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The Final Territorial Compilation of the Laws of Arkansas

1. [Arkansas].

Steele, J.

M'Campbell, J.

Laws of Arkansas Territory. Little Rock, Ark. Ter.: Printed by J. Steele, 1835. [iv], 562, [12] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and early owner label (Pettit & Pettit) to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, light scuffing to boards, spine abraded with wear along joints and spine ends, hinges cracked. Toning and foxing text, light browning in places, internally clean. \$2,000.

* Originally part of the Territory of Louisiana, then the Territory of Missouri, Arkansas Territory was established in 1819. It became a state in 1836. The first territorial compilation, a brief 149-page volume that included statutes of Missouri, was published in 1821. Steele and Campbell's alphabetically digested compilation was the second and last published during the territorial period. As indicated by such sections as Indians, Slaves and Vice and Immorality, it offers an interesting perspective on Arkansas when it was beginning its transition from a territory to a state. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 16.

A Scarce Collection of *Decisiones*

2. Balbi, Goffredo Lanfranco [16th. c.].

Observationes Nonnullarum in Iure Decisionum, Causidicis ac Iuristudiosis Magno Usui Futurae. Hoc Aureum Iam Opusculum ex Integro Renascitur, Decisionum Centurias Quinque cum Sextae Fragmento Continens. Lyons: Iacobus Giunta, 1535. 183, [14] pp. Octavo (6-1/4" x 4-1/4").

Later quarter morocco over cloth, raised bands and gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing with negligible wear to corners, a few tiny faint stains to boards. Large woodcut Giunta device to title page, woodcut decorated initials. Faint dampstaining to margins and annotations and underlining in early hand to a few leaves. A handsome copy. \$1,950.

* First edition. This volume collects 500 rulings by the noted jurist with additional commentary. Each entry notes comparable rulings by other leading jurists. Later editions appeared in 1538, 1540, 1545, 1546 and 1588. OCLC locates 3 copies of the first edition, 5 of other editions. Editions located in the U.S. at Harvard Law School (1535, 1540, 1588), Library of Congress (1546) and UC-Berkeley (1545). Adams, *Catalogue of Books Printed on the Continent of Europe, 1501-1600* C72.

Blackstone's *Commentaries*, Eller 26, Laeuchli 33

3. Blackstone, Sir William [1723-1780].

Christian, Sir Edward [d. 1823], Editor.

Commentaries on the Laws of England, In Four Books. With the Last Corrections of the Author: And with Notes and Additions. London: Printed by A. Strahan for T. Cadell and W. Davies, 1803. Four volumes. Copperplate frontispiece portrait, table of consanguinity, folding table of descents.

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, lettering pieces and blind fillets to spines. Light rubbing to extremities, some minor scuffs and stains to boards, a few joints and hinges cracked or starting, offsetting to margins, light toning to text. Early owner inscription to each front pastedown, interiors otherwise clean. A handsome set. \$1,250.

* Fourteenth edition. Paging irregular, following Blackstone's paging in margin. "Since the publication of the thirteenth edition, 1800, Christian had become Chief Justice of the Isle of Ely, and the Downing Professor of the Laws of England in the University of Cambridge. These titles appear on title pages of this fourteenth edition, in which his notes are printed as footnotes": Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library* 26. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 33.

Notable for Its Insights into Seventeenth-Century Legal Practice

4. [Booth, William, Attributed].

The Compleat Solicitor, Entering-Clerk and Attorney, Fully Instructed in the Practice, Methods and Clerkschip of all His Majesties Courts of Equity and Common-Law Superiour and Inferiour, As Well Those at Westminster and in the City of London, As Elsewhere Throughout the Kingdom of England. A Collection More Correct, Uniform, And Universally Advantagious than Any Treatise Heretofore Extant in this Kind. London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkyns, 1683. [xvi], 462 pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Contemporary calf with later rebacking, blind rules to boards, fillets along joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Negligible rubbing to boards, light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, rear joint just starting at foot. Light toning to text, faint dampspotting in places. Early owner signatures to head of title page, early markings to a few passages, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. An appealing copy of a scarce title. \$950.

* Fifth and final edition. Holdsworth cites this book for its insight into seventeenth-century legal practice. He considered it one of the best books of its kind. A book of "intensely practical character," it discusses the "process of the different courts, with instructions as to the manner and time of taking the various steps in an action, with the forms of pleading, with the modes of executing, with the fees payable at the different offices of the courts, with the forms of conveyances and other documents which clients would be likely to need" It was first published in 1666 as *The Compleat Sollicitor* (note spelling). Later editions, which retain the spelling "Sollicitor," were published in 1668 (twice) and 1672. All editions are scarce. OCLC locates 4 copies of the fifth edition in North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, Library of Congress, Yale). Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* VI:437 *English Short-Title Catalogue* R40294.

First Edition of the First Biography of Hale.

5. Burnet, Gilbert [1643-1715].

The Life and Death of Sir Matthew Hale, Kt. Sometime Lord Chief Justice of His Majesties Court of Kings Bench. London: William Shrowsbury, 1682. [xx], 218 pp. First page blank. Copperplate portrait frontispiece. Octavo (7" x 4-1/4").

Somewhat later mottled calf, rebacked retaining spine, marbled edges. Light toning to text, a bit heavier in places, faint dampstaining to a few leaves. Early signature to head of title page, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Small perforated stamp to title page. An attractive copy. \$150.

* First edition. Lord Chief Justice of England, Hale [1609-1676] was one of the great legal figures of seventeenth-century English. This work, published six years after his death was the first of many biographies. Its author, the Bishop of Salisbury, was an important Scottish theologian, historian and biographer. He is famous for the six-volume *History of My Own Time* (1724, 1734), a history of Great Britain from 1683 to 1713. Samuel Johnson held his work in high regard. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R218702.

The Final Printing of the Constitution, Laws and Treaties of the Chickasaw Nation

6. [Chickasaw Nation, Oklahoma].

Homer, Davis A. [b. 1864?], Translator.

Chikasha Okla I Kvntitushvvn: Micha I Nan Vlhpsia Micha Yonaitet Estets Nan Ittim Apehinsa Tok 1832 Micha 1834, 1837, 1852, 1855 Micha 1866 Kvt Afoyukka Hoke. Mikema Holisso Illappat Toba Chi Ka Nov. 2, 1897, Ash o Chikasha Okla I Nan Apesa Yvt Apesa Tok Makoke. Parsons, KS: Foley Railway Print. Co., 1899. 531, xi pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Contemporary three-quarter sheep over textured boards. Rubbing to joints and backstrip, chip to head of spine, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges starting. Lettering piece in Choctaw and presentation inscription, presumably by Homer, to front pastedown. Light toning to text, later inscriptions and stamps (of W.C. and George M. Bayles) to front pastedown and free endpaper. An appealing copy. \$850.

* In the Choctaw language. With an appendix of treaties. This work provides the Constitution and laws of the (sovereign) Chickasaw Nation, together with the treaties of 1832, 1833, 1834, 1837, 1852, 1855 and 1866. It also includes an act of Congress from January 1898 governing the tribal courts of the Indian Territory and the Curtis Act of June 28, 1898. A landmark in the history of Indian affairs, this act, also known as the General Allotment Act, completed the work of the earlier Dawes Act (1887), which dissolved the sovereignty of the tribes and gave U.S. citizenship to Native Americans. The Curtis Act abolished tribal governments on March 6, 1906 and weakened tribal structures through the conversion of tribal lands to individual plots. The act also provided for the assimilation of the young through the establishment of public schools. It was repealed in 1935. Taking advantage of this opportunity, the Chickasaw reorganized its tribal government in the 1960s and adopted a new constitution in 1983 to manage tribal businesses. Homer, or Homma, was a Choctaw lawyer and preacher. According to Hargrett, 500 copies of this book were printed. OCLC locates 12 copies worldwide, 5 in North American law libraries (Duke, Harvard, UC-Berkeley, Michigan, University of Washington, Yale). Hargrett, *A Bibliography of the Constitution and Laws of the American Indians* 106.

Rare Treatise Dealing With Legal Aspects of Farming and Agriculture

7. Choppin, Rene [1537-1606].

De Privilegijs Rusticorum: Lib. III. O Fortunatos Nimum, Sua Si Bona Norint, Agricolas, Gnaosque Senes, Extrema per Illos Iustitia Excedens Terris Vestigia Fecit. Paris: Apud Nicolaum Chesneau, 1575 [colophon: 29 November 1574]. [xvi] 248, [24] pp. Quarto (9" x 6-1/2").

Contemporary limp vellum, early calligraphic title to spine, ties lacking. Negligible light shelfwear, text block partially detached from binding. Woodcut printer device to title page, woodcut decorated initials. Some toning, light dampspotting and early annotations to a few leaves. \$2,000.

* First edition. Choppin (or Chopin) was a French jurist and an *avocat* of the Parlement of Paris. Like Jean Bacquet and Jean Bodin, Choppin drew on Roman law and feudal principles to advocate a centralized state under royal rule. *De Privilegijs Rusticorum* addresses legal privileges enjoyed by rural people in Roman and civil law. A well-written and remarkably comprehensive work, it went through seven subsequent editions in Latin. Its final edition, translated into French, was published in 1634. This was a rarely explored topic, and Choppin's treatise is the only early example we have encountered. According to the *Biographie Universelle*, "it deserves notice for the singularity of its subject, for its profound research, and the decisions it contains" (8:499). All editions are scarce today and rare in North American law libraries. OCLC locates three copies of the 1575 edition (at Columbia, George Washington University and Harvard). Camus, *Profession d'Avocat* 1477.

Handbook of Terms in Roman and Canon Law

8. Corvinus van Belderen, Arnoldus [1582 or 83-1650].

[Pace, Giulio (1550-1635), Compiler].

Posthumus Pacianus; Seu Definitiones, Iuris Utriusque; Viri Cl. Julii Pacii a Beriga IC Postumae, Insigni Auctu, & Divisionum, Integrorum Titulorum, Aliaque Accessione Plane Novatae. Editio Altera, Recognita & Amplissima Dote Locupletata. Amsterdam: Apud Ludovicum & Danielem Elzevirios, 1659. [xii], 440, [59] pp. 12mo. (5" x 3").

Somewhat later calf, raised bands and gilt title to spine, gilt rules along board edges, gilt inside dentelles, marbled front endpapers. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and lightly worn, hinges cracked. Title page with Elzevier Minerva device printed in red and black. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to index, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. \$150.

* Second and final edition. This is a handbook of terms and concepts in Roman and canon law based on materials gathered by Pace (Pacianus), the great Italian Humanist legal scholar. The definitions are compact but detailed and contain references to examples of usage. *Posthumus Pacianus* was first published in 1643. Though neither editions are rare, OCLC lists only 4 copies in North American law libraries, 2 of the first edition (at Northwestern and UT-Austin) and 2 of the second (at Harvard and UC-Berkeley). Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 141 (2).

First American Edition

9. Espinasse, Isaac [1758-1834], Reporter.

Reports of Cases Argued and Ruled at Nisi Prius, In the Courts of King's Bench, And Common Pleas, From Easter Term 33 George III.--To Hilary Term 34 George III with some Additional Cases, Of an Earlier Period. London, Printed; Baltimore: Re-printed by Clayland, Dobbin & Co. for Keatinge's Book-Store, 1795. viii, 127, xii pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, early owner signature (Metcalf) to rear board, offsetting to margins of endleaves. Toning to text, faint dampstaining to lower margin of text, light browning in places, foxing to a few leaves. Early owner annotation (noting that Wm. Ramsay bought this book from the estate of George A. Grayson) to front free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. \$450.

* First American edition. Along with those of Peake and Campbell, Espinasse's reports inspired the new books on evidence that began to appear in the early nineteenth century. "In the *nisi prius* reports of Peake, Espinasse, and Campbell, centering around the quarter century from 1790 to 1815, there are probably more rulings upon evidence than in all prior reports of two centuries... As soon as *nisi prius* reports multiplied and became available to all, the circuits must be reconciled, the rulings once made and recorded must be followed, and these precedents must be open to the entire profession to be invoked.": Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* XIII:515. Not in Cohen. Evans, *American Bibliography* 28636.

"A Very Able Work"

10. [Georgia].

Cobb, Thomas R.R., Compiler.

A Digest of the Statute Laws of the State of Georgia, In Force Prior to the Session of the General Assembly of 1851, With Explanatory Notes and References; And also, With Notes, Giving the Exposition of the Statutes, By the Supreme Court of the State; Together with an Appendix, Containing the Constitution of the United States; The Constitution of the State of Georgia; The Statute of Frauds and Perjuries; The Habeas Corpus Act; The Judiciary Act of 1799; And the Local Laws Applicable to Each County. Compiled Under the Authority of the General Assembly. Athens, [Ga.]: Published by Christy, Kelsea & Burke, 1851. viii, 1252 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities, some shallow scuffing to boards and lettering piece, front joint starting at head, rear joint starting at foot, hinges starting at ends, recent owner bookplate to front free endpaper. Light to moderate toning, foxing. Early owner signature (of J.C. Williams & Co.) to front pastedown, interior otherwise clean. \$400.

* Only edition. "For practical purposes, this is substantially a revised and improved edition of Price's *Digest*. It is a very able work.": *Catalogue of the Wymberley Jones De Renne Georgia Library* II:538. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 87.

1821 Compilation of Georgia Law

11. [Georgia].

Lamar, Lucius Q.C.A., Compiler.

A Compilation of the Laws of the State of Georgia, Passed by the Legislature Since the Year 1810 to the Year 1819, Inclusive: Comprising All the Laws Passed Within Those Periods, Arranged Under Appropriate Heads, With Notes of Reference to Those Laws, Or Parts of Laws, Which Are Amended or Repealed: To Which Are Added, Such Concurred and Approved Resolutions, As Are Either of General, Local, or Private Moment: Concluding with a Copious Index to the Laws, And a Separate One to the Resolutions. Augusta: Published by T.S. Hannon, 1821. iv, 1300 pp. Quarto (10-1/2" x 8-1/2").

Recent period-style imitation sheep, raised bands and lettering pieces and gilt fillets to spine, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing to extremities, owner bookplate to front pastedown. Light to moderate browning, foxing and occasional marginal damp staining, internally clean. \$1,000.

* First edition. This was the fourth digest of Georgia state laws, preceded by others from 1801, 1802 and 1812. It is digested alphabetically by topic. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 86.

Popular Early Guide to the Daily Practice of English Law

12. G.T., Of Staple Inne.

The Practick Part of the Law: Shewing the Office of an Attorney, And a Guide for Solicitors in All the Courts of Westminster, Viz: The Courts of Chancery, Kings-Bench, Common-Pleas and Exchequer, With the Manner of Their Proceedings in Any Action Real, Personal or Mixt, From the Original to the Execution. As Also the Practice of the Courts in the City of London, Courts of Admiralty, Ecclesiastical Courts, And Other Inferiour Courts in the Country. To Which is Added the Exact Table of Fees of All the Said Courts at Westminster as They Were Delivered Into the House of Commons, With the Abstract of the Parchment and Paper Act by Order of the Queen and Council. Carefully Corrected and Enlarged by Several Practisers of the Several Courts. With a New Table of the Principal Matters. London: Printed for the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkins, 1695. [viii], 576, [14], [2 (publisher list)]; [viii], 116, [4 (publisher list)], 24; 16 pp. First page of first and second parts blank. Three parts, each with title page and individual pagination, second and third parts dated 1694. Third part bears imprint "Printed for Charles Bill, And the Executrix of Tho. Newcomb, Deceased." Octavo (6-3/4" x 4").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets along joints, rebacked retaining backstrip, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block, hinges mended. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs, corners bumped and lightly worn. Moderate toning, browning to third part, faint dampspotting in places. Early struck-through signature to head of first title page, brief early annotations to some sections of text. A handsome copy. \$750.

* Later edition of a work first published in 1652, one of two issues from 1695. This early guide outlines the daily practice of the law in England. A useful and popular work, it went through several editions, the final appearing in 1724. Our imprint is preferable to the other from 1695 because it has the two parts mentioned in its title page: *A Exact Table of Fees* and *An Abstract of the Act...For Granting to Their Majesties Several Duties upon Vellum, Parchment, And Paper*. OCLC locates 6 copies of this edition in North American law libraries (Harvard, Southern Methodist University, US Supreme Court, University of Minnesota, University of Pennsylvania, Yale). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R31131.

A Standard Authority on Parliament in Seventeenth-Century England

13. Hakewill, William [1574-1655].

The Manner How Statutes are Enacted in Parliament by Passing of Bills. Collected Many Yeares Past Out of the Iournalls of the House of Commons. Together with a Catalogue of the Speakers Names. London: printed by T.H. for Iohn Benson, 1641. [xxii], 148 pp. First leaf, A11 and F4 are blanks. 12mo. (5-1/2" x 3-1/4").

Contemporary calf with later rebacking and recorning, blind rules to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to extremities, a few minor nicks and inkspots to boards, corners lightly bumped. Light toning, faint dampstaining to upper half of the text block's fore-edge along outer margin, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. A nice copy. \$450.

* First edition. Hakewill, M.P. for Bossiney in Cornwall, Bencher of Lincoln's Inn and a notable legal antiquarian. *The Manner How Statutes are Enacted* is a concise, historically grounded treatise on parliamentary law and procedure. A standard authority in seventeenth-century England, it went through three later editions in 1659 (two issues), 1660 and 1671 with the title *Modus Tenendi Parliamentum*. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R11690.

A Scarce Elizabethan Treatise on the Drafting and Interpretation of Statutes

14. Hatton, Sir Christopher [1540-1591], Attributed.

A Treatise Concerning Statutes, Or Acts of Parliament: And the Exposition Thereof. London: Printed for Richard Tonson, 1677. [xvii], 85, [3] pp. Recto of first leaf blank. Includes three-page publisher list. Octavo (5-1/4" x 3-1/4").

Contemporary paneled calf with later rebacking, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to joints, chipping to head of spine, corners bumped. Light toning to text, early underlining to a few passages. Ex-library. Stamps to edges and free endpapers, bookplate to front pastedown, perforated stamp to title page. A decent copy of a scarce title. \$750.

* Only edition. More accurately described as practical handbook, this treatise on the drafting and interpretation of Parliamentary statutes is attributed to Sir Christopher Hatton. Lord Chancellor from 1587 until his death in 1591, he was a distinguished statesman, man of letters and favorite of Queen Elizabeth I. He was not a profound jurist, but he was admired for his, temperament, good sense and administrative skill. OCLC locates 8 copies in North America, 5 in law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, Northwestern, University of Pennsylvania, University of Virginia). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R14799.

Copy of the First Book Printed in Alabama with a Notable Association

15. Hitchcock, Henry [1795-1839], Compiler.

The Alabama Justice of the Peace, Containing All the Duties, Powers and Authorities of That Office, As Regulated by the Laws Now in Force in This State: To Which is Added a Great Variety of Warrants, Recognizances, Bonds, Deeds of Bargain and Sale, Lease and Release, Of Trust, Mortgages, Bills of Sale, Contracts, And Other Precedents, Interspersed Under Their Several Heads; Together with the Constitution of the State of Alabama. Cahawba, Ala.: Published by William B. Allen. And for sale at the book-store of Ginn & Curtis., 1822. [ii], 494, [2] pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Contemporary sheep, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Light rubbing to boards and extremities with some wear to corners, a few minor stains to boards, hinges starting, crack near rear of text block repaired with archival tape. Toning to text, occasional light dampstaining and foxing. Faint early owner initials (MB) to spine, "M. Bohannon" to foot of text block, Bohannon's signature and annotations to front free endpaper, which has a few holes repaired with archival tape, autograph document laid in. A well-preserved copy. \$2,000.

* Only edition. According to Owen, this was the first book printed in Alabama other than collected documents of the constitutional convention of 1819 and the journals and session laws of the general assembly. Hitchcock, who was Alabama's attorney general when he compiled this book, is an important figure in that state's history. He helped to write its constitution and went on to become chief justice of the Alabama Supreme Court. The autograph document, signed by Hitchcock, is dated July 9. 1822. It acknowledges receipt of his salary as attorney general. Owen, *A Bibliography of Alabama* 981. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8316.

A Successor to Littleton

16. [Great Britain].

Institutions or Principall Grounds of the Lawes and Statutes of England. Newly and Verie Truly Corrected & Amended, With Many New and Good Additions, Very Profitable for All Sortes of People to Know, Lately Augmented and Imprinted. London: Printed by Thomas Wight, 1601. 66, [2] ff. Octavo (5-1/4" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, raised bands, blind fillets and early hand-lettered title to spine and fore-edge of text block. Light rubbing to joints, chip to head of spine, a few light scuffs to boards, corners bumped and lightly worn, hinges cracked, later armorial book plate to front pastedown. Title printed within woodcut ornamental border, moderate toning to text, small wormhole to bottom corner of final ten leaves. Early owner signatures and inscriptions to front endleaves, small early owner signature to foot of title page, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to verso of front free endpaper. An appealing copy. \$950.

* Later edition. Dealing mostly with land law, this treatise, originally published around 1538, can be considered a successor to Littleton's *Tenures* (c. 1481). Like Littleton, it was written for students and practitioners and was a popular book that went through at least 20 editions, with various titles, into the seventeenth century. All editions are scarce. OCLC locates 1 copy of the 1601 imprint (at Columbia Law School). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:446 (17). *English Short-Title Catalogue* S406.

The First Law Book, And Second Book of Any Kind, Printed in Iowa

17. [Iowa].

The Statute Laws of the Territory of Iowa, Enacted at the First Session of the Legislative Assembly of Said Territory, Held at Burlington, A.D. 1838-'39. Published by Authority. Du Buque: Russell & Reeves, Printers, 1839. [iii], 597, [1] pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Contemporary quarter sheep over paper-covered boards, lettering piece to spine. Moderate rubbing with wear to corners, spine lightly abraded, hinges cracked. Toning, light foxing to most of text, faint dampstaining and inkspots in places. Early annotations in pencil to endleaves, interior otherwise clean. A solid copy of a scarce imprint. \$500.

* First edition. With the texts of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights, including the original non-ratified 13th Amendment, the Northwest Ordinance and the act establishing the territory and its organic law. Part of the Louisiana Purchase, Iowa Territory, which included parts of present-day Minnesota and the Dakotas, was created in 1838. It became a state in 1846. The present volume is significant because it was the first law book, and second book of any kind, printed in Iowa. The statutes offer a valuable perspective on the early days of the territory. Babbitt, *Hand-List of Legislative Sessions and Session Laws* 121.

The First Layman's Guide Published in America

18. Jacob, Giles [1686-1744].

Every Man His Own Lawyer: Or, A Summary of the Laws of England, In a New and Instructive Method, Under the Following Heads, Viz. I. Of Actions and Remedies, Writs, Process, Arrests, and Bail. II. Of Courts, Attornies and Solicitors Therein, Juries, Witnesses, Trials, Executions, &c. III. Of Estates and Property in Lands and Goods, And How Acquired, Ancestors, Heirs, Executors and Administrators. IV. Of the Laws Relating to Marriage, Bastardy, Infants, Ideots, Lunaticks. V. Of the Liberty of the Subject, Magna Charta, the Habeas Corpus Act, and other Statutes. VI. Of the King and his Prerogative, the Queen and Prince, Peers, Judges, Sheriffs, Coroners, Justices of Peace, Constables, &c. VII. Of Publick Offences, Treason, Murder, Felony, Burglary, Robbery, Rape, Sodomy, Forgery, Perjury, &c. and Their Punishment. All of Them so Plainly Treated of That All Manner of Persons May be Particularly Acquainted With Our Laws and Statutes, Concerning Civil and Criminal Affairs, And Know How to Defend Themselves and Their Estates and Fortunes, An All Cases Whatsoever. Corrected and Improved, With Many Additions, from Lord Raymond, Comyn, Strange, Foster, And with the Statute Law Down to 4 Geo. 3. Inclusive. New-York: Printed by Hugh Gaïne, 1768. iv, 289, [13] pp. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, rebacked retaining original spine with raised bands and lettering piece, original endpapers retained. Moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to corners, some scuffing to boards and evidence of wear to joints and edges of lettering piece, hinges cracked but secure, upper portion lacking from front free endpaper. Some toning to text, darker in places, negligible light foxing to most of text, internally clean. A desirable copy. \$2,200.

* First American edition, designated the seventh on the title page in reference to the prior six editions published in London. This popular layman's guide by one of the most prolific legal writers of eighteenth-century England went through ten English editions between 1736 and 1788. The mention of "All Manner of Persons" in the subtitle is significant. Jacob, though certainly interested in boosting sales by attracting the widest audience possible, was an idealist who believed that widespread knowledge of the law would help create a more just society. This is also evident in his other publications, such as *The Common Law Common-Placed* (1726) and *Treatise of Laws* (1721). According to Cohen, this was the first laymen's guide published in America. The next two, which were intended also for aspiring lawyers, were *The Young Clerk's Magazine* (Philadelphia, 1774) and *The Young Clerk's Vade Mecum* (New York, 1776). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8202.

Early Alabama Legal Imprint that Addresses Slavery

19. Keyes, Wade [1821-1879].

An Essay on the Learning of Partial, And of Future Interests in Chattels Personal. Montgomery, Ala.: J.H. & T.F. Martin, 1853. 160 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Some rubbing to boards and extremities, spine moderately abraded, joints starting at head, offsetting to margins of endleaves, very light browning to text. Early owner signature (of Stephen F. Miller) to front pastedown, interior otherwise clean. \$450.

* Only edition. As a lawyer, judge, author and the state's first law professor, Keyes was the most important figure in the early legal history of Alabama. A prominent secessionist, he was assistant attorney general for the Confederacy during the Civil War. He wrote two treatises, a treatise on real property and the present title, a review of case law as it relates to chattels personal, including "slaves, cattle, furniture, books, victuals, money and the like" (1). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 9033.

Littleton's *Tenures in English*

20. Littleton, Sir Thomas [1402-1481].

Littleton's Tenures in English, Lately Perused and Amended. London: Printed for the Companie of Stationers, 1627. 142, [2] ff. Octavo (5-1/4" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary sheep with later calf rebacking, binding varnished, blind rules to boards, raised bands and gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed, early repair to front board. Some rubbing to joints and spine ends, corners somewhat worn, shallow scuffing to boards, hinges starting. Light toning to text, faint dampstaining and foxing to a few leaves, tiny tear to foot of title page mended with archival tape. Early doodles to front endleaves and title page, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. An appealing copy. \$500.

* Written during the reign of Edward IV [1442-1483] and first published around 1481, Littleton's *Tenures* is probably the most revered treatise in the history of the common law. Much admired for its learning and style, it is concerned with tenures and other issues relating to real property. This venerable work, which Coke called "the ornament of the Common Law, and the most perfect and absolute work that ever was written in any humane science," is considered a landmark because it renounced the principles of Roman law (and Latin) in favor of guidelines and doctrines drawn from the Year Books and, when necessary, hypothetical cases. OCLC locates two copies in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress). Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* II:573. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S108678.

Uncommon 1822 Maryland Treatise on Ejectment

21. McHenry, John [d. 1860].

The Ejectment Law of Maryland: Embracing Within a Narrow Compass, All the Decisions of the Courts of Law of Maryland, Deemed Worthy of Notice, Relating to the Title and Location of Land. Frederick-Town: Printed, At the Herald Press, by John P. Thomson, For the Author, 1822. 264 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, carefully rebacked, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, hinges mended. Some rubbing to extremities with wear to corners, faint owner initials to front board, offsetting to margins of endleaves, moderate toning to text. Early owner signature (of Frank Gosnell) to front pastedown, interior otherwise clean. \$450.

* Only edition. "In this work are comprehended in one view and compressed within a narrow compass, all the decisions of our superior courts of law, which have any relation to land titles, and which were thought of importance enough to be published, the author carefully avoiding to crowd into the work decisions which may be found in the common law reports, but taking notice only of those which have a bearing upon local circumstances, and relate to our acts of assembly altering the common law with respect to land titles" (5). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 9491.

Uncommon Albany Edition of the *Conductor Generalis* Adapted to the Needs of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania

22. [Parker, James (1714-1770)].

The Conductor Generalis: Or, the Office, Duty and Authority of Justices of the Peace, High-Sheriffs, Under-Sheriffs, Coroners, Constables, Gaolers, Jury-Men, and Overseers of the Poor. As Also the Office of Clerks of Assize, and of the Peace, &c. Compiled Chiefly from Burn's Justice, and the Several Other Books on Those Subjects, by James Parker, Late One of the Justices of the Peace for Middlesex County, in New-Jersey; And Now Revised and Adapted to the United States of America. By a Gentleman of the Law. The Whole Alphabetically Digested Under the Several Titles; With a Table Directing to the Ready Finding Out the Proper Matter Under Those Titles. Albany: Printed by Charles R. and George Webster, 1794. xv, [1], 17-467, [1] pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary sheep treated to resemble tree calf, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint and hinge starting at foot. Light browning and occasional faint spotting to text. Later inscription to front endleaf (dated 1907), two early signatures to head of title page, interior otherwise clean. \$300.

* A popular American legal manual issued by different printers and publishers largely based on English sources, primarily Burn. The first edition by Parker appeared in 1764. The present edition is a reissue of the 1792 edition published in Philadelphia by Robert Campbell without the Ten Pound Act and the sections on military and excise law. The preface says this edition is adapted to the needs of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Part II (pages 377-467) contains: *The Office and Duty of Sheriffs; The Office of a Gaoler, and Concerning Escapes; The Office and Duty of the Clerk of Assize and Clerk of the Peace; A Guide to Juries; An Abstract of Magna Charta; Notes on Magna Charta; Of Maxims and General Rules, from Jacob's Law Grammar; Of Actions and Remedies and Of Fictions, Intendments, and Presumptions.* Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 7962.

Notable Treatise on the Roman Law Concerning Property Left to a Husband or Wife

23. Peck, Pieter [1529-1589].

De Testamentis Coniugum Libri Quinque; Adiectae Sunt Summaria Indicesque duo Locupletissimi, Argumentorum Unus, Alter Verborum, Rerum, Sententiarumque Insignium. Cologne: Apud Ioannem Gymnicum, 1585. [xvi], 514, [88] pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Recent polished calf, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block, title page mounted and re-hinged. Light rubbing to extremities, some toning to text, occasional faint dampstaining to margins, early private-library bookplate to verso of title page, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. A nice copy. \$950.

* Second (or third) edition, one of two imprints from 1585, the other published in Namur. First published in 1564, *De Testamentis* analyzes the Roman laws that govern property bequeathed to a husband or wife in a will. Educated at the University of Leuven, Peck was a judge of the High Court of Mechelen. Later editions were published in 1599, 1627 and 1665. All are scarce. OCLC locates 2 copies of the 1585 Cologne imprint in North America (at the Morgan Library and the University of Chicago), none of the Namur imprint. This imprint not in Dekkers. *Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachbereich Erschienenen Drucke des 16. Jahrhunderts* P1098.

"For the Genereall Ease and Daily Use of All Such as Shall Have Occasion to Remove any Person, Cause or Record"

24. Powell, Thomas [1572?-1635?].

The Attornies Almanacke. Provided & Desired for the Generall Ease and Daily Use of All Such as Shall Have Occasion to Remove any Person, Cause or Record, From an Inferiour Court to Any the Higher Courts at Westminster. London: Printed by B.A. and T.F. for Ben: Fisher, 1627. [viii], 72 pp. Quarto (7" x 5-1/4").

Later speckled calf, gilt rules to boards, raised bands, gilt ornaments and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing, a bit heavier to extremities, a few nicks to front board, corners lightly bumped and worn. Moderate toning, occasional dampspotting, browning, edgewear and chipping to margins of preliminaries and final ten leaves. Early annotation to rear endleaf, a reading list, owner signature of Walter Ashburne, dated 1900, to title page, annotation in his hand, a list of library holdings for this book, to front free endpaper. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. A handsome copy. \$1,500.

* Only edition. A notable book according to Holdsworth, *The Attornies Almanacke* gives directions to remove causes or certify records in the courts at Westminster. This book and his companion volume, the *Attournes Academy*, are important sources for students of Shakespeare. Both are listed in Lee's *Catalogue of Shakespeareana*. This copy belonged to Walter Ashburner [1864-1936], the notable legal scholar and editor of the *Rhodian Sea-Laws* (1909). OCLC locates 6 copies in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, University of Washington, Yale). Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* V:381. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S115029.

The First English Treatise on Corporations

25. Sheppard, William [d.1657?].

Of Corporations, Fraternities, And Guilds. Or, A Discourse, Wherein the Learning of the Law Touching Bodies Politique is Unfolded, Shewing the Use and Necessity of that Invention, The Antiquity, Various Kinds, Order and Government of the Same. Necessary to be Known not Only of All Members and Dependants of Such Bodies; But of All the Professours of Our Common Law. With Forms and Presidents, of Charters of Corporation. London: Printed for H. Twyford, T. Dring, and J. Place, 1659. [6], 187, [1] pp. Final page blank. Octavo (5-3/4" x 4-1/4").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards and spine endpapers renewed, title page re-hinged. Light toning to text, faint dampstaining to foot of text block, some offsetting to outer margins of title page, internally clean. An appealing copy of a scarce title. \$1,500.

* Only edition. The first six sections define types of corporations and their component parts. The following three sections discuss charters, "what ordinances a corporation may make" and "the nature of a corporation." The final part of the book is a collection of forms. Among the corporations discussed are two established by the Rump Parliament: The Norwich Weavers and The Corporation for the Propagation of the Gospel in New England. Active in the Protectorate, where he was Cromwell's legal advisor, Sheppard aimed to reform the common law. Ahead of his time in many

ways, some of his proposals anticipate changes that were adopted in the nineteenth century. His work was well-received and deeply influential. Some of his books, most notably *The Touchstone of Common Assurances* (1648), were standard authorities into the nineteenth century. OCLC locates 8 copies in North America, 3 in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, University of Pennsylvania). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R203559.

Tomlins on Wills

26. Tomlins, Thomas Edlyne [1761-1841].

A Familiar, Plain, And Easy Explanation of the Law of Wills and Codicils, And of the Law of Executors and Administrators. And Also the Rules by Which Estates, Freehold and Copyhold, and Personal Estates in General, Descend, And Are to be Distributed, In Case No Will is Made. With Instructions to Every Person to Make his Own Will; The Necessary Forms for That Purpose; And The Expence of Obtaining Probates and Letters of Administration. The Whole Written as Much as Possible Without the Use of Law Words or Terms. London: Printed for R. Baldwin, 1787. xii, 137, [3] pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary calf, raised bands to spine. Light rubbing to extremities. Minor toning, light foxing to endleaves, internally clean. A notably well-preserved copy. \$600.

* Third edition. First published in 1785, this useful and popular book went through seven subsequent editions, the last in 1819. It was written for laymen. According to the preface, it was inspired by the author's "daily experience...of the mischiefs attending the neglect of that duty which every man owes his family, friends, or dependents, in the disposal and settlement of his property by will." Tomlins was a leading legal writer of his day. He published an important dictionary, edited important editions of Littleton's *Tenures* and Jacob's *A New Law-Dictionary* and contributed entries to the *Statutes of the Realm*. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:494 (37).

Treatise on Pleading by a Notable Virginian

27. Tucker, [Nathaniel] B[everley] [1784-1851].

The Principles of Pleading. Boston: Charles C. Little & James Brown, 1846. v, 220 pp. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary sheep, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, a few shallow scuffs and minor inkstains to boards, early owner signature (Wm. G. Williams) to head of front board and front pastedown. Some toning to text, light browning in places. Early reading list of law books, possibly by Williams, to rear free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. \$300.

* Only edition. The son of St. George Tucker and half-brother of John Randolph of Roanoke, Nathaniel Beverley Tucker studied and practiced law in Virginia from 1801 to 1815. He was a judge in the Circuit Court of Missouri from 1815 to 1830 and was professor of law at the College of William and Mary, his alma mater, from 1834 to 1851. He was also a notable essayist and novelist. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 9276.

Commentaries on Passages from the Digest Concerning Accusations and Adultery

28. Voltz, Valentin [1534-1581].

Burchard, Georg Adelbert, Notes.

Schutz, Jakob, Editor.

I. De Inquisitione: Sive ad L. 2. [Paragraph Symbol]. Si Publico Judicio. 5. ff. Ad L. Jul. De Adult. II. In Tit. Digest. Ad Leg. Cornel. De Sicar. &c. Uturque Notis hinc Inde Illustratus: Per Georgium Adelbertum Burchardum. Nunc cum Notis Ueberioribus, Summariis, & Indice in Lucem Editus, Cura ac Studio Jacobi Schytzji. Tübingen: Typis Johan-Alexandri Cellii, 1620. [xxiv], 916, [52] pp. Octavo (6-1/4" x 3-1/4").

Contemporary binding with lapped edges using vellum from choirbook. Light soiling, some rubbing to extremities, a few small chips to front joint and fore-edges, minor worming to joints. Some toning to text. Early inscription to title page in small hand, indicating ownership by a monastery, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Shelf labels to spine, bookplate to front pastedown, small inkstamp to title page. \$1,500.

* Only edition. Based on his dissertation *Disputatio de Inquisitione*, University of Tübingen, 1576, this work analyzes passages from two titles in Book 48 of Justinian's *Digest* concerning adultery and accusations. OCLC locates 1 copy in North America (at Princeton University). *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 17. Jahrhunderts* 1:011535Z.

"The Foundation of All Similar Productions of the Kind"

29. Wentworth, Thomas [c.1568-1628].

The Office and Duty of Executors. Or a Treatise of Wills and Executors, Directed to Testators in the Choice of Their Executors, And Contrivance of Their Wills. With Direction for Executors in the Execution of of [sic] Their Office, According to the Law; And for Creditors in the Recovery of their Debts. With Divers Other Particulars, Very Usefull and Profitable for All Persons, Be They Either Executors, Creditors or Debtors. Compiled Out of the Body of the Common Law. Corrected and Amended. London: Printed by T. Maxey, For Matthew Walbank, 1656. [xxiv], 373, [1] pp. Last page blank. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3-1/2").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets to spine. Minor edgewear, a bit of chipping to head of spine, corners bumped, a few nicks to boards, front joint and hinges just starting at heads. Light toning to text, a bit of offsetting to margins of preliminaries and rear endleaves, clean tear to leaf O2, probably due to a paper flaw, internally clean. A nice copy. \$450.

* Fourth edition, one of three issues from 1656, all with the same edition statement. First published in 1641, the "authorship of this treatise is ascribed to Mr. Justice Dodderidge, though the work is commonly Known as Wentworth's Executors. It constitutes the foundation of all similar productions of the kind, and has always been regarded as a high authority in these matters" (Marvin). This was a popular and well-received work. Two more editions were published in 1641. Eleven editions (and issues) followed, the last one in 1774. All are scarce. OCLC locates 6 copies of the fourth edition in North America, 4 in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, Ohio State, University of Missouri). Marvin, *Legal Bibliography* 724-725. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R220926.

With a Set of Tables Illustrating Principles of the Common Law

30. Wingate, Edmund [1596-1656].

[Finch, Sir Henry (1558-1625)].

The Body of the Common-Law of England, As it Stood in Force, Before it was Altered by Statute, Or Acts of Parliament. Together with an Exact Collection of Such Statutes, As Have Altered, Or do Otherwise Concern the Same. Whereunto is also Annexed Certain Tables Containing a Summary of the Whole Law for the Help and Delight of Such Students as Affect Method. Corrected and Amended. London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkins, 1678. [vi], 90, 76; [43] pp. (pp. 88-90 bound out of order). Two parts, the second preceded by title page reading *A Summary of the Common-Law of England*. Tables. Octavo (6" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary sheep with later rebacking, blind rules to boards, blind rules and gilt title to spine, which is varnished, endpapers renewed. Some rubbing to extremities, a few nicks to boards, corners bumped and lightly worn. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, faint stains and small chips to upper margins of title page and following leaf, internally clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. A nice copy. \$850.

* Fourth (stated) edition, actually the fifth. Also a notable mathematician, Wingate supported Cromwell during the Civil War and Commonwealth. He was an important legal writer during the Civil War and Commonwealth. Most of his books, such as *Maximes of Reason* (1658), *An Exact Abridgment of the Statutes in Force* (1642) and *The Body of the Common-Law*, examine changes introduced during that time. Its second part, the *Summary*, is a series of taxonomic tables illustrating principles of the common law based on Henry Finch's *NOMOTEXNLA* (1613). The first and second editions were published in 1655 and 1662, later editions in 1670, 1673, 1678 and 1690. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:242 (46). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R31025.

A Useful References for Justices of the Peace

31. W[ingate], E[dmund].

Statuta Pacis: Or a Perfect Table of All the Statutes (Now in Force) Which any Way Concerne the Office of a Justice of Peace. Cleerly also Setting down the Severall Duties of Sheriffes, Head-Officers of Corporations, Stewards in Leets, Constables, And Other Officers, So Far Forth as the Said statutes do in Any Sort Concern Them. Faithfully Collected, And Alphabetically Digested Under Apt Titles. London: Printed by M. Flesher and J. Young, 1644. [xx], 286 pp. First and final leaves blank. Tables. 12mo. (5-1/2" x 3-1/4").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, blind fillets to spine, ends repaired, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to extremities, corners bumped. Light toning to text, a few tiny worn holes (with no loss to text), faint dampstaining to final third of text block. An appealing copy of a rare title. \$950.

* Only edition. Intended as a handy reference, and thus pocket-sized, *Statuta Pacis* is a digest of statutes relevant to the jurisdiction of a justice of the peace. The contents are organized alphabetically by topic. OCLC locates 4 copies in North America, 3 in law libraries (Duke, Harvard, Southern Illinois University). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R25185.

**Scarce JP Manual that Includes
a Digest of Staunford's *Pleas of the Crown***

32. Yonge, Walter [1581?-1649].

[Staunford, Sir William (1509-1558)].

A Vade Mecum, Or, Table, Containing the Substance of Such Statutes; Wherein Any One, Or More Justices of the Peace are Inabled to Act, As Well in the Sessions, As Out of the Sessions of Peace. Together with an Epitome of Mr. Stamford's Pleas of the Crown. Corrected, And Amended. London: Printed for Rich. Best, 1660 [i.e. 1661]. [xxiv], 186, [2] pp. First leaf blank. Two parts with continuous pagination. Second part preceded by title page reading (in part) *A Vade Mecum, And Cornu Copia. An Epitome of Master Stamfords Pleas of the Crown.* 12mo. (5-1/2" x 3-1/4").

Contemporary sheep with recent rebacking, blind rules to boards, blind rules and lettering piece to spine, hinges mended. Light rubbing to extremities, hinges bumped. Light toning to text, two small chips and very light soiling to title page, minor chips to a few other leaves, internally clean. \$750.

* Sixth (stated) edition. As suggested by its title, this is a manual for justices of the peace. The first part is arranged in tabular form. Each entry lists an offense, conditions for an action, the number of justices required to hear the case, the appropriate punishment and references to authorities. The second part is condensed version of Staunford's *Plees del Coron* (1st. ed. 1557), a standard treatise on criminal law in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. Published as the sixth edition, it is actually the third. The first, second and fourth were published in 1643, 1650 and 1663. Sweet & Maxwell list a 1620 edition titled *Justices, Their Vade Mecum and Cornucopia*, but it appears to be a ghost. All editions are scarce OCLC locates 6 copies of the 1661 edition, 3 in law libraries (Harvard, SUNY-Buffalo, Yale). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R204144.



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