restored and laid down, four preliminaries following the title rehinged, final leaf laid down. Occasional staining, some repairs, several leaves washed, some margins shaved close to rule. Finely bound in crimson morocco gilt, a.e.g., by Riviere. Half morocco case.


Second Folio, the first issue, first state of the imprint (Todd 1a). This is the second edition of Shakespeare’s collected plays, “incomparably the greatest work in the English language” (Jackson, Pforzheimer Catalogue).


For more than four centuries Shakespeare’s transcendent genius has been recognized. In 1623 Ben Jonson wrote of Shakespeare, “He was not of an age, but for all time.” In 1840 Thomas Carlyle called him, “the chief of all poets hitherto, the greatest intellect who, in our recorded world, has left record of himself in the way of literature.” And Harold Bloom recently wrote, “There is no substitute for Shakespeare ... Shakespeare is the Western Canon.”

“incomparably the greatest work in the English language” – Jackson
“My design in this book is not to explain the properties of light by hypotheses, but to propose and prove them by reason and experiments.”

– Isaac Newton

“One of the supreme productions of the human mind”

– E. N. Andrade on Newton’s Opticks

NEWTON, ISAAC. Opticks: or a Treatise of the Reflections, Refractions, Inflexions and Colours of Light. Also two treatises of the species and magnitude of curvilinear figures.

First edition, first issue of a landmark in the history of physics. In the Opticks Newton presents his theories and experimental findings concerning the nature of light and color. The book’s wide-ranging discoveries and innovations include a description of the composition of white light as a compound of primary colors (previously white was considered to be a pure and simple color of which other colors were variants), the color spectrum, the degrees of refraction of different colors, the first-ever color circle, the first workable theory of the rainbow, and a discussion of the invention of the refracting telescope.

The Opticks and the Principia are the two pillars of Newton’s unparalleled scientific achievement. The Opticks has been called “an underpinning for the entire edifice of physics” (Scientific American). “Through the eighteenth century it dominated the science of optics with almost tyrannical authority, and exercised a broader influence over natural science than the Principia did” (Westfall, Never at Rest).

Unlike most of Newton’s scientific writings, which were published in Latin, the Opticks first appeared in English. “The Opticks invites and holds the attention of the non-specialist reader while ... the Principia is as austere and forbidding as it can possibly be. ... The latter would discuss for him the mechanism of universal gravitation and give him a hint of the direction of Newton’s thinking about this important problem; but the former would allow the reader to roam, with great Newton as his guide, through the major unsettled problems of science and even the relation of the whole world of nature to Him who had created it” (I. Bernard Cohen).

The Opticks ends with two mathematical treatises in which Newton establishes for the first time in print the case for the priority of his discovery of calculus. These tracts, De quadrature curvarum and Enumeratio linearum tertii ordinis, are Newton’s first published mathematical papers.

This classic is rare in original condition. No better copy has been sold at auction since the 1980s, apart from the restored Edmund Halley copy ($1.3 million at Sotheby’s in 2015). Unrestored examples are rarely seen in the market.
The Great “She” Bible, being the second edition of the “Authorized Version” or King James Bible, one of the monuments of English literature. This edition is known as the “Great She Bible” for its reading “She went into the cite” in Ruth 3:15. Fry styles this the “first edition, second issue,” though it is properly the second edition. “The general title is usually dated 1613, though the NT title bears the date 1611. Probably the greater part of the book was printed in 1611, but the publication, for some reason or other, was delayed till 1613. … Smith suggests [the delay resulted from] an accident in the printing-office which destroyed a large number of sheets” (Herbert).

“The English Bible is a book which, if everything else in our language should perish, would alone suffice to show the whole extent of its beauty and power.” – Macaulay, Edinburgh Review, 1828

This is a rare opportunity to own a complete copy of this monument of English literature. The Great “She Bible” is now a difficult book to obtain in any reasonable complete condition.
**Pioneering Photographer of Mecca**

(Arabian)
Abd al-Ghaffar.  
*Photograph of the Kaaba and Mecca.*

C. 1885-1888.

Albumen print (9 ½ x 7 ½ in.), unmounted. Signed at the bottom by the photographer in the negative: “Futugrafiyyat al-Sayyid Abd al-Ghaffar, tabib Makka” (Photography by the Sayyid Abd al-Ghaffar, physician of Mecca) and titled at the top in Arabic in the negative (Prayer Around the Kaaba). Pencil caption at lower left. A little faded and with light wear, short closed marginal tears. Very good condition.

This important photograph of Mecca and Islam’s holiest site represents a milestone in the photographic history of the Middle East.

The Meccan physician Abd al-Ghaffar is the earliest known photographer from Mecca and the first resident to photograph the holy city. In 1885, Abd al-Ghaffar began working with Christian Snouck Hurgronje, the first European photographer of Mecca and a convert to Islam. Snouck Hurgronje, falsely accused in a diplomatic controversy, was expelled and returned to Holland before completing his photographic work. He left his equipment with his Arab partner Abd al-Ghaffar, who made dozens of images of Mecca and the rituals of the Hajj over the next several years.

This image was selected as the most important of the series and was published as plate 1 as a collotype (without Arabic inscriptions) in Snouck Hurgronje’s *Bilder aus Mekka* (Leiden, 1889). When Snouck Hurgronje published the photographs in *Mekka and the accompanying Bilder-Atlas zu Mekka* (1888-1889), the calligraphic signatures in Abd al-Ghaffar’s negatives were removed. As a result, Abd al-Ghaffar’s photographs were published without attribution.


“If one applies the criterion of nationality very strictly, al-Ghaffar can actually be regarded as the first known Arabian photographer who took the first pictures of Mecca and of the great pilgrimage. After all, Mohammed Sadiq Bey was Egyptian, while Snouck Hurgronje was, of course, Dutch. All three of them were important photographic pioneers in the lands of the *hādj*, the so-called *Hidjas*” (To the Holy Lands: Pilgrimage Centres from Mecca and Medina to Jerusalem).

The earliest photographs of Mecca are rare in the market.

“*The hearts of each and every one are fixed on the Kaaba. ... Each heart has an overriding attachment—a passionate love for the Kaaba—and in that there is no room for contradiction.*” — Rumi

“the first known Arabian photographer who took the first pictures of Mecca”
J’Accuse!

ZOLA, ÉMILE. J’Accuse...! Lettre au President de la Republique. In: L’Aurore.

Paris, 13 January 1898.


“I have but one passion: to enlighten those who have been kept in the dark, in the name of humanity which has suffered so much and is entitled to happiness.”

– Emile Zola, J’Accuse!

First edition of this landmark document in the struggle against anti-Semitism and one of the most famous political tracts in European history. On the morning of January 13, 1898, the Paris daily newspaper L’Aurore hit the streets with a front-page banner headline that electrified the world: “J’Accuse...!”

In 1894 Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, a French-Jewish Army officer, was convicted of treason for selling military secrets to Germany and was imprisoned on Devil’s Island. In 1896 evidence came to light that a French officer named Esterhazy was likely the real culprit, and France was thrown into turmoil. On January 11, 1898, a military court acquitted Esterhazy, prompting Zola to publish “J’Accuse!”

Zola’s open letter to the President of France was far more than a protestation of the innocence of Dreyfus. Zola accused the highest officers of the French Army of a conspiracy to justify Dreyfus’s conviction with false evidence and to cover up an anti-Semitic clique within the General Staff who were shielding the true traitor. Dreyfus himself later called Zola’s “noble” letter an “immortal document”--crowned by the inflammatory headline which was chosen for the paper by Georges Clemenceau, future Prime Minister of France. One French Socialist legislator declared that the letter, though penned by a “bourgeois” writer, was “the most important revolutionary act of the century.” One month later, Zola was brought to court on a charge of libel by the French Minister of War. The courtroom was packed with a mob of hostile Army officers who clanged their sabers as the jury deliberated. Zola was found guilty, and to escape imprisonment, he fled to England.

He remained in exile until new evidence of anti-Dreyfus military forgeries, including information revealed at Zola’s trial, forced the French government to convene a second court-martial. Dreyfus was convicted of treason once more, but he was at last granted a pardon in 1906, six years after the publication of “J’Accuse!”

Echoes of the Dreyfus Affair had a lasting impact on modern Jewish history, proving to many assimilated Jews the latent power of anti-Semitic hatred, even in a democratic country. It drove Theodor Herzl from complacent European liberalism to a conviction of the need for an independent Jewish state. Written and published by non-Jews, “J’Accuse!” was a landmark in modern Jewish history, signifying the eventual triumph of truth, justice and political freedom over the mostly deeply-rooted anti-Semitic prejudice.

This is an excellent example of this celebrated newspaper, with its dramatic headline “J’Accuse...!”

EXODUS 10:10 TO 16:15.

Complete Biblical scroll sheet in Hebrew, a Torah scroll panel.

Middle East, c. 10th or 11th century.

Hebrew manuscript, ink on vellum, 590 x 650 mm (approx. 23 x 23 ½ in.). Written in an Oriental (Middle Eastern) square script hanging below scored horizontal lines, in five columns, 71 lines each (except the fourth, in 72 lines). Sewing stations for adjacent sheets visible at right and left margins. Upper and lower margins cropped without loss of text; a few holes affecting single letters, some wear and stains, restoration to blank margin. A well-preserved and extremely rare scroll sheet.

Provenance: manuscript provenance note on the verso of the sheet describing its presentation in Tishrei/ September 1863 by Shlomo Bein (1817-1867) the Karaite hazzan of Chufut-Kale (“Rock of the Jews”), in the Crimea to the Grand Duke Constantine Nikolaievitch (1827-1892), brother of the Tzar Alexander II and his “exiled” daughter Alexandra Yosifovna, on the occasion of their visit to Chufut-Kale.

This cornerstone relic of Judeo-Christian religion and history contains the story of the Exodus of the Jews from Egypt. This evocative relic tells the story of God’s deliverance of the Jews from bondage and their emergence as a free people. The text of the manuscript begins in Egypt with the plague of locusts, continues through the slaying of the first-born of Egypt, and then details God’s requirements for the festival of Passover. The text continues through the flight from Egypt, the rescue at the Red Sea, the singing of the Song of the Sea to celebrate their deliverance, and the appearance of manna.

This is the oldest known scroll with the Masoretic Text of the Exodus saga from the plagues through the Song of the Sea. The manuscript dates to the height of the Masoretic tradition, having been written at the time of the 10th-century Aleppo Codex (now missing Genesis through Deuteronomy) and the 11th-century Leningrad Codex. The Dead Sea Scrolls often show numerous similarities to the Masoretic Text, but many of them also show significant differences. The present manuscript scroll is crucial testimony to the transmission of the Hebrew text that led directly to the Protestant Bible.

Apart from the Jew’s College Scroll and its fragmentary twin owned by Duke University (on exhibition at the Israel Museum), this is the earliest known Hebrew Biblical scroll sheet other than the Dead Sea Scrolls. The Dead Sea Scrolls include no reasonably complete version of this all-important Biblical text.

This is one of the foremost relics of the monotheistic peoples. The vast majority of early Biblical manuscripts remaining in private hands are tiny fragments. The present manuscript is a large and striking exhibition piece presenting the Exodus story from the plagues through deliverance from Egypt and the appearance of manna from heaven.
“Prevost’s body of work stands as one of the most significant in American nineteenth-century photography” — Julie Mellby

In 1850 Prevost came to New York and established a studio at Broadway and Bleecker. He achieved limited commercial success, giving up photography as a career in 1857.

Paper photograph prints of New York from this earliest era of photography are rare, and master works of this size and beauty are nearly unobtainable.

VERY RARE. The principal institutional holdings of Prevost photographs are at the George Eastman House, the Museum of the City of New York, and the New York Historical Society, and to a lesser extent, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Smithsonian.

Apart from their exposure at the Metropolitan Museum of Art show in 2003, Prevost’s work remains largely unknown to the collecting public, a reflection of its great rarity in the market.
The Szyk Haggadah

SYZYK, ARTHUR.
The Haggadah. Executed by Arthur Szyk. Edited by Cecil Roth.
London: Beaconsfield Press, [1940].
Quarto. Printed on vellum. 48 pages printed in color. Original blue morocco gilt by Sangorski & Sutcliffe, with the original half blue morocco case, also by Sangorski & Sutcliffe. A fine copy.

First edition, finely printed in color on vellum, one of only 250 numbered signed copies. The entire edition of the celebrated Szyk Haggadah, was printed on vellum and signed by both Szyk and Roth.

Szyk (1894-1951), a Polish Jew who left Europe for America in 1940, is the foremost modern artist to work in the style of medieval illuminated manuscripts. His works have been exhibited at libraries and museums throughout the world, and his Haggadah is a centerpiece of many leading institutional collections of the history of the book. Szyk created the work’s watercolor and gouache illuminations between 1934 and 1936 while living in Poland. The Beaconsfield Press was established in London for the purpose of publishing the lavish and costly book, printed entirely on vellum and finely bound by Sangorski & Sutcliffe. The 250 copies printed were priced at $500.

The Szyk Haggadah, the most beautiful Haggadah ever printed, is one of the greatest illustrated books of the twentieth century.

“worthy to be placed among the most beautiful books that the hand of man has produced” – London Times on the Szyk Haggadah
SCHIRRA, WALTER M. A Complete Set of Schirra’s Flight Log Books documenting his entire career as a Navy pilot and a NASA astronaut.


Original buckram bindings, each titled “Aviator’s Flight Log Book,” manuscript titles and labels on spines. Ephemera including photographs laid and tipped in. Evidence of handling. Printed log books filled out in manuscript and signed by Schirra.

This is a complete set of Wally Schirra official flight log books, meticulously maintained by him over more than two decades from his earliest days in training through his fabled career as a fighter pilot, a military test pilot, and one of the “Original Seven” American astronauts.

Walter M. “Wally” Schirra (1923-2007), one of the original seven American astronauts, is a giant of the Space Age. Schirra was the only man of the original seven to fly in all three pioneering space programs—Mercury, Gemini and Apollo.

KOREA. Schirra graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1945. After the war he trained as a pilot and joined a carrier fighter squadron, becoming the second naval aviator to log 1000 hours in jet aircraft. He fought in the Korean War as an exchange pilot for the U.S. Air Force, flying 90 combat missions, mostly in F-84s. Credited with downing one MiG-15 and damaging two others, Schirra received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service in Korea.

TEST PILOT. After his tour in Korea Schirra served as a test pilot, testing weapons systems including the Sidewinder missile and the F7U-3 Cutlass jet fighter. Schirra famously once evaded his own Sidewinder when it doubled back on his jet. He also helped evaluate the F-4 Phantom II fighter and other aircraft.

SPACE. In 1959 Schirra was one of the 110 military test pilots selected as candidates for NASA’s Project Mercury. On April 2, 1959 he was named one of the original seven NASA astronauts. Schirra went on to become the first person to go into space three times. His celebrated career, in which he logged 295 hours and 15 minutes in space, included the following missions:

- **Mercury-Atlas 8** (Oct 3, 1962). The fifth American in space and third to orbit Earth, Schirra orbited Earth six times.
- **Gemini 6A** (December 1965). Schirra achieved the first space rendezvous, bringing his Gemini 6A spacecraft to within 30 cm of the sister Gemini 7 spacecraft.
- **Apollo 7** (October 1968). Schirra commanded the Apollo 7 11-day low-earth orbit test of the three-man Apollo Command/Service Module. Apollo 7 was the first Apollo mission to carry a crew into space and the first to be telecast live from within the spacecraft.

This run of flight log books, carefully annotated for more than twenty years, is the most intimate aviation memento imaginable of the fabled career of Wally Schirra, one of the giants of early space flight.
Neil Armstrong describes the astronaut selection process and names his moon landing crewmates in this outstanding letter written just weeks before the Apollo 11 mission (16-24 July 1969):

“A committee selects the various astronauts who will make the specific flights. I am grateful that I was selected to make the moon-landing flight and am pleased that Mike Collins and Buzz Aldrin will be flying with me …”

Deke Slayton, as NASA’s director of flight crew operations, was responsible for crew assignments from 1963 to 1972. Armstrong had been backup commander for Apollo 8. While that mission orbited the moon on December 23, 1968, Slayton offered Armstrong the position of commander of Apollo 11. Slayton told Armstrong that the crew would also include Aldrin and Collins, but he gave Armstrong the option of replacing Aldrin with Jim Lovell. Armstrong declined, as he thought Lovell deserved his own command. In March 1969 it was determined that Armstrong would be the first to set foot on the moon, in part because he was seen as not having a large ego.

STOWE, HARRIET BEECHER.
Uncle Tom’s Cabin in The National Era
Washington, 5 June 1851 – 1 April 1852.
29 numbers, each a folded broadsheet newspaper. Original folds, some foxing and browning. A very good set. Half morocco cases.

“The social impact of Uncle Tom’s Cabin was greater than that of any book before or since”
– Printing and the Mind of Man

Stowe received $300 to publish her serial novel in the weekly National Era, one of the leading abolitionist newspapers in America. The work made a sensation and prompted Stowe to arrange its book publication with John Jewett in Boston. As the National Era episodes continued to appear, Jewett became alarmed as he thought the abolitionist novel market could bear only a cheap one-volume edition. Stowe, however, could not be dissuaded and the serial went on for nearly a year. The two-volume first book edition appeared days before the final installment was published in The National Era on April 1, 1852.

One of the best-selling book of the 19th century, Uncle Tom’s Cabin sold 300,000 copies within the first year of publication, was quickly translated into dozens of languages, and was widely produced on stage. Uncle Tom and Simon Legree are to this day part of our everyday language. This extraordinary indictment of American slavery evoked visceral reactions. In the South Stowe’s book was vilified as inflammatory, while abolitionists in the North called Stowe a hero. When she visited Lincoln at the White House in 1862, the President was famously said to have exclaimed, “So you’re the little woman who wrote the book that started this great war” (ANB).

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Very rare. Only one other set of Uncle Tom’s Cabin in The National Era appears in the auction records since World War Two. It is doubtful that another opportunity will present itself in our lifetimes.
Father of the American Space Program

VON BRAUN, WERNHER.
A superb archive of original signed drawings and diagrams of space vehicles and flight, together with related material.

[Huntsville, Alabama, 1952-53.]

26 autograph documents, letters, diagrams, sketches, most pencil on drafting paper, many signed by Von Braun. Accompanied by two issues of Collier’s with related cover art. Excellent condition.

Werher von Braun prepared these original drawings of rockets and spaceships for the artists who illustrated his epochal series “Man Will Conquer Space Soon.” This publication played a central role in inspiring a generation of American rocket scientists and convincing the American public of the possibility of space exploration.

Von Braun headed the German rocket program in World War Two. At war’s end he and his team fled the Soviets and surrendered to the Americans. Soon von Braun and his staff were working on the nascent American ICBM. The launch of Sputnik in 1957 brought fear of Soviet domination of space, and von Braun was the natural choice to develop an orbital launch vehicle. In the coming years von Braun and his team developed ever-larger rockets for the Apollo program, culminating in the mammoth Saturn V that sent Apollo 11 to the moon.

Von Braun’s technical accomplishments alone would have made him the father of the American space program, but he was also the foremost popularizer of space travel. In October 1951 he helped to organize the First Symposium on Space Flight in New York. Out of that conference arose the Collier’s magazine series “Man Will Conquer Space Soon,” featuring articles by Von Braun and other leading figures in the field. The Collier’s series, which ran for eight issues in 1952-54, anticipated and helped make possible the great developments of the American space program and influenced John F. Kennedy’s vision of an American presence in space.

Von Braun’s skillful drawings are filled with engineering detail to provide the Collier’s series illustrators with scientifically accurate renderings of the spaceships of the future. Subjects include space shuttle-like satellite vehicles, ships for travel to the moon, rocket exhaust nozzles, banks of computers, diagrams showing the orbits and trajectories of satellites and space vehicles, and more.

“Man Will Conquer Space Soon” covered seemingly every aspect of manned space flight and anticipated many developments including the enormous multistage vertical launch vehicle (to become Saturn V), a horizontal landing space ferry (the Space Shuttle), an orbiting space station, a lunar landing, the establishment of a base on the moon, and ultimately a manned expedition to Mars.

A detailed inventory is available on request.
Drawing, “Round trip ship (debarking on the moon).” This ship was featured on the cover of Collier’s, October 18, 1952, a copy of which accompanies this collection.

Diagram, “Ellipse of ascent of satellite vehicle’s 3rd stage on its trip to space station of a period of revolution of 2 hours.” Signed and dated 1952 in black ink.

Drawing, “Telemeter channel decoder panel” and “auxiliary panels for telemeter decoding,” a bank of hardware for the headquarters.

Drawing, “Detail: Aft portion 1st stage Satellite Vehicle” showing the array of exhaust nozzles and other hardware. Signed and dated 1952 in black ink.
First edition in English of one of the great books of the Renaissance and a classic of political philosophy.

Machiavelli, long a diplomat for the Florentine Republic, was personally acquainted with many of the great leaders of the Renaissance including Lorenzo de Medici (the dedicatee of Il Principe), Louis XII of France, Emperor Maximilian, Catherine Sforza, and Piero Soderini. In 1502 he was sent as the Florentine envoy to the court of Cesare Borgia, duke of Valentinois. In Borgia he found an audacious and strong willed leader capable of deception and violence to achieve his ends, yet a man who appeared at all times both controlled and diplomatically prudent. Borgia provided the model for Machiavelli’s ideal prince, Valentino. His book addressed the problem of the unification of a self-reliant Italy.

“It was Machiavelli’s intense preoccupation with this problem—what a state is and how to found one in existing circumstances—which caused the many riddles of his speculative writings ... He was by no means indifferent to private virtue ... but in the realm of politics he postponed morals to political expediency” (Britannica 11th ed.).

“The Prince is far more than a book of directions to any one of the many Italian princelings. ... Machiavelli founded the science of modern politics on the study of mankind. ... Politics was a science to be divorced entirely from ethics, and nothing must stand in the way of its machinery. Many of the remedies he proposed for the rescue of Italy were eventually applied. His concept of the qualities demanded from a ruler and the absolute need of a national militia came to fruition in the monarchies of the seventeenth century and their national armies” (Printing and the Mind of Man 63).

Machiavelli is universally regarded as one of the great thinkers in political philosophy. At the same time, Machiavelli’s name has entered everyday usage, connoting sinister machinations and the dark side of politics and power. His name was a familiar part of the English language even in Shakespeare’s time, for Hamlet says “I’ll put the murderous Machiavel to school.” Macaulay wrote, “Out of his [Niccolo Machiavelli’s] surname they have coined an epithet for a knife, and out of his Christian name a synonym for the devil.”

“Since love and fear can hardly exist together, if we must choose between them, it is far safer to be feared than loved.” – Machiavelli, The Prince
SOPHOCLES.
Tragediae Septem cum commentarissi. (Edited by Aldus Manutius and John Gregomposoulos).

Venice: Aldus Manutius, August 1502.

Eighteenth-century red goatskin, spine gilt, borders with double-rule borders, gold fleurons as cornerpieces, gilt inner dentelles, all edges gilt. Joints tender but secure, very minor wormholes at end affecting several leaves, minor stain to title. A very good copy in an attractive eighteenth-century binding. Fine half morocco case.

Provenance: two inscriptions on binder’s leaf before title: “H. Girdlestone from Francis Turner Inner Temple 1808” and “H. Girdlestone to John Farnham Messenger 1 January 1864.”

Edition princeps of the seven surviving complete plays of Sophocles, the greatest of the Greek tragedians. This edition was issued without the commentaries promised on the title page. This volume contains the first printing of Oedipus Rex, generally considered the greatest Greek tragedy. This edition served as the fundamental text for more than three hundred years.

Sophocles (497-406 BC) was not only a playwright, but also a leading citizen of Athens during the greatest period of its history. This period brought the military supremacy of Athens after the defeat of Persia in 478 as well as the building of the Parthenon, the great Temple of Athena, and the stone theater of Dionysus. Sophocles was a general with Pericles during the revolt of Samos in 441, a state supervisor of tribute from the Athenian empire, and finally one of the ten commissioners (probouloi) over the Council of Five Hundred of the oligarchy after the coup of 411.

Sophocles wrote more than 120 plays; those in this volume probably owe their survival to their selection for use as an educational textbook. These seven plays contain some of the most powerful and timeless dramas ever written, including Oedipus Rex, a work in which “the poet attains the supreme height of dramatic concentration and tragic intensity” (Lewis Campbell). This play, Oedipus Rex, part of the Theban trilogy, is generally considered the greatest of the Greek tragedies.

The Aldine Sophocles is a landmark in the history of printing. This book, printed in Venice by Aldus Manutius, is the first Greek book issued in the Aldine portable format and the first classical text printed in the smallest and finest Aldine Greek type. “By any standard it is a masterpiece, not only of engraving skill executed with marvelous homogeneity on a minute scale, but also of exquisitely planned letter fit” (Barker, Aldus Manutius and the Development of Greek Script and Type).
A Unique Niagara Falls Album: A Superb Example of North American Landscape Photography

This spectacular Niagara Falls album contains 9 mammoth photographs of the Falls and another 11 albumen prints. The album was assembled to commemorate the honeymoon visit of Erdwin and Helene Marie Antonie Amsinck, who were to become noted German art collectors and museum benefactors.

This unique artistic photograph album is linked to three historically important Niagara Falls photographers: George Barker (a Canadian by birth who owned studios in both London, Ontario, and the Niagara Falls region), Platt D. Babbitt (with whom Barker is known to have worked), and Samuel J. Mason (a prominent portraitist and landscape photographer). The combination of their skills and the extraordinary vistas of the American and Canadian Niagara Falls has resulted in an album of photographs of great beauty. Further study is needed to make direct attributions for many of the photographs in the album. Evidence suggests that many are by George Barker, but because a studio fire destroyed his archive in 1870, except his stereoviews, certain attribution is difficult.

Several of the photographs show the suspension bridge connecting Ontario to New York, while others are unusually large and high quality photographs of Niagara Falls themselves. Photographs of Niagara Falls are not uncommon because the natural wonder has long attracted artists, admirers and visitors, but albums of this high quality, great beauty and large format are now rare. The final photograph, a particular highlight, is the impressive seemingly moonlit photograph, attributed to George Barker. This magnificent photograph compares favorably with the work of any of the great European or North American photographic artists of the period.

An outstanding album containing beautiful and unusual images including, as its final image, one of the most remarkable North American photographs of the period.

An illustrated brochure providing additional details is available on request.
The Vanderbilt real estate portfolio in pre-earthquake San Francisco. This album documents approximately forty downtown San Francisco real estate holdings of the heirs of real estate, silver, and railroad magnate James Graham Fair. This album belonged to Fair’s daughter Virginia Graham Fair Vanderbilt, first wife of William K. Vanderbilt II.

Most of the 41 original photographs are mounted with colored street maps locating the properties. The tipped-in typed index of the buildings is heavily annotated with sale prices, some with dates showing that Mrs. Vanderbilt sold in 1904-05, just before the earthquake of 1906. The properties are mainly on San Francisco’s major downtown streets including Market, Mission, Pacific, Post, Sutter, and Kearny. The prices recorded for these properties range between $50,000 to $350,000, with total sales listed at nearly $3,000,000.

This album provides a stunning visual record of San Francisco just before the earthquake and fires destroyed eighty percent of the city. The properties range from single-story wooden commercial structures to massive stone buildings occupying entire city blocks. Buildings include hotels, saloons, residences, burlesque halls, a shooting gallery, cigar shops, groceries, and a billiard factory, often with poster-covered and paint-decorated facades. The scenes are typically filled with business signs, pedestrians, carriages, and wagons.

Original photographs depicting San Francisco just before the 1906 earthquake are rare in the market. This album provides an irreplaceable visual record of the city. Although presumably copies were made for the several Fair heirs, we can trace no other examples, apart from an unannotated duplicate also owned by Mrs. Vanderbilt. Searches of WorldCat and Google turn up no other examples of Buildings of Fair Heirs in San Francisco, the title given on the binding.
Daniel Vrooman came to China in 1852 as a missionary from the American Presbyterian Church. Later U.S. vice-consul in Canton, he is said to have introduced the cotton spinning plant to China. "No Western maps of the walled city existed until the middle of the nineteenth century, since the city was off-limits to foreigners." (Garrett, Heaven is High, the Emperor Far Away).

Because foreigners were forbidden to enter, Vrooman devised an ingenious plan to draw this map of Canton, as it was known to Europeans.

"A very good map of the enceinte [urban fortification] was made by an American missionary, Daniel Vrooman, by taking the angles of all the conspicuous buildings therein, with the highest points in the suburbs; he then taught a native to pace the streets between them, compass in hand (noting courses and distances, which he fixed by the principal gates), until a complete plan was filled out.

"When the city was opened four years afterwards this map was found to need no important corrections" (Williams, The Middle Kingdom).

In addition to the walled city, this plan shows the area occupied by the Thirteen Factories before they were destroyed in the Arrow War in 1856. The Thirteen Factories was the riverfront area outside the city walls reserved for foreign trade. The first part of China opened for foreign trade in the 18th century, the Thirteen Factories helped to make Guangzhou (or Canton, as it was then called by Europeans) one of the most richest cities in the world.

EXTREMELY RARE. Cordier 304 cites only the 1860 edition, and it appears that most scholars are aware only of that later edition, which incorporates the new artificial island Shamian. For example, WorldCat locates no copies, and the copy at the National Library of Australia is the 1860 edition.

“A Rare, Enormous Map of Guangzhou

(A) Landmark map of Guangzhou. Daniel Vrooman came to China in 1852 as a missionary from the American Presbyterian Church. Later U.S. vice-consul in Canton, he is said to have introduced the cotton spinning plant to China.

“No Western maps of the walled city existed until the middle of the nineteenth century, since the city was off-limits to foreigners.”

“Canton is the most influential city in Southern China, and its reputation for riches and luxury is established throughout the central and northern provinces, owing to its formerly engrossing the entire foreign trade up to 1843.”

— Wells, The Middle Kingdom (1883)
1860s Voyage to China and Japan

A voyage to China and Japan in fine English watercolors. This is a splendid collection of original watercolors by British naval officer James Butt, a skilled draughtsman and keen observer traveling in China and Japan in the 1860s. The subjects of these finely rendered watercolors include ruins, temples, residences, panoramic city views, and landscapes in China and Japan. As trade with Japan was opened to the West in 1853 after two centuries of limited access, this is an early collection of original views of Japan by a westerner. The splendid, wide-ranging China views include sites in Canton, Formosa, Shanghai, Amoy, and Foochow.

Many of the watercolors include people and animals, giving these delightful images a great deal of vitality. Butt’s varied palette and imaginative choice of subjects has produced a captivating suite of views. The drawings, each identified with a contemporary manuscript caption on the mount, are:

1. Cape Town from Table Bay
2. Botel Tobago off Formosa, China Sea
3. Sulfur Mines, Formosa
4. San-o bay, Formosa. E coast
5. Canton from the heights
6. Burning house for the bodies of priests. Honam temple Canton
7. Temple at Canton. Buddha, Past, Present, & Future
8. Pegula anchorage. Foochow (tea district)
9. Amoy, China
10. Penelwia Tower at Nankin. Height 261 ft. Donroyal
11. Ancient tombs at Shanghai
12. Chinese Junks
13. Near Aberdeen, HongKong
14. Kiganto, Hirado. W. coast Japan
15. On the West Coast of Japan
16. “Furuya” Japan West Coast
17. Tsu harbour. Hirado W. coast
18. Pirat’s house. Hirado Japan W. coast
19. Entrance to Nagasaki
20. Nagasaki Japan
21. “Waka Miya” Temple at Nagasaki
22. Tycoon’s Palace. Yedo. Inside the outer moat
23. Tombs of the Ronins. Yedo
24. Tycoon’s Castle Osaka 1868
25. Shimoda Japan south coast
26. At Yokohama
27. Japanese Junks
28. “Home at Last”

28 watercolors by a skilled amateur naval artist
Early Photographs of New Zealand

(NEW ZEALAND.) An album of photographs, watercolors, manuscript verse, and ephemera assembled by Miss Flaxman.

New Zealand, 1866-1870.

Quarto. Original red morocco gilt extra. 72 leaves. 15 albumen photographs, 3 of them CDVs, most of the others approx. 5 x 6 inches. 6 delicate watercolor landscapes and views of houses. Very good condition.

Provenance: Miss Flaxman, signed gift inscription to her dated 1867 (many of the photographs are inscribed and dated on the verso with the compliments of Capt. Underwood, her future husband); inscribed by Mrs. Underwood (“née Flaxman”) to her daughter and dated Bairnsdale, 1899.

The album is highlighted by its splendid early New Zealand photographs. Three carte-de-visite photographs depict identified Maori: one is a portrait of two identified Maori women, the other two are of Paora Parau, a Maori chief from Poverty Bay who served in the native contingent of the military. The portrait of two Maori women has the backstamp of J. D. Wrigglesworth, Wellington.

This charming album also contains six delicate watercolor landscapes and views of houses, presumably by Miss Flaxman, dozens of pieces of Victorian chromolithography, and numerous manuscript poems including a “Maori acrostic,” lines by Miss Flaxman’s friends, and poems by Poe, Browning, Tennyson, and others.

Study of this album of photographs, manuscripts, drawings, and ephemera will yield valuable information of women’s lives in the 1860s. The album is especially noteworthy for its photographs. New Zealand photographs of this vintage, particularly portraits of identified Maori, are scarce in the market.
“I’d feel glad to be the bat boy for a team like this”
– Eddie Collins at the 1939 opening of the Hall of Fame

HEROES OF THE GOLDEN AGE OF BASEBALL.
This piece is signed by all eleven inductees who attended the opening of the Hall of Fame: Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Walter Johnson, Honus Wagner, Cy Young, Larry Lajoie, Grover Cleveland Alexander, Eddie Collins, George Sisler, Tris Speaker, and Connie Mack. The other thirteen men who were inducted at the ceremony were deceased.

This piece is framed with a photographic print of ten of the men seated together at the event. Ty Cobb, who showed up too late for the ceremony and portrait, revealed years later that he did not want to be on the same stand with Judge Landis.

This outstanding relic of the opening of the Hall of Fame is one of the rarest and most desirable of all baseball items.

Cooperstown, June 12, 1939.

Green and gold commemorative cover, block of four 3¢ baseball centennial stamps (the first U.S. stamp honoring a sport). Fine condition. A fabulous display piece. Attractively framed with a group photograph.

BASEBALL HALL OF FAME.
Baseball Centennial
First Day Cover signed by all eleven living Hall of Fame inductees, each of whom attended the opening ceremony.

Signed by Oscar Wilde
In the Original Binding Designed by Charles Ricketts

WILDE, OSCAR.
Poems.

London: Chiswick Press for Elkin Matthews & John Lane, 1892.

Original pale violet cloth gilt-extra, the binding and decorative endpapers designed by Charles Ricketts. Minor spotting, fraying to spine ends. A very handsome copy.

Mason, Bibliography of Oscar Wilde 309.
First edition. One of the great elegies in the English language, *Adonais* more than any other book represents the grandeur and tragedy of Romantic poetry. Shelley considered it his best poem, remarking, "It is a highly wrought piece of art, perhaps better in composition than anything I have written." Generations of scholars and readers have agreed that *Adonais* is one of the pinnacles of English literature.

Shelley wrote the poem in the spring of 1821 upon hearing of Keats's death at age twenty-five in Rome. Shelley and others believed that Keats died as a result of the harsh reviews of his poems in the *Quarterly Review*. Writing both to praise Keats and to avenge his death, Shelley told John Clare, "I have dipped my pen in consuming fire to chastise his destroyers." That summer Shelley privately published the 495-line poem in Pisa.

Shelley elegized Keats as Adonais, a name that Shelley invented to combine Adonis (the Greek god of beauty) and Adonai (Hebrew for Lord). The poem contains many of Shelley's most familiar lines celebrating "The soul of Adonais, like a star, / Beacons from the abode where the Eternal are."

Just over a year later, Shelley himself died at age twenty-nine, drowned at sea in a sudden summer squall. *Adonais* serves as a sort of self-elegy, as it is a tribute to undervalued, mercurial greatness rather than a legacy of personal grief (for Shelley and Keats were acquainted but were not close). Shelley identified himself with Keats's sufferings, and the poem ends almost clairvoyantly: "my spirit's bark is driven /Far from the shore." Shelley's body was identified by the presence of Keats's poems in his pocket.

Now part of the great tradition of English lyric poetry, *Adonais* owed a profound debt to Milton's elegy *Lycidas*, a debt that Shelley acknowledged in his preface. The privately-printed first edition is among the rarest of the great English poems. Shelley wrote to Ollier, his publisher in London, "I shall only have a few copies struck off ..."
From Oliver Wendell Holmes to Harlan Fiske Stone
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The Birth of Cinematography

JANSSEN, PIERRE

JULIES CÉSAR.

“Présentation d’un
Spécimen de Photographies
d’un Passage Artificiel
de Vénus, obtenu avec le
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To study the transit of Venus across the disk of the sun in 1874,
“Janssen decided to substitute for visual observation at the time
of transit a series of photographs taken in rapid succession, which
would permit him to measure the successive positions of the
planet in relation to the solar limb. He ordered the construction
of an apparatus consisting of three circular disks with the same
axis: the first, pierced by twelve slits, served as the shutter; the
second contained a window; the photographic plate, which was
circular, was fixed to the third. The first two disks turned with a
synchronized movement, the shutter disk continuously and the
other irregularly in the intervals of time in which the window was
not swept by a slit. A series of separate images laid out on a circle
was thus obtained on the plate. In a general manner the apparatus
provided an analysis of a motion on the basis of the sequence of
its elemental aspects. Here Janssen realized one of the operations
necessary for cinematography, which was invented twenty years
later, and which required, besides analysis, the synthesis of images”
(DSB).

Janssen’s invention led to other advances in recording motion
through photographs, most notably Marey’s gun-like camera
to capture birds in flight (1882), culminating in the Edison
Kinetograph around 1889 (the films of which were first viewed
in public in 1894) and the Lumière Cinematographe (the films of
which were first shown in public in 1895).

The photographic revolver paper is one of scores of offprints in this
collection, which also includes a presentation copy of Janssen’s 1860
doctoral dissertation, another Janssen work on the photographic
revolver, and numerous papers on photography, astronomy, and
the intersection of the two sciences. A full inventory is available
on request.

VERY RARE. The photographic revolver offprint is not
recorded in America, according to WorldCat, which locates
only the examples at the Bibliothèque Nationale de France and
the Observatoire de Paris. The other papers in this collection,
including important advances in photography, astronomy, and
meteorology, are similarly rare.

“Thus the first ‘film’ was made.” – Singer, A History of Technology
Columbus’s Shipmate Reports on the Second Voyage Voyages to the New World by Columbus, Vespucci, and others


Autograph manuscript. Monastery of St. Mary Magdalene at Monterossa al Mare, dated February 10 to April 15, 1512 (colophons f. 3v and f. 45v). Median Quarto. 240 x 175 mm. 46 leaves and 4 flyleaves, comprising: Canezzo family genealogical notes (ff. 1v-2v); title and verse address to reader (f. 3r); dedication to Lorenzo Fieschi, bishop of Ascoli (f. 3v); Dialogo (ff. 3v-28v); celestial diagrams and geographical tables (ff. 29r-43r); index to Dialogo (ff. 43v-45r); colophon (f. 45v); discovery texts (ff. 46r-48r); Canezzo family genealogical notes (ff. 48v-50v, with ff. 49v-50r blank). Red numbers in the text of the Dialogo refer to the figures and tables that follow (ff. 29r-43r).

The only other known document from Cuneo about his journeys with Columbus is a letter by Cuneo at the University of Bologna (Bologna cod. 4075). However, the present manuscript contains additional information not in that text. Of the utmost importance is Bernardus’s observation beginning, “Taken from Michele de Cuneo of Savona: who was in one of the caravels. And he said that the basis for finding these Islands was a book of Ptolemy which came into Columbus’s hands.” This statement, not present in the other Cuneo text, is an otherwise unknown source concerning the origins of Columbus’s expectation that he would encounter land by sailing west from Europe.
Felipe Fernández-Armesto, the leading authority on Columbus, observes that “this reference, coming from an individual as close to Columbus, until 1496 at least, as Cuneo was, is of great value.” He adds that variations between this text and other contemporary sources on Columbus suggest that Bernardus personally interviewed Cuneo.

Bernardus’s manuscript conveys with great immediacy the wonder of the Age of Discovery. He celebrates “the means by which a way was found for sailing to the most distant lands near India, the unknown islands, and lands not known to our ancestors.” This final text in the manuscript presents a wealth of information on Columbus’s expeditions, giving precise accounts of the voyages, distances between places, and other telling details. In addition to the extensive material on Columbus’s first, second, and fourth voyages, the manuscript discusses the great voyages of discovery under the auspices of Portugal beginning with those ordered by Henry the Navigator. These range from the 15th-century expeditions down the coast of Africa to the voyages to India and South America by da Gama and Vespucci:

1. Genoese navigator Antoniotto Usodimare and Alvise Cadamosto to the Senegal River 1455 and to the Gambia River, 1456
2. Vasco da Gama’s voyage around the Cape of Good Hope to India 1497-98 including an account from a letter dated Lisbon, July 20, 1499
3. Pedro Cabral’s voyage discovering Brazil and then India, 1500-1501
4. Amerigo Vespucci’s voyage to South America, 1501-02

Bernardus presents a long and dramatic account of Amerigo Vespucci’s perilous third voyage to the New World. From Cape Verde “he took his way through the ocean towards the Antarctic pole and he sailed forward continuously for 65 days, in which he saw no land. And from the said 65 days there were 4 with a great deal of thunder and lightning so that you could see neither the sun by day nor the sky at night. Finally he arrived at land. So from this continent he sailed along the coast to the east until he found an angle where the coast turns towards the south ... from Cape Verde as far as the beginning of this continent was approximately 700 leagues; although he estimated to me that he had sailed more than 1800: and this happened partly through the ignorance of the helmsman and through various storms which drove him lither and thither.” Vespucci continued down the South American coast, “and he sailed so much of this coast that he passed the Tropic of Capricorn, and found the Antarctic Pole ...”
Relatively little is known about Bernardus. Only three other manuscripts have survived: one at the Biblioteca Durazzo in Genoa, another at the Biblioteca Casanatense in Rome, and a third at the Newberry Library in Chicago. The Newberry manuscript is a compilation of various works and various jottings between 1498 and 1506. We are grateful to Felipe Fernández-Armesto, the leading scholar on Columbus and the Age of Discovery, for his reports on the two Bernardus manuscripts, the present manuscript and the Newberry manuscript. The Newberry manuscript provides further evidence that Bernardus knew at least one other person (apart from Cuneo) who knew Columbus and that Bernardus had access to orally transmitted news about a number of voyages of exploration.

In addition to the otherwise unknown Cuneo material on Christopher Columbus, the manuscript contains a number of significant connections to Columbus and his thought, as Fernández-Armesto notes. “Bernardus was particularly interested, as was Columbus, in the questions of distinguishing habitable from uninhabitable zones; calculating the size of the globe; establishing the existence of the Antipodes; disclosing divine order in the world; and identifying the location of the Earthly Paradise. Like Columbus, he wanted to scrutinise old authorities in the light of new data.” This interest in navigation and allied fields is unsurprising as Genoa, home of Columbus, was a center of navigation and trade at this time.

Further, “it is worth observing that Columbus normally calculated his latitude according to the length of the period of daylight at any given spot, which is the type of data Bernardus proposes, and that, although not specified in the title or prefatory matter, the manuscript shows the author’s interest in the calculation of latitude by lunar distance – the method Columbus and Vespucci both claimed (albeit probably falsely) to try to apply” (Fernández-Armesto).

This is an extremely rare opportunity to obtain a unique document from the Age of Discovery derived from the living memory of participants in the great voyages of exploration. Most remarkably, this manuscript presents firsthand information concerning the voyages of Christopher Columbus. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to acquire a document containing otherwise unknown information about Columbus’s voyages derived from a friend and shipmate on his expeditions.

“Cuneo … That genial gentleman adventurer never complained, but extracted interest or amusement from everything that happened. He was loyal to his Signor Almirante, but kept independent judgment.”

– Samuel Eliot Morison

Provenance: This manuscript has an extraordinary provenance from the monastery of origin, to an historic family of Genoa, a birthplace of early exploration, to one of the foremost collectors of scientific books, and finally to perhaps the greatest bookseller of the second half of the 20th century, as follows:

1. Written in 1512 by Bernardus of Albenga (a small town west of Genoa), a Benedictine monk at the Monastery of St Mary Magdalene at Monterosso al Mare (east of Genoa), dedicated to Lorenzo Fieschi, Bishop of Ascoli (f. 3v and f. 48r), written in the same hand as the Newberry manuscript of Bernardus’s Ptolemaean commentaries and thus evidently the author’s autograph; 2. Canezzo family of Genoa (numerous family notes dated 1567-1641 on front and back flyleaves; 3. Robert B Honeyman, his sale Sotheby’s, May 2, 1979, lot 1147; 4. H.P. Kraus catalog 185, America Vetustissima, item 16.
Spectacular Mammoth American West Photograph Album
From Yosemite to Salt Lake City

(AMERICAN WEST.)
Watkins, Taber, Savage, and others.
Magnificent Album of Mammoth Photographs of the American West, with other subjects.

c. 1865-1880s.

Large oblong folio. 39 albumen prints, on thick card mounts, recto and verso, comprising 29 mammoth (approx. 20 x 16 in.), 4 large format (approx. 8 x 10 in.) and 6 medium format (approx. 5 x 8 in.) prints. Six of the mammoth photographs bear the Taber imprint and the Watkins negative number. Contemporary half red morocco gilt, gilt edges. Minimal wear, some fading to the handsome binding. Foxing to mounts. Minor fading. A splendid volume with the prints generally in excellent condition.

Provenance: the album was assembled by Sir Weetman Dickinson Pearson, owner of the Pearson conglomerate, one of the world’s largest construction and petroleum companies. Pearson, who played a central role in the development of Mexican mining, railroads, and oil, evidently acquired the photographs on one of his many trips to America.


This magnificent American West photograph album contains an astounding 21 mammoth photographs by leading photographers including Carleton Watkins, Charles R. Savage, and Isaiah West Taber, as well as other important photographs.

Carleton Watkins was the greatest of the first generation of photographers of the American West. His early photographs of Yosemite and Utah have never been surpassed. The scale of Watkins’s monumental subjects was matched by his ambition and drive, which dwarfed that of his competitors. The photographer commissioned a San Francisco cabinetmaker to create a camera capable of accommodating glass plates as large as 18 x 22 inches. In a series of grueling expeditions over several decades, he took into the wilderness a wagon and a train of mules carrying hundreds of pounds of equipment and heavy glass plates.

The amazingly detailed photographs made with the unique mammoth-plate camera brought Watkins international renown. The first four Yosemite photographs in this album date to Watkins’s first expedition (1865-1866). Watkins chose thirty of these for exhibition at the 1867 Paris Exposition, where he won the first-place medal for landscape photographs. Four of those photographs are present here.

For more than 150 years Watkins has retained his place as one of America’s greatest photographic artists. Watkins’s views are “the finest landscape photographs produced by an American in the nineteenth century, and some of the most sophisticated and arresting images ever produced with a camera” (Nickel).

The album includes the following mammoth Watkins prints: Section of the Grizzly Giant with Galen Clark, Mariposa Grove (1865-1866); Yosemite Falls, from Glacier Point (1865-1866); Cathedral Spires, Yosemite (1865-1866); Grizzly Giant with a Group of Hunters at the Foot of the Tree, Mariposa Grove, Yosemite (1865-1866); The City from the Residence of Bishop Kip, Rincon Hill, San Francisco (1864-1865); Sugar Loaf Island and Seal Rocks, Farallon Islands (1868-1869); and Sentinel Rock, Down the Valley, from U. Point, Yosemite, Cal. (c. 1870). The last of these is not in Naef. Weston Naef reports that this is undoubtedly Watkins’s Sentinel Rock, the long-sought negative 684. According to Naef, this may be the only extant print of this photograph.

“As specimens of the photographic art they are unequaled. The views are ... indescribably unique and beautiful. Nothing in the way of landscapes can be more impressive.”

—New York Times on Watkins’s Yosemite photographs, 1862
Carleton Watkins’s The Grizzly Giant with Galen Clark

Mammoth photograph of Glacier Point Rock, Yosemite

Carleton Watkins. Section of the Grizzly Giant with Galen Clark, Mariposa Grove

Isaiah Taber. Glacier Point Rock (Yosemite)
Isaiah Taber was a dominant figure in Western photography after the Civil War. He came to San Francisco in 1864 and founded a gallery in 1871. In the winter of 1875-76, Carleton Watkins went bankrupt, and Taber acquired his gallery and his enormous collection of negatives. “Once he had acquired Watkins’s gallery and negatives, Taber began his bid for the exalted position of premier photographer of the west coast” (Palmquist, Pioneer Photographers of the Far West). Many of Watkins’s prints were released with Taber’s imprint but retaining Watkins’s personal numbering scheme, as in this album. In 1906 the San Francisco earthquake ended Taber’s career, destroying his premises and an estimated twenty tons of view negatives and eighty tons of portrait negatives.

The album includes the following mammoth Taber prints: Royal Gorge and Hanging Bridge (Colorado); Chinatown, S.F. Cal.—The Idol ‘Kuang koong’ in the Holy of Holies (c. 1887); Glacier Point Rock (Yosemite); El Capitan in Clouds (Yosemite); The Bridal Veil Falls (Yosemite); Curecanti Needle and Gunnison River (Colorado); and Wawona in Winter (Yosemite). Several experts including Naef have hypothesized that the latter winter photograph was taken by Watkins and printed by Taber. The subject was a favorite of Watkins; the negative number may be that of Watkins (see Naef & Hult-Lewis, p. 538). The Taber photographs also include four medium format photographs from the famous Opium Den, Underground (San Francisco) series.
Charles R. Savage

English-born photographer Charles R. Savage joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at the age of 14 in 1846. Having learned the art of photography in New York, he came to Utah in 1860 and established what became the leading gallery in the state. He made scenic views and documented great events, but he is best known for his early views of Mormon settlements, especially Salt Lake City.

Savage worked for Carleton Watkins in San Francisco for three months in 1873, immeasurably improving the quality of his work in Utah. Savage noted in his journal that Watkins’s photographs were “second to none in either the eastern or western hemispheres.” Because his studio was destroyed by fire in 1883, Savage’s earlier work is scarce. He continued to make photographs until his death in 1901. The dates of the photographs in the collection vary: Savage made some as early as 1865 and took others in the early 1890s.

“Of all the photographers who photographed the Salt Lake temple, Savage was by far the most prolific and influential. His inspiration spread far beyond the confines of his work. He was, after all, mentor to most of the temple’s photographers” (Wadsworth, Set in Stone, Fixed in Glass: The Great Mormon Temple and Its Photographers).

The album includes the following mammoth Savage prints: Mormon Tabernacle; Interior of Tabernacle; Mormon Temple, Salt Lake City; and Bathing at Garfield Landing, G.T. Salt Lake. The album also contains the following medium-format Savage prints: Gardo House; Ute Indians (c. 1870); Utah’s Best Crop; Salt Lake Tabernacle Under Construction (c. 1865-66); Lion House; and Portrait of Brigham Young (c. 1865-77).
Mammoth Photographs of Niagara Falls

In addition to its spectacular views of the American West, the album includes several outstanding mammoth photographs of Niagara Falls including Niagara Falls with Suspension Bridge in Background; Niagara Falls and Steamboat; and Niagara Falls (Frozen). These spectacular Niagara Falls mammoth photographs were made by an as-yet unidentified photographer of great skill and a keen and well-trained photographic eye. The album concludes with a series of eight mammoth photographs of a European mountain resort town, likely Chamonix, Mont Blanc with glaciers and other spectacular scenery.

This superb volume, containing 21 mammoth photographs of iconic American sites, is one of the finest large-format landscape albums to appear for sale in many years.

Mammoth Carleton Watkins view of the Grizzly Giant

Carleton Watkins. Grizzly Giant with a Group of Hunters at the Foot of the Tree, Mariposa Grove, Yosemite
“Take a good look. We’re not going to see this kind of thing much longer. It already belongs to the past.” – George Bird Grinnell to Edward Curtis, 1900

CURTIS, EDWARD S.
Original glass plate photograph, Honovi - Walpi Snake Priest, prepared by Curtis for the printing of The North American Indian.

C. 1921.

This portrait, titled Honovi - Walpi Snake Priest, with Totokya Day Painting, was published as a photogravure in The North American Indian, volume 12, plate 408. Approx. 14 x 17 inches. Accompanied by a custom wall-mount light box. Excellent condition. A stunning display piece.

“I regard the work you do as one of the most valuable works which any American could do now.”
– Theodore Roosevelt to Edward Curtis

The present stunning example is one of the very few glass plate photographs that have survived. The image contains a wealth of detail that was lost in the photogravure process, and when shown in the accompanying lightbox, it is a dazzling photographic masterpiece.

This is an exceptional opportunity to acquire one of the greatest monuments of photography in one of its rarest and most important forms.
Athep Brady and Abraham Lincoln. This splendid original Mathew Brady work of art celebrates Lincoln and his Team of Rivals at the height of the Civil War.

Mathew Brady and his gallery created this superb maquette using the best possible examples of its finest portraits of Lincoln and his cabinet. Brady then photographed the piece and published it in much-reduced size as a carte de visite group portrait for sale to the public. The resulting carte de visite appears in Ostendorf’s Lincoln’s Photographs on p. 275.

Abraham Lincoln, the most-photographed figure of his day, is closely connected with Mathew Brady, the leading photographer of the era. After gaining national recognition with his Cooper Institute address, Lincoln himself acknowledged Brady’s influence, saying, “Brady and the Cooper Institute made me President.”

The nine Mathew Brady portraits making up this maquette are:

Abraham Lincoln, President
Hannibal Hamlin, Vice President
William Seward, Secretary of State
Edward Bates, Attorney General
Edwin Stanton, Secretary of War
Montgomery Blair, Postmaster General
Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy
William Pitt Fessenden, Secretary of the Treasury
John P. Usher, Secretary of the Interior

The famous Lincoln portrait at the top is Ostendorf O-84, made by Brady in Washington on Friday January 8, 1864. The maquette was made between July and November 1864. Fessenden succeeded Salmon P. Chase as Treasury Secretary on July 5, 1864, and Edwin Bates resigned as Attorney General in November 1864.
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