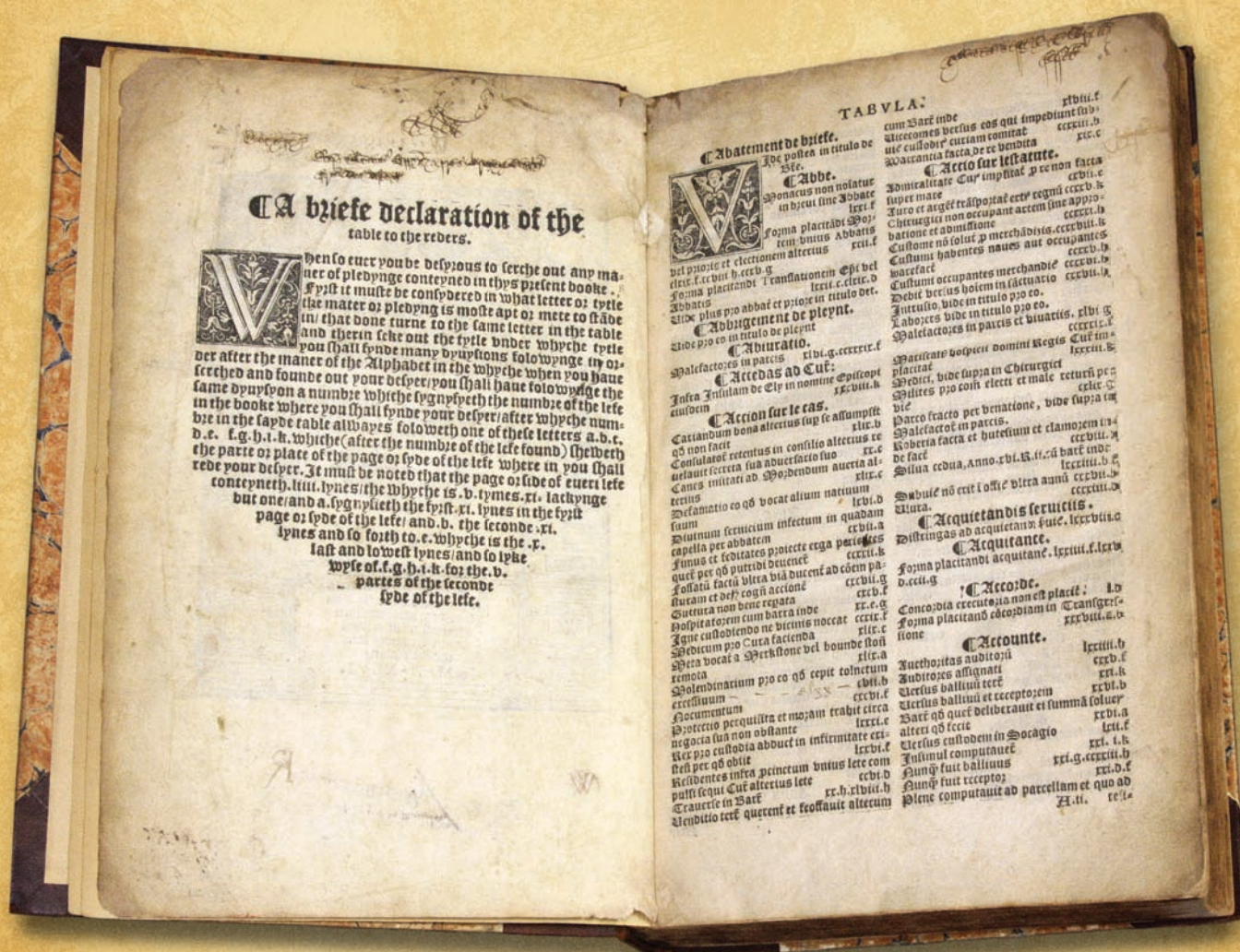


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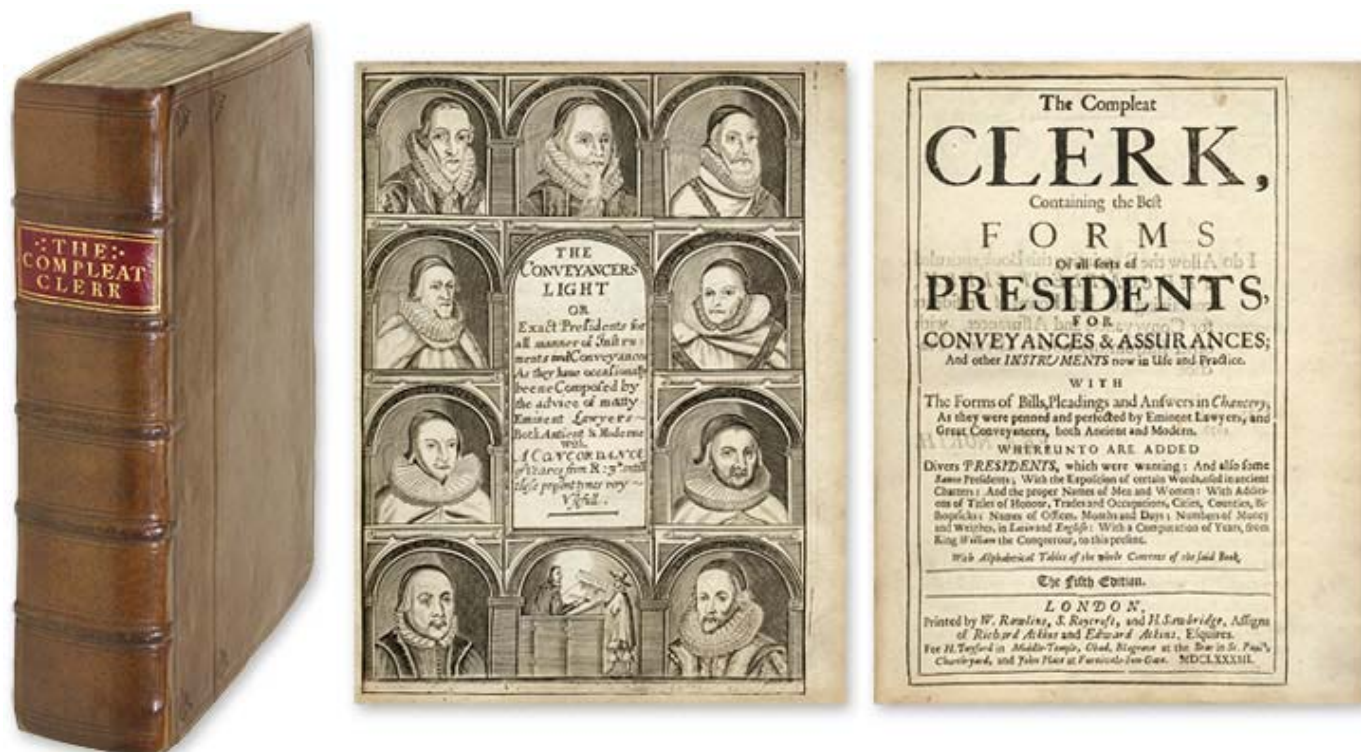
Anthon's Precedents of Declarations

1. Anthon, John [1784-1863], Compiler.

American Precedents of Declarations, Collected Chiefly from Manuscripts of Chief Justice Parsons and Other Accomplished Pleaders in the State of Massachusetts. Digested and Arranged Under Distinct Titles and Divisions, And Adapted to the Most Modern Practice. With a Prefixed Digest of Rules and Cases Concerning Declarations. To Which Are Added the Most Accurate and Approved English Precedents of Declarations, with Extensive Explanatory Notes; and Also An Elementary Treatise on Pleading, Together with the Most Accurate Forms of Pleas, Replications, Rejoinders, Surrenders, Demurrers, &c. with Explanatory Notes, Selected from Chitty's Treatise on Pleading, and Other Approved Books of Entries. New York: Stephen Gould, 1810. xxxiv, 570 pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 6").

Contemporary calf, lettering piece, blind-stamped fillets to boards. Some rubbing to edges and tips, a few scuffs to boards, chipping to spine ends, front board partially detached but holding. Early bookplate to front pastedown, signature to front free endpaper. \$75.

* Second edition. With an appendix that contains "Rules of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts." First published in 1802, this was the first collection of American forms. Warren, *A History of the American Bar* 332. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 9216.



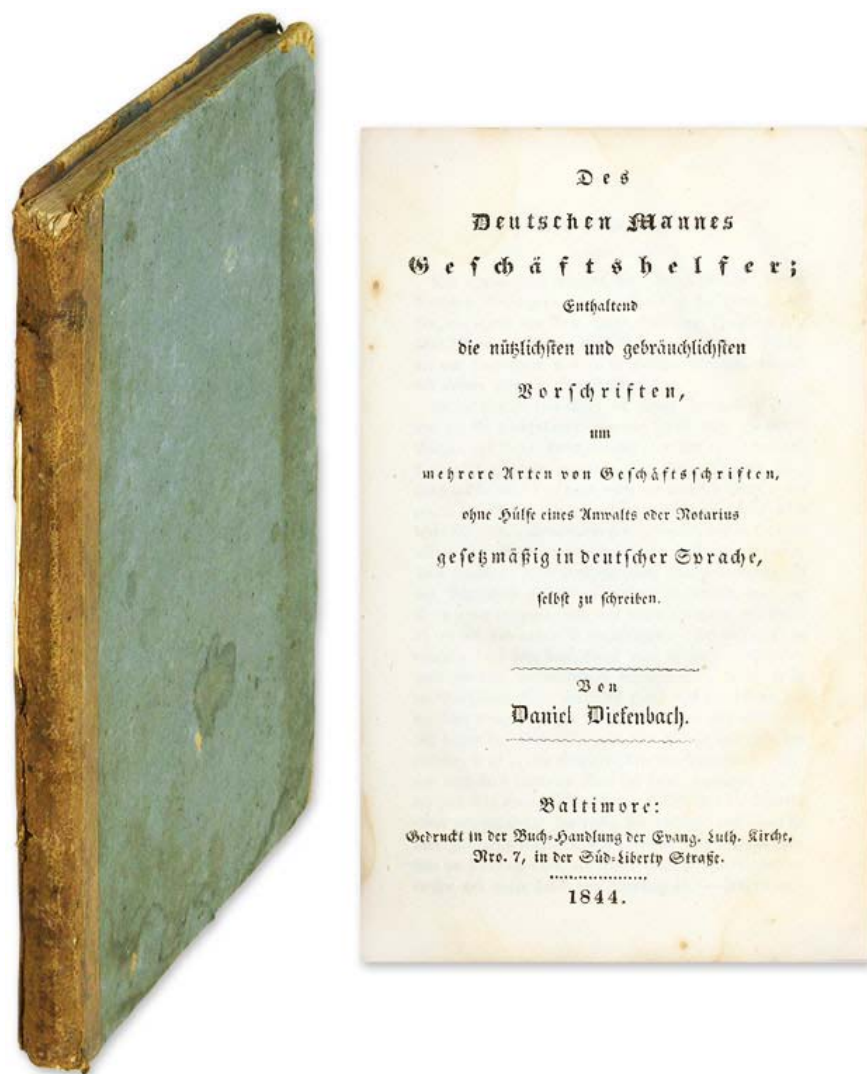
Scarce Seventeenth-Century Conveyancing Guide

2. [Conveyancing].

The Compleat Clerk, Containing the Best Forms of All Sorts of Presidents, For Conveyances & Assurances; And Other Instruments Now in Use and Practice. With the Forms of Bills, Pleadings and Answers in Chancery; As They Were Penned and Perfected by Eminent Lawyers, And Great Conveyancers, Both Ancient and Modern. Whereunto are Added Divers Presidents, Which were Wanting: And also Some Saxon Presidents; With the Exposition of Certain Words, Used in Ancient Charters: And the Proper Names of Men and Women: With Additions of Titles of Honour, Trades and Occupations, Cities, Counties, Bishopricks; Names of Offices, Months and Days; Numbers of Money and Weights, In Latin and English: With a Computation of Years, From King William the Conquerour, To this Present. With Alphabetical Tables of the Whole Contents of the Said Book. London: Printed by W. Rawlins, S. Roycroft, and H. Sawbridge, 1683. [vi], 936, [80] pp. Main title page preceded by copperplate pictorial title page with the title (adapted from first edition): *The Conveyancers Light or Exact Presidents for all Manner of Instruments and Conveyances.* Quarto (8-1/2" x 6-3/4").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules and corner fleurons to boards, gilt fillets to board edges, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block, endpapers renewed. Some toning to interior, later owner bookplate (of Herbert L. Jacobs) to front pastedown, light soiling to title page, internally clean. A handsome copy. \$1,500.

* Fifth and final edition. Originally published in 1655 as *The Compleat Clark, And Scriveners Guide*, this book is a fine guide to the state of conveyancing during the mid-seventeenth century. Its five editions indicate it was a fairly successful and well-regarded work. In all editions "To the Reader" is signed "J.H." This has led some bibliographers to speculate that the author was related to Sir Richard Hutton, whose works include *The Young Clerks Guide* (1653). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:480 (16). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R16251.



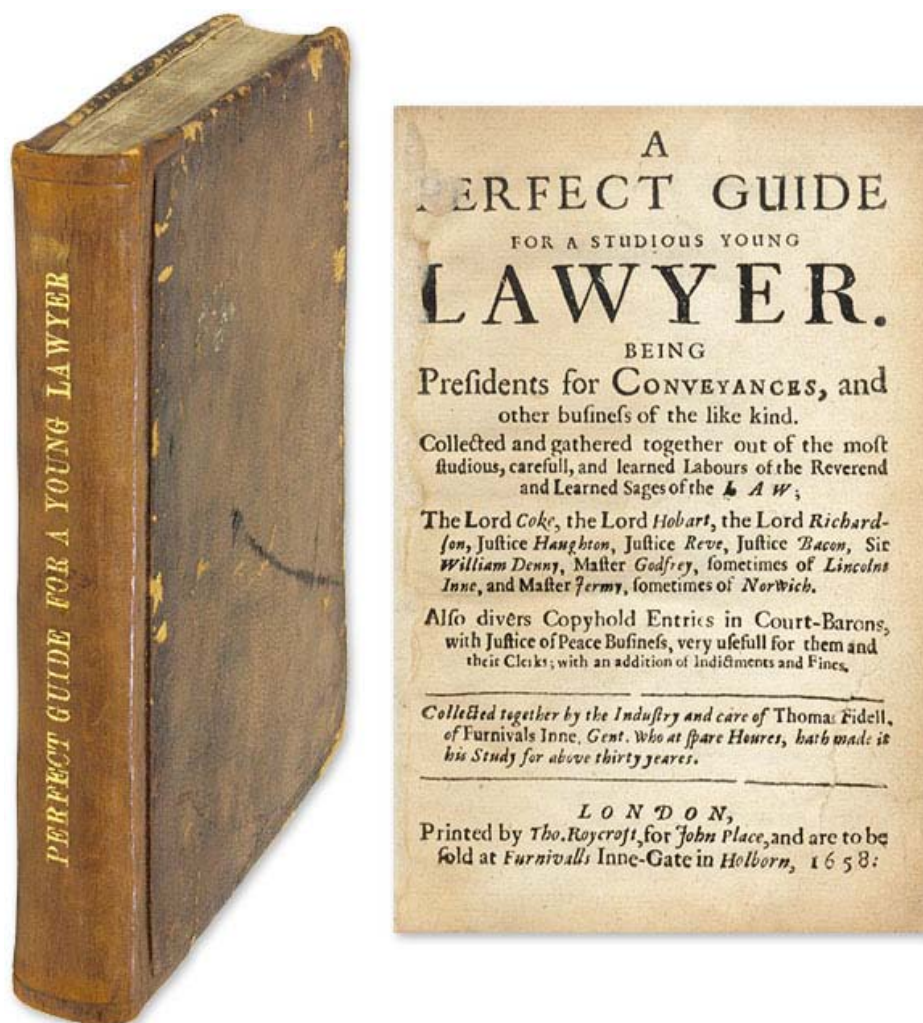
A Scarce 1844 Formbook for German-Americans

3. Diefenbach, Daniel.

Des Deutschen Mannes Geschäftshelfer: Enthaltend die Nusslichsten und Gebrauchlichsten Vorschriften, Um Mehrere Arten von Geschäftsschriften, Ohne Hülfe eines Anwalts oder Notarius Gesetzmässig in Deutscher Sprache, Selbst zu Schreiben. Baltimore: Gedruckt in der Buch-Handlung der Evang. Luth. Kirche, 1844. 123, [1] pp. 12mo. (5-3/4" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary three quarter sheep over plain paper boards. Moderate rubbing to boards and extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, rear joint starting. Occasional foxing, faint annotations to a few leaves. Early annotations in pencil to endleaves, interior otherwise clean. \$750.

* Only edition. Diefenbach, a Pennsylvania German, seems to have based this formbook on Thomas Crowell's *The Counsellor, or Every Man His Own Lawyer* (1844). It contains a variety of forms relating to personal and business transactions. OCLC locates 7 copies, 6 in North America, none in a law library. Not in Cohen.



1658 Formbook Collected With "Industry and Care"

4. Fidell, Thomas, Compiler.

A Perfect Guide for a Studious Young Lawyer. Being Presidents for Conveyances, And Other Business of the Like Kind. Collected and Gathered Together Out of the Most Studious, Carefull, and Learned Labours of the Reverend and Learned Sages of the Law; The Lord Coke, The Lord Hobart, The Lord Richardson, Justice Haughton, Justice Reve, Justice Bacon, Sir William Denny, Master Godfrey, Sometimes of Lincolns Inne, and Master Jermy, Sometimes of Norwich. Also Divers Copyhold Entries in Court-Barons, With Justice of Peace Business, Very Usefull for Them and Their Clerks; With an Addition of Indictments and Fines. Collected Together by the Industry and Care of Thomas Fidell, of Furnivals Inne, Gent., Who at Spare Houres, Hath Made it His Study for Above Thirty Years. London: Printed by Tho. Roycroft, for John Place, 1658. [iv], 277, [32] pp. Portrait frontispiece, included in some copies, not present. Octavo (6-1/4" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary sheep with recent rebacking, blind rules to boards, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Minor scuffing to boards, moderate edgewear, corners worn. Some toning to text, title page re-hinged, some glue residue along gutter affecting a few letters of title, internally clean. \$1,500.

* Second edition. With side-notes. First published in 1654, this is an extensive formbook drawn from the works of Bacon, Coke and other distinguished British jurists. Both editions are scarce. OCLC locates 2 copies of the second edition in North American Law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:481 (24).



With Sir Matthew Hale's Commentary

S. Fitzherbert, Anthony [1470-1538].

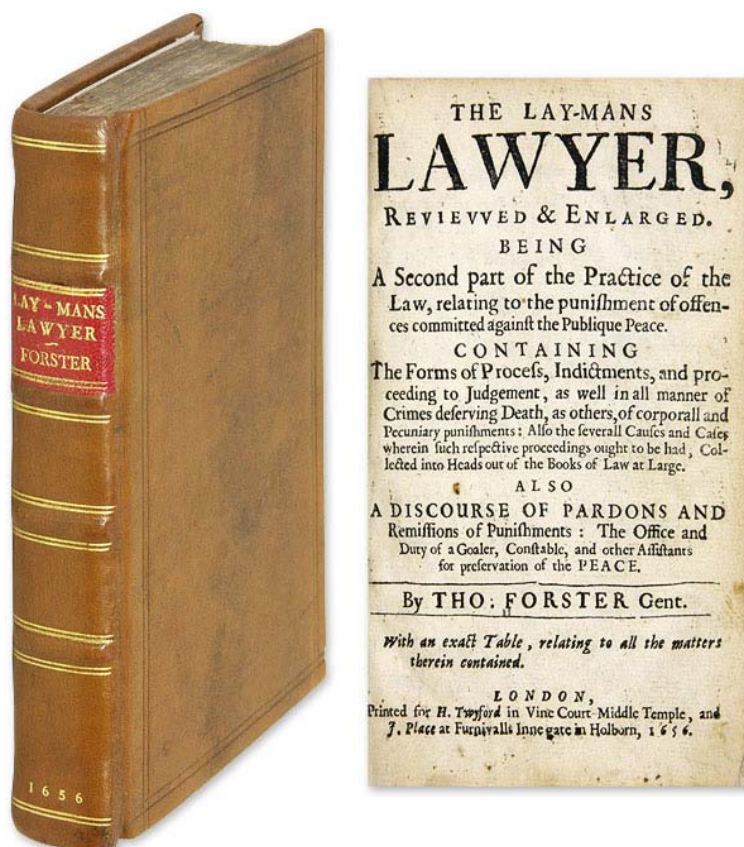
Hale, Sir Matthew [1609-1676], Editor.

Wyndham, Sir Wadham [1609-1688], Editor.

The New Natura Brevium of the Most Reverend Judge, Mr. Anthony Fitz- Herbert. Together with the Authorities in Law, And Cases in the Books of Reports Cited in the Margin. To Which is Added (Never Before Printed), A Commentary, Containing Curious Notes and Observations on the Most Remarkable and Useful Writs, Which Illustrate and Explain Many Doubtful and Abstruse Cases, And Points in the Original. By the Late Lord Chief Justice Hale. With a New and Exact Table of the Most Material Things Contained Therein. [London]: Printed by E. and R. Nutt, and R. Gosling, 1730. [xii], 606, [42] pp. Quarto (10" x 8").

Contemporary polished calf, blind fillets to boards, rebaked in period style with raised and blind ornaments, lettering piece preserved, hinges mended. Light scuffing and moderate edgewear to boards, especially to corners, bookplate of William Lincoln to front pastedown. A very good copy. Light to moderate toning to text, faint dampspotting in places. Early owner signature (of Daniel W. Lincoln) to head of title page, interior otherwise clean. A nice copy. \$350.

* First appearance of this greatly augmented edition, which, according to Holdsworth, became the standard text. One of the great early classics of English law, it was first published in Law French in 1534 and in English in 1652. From 1534 to 1794 there were some 18 editions or reprints. It was held in the highest esteem by Coke. This copy has an interesting American provenance, with the printed bookplate of William Lincoln [1801-1843], a graduate of Harvard, son of Levi Lincoln [1749-1820] and brother of Levi Lincoln [1782-1868], the governor of Massachusetts. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* V:380. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:269 (67).



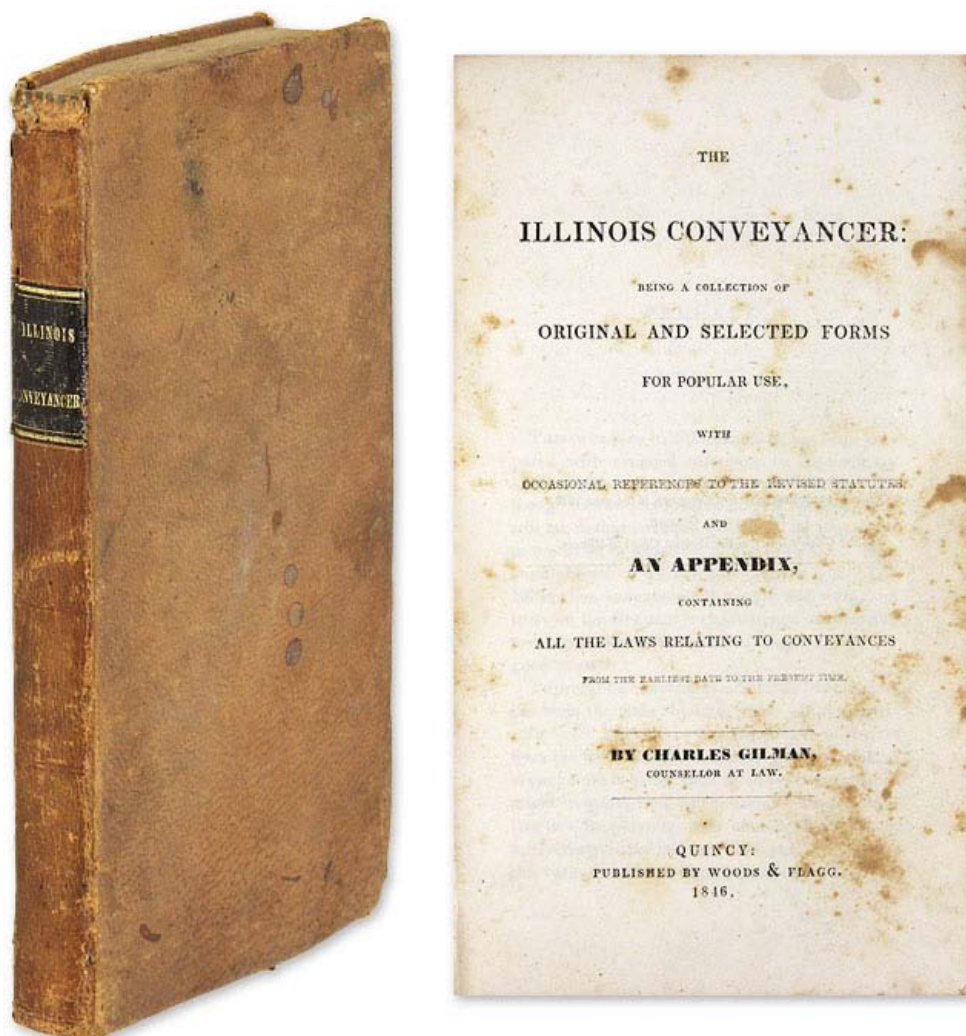
"All Manner of Offenders Against the Publick Peace"

6. Forster, Thomas.

The Lay-Mans Lawyer, Reviewed & Enlarged. Being a Second Part of the Practice of the Law, Relating to the Punishment of Offences Committed Against the Publique Peace. Containing the Forms of Process, Indictments, And Proceeding to Judgement, As Well in All Manner of Crimes Deserving Death, As Others, Of Corporall and Pecuniary Punishments: Also the Severall Causes and Cases Wherein such Respective Proceedings Ought to be Had; Collected into Heads Out of the Books of Law at Large. Also a Discourse of Pardons and Remissions of Punishments: The Office and Duty of a Goaler, Constable, And Other Assistants for Preservation of the Peace. With an Exact Table, Relating to All the Matters Therein Contained. London: Printed for H. Twyford, and J. Place, 1656. [xiv], 338, [24] pp. Octavo (6-3/4" x 3-1/2").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, gilt-edged raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Some toning to text, occasional minor staining to margins. Early annotations to endleaves and a few text leaves, early owner initials to fore edge. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$2,500.

* Only edition. This guide was first published in 1654 as the second part of Forster's *Complete Attorney* (i.e. "Practice of the Law"). It was "reviewed and enlarged" as an independent work. It is a remarkably comprehensive layman's guide. To quote the introduction, it "contains the formes of all manner of Warrants and Precepts sent out from Authority, to attach and apprehend all manner of Offendors against the publick peace; the formes of all Mittimusses made thereupon, of all indictments, for all sorts of Offences, from the highest to the lowest, very exact: Supersediasses, Certioraries, the proceedings in Tryalls against all Offendors for Treason, Felony &c: together with the whole Learning of Clergy, who shall have it allowed, And in what Offences, and who shall not have it: As also the Office and Duty of a Gaoler, never before in any of the Books of the Law, so exactly set forth; the duty of Church-wardens, so far onely as they are impowered by divers Statutes, to be assistant to the Constables, the Ordinary conservators of the Peace in this Commonwealth" ([xii-xiv]). OCLC locates 4 copies in North American law libraries (Library of Congress, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, Yale). Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:362 (32).



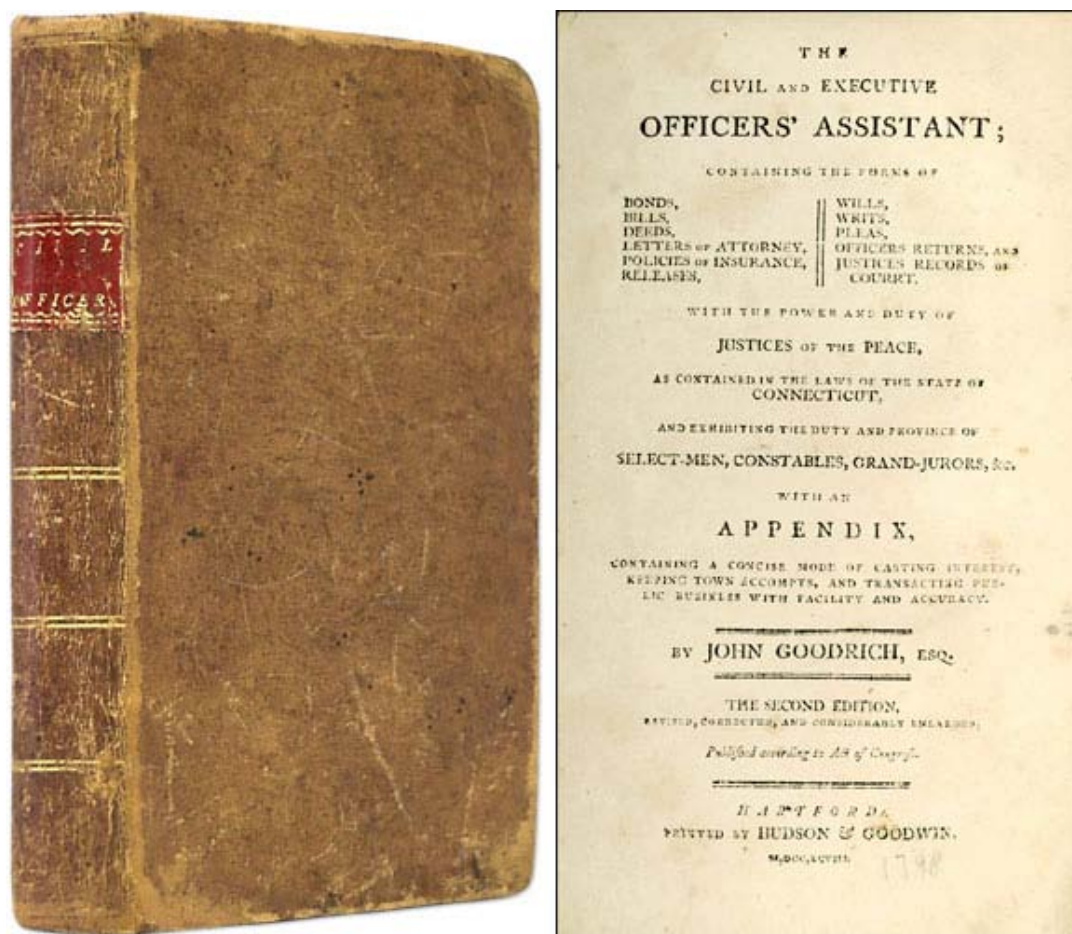
With a Valuable Appendix of Territorial and State Legislation

7. Gilman, Charles [1807-1849].

The Illinois Conveyancer: Being a Collection of Original and Selected Forms for Popular Use, With Occasional References to the Revised Statutes; And an Appendix Containing All the Laws Relating to Conveyances from the Earliest Date to the Present Time. Quincy [IL]: Published by Woods and Flagg, 1846. iv, 319 pp. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules and lettering piece to spine. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to head of spine, corners bumped, hinges starting at ends. Moderate toning and foxing to text, internally clean. A nice copy. \$250.

* Only edition. Including both federal and Illinois laws relating to land and conveyancing, this handbook is especially valuable for the comprehensive appendix (pp. 217-309) containing relevant Illinois territorial and state legislation. The author of this book was a Quincy, Illinois lawyer and a state reporter. OCLC locates 5 copies in North American law libraries (Harvard, Northwestern, St. Louis University, State of Oregon, University of Alabama). Byrd, *A Bibliography of Illinois Imprints, 1814-1858* 1060. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8211.



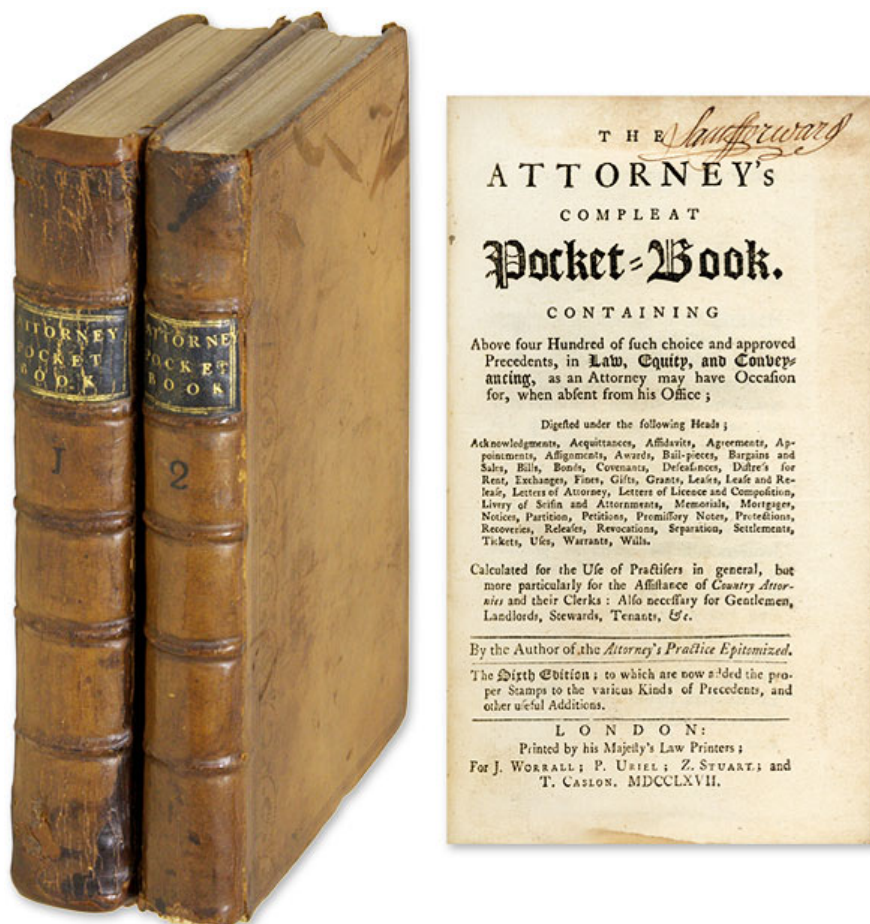
Notable Connecticut Justice of the Peace Manual

8. Goodrich, John [1753-1800].

The Civil and Executive Officers' Assistant Containing the Forms of Bonds, Bills, Deeds, Letters of Attorney, Policies of Insurance, Releases, Wills, Writs, Pleas, Officers Returns and Justices Records of Court [sic]: With the Power and Duty of Justices of the Peace as Contained in the Laws of the State of Connecticut, and Exhibiting the Duty and Province of Select-Men, Constables, Grand Jurors, &c: With an Appendix Containing a Concise Mode of Casting Interest, Keeping Town Accompts, And Transacting Public Business with Facility and Accuracy. Hartford: Printed by Hudson & Goodwin, 1798. xii, 213, [1], [215]-239 pp. 12mo. (7" x 4").

Contemporary tree calf, gilt ruled spine, lettering piece. Some rubbing, with wear to edges and joints and tips. Early owner signature to rear free endpaper, internally clean. A well-preserved copy. \$150.

* Second and final edition revised, corrected, and considerably enlarged. First published in 1793 by Goodrich, who was educated at Dartmouth and Yale. "He had several different occupations, in 1784 he became a member of the County Medical Society; in 1786 and for a few years thereafter, he ran a drug store; later he kept an inn and served as a constable; and by 1793 he had become a lawyer": Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8009.



A Well-Regarded Dictionary of Legal Precedents

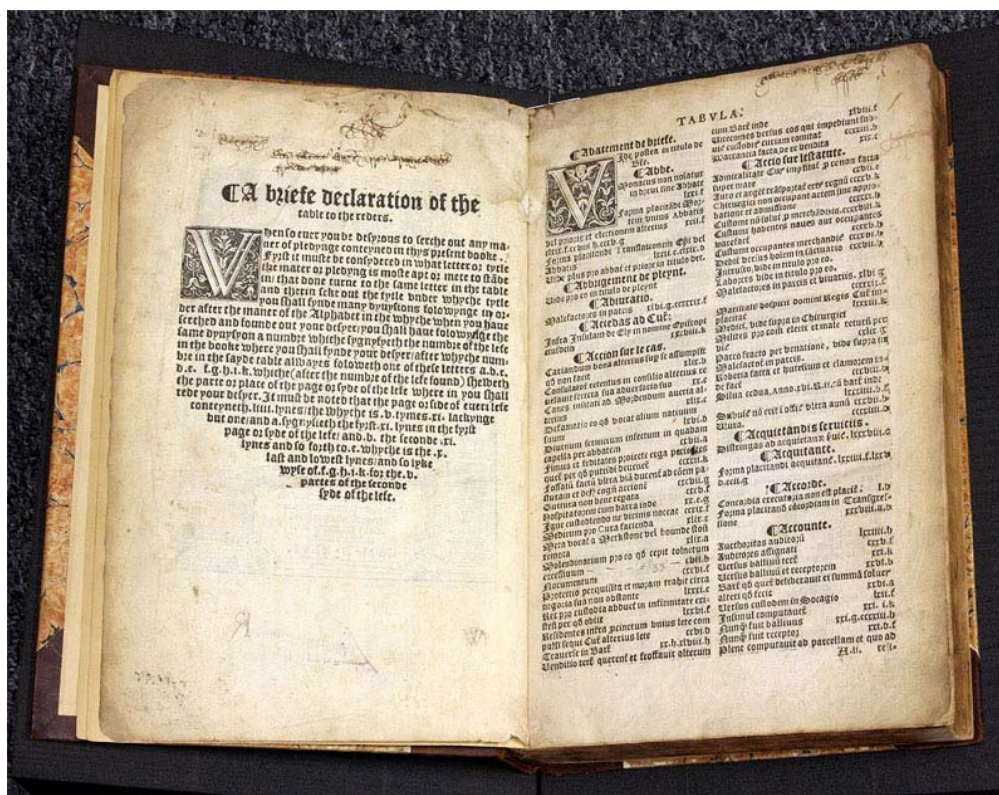
9. [Great Britain].

By an Attorney at Law, Author of the Practice Epitomized.

The Attorney's Compleat Pocket-Book. Containing Above Four Hundred of Such Choice and Approved Precedents, In Law, Equity, And Conveyancing, As an Attorney May Have Occasion For, When Absent from His Office; Digested Under the Following Heads; Acknowledgements, Acquittances, Affidavits, Agreements, Appointments, Assignments, Awards, Bail-Pieces, Bargains and Sales, Bills, Bonds, Covenants, Defeasances, Distress for Rent, Exchanges, Fines, Gifts, Grants, Leases, Lease and Release, Letters of Attorney, Letters of Licence and Composition, Livery of Seisin and Attornments, Memorials, Mortgages, Notices, Partition, Petitions, Promissory Notes, Protections, Recoveries, Releases, Revocations, Separation, Settlements, Tickets, Uses, Warrants, Wills. Calculated for the Use of Practisers in General, But More Particularly for the Assistance of Country Attornies and Their Clerks: Also Necessary for Gentlemen, Landlords, Stewards, Tenants, &c. To Which are Now Added the Proper Stamps to the Various Kinds of Precedents, And Other Useful Additions. [London]: Printed by His Majesty's Law Printers, 1767. Two volumes. [iv], 342, [30]; [iv], 297, [11] pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules and fillets to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, Volume I carefully rebacked retaining spine. Light rubbing to extremities, a few minor scuffs to boards, corners bumped, hinges partially cracked. Light toning to text, annotation to front free endpaper of Volume I, early owner signature to its title page. A handsome copy. \$750.

* Sixth and final edition. First published in 1741, this useful work went through five more editions. Its utility extended from urban law offices to the libraries of "gentlemen" and "country attorneys and their clerks." All editions of this work are scarce. OCLC locates 7 copies on this edition in North American law libraries. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:263 (17).



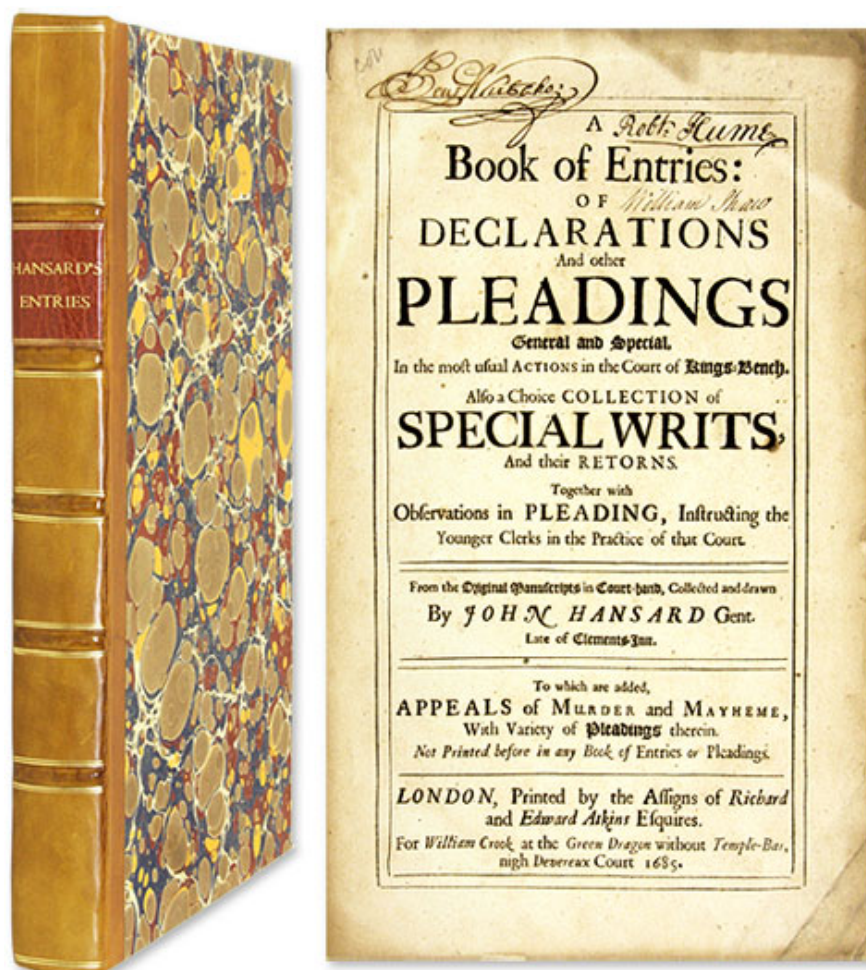
With Seventeen Additional Pages of Precedents in a Contemporary Chancery Hand

10. [Great Britain].

Intrationum Liber Omnibus Legum Anglie Studiosis Apprime Necessarius: In se Complectens Diversas Formus Placitoru[m], Tam Realium, Personalium q[uam] Mixtorum Necnon Multorum Brevium tam Executionum q[uam] Aliorum Valde Utilium nunc Tandem in Gr[at]iam Studiosorum Maiori Cura et Diligentia q[uam] Ante hac Revisus ac Emendatus Adiunctis Etiam Iudice Multo q[uam] Ante hac Castigatore cum Nonnullis Alliis Addita Mentis Hactenus non Excusis nec Editis Cuiusquidem Iudicis Ordinem Series Alphabetica Tibi Demonstrabit. [London]: Excudebat [N. Hill for] Henricus Smythe, 1546. [xlv], 244 (i.e. 246), [1] ff. Folio (13" x 8-1/2").

Later three-quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and lettering piece (from an earlier binding) to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to extremities with minor wear to spine ends and corners, hinges cracked. Title printed within woodcut architectural border. Moderate toning to text, occasional faint dampstaining to upper portion of text block, light edgewear to preliminary and final leaves of text, light soiling to title page, repair to lower corner of final text leaf, which has two small holes with minor loss to legibility. Early struck-through annotations to title page and some Light rubbing to extremities with minor wear to spine ends and corners, hinges cracked. Title printed within woodcut architectural border. Moderate toning to text, occasional faint dampstaining to upper portion of text block, light edgewear to preliminary and final leaves of text, light soiling to title page, repair to lower corner of final text leaf, which has two small holes with minor loss to legibility. Early struck-through annotations to title page and some other leaves, interior otherwise clean. A solid copy in an attractive binding. \$6,500.

* The first and only edition of the second printed book of entries, the first published in 1510. Also known as the Book of Legal Writs, this is the earliest English book of precedents for pleadings. It contains pleadings in real, personal and mixed actions, information on writs and executions and miscellaneous information on other topics. The anonymous author derived his material from the plea rolls, a fundamental source for early English legal history. Sir John Baker notes the "old books of entries are the least used of all early law books; but they are replete with learning which, though difficult to extract, the legal historian ignores at his cost." This copy contains seventeen additional pages of precedents in a fine contemporary chancery hand. OCLC locates 12 copies of this imprint. *An Introduction to English Legal History* 2nd ed. 160-161. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T284. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S112077.



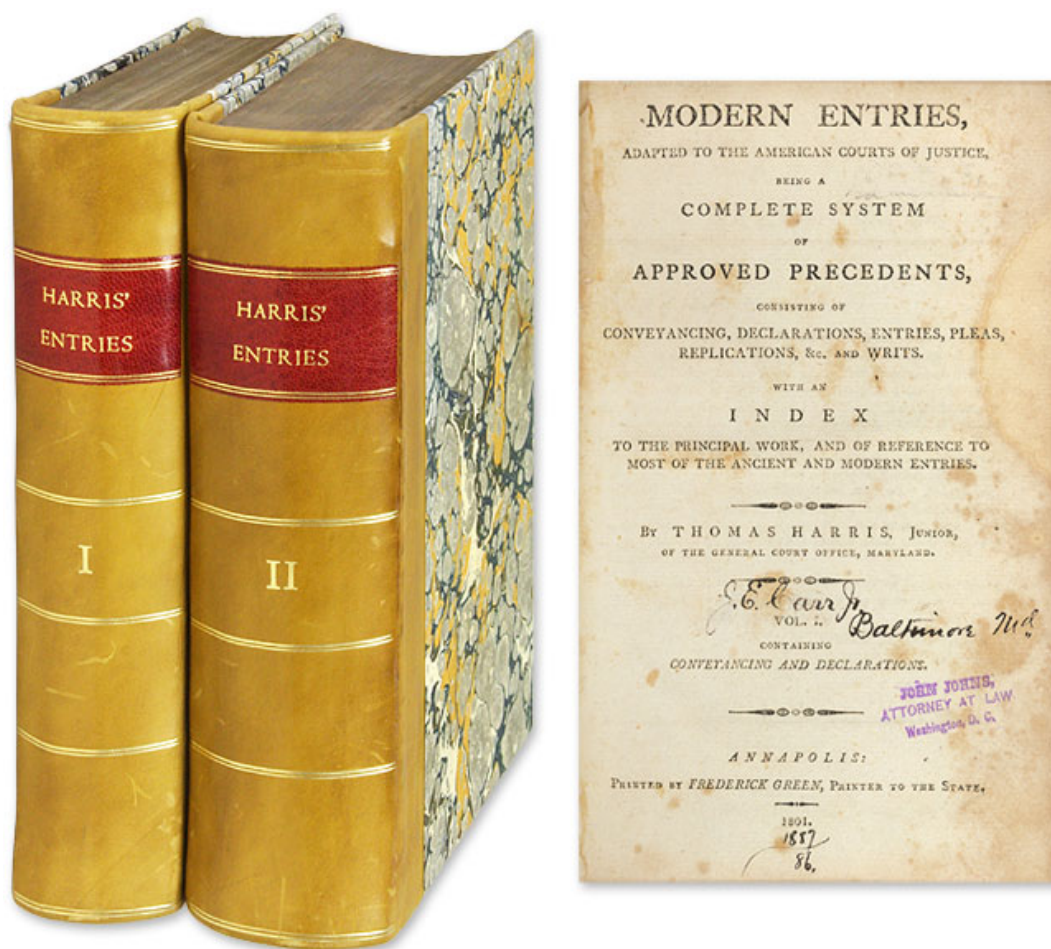
Includes "Appeals of Murder and Mayheme"

11. Hansard, John, Compiler.

A Book Of Entries: Of Declarations and Other Pleadings General and Special, In the Most Usual Actions in the Court of Kings-Bench. Also a Choice Collection of Special Writs, And their Retorns. Together with Observations in Pleading, Instructing the Younger Clerks in the Practice of that Court. From the Original Manuscripts in Court-Hand, Collected and Drawn by John Hansard Gent. Late of Clements-Inn. To Which are Added, Appeals of Murder and Mayheme, With Variety of Pleadings Therein. Not Printed Before in Any Book of Entries or Pleadings. London: Printed by the Assigns of Richard and Edward Atkins, 1685. [xviii], 283, [1], [20] pp. Folio (12" x 7-1/2").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt-edged raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light browning to text. Two eighteenth-century signatures of (of Robert Hume and one other) and another nineteenth-century signature (of William Shaw) to title page, interior otherwise clean. \$600.

* Only edition. Little seems to be known about Hansard and he did not appear to publish any other works. The ESTC lists the final collation as [21], but the collation of the multiple listings in OCLC are identical to our copy. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:270 (76). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R20439.



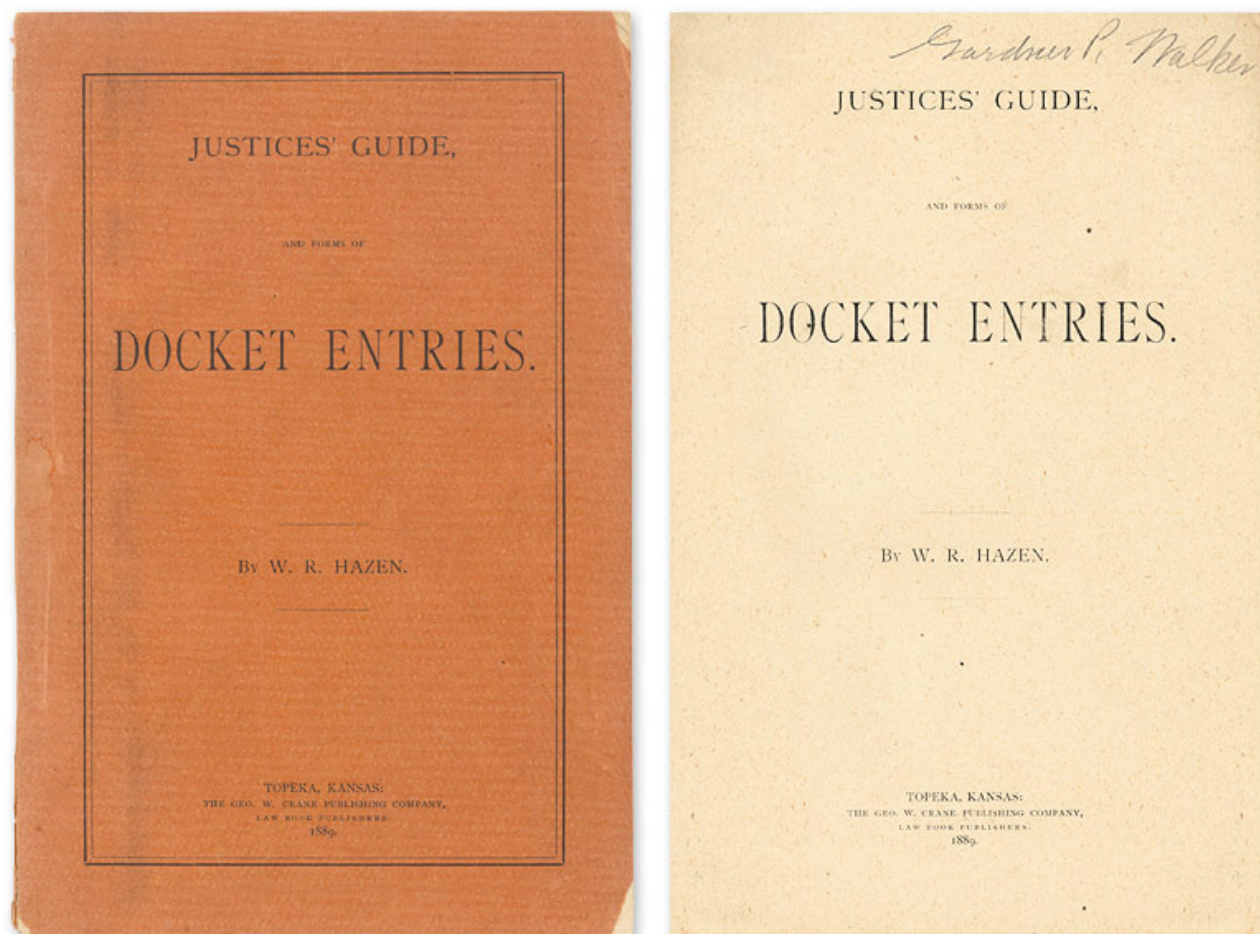
Early Nineteenth-Century Maryland Formbook

12. Harris, Thomas [1769-1829].

Modern Entries, Adapted to the American Courts of Justice, Being a Complete System of Approved Precedents, Consisting of Conveyancing, Declarations, Entries, Pleas, Replications, &c. and Writs. With an Index to the Principal Work, And of Reference to Most of the Ancient and Modern Entries. Annapolis: Printed by Frederick Green, 1801. Two volumes. viii, 703; [iv], 800, [196] pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Recent period-style quarter-calf over marbled boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Light toning to text, occasional light foxing, dampstaining to a few leaves of each volume, text blocks shaved close for binding without touching text or catch words, corner of one leaf torn, removing a single letter, upper section lacking from imprimatur leaf with no loss to text. Early signatures and inkstamps to title pages, early annotations to verso of Volume II title page, additional early ink markings in text. A solid copy in an attractive binding. \$900.

* First edition. Harris served as deputy clerk of the Maryland General Court from 1789 to 1804 and as clerk of the Maryland Court of Appeals for the western shore from 1806 to 1829. He was also reporter of the first thirteen volumes of Maryland decisions. Though intended primarily for use in Maryland, his formbook has material relating to other states. A second edition, completed by Thomas Harris with a title beginning *Modern Entries, Or Approved Precedents*, was published in 1831-1832. Both are scarce. OCLC locates 10 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries, 13 of the second. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8029.



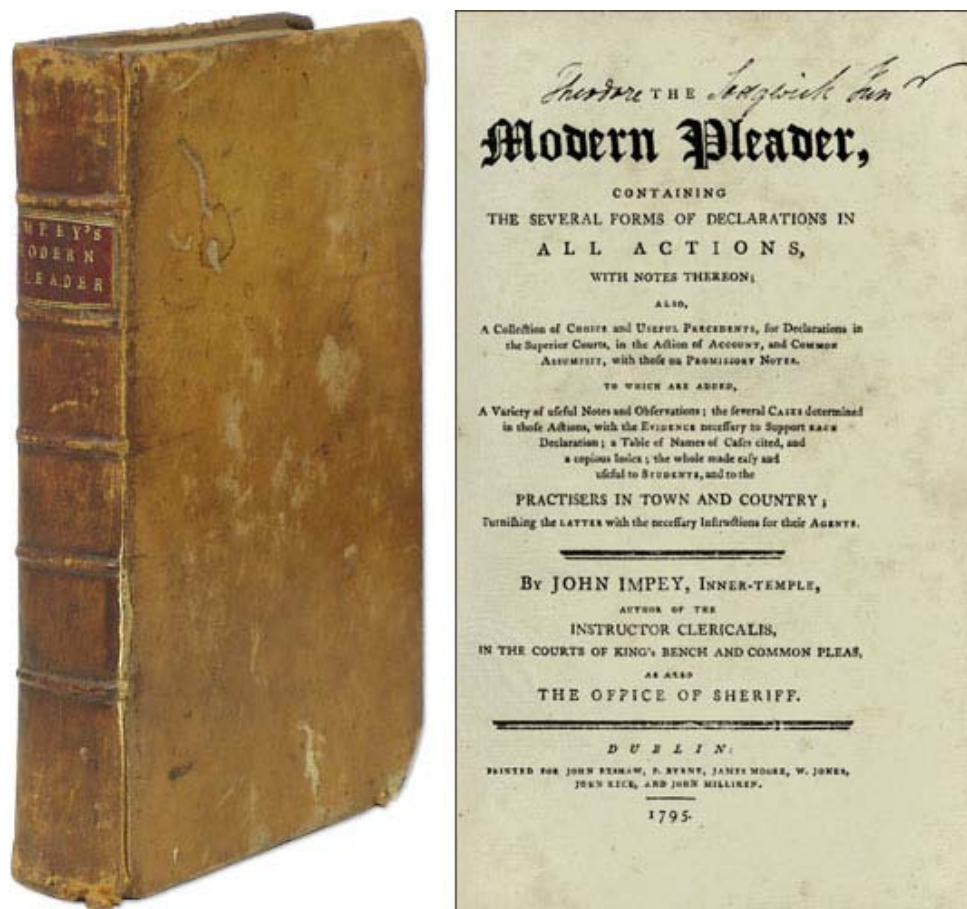
1889 Guide for Novice Justices in Kansas

13. Hazen, W.R.

Justices' Guide, And Forms of Entries. Topeka, KS: The Geo. W. Crane Publishing Co., 1889. 30 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Light rubbing to extremities with minor wear to spine ends and corners, wrappers just beginning to detach at foot, corner cropped from a page with no loss to text. Early owner signature to front free endpaper, interior otherwise clean. \$250.

* Only edition. This little book was intended "for the justice of the peace who has been elected to office on account of his good common sense and integrity, rather than his knowledge of the law" (1). OCLC locates 1 copy (Pittsburg State University, KS).



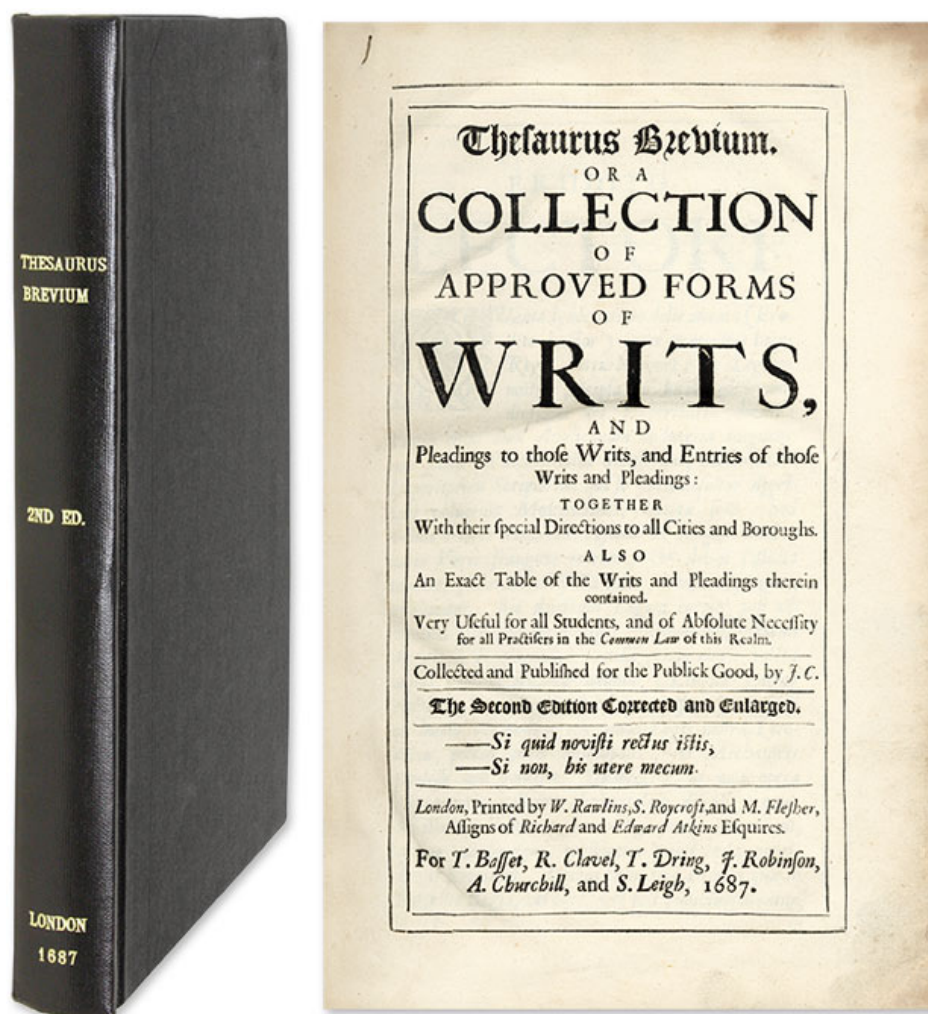
From the Library of a Prominent New York Attorney

14. Impey, John [d.1829].

The Modern Pleader, Containing the Several Forms of Declarations in All Actions, With Notes Thereon; Also, A Collection of Choice and Useful Precedents, For Declarations in the Superior Courts, In the Action of Account, And Common Assumpsit, With Those on Promissory Notes. To Which Are Added, A Variety of Useful Notes and Observations; The Several Cases Determined in Those Actions, With the Evidence Necessary to Support Each Declaration; A Table of Cases Cited, And a Copious Index; The Whole Made Easy and Useful to Students, and to the Practisers in Town and Country; Furnishing the Latter With the Necessary Instructions for Their Agents. Dublin: Printed for John Exshaw, P. Byrne, James Moore [et al.], 1795. viii, [iv], 444, [47] pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Rubbing with some wear to extremities, corners bumped and moderately worn, joints cracked but secure, light rubbing and a few tiny stains to boards, some worming to front. Small early owner bookplate pasted over signature of Theodore Sedgwick, Jr. Sedgwick's signature to head of title page and verso of rear free endpaper. Early owner bookplate and later institution bookplate to verso of front free endpaper. Minor worming to front pastedown and a few leaves with no loss to text, light foxing to a few leaves. Occasional inkspots, interior otherwise clean. \$200.

* First edition. With a table of cases. This treatise is notable for its introduction, which is a history of pleading with an outline of its principles. Theodore Sedgwick, Jr. was the son of Theodore Sedgwick, the important Federalist legislator and judge. A prominent member of the New York City bar, he was a keen law reformer and the author of *The English Practice* (1822), a scathing critique of the common law of New York. He was a mentor to David Dudley Field. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:271 (84).



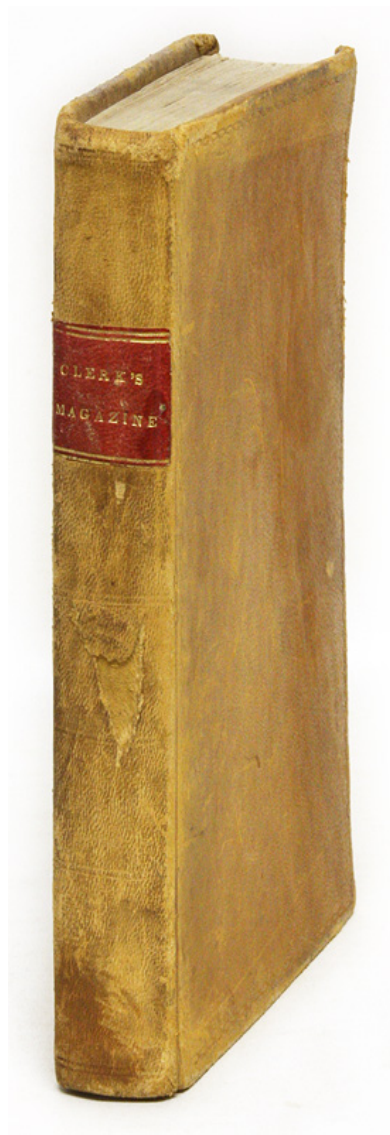
Jefferson Owned a Copy

15. J.C., Compiler.

Thesaurus Brevium, Or a Collection of Approved Forms of Writs and Entries of Those Writs and Pleadings: Together with Their Special Directions to All Cities and Boroughs. Also an Exact Table of the Writs and Pleadings Therein Contained. Very Useful for All Students, And of Absolute Necessity for All Practisers in the Common Law of this Realm. Collected and Published for the Publick Good, by J.C. London: Printed by W. Rawlins, S. Roycroft, and M. Fleisher, 1687. [xxxii], 310, [82] pp. Folio (11-1/2" x 7-1/2").

Recent black library buckram, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Some toning to text, light edgewear to preliminaries, minor worming to margins of a few leaves, internally clean. \$200.

* Second and final edition, corrected and enlarged, of a work first published in 1661. This appears to have been a fairly durable and well-regarded work. Thomas Jefferson owned a copy of this edition, and it is listed in Marvin's selective *Legal Bibliography*. Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 1881. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:265.



The First Layman's Guide Published in the New State of Maine

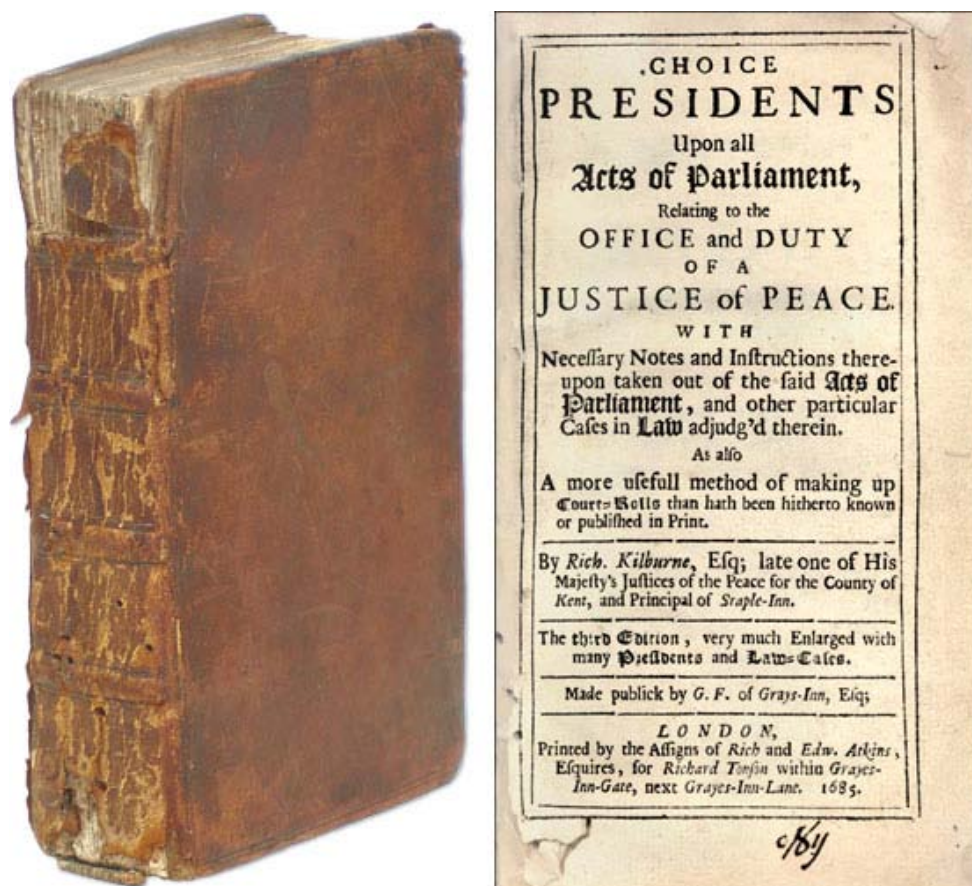
16. Jewett, N.G.

Clarke, Daniel.

The Merchant's Assistant, And Clerk's New Magazine: Containing the Most Useful and Necessary Forms of Writings, That Occur in the Transactions of Business Between Man and Man; And Most of Which are Calculated to be of Practical Utility, As Well to the Citizens of the Other United States, As of the State of Maine. Collected from the Most Approved Authorities. Portland: Printed by Todd and Smith, 1824. 263, [1], [10]. 12mo. (7" x 4-1/4").

Original sheep, blind fillets to boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Some rubbing to extremities, small scuff to center of spine. Light toning to text, heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves. \$95.

* First edition and the first work of its kind issued in the State of Maine, which was admitted to the Union in 1820. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* (Supplement) 8049.50.



A Popular and Respected English JP Manual

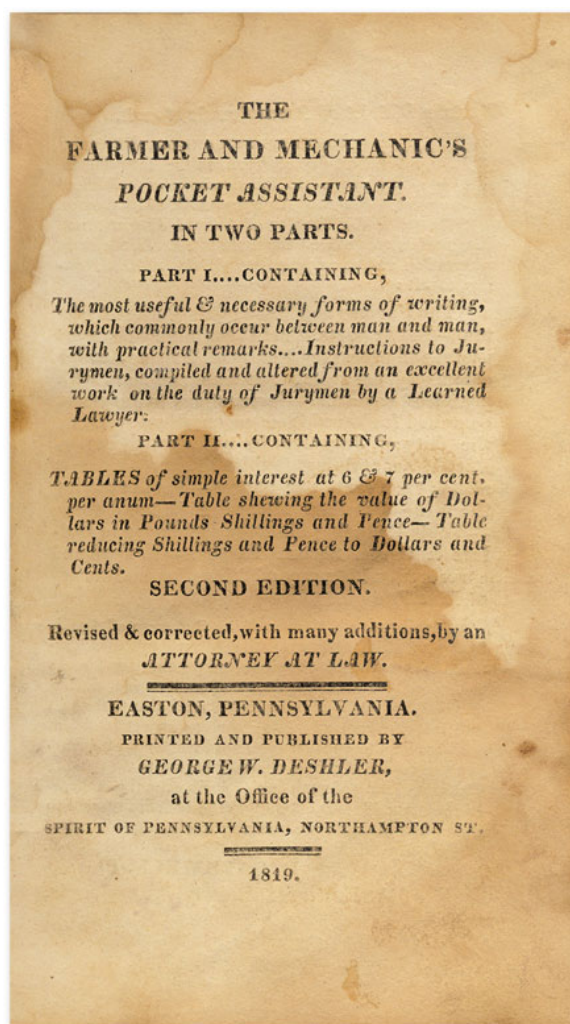
17. Kilburne, Rich[ard] [1605-1678].

G.F of Grays Inn, Editor.

Choice Presidents Upon All Acts of Parliament, Relating to the Office and Duty of Justice of the Peace. With Necessary Notes and Instructions Thereupon Taken Out of the Said Acts of Parliament, And Other Particular Cases in Law Adjudg'd Therein. As Also a More Usefull Method of Making Up Court-Rolls Than Hath Been Hitherto Known or Published in Print. Very Much Enlarged with Many Presidents and Law-Cases. London: Printed by the Assigns of Rich. and Edw. Atkins, 1685. [iv], 493, 29, [2] pp. Includes two-page publisher catalogue. 12mo. (6" x 4").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, raised bands to spine. Spine worn, some wear to board edges and corners, joints and hinges cracked, boards still quite secure, part of front pastedown and all of front free endpaper lacking. Some wear to fore-edges of title page and other leaves with no loss to text, some worming near gutter with negligible loss. Early signatures to endleaves. Light toning to a few leaves, interior otherwise fresh. A solid copy of a scarce title. \$200.

* Third edition. The first edition of this popular and respected JP manual was published in 1680, its eighth and final edition in 1715. Richard Kilburne, a member of Staple Inn, was an eminent solicitor in chancery, as well as a justice of the peace in Kent. The usefulness of his JP manual is attested to by the fact that by 1715 it made its eighth appearance in print. OCLC locates 6 copies of this edition. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:229 (42). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R29453.



Includes an Excerpt from a Classic Essay on Juries

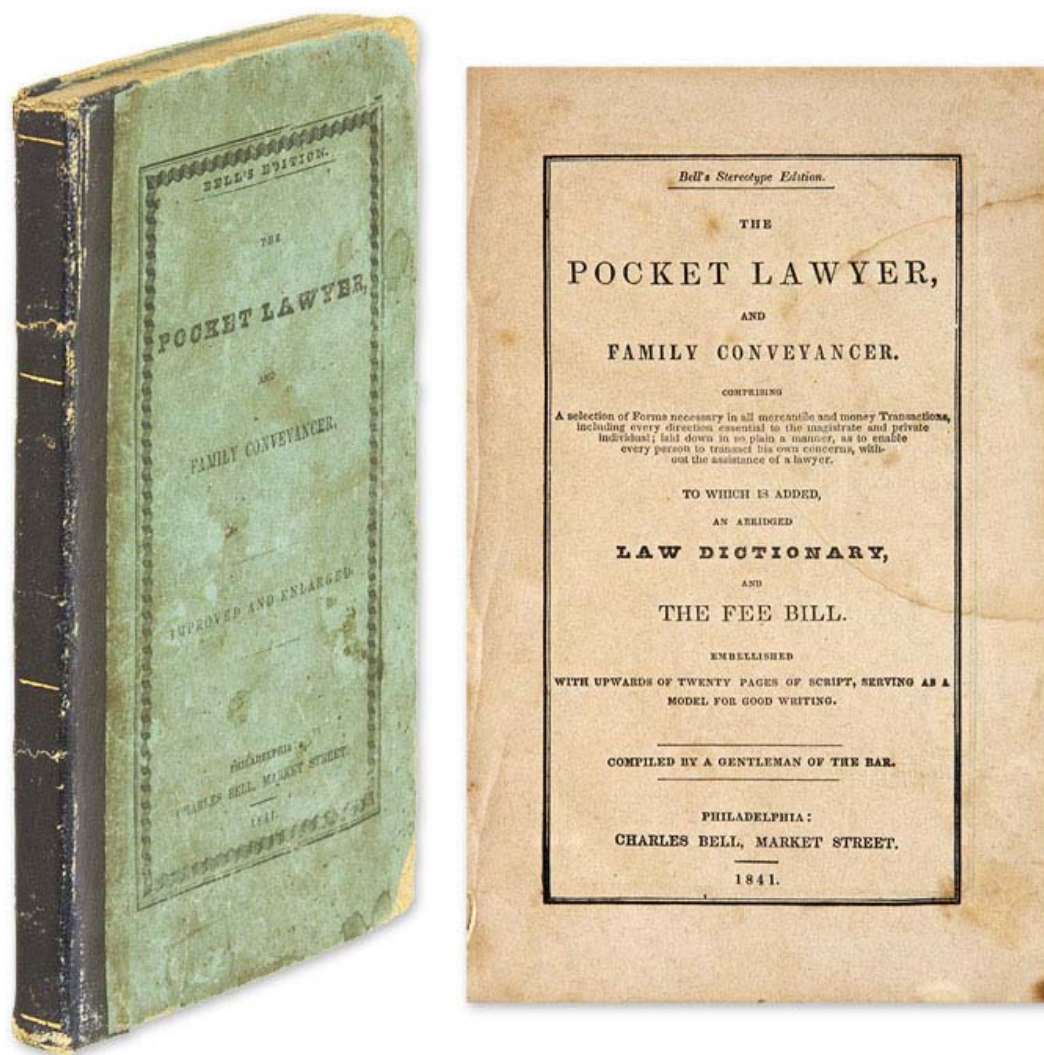
18. [Layman's Guide].

[Hawles, Sir John (1645-1716)].

The Farmer and Mechanic's Pocket Assistant. In Two Parts. Part I: Containing, The Most Useful & Necessary Forms of Writing, Which Commonly Occur Between Man and Man, With Practical Remarks. Instructions to Jurymen, Compiled and Altered from an Excellent work on the Duty of Jurymen by a Learned Lawyer. Part II: Containing, Tables of Simple Interest at 6 & 7 Per Cent. Per Anum--Table Shewing the Value of Dollars in Pounds, Shillings and Pence--Table Reducing Shillings and Pence to Dollars and Cents. Revised & Corrected, With Many Additions, By an Attorney at Law. Easton, PA: Printed and published by George W. Deshler, 1819. 93, [1] pp. Forms. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 4").

Contemporary quarter sheep over marbled board. Boards heavily rubbed, wear to spine ends and corners, joints starting, hinges cracked. Light browning to text, faint dampstaining to some leaves, internally clean. \$75.

* Second and final edition of a work first published in 1818. The section on juries, pp. 77-88, is derived, without attribution, from Hawles's *Englishman's Right*. OCLC locates 12 copies of the first edition, 8 of the second. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8194.



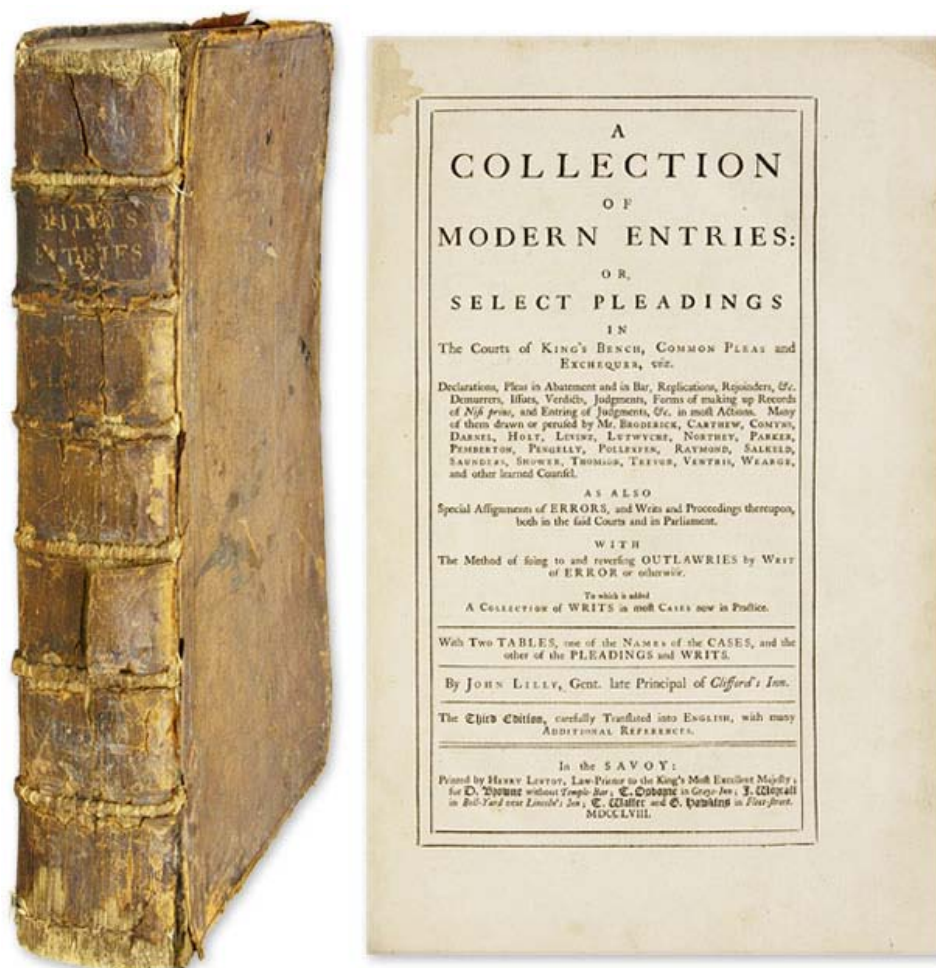
A Layman's Guide with a Dictionary

19. [Legal Manual].

The Pocket Lawyer, And Family Conveyancer. Comprising A Selection of Forms Necessary in All Mercantile and Money Transactions, Including Every Direction Essential to the Magistrate and Private Individual; Laid Down in so Plain a Manner, As to Enable Every Person to Transact His Own Concerns, Without the Assistance of a Lawyer. To Which is Added, An Abridged Law Dictionary, And The Fee Bill. Embellished with Upwards of Twenty Pages of Script, Serving as a Model for Good Writing. Compiled by A Gentleman of the Bar. Philadelphia: Charles Bell, 1841. 142 pp. 12mo. (7" x 4-1/4").

Calf-backed printed boards. Moderate soiling and staining to boards, rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends, heavier wear to corners, hinges cracked. Light browning to text, occasional faint dampstaining and foxing. Early signatures and annotations in pencil to endleaves, interior otherwise clean. A nice copy. \$30.

* "Bell's Stereotype Edition" of a title first published in 1831. This popular layman's guide also includes a brief law dictionary. Forms include: release of a legacy, promissory notes, bills of exchange, letter of credit, forms of naturalization, among others. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8127.



Lilly's Modern Entries

22. Lilly, John [fl. c.1740].

A Collection of Modern Entries: Or, Select Pleadings in the Courts of King's Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer: Viz. Declarations, Pleas in Abatement and in Bar, Replications, Rejoinders, &c., Demurrers, Issues, Verdicts, Judgments, Forms of Making up Records of Nisi Prius, and Entering Judgments, &c., In Most Actions. Many of Them Drawn or Perused by Mr. Broderick, Carthew, Comyns, Darnel, Holt, Levinz, Lutwyche, Northey, Parker, Pemberton, Pengelly, Pollexfen, Raymond, Salkeld, Saunders, Shower, Thomson, Trevor, Ventris, Wearge, And Other Learned Counsel. As Also Special Assignments of Errors, And Writs and Proceedings Thereupon, Both in the Said Courts and in Parliament. With the Methods of Suing to and Reversing Outlawries by Writ of Error or Otherwise. To Which is Added a Collection of Writs in Most Cases Now in Practice. With Two Tables, One of the Names of the Cases, And the Other of the Pleadings and Writs. [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot, 1758. [viii], 676, [3] pp. Folio (14" x 9").

Contemporary calf, blind frames to boards, raised bands and lettering piece to spine. Worn and scuffed, cords showing through spine, boards beginning to separate, corners bumped, pastedowns loose, a few cracks to text block. Light browning, mostly to margins, and faint dampspotting in a few places, internally clean. \$200.

* Third edition. Holdsworth discusses this work at length in his chapter on eighteenth century legal literature. A standard work for decades, it contains pleadings arranged alphabetically, entries on the rolls of the court and precedents of writs original and judicial. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* XII:358. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:273 (97).



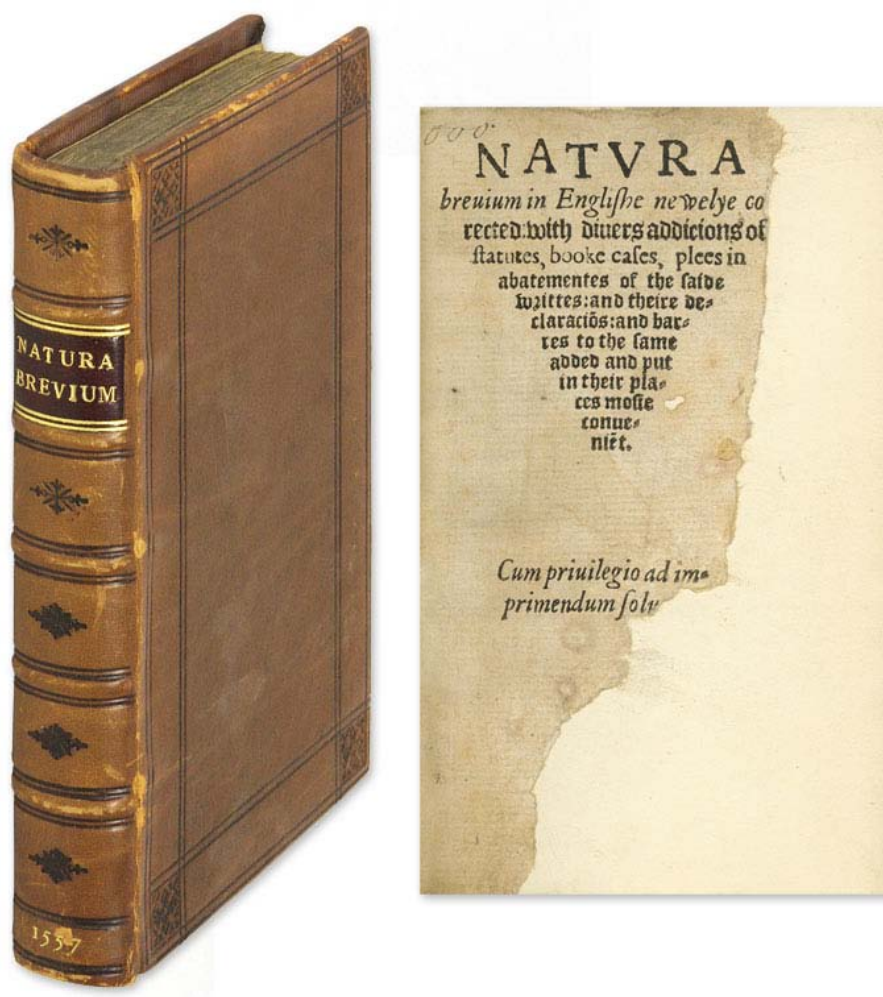
First Edition of a Scarce Maryland Formbook, Includes a Subscriber List

20. [Maryland].

The New American Clerk's Magazine, And Complete Practical Conveyancer. Containing the Most Useful and Necessary Precedents in Conveyancing, As Settled and Approved by the Most Eminent Conveyancers; With Observations and References to the Laws, &c. With a Variety of Other Useful Instruments of Writing: The Whole of Which Are Adapted to the Use of the Citizens of the United States, And More Particularly to Those of the State of Maryland; With Necessary Instructions and Forms of Precedents for the Use of Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, Coroners and Constables, And of Matters Which Relate to the Duties of Executors and Administrators in the Settlement of the Estates of Deceased Persons; Also of Guardians, &c. The Whole Selected From the Laws, and Draughts of Actual Practice. Hagers-town, [Maryland]: Jacob D. Dietrick, 1806. iv, 527, 67 pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Contemporary sheep, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine. Moderate rubbing to extremities, a few minor scuffs to boards, some chipping to spine and lettering piece, boards slightly bowed, a few cracks to text block, two signatures at end of text block partially detached but secure, though with minor wear to fore-edges. Moderate toning, occasional light foxing, faint dampstaining to a few leaves, internally clean. \$75.

* First edition. With an interesting subscriber list that includes names from various towns and counties in Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Washington, DC and a few names from New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee. This popular formbook when through several later editions in Maryland and Virginia. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8051.



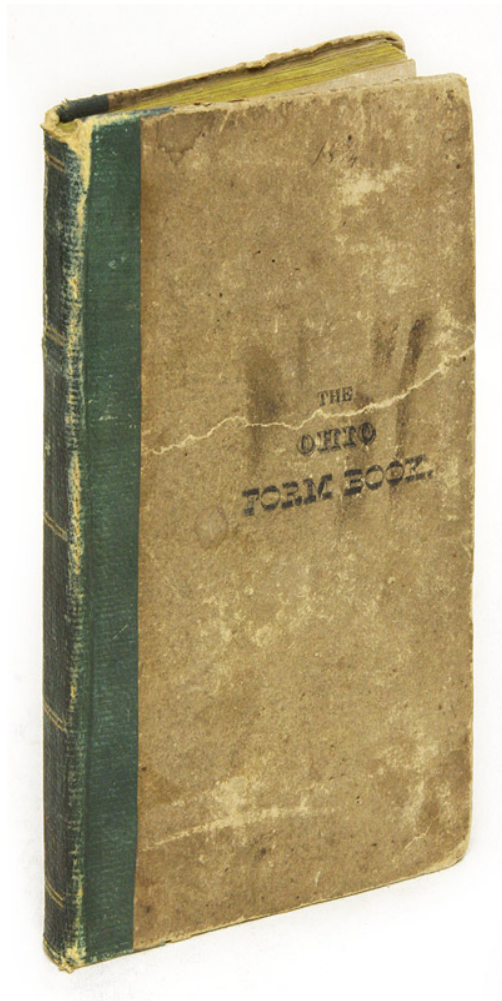
A Scarce *Natura Brevium*, Beale T105a

23. [*Natura Brevium*].

Natura Brevium in Englishe Newelye Corrected: With Divers Addicions of Statutes, Booke Cases, Ples in Abatements of the Saide Writtes: And Their Declaracio[n]s: And Barres to the Same Added and Put in Their Places Moſte Conuenie[n]t. [London: In Flete Stret within Temple Barre, At the Sygne of the Hand and Starre, By Rychard Tottil, Ye xxvii Daie of Februarye, Anno Domini, 1557]. 180, [3] ff. Octavo (5- 1/2" x 3- 1/2").

Nineteenth-century calf, blind rules and corner fleurons to boards, raised bands lettering piece and blind ornaments to spine, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing to extremities, title page, which is missing most of its fore-edge and lower corner with minor loss to text, re hinged and mounted. Toning, (very) faint dampstaining to lower half of text block, internally clean. \$1,750.

* With table. Text mostly in English, translated from Law French; some text in Latin. A cornerstone of the common law, the *Natura Brevium* is a selection of writs, with commentary, based on the *Registrum Brevium* dating from the reign of Edward III. The first printed edition of the *Natura Brevium* was published in 1494 by Richard Pynson. After Sir Anthony Fitzherbert published his *New Natura Brevium* in 1534 it was referred to as the *Old Natura Brevium*. The ESTC lists three variants of this title, with five copies found worldwide of our variant here. OCLC locates 12 of all three, 5 in North American law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, Library of Congress, Minnesota State Law Library, Yale). *English Short-Title Catalogue* S105959. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T105a.



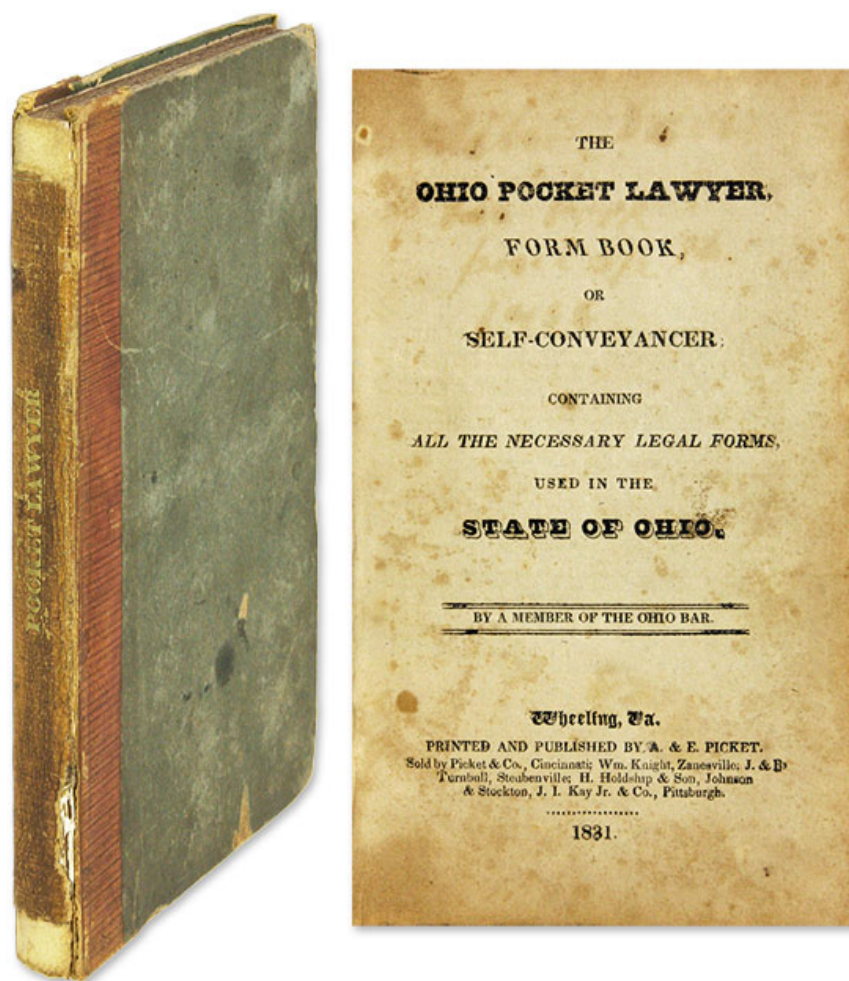
The First Ohio Book of Precedents

**24. [Ohio].
[Layman's Guide].**

The Ohio Form Book, Containing Precedents for Proceedings Under the Laws of the State of Ohio, In Relation to Roads, Deeds, Mortgages, Wills, Contracts, Notes, &c. &c. By a Citizen of Ohio. Wheeling, Va.: Published by J. Fisher & Son, 1831. 108 pp. 12mo. (5-1/2" x 3").

Original quarter calf over paper-covered boards, printed title to front board, endpapers excised. Moderate rubbing with some wear to spine ends and corners, light soiling and a few inkspatters to boards, light toning to text, occasional foxing. Early signatures and doodles to front pastedown, interior otherwise clean. \$125.

* First edition. Printed in what is now West Virginia, this is the first Ohio book of precedents. Two more editions were published in 1831 under the title *The Ohio Pocket Lawyer*. Not in Sabin. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8093.



A "Pocket Lawyer" for Ohio

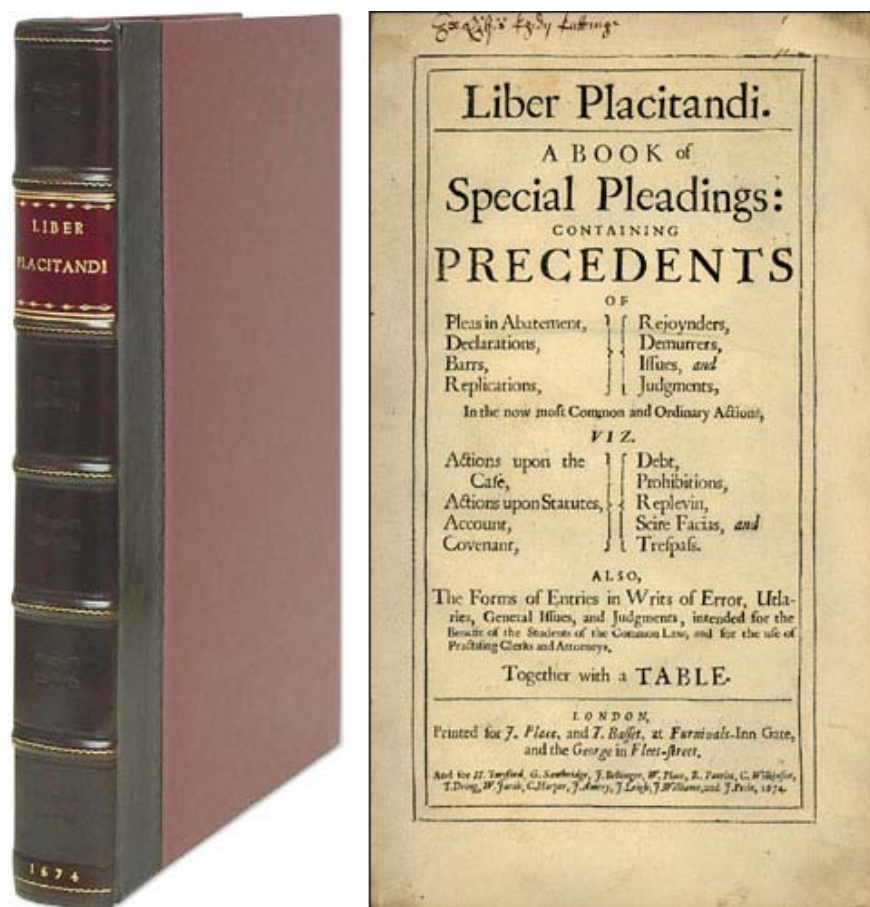
25. [Ohio].

[Picket, A. & E.].

The Ohio Pocket Lawyer, Form Book, or Self-Conveyancer: Containing all the Necessary Legal Forms Used in the State of Ohio. By a Member of the Ohio Bar. Wheeling, Va.: Printed and Published by A. & E. Picket, 1831. 140, [4] pp. Tipped-in errata sheet supplied in facsimile. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 4").

Contemporary quarter sheep over plain paper boards, gilt title to spine. Moderate rubbing and a few minor stains, corners bumped, some chipping to spine ends, light browning and dampspotting to text. Early owner inscription to front free endpaper (of Albert Davis, 1836), interior otherwise clean. \$150.

* Third and final edition. It is considerably larger than the first edition, titled *The Ohio Form Book*, and second edition, both of which were published in 1831. The text runs parallel to the spine. It has an Advertisement leaf signed "A. & E. Picket," which indicates that the forms are in "conformity with the revised code of laws for 1830 & 1831." Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8095.



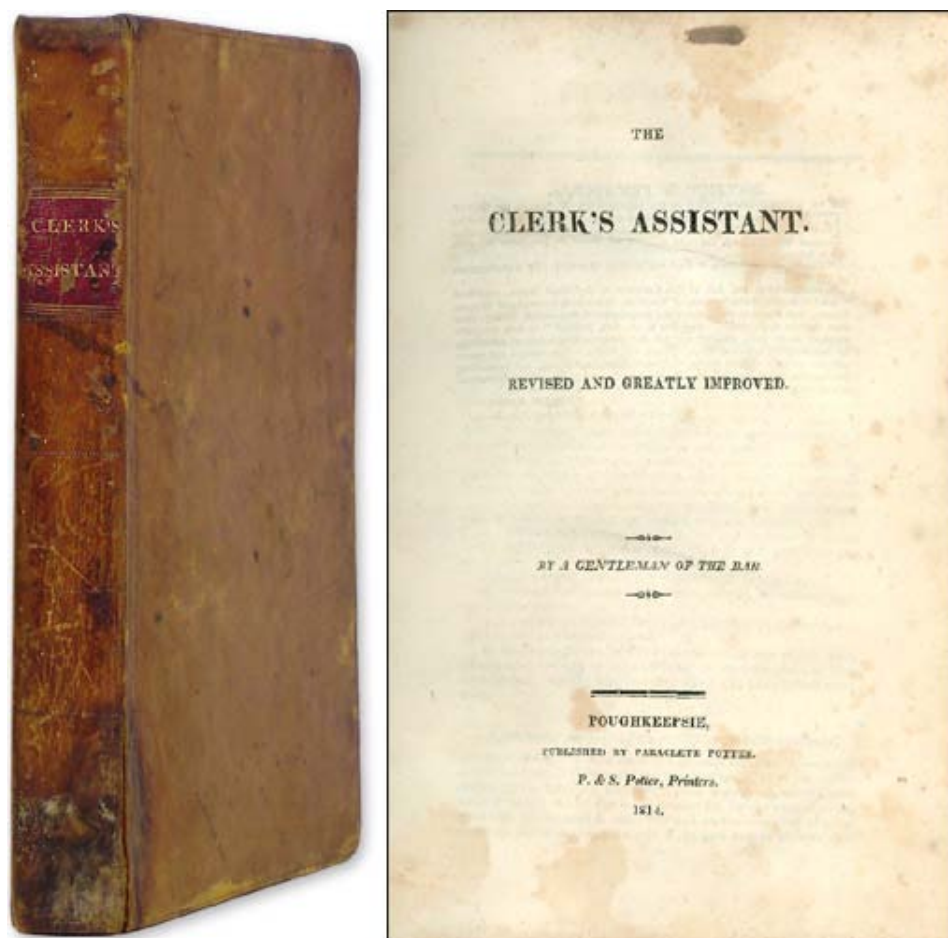
"The Hands of Some of the Best Pleadors of the Age"

21. [Pleading].

Liber Placitandi: A Book of Special Pleadings: Containing Precedents of Pleas in Abatement, Declarations, Barrs, Replications, Rejoynders, Demurrers, Issues, And Judgments, In the Now Most Common and Ordinary Actions, Viz. Actions Upon the Case, Actions Upon Statutes, Account, Covenant, Debt, Prohibitions, Replevin, Scire Facias, And Trespass. Also, The Forms of Entries in Writs of Error, Utlaries, General Issues, And Judgments, Intended for the Benefit of the Students of the Common Law, and For the Use of Practising Clerks and Attorneys. Together With a Table. London: Printed for J. Place, and T. Bassett, 1674. [iv], 460, [28] pp. Folio (8-1/4" x 12-1/2").

Recent period-style quarter calf over cloth, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Attractive woodcut head-piece. Toning to text with light browning to margins, occasional spark burns. Upper corner clipped from title page, chips and wear to edges of a few leaves, no loss to text. Signature to head of title page and occasional notes in early court hand. An appealing copy. \$500.

* Only edition. Some pleader's manuals, such as Rastell's *Book of Entries* (1564), were semi-official compilations by single authors. Others, such as the *Liber Placitandi*, were collections drawn from various authors. Sometimes cited as *Thompson's Entries*, it was first published in 1671. Holdsworth considers it a fine example of the genre. The preface assures the reader that "[m]ost of the pleadings are Modern, having occur'd in the Court of King's Bench, since his Majesties Happy Restauration; whereof many received Approbation under the hands of some of the best pleaders of the Age: (as by their Originals may be Attested).": To The Reader [iii]. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* V:386. Sweet & Maxwell list a 1671 edition, but it appears to be a ghost. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:273 (96).



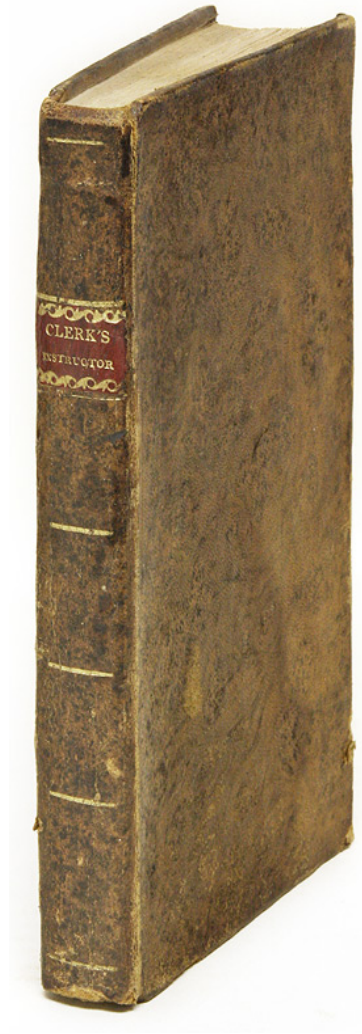
Early Poughkeepsie Formbook

26. [Potter, Paraclete (1784-1848), Compiler].

The Clerk's Assistant. Revised and Greatly Improved. By a Gentleman of the Bar. Poughkeepsie: Published by Paraclete Potter, 1814. [1], 357 pp. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary calf, lettering piece, blind fillets to boards and spine. Inkstains, Some rubbing and a few scuffs, chipping to edges of lettering piece, light wear to board edges, corners bumped, front joint starting, hinges cracked but secure. Corner lacking from a leaf with no loss to text, light foxing, occasional inkstains. Early annotations to front free endpaper and a few leaves, interior otherwise clean. \$100.

* Second edition. This popular formbook for laymen was first published in 1805 and later expanded and published in 1814 as *The Clerk's and Magistrate's Assistant* with only minor changes in content. A bookseller, journalist and publisher, Potter edited the *Poughkeepsie Journal* for nearly thirty years. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8074.



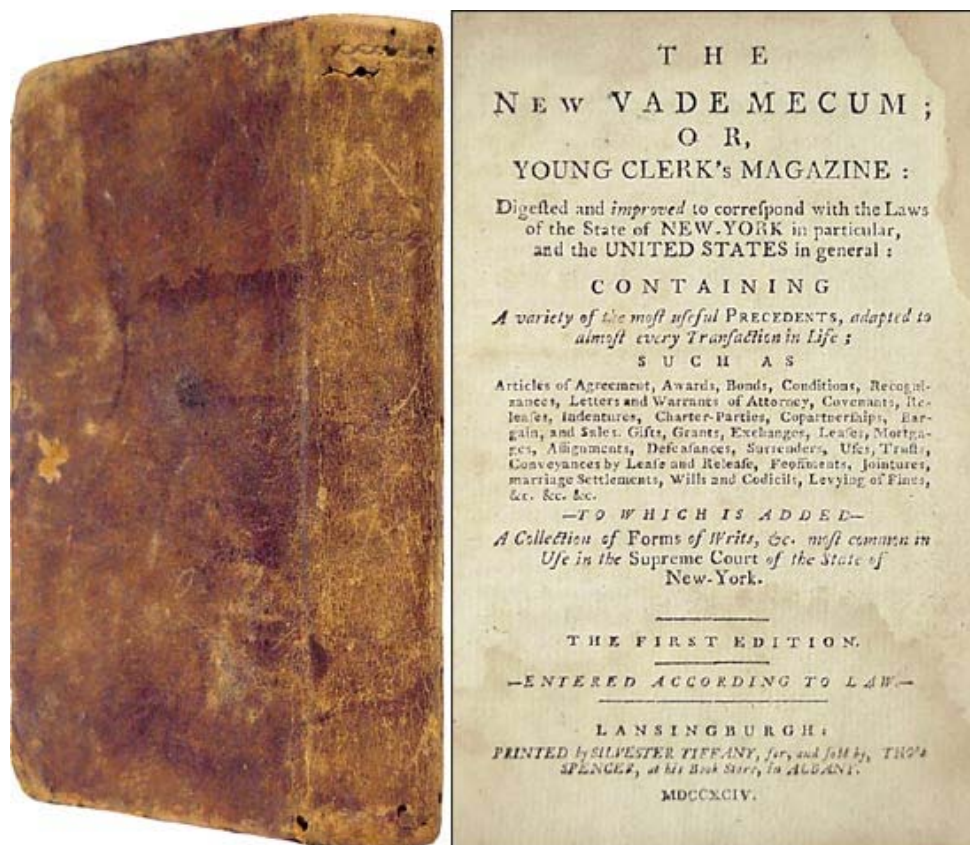
An Uncommon Formbook

27. Smyth, William.

The New American Clerk's Instructor, Containing a Variety of Useful Precedents, Amongst Which are Bonds, Bills, Deeds, Wills, Leases, Releases, Letters of Attorney, Mortgages, Surrenders, Covenants, Letters of Licence, Conveyances, Petitions, Warrants, Grants, Powers of Attorney, Notes, Receipts, Articles of Agreement, Indentures, And Many Other Instruments of Writing. To Which are Added Letters on Various Subjects. Philadelphia: Printed for James Sharan, 1810. 300 pp. Octavo (7" x 4").

Contemporary tree sheep, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine. Some rubbing to extremities, chip to foot of spine, front joint just starting at head, hinges starting. Some browning and occasional foxing to text, internally clean. A nice copy. \$125.

* Only edition. One of the less common formbooks from this period. Smyth was an attorney. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8242.



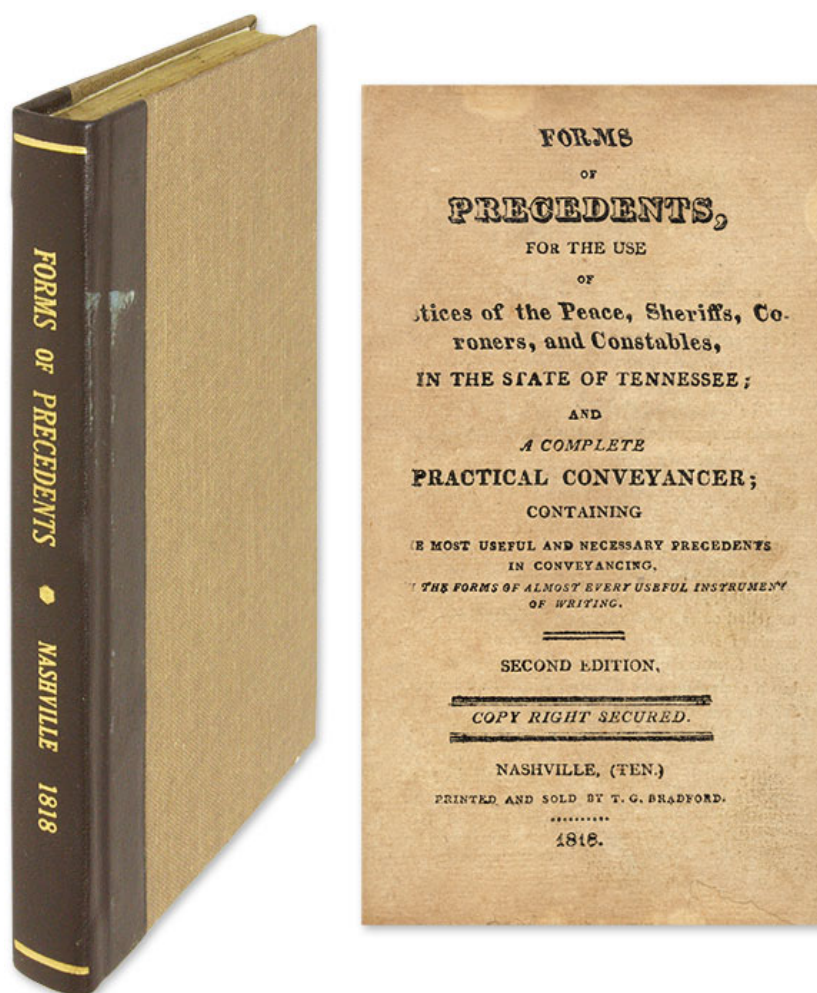
1794 Clerk's Manual

28. [Spencer, Thomas, Editor].

The New Vade Mecum; or Young Clerk's Magazine: Digested and Improved to Correspond with the Laws of the State of New-York in Particular, and the United States in General: Containing a Variety of the Most Useful Precedents, Adapted to Almost Every Transaction in Life; Such as Articles of Agreement, Awards, Bonds, Conditions, Recognizances, Letters and Warrants of Attorney, Covenants, Releases, Indentures, Charter-Parties, Copartnerships, Bargain, and sales, Gifts, Grants, Exchanges, Leases, Mortgages, Assignments, Defeasances, Surrenders, Uses, Trusts, Conveyances by Lease and Release, Feoffments, Jointures, Marriage Settlements, Wills and Codicils, Levying of Fines, &c. &c. &c. To Which is Added a Collection of Forms of Writs, &c. Most Common in Use in the Supreme Court of the State of New-York. Lansingburgh: Printed by Silvester Tiffany for Tho's Spencer, 1794. 346 pp. (pp. 289-336 incorrectly numbered pp. 299-346). 12mo. (6" x 4").

Contemporary calf. Rubbing to board edges and joints, chipping to corners, minor worming to spine and pastedowns, hinges cracked but secure. Early bookplate to front pastedown. Some dampstaining and foxing, interior otherwise clean. A sound copy. \$75.

* First edition. The preface states that this manual is based on the British *Young Clerk's Magazine* with modifications for American use. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8002.



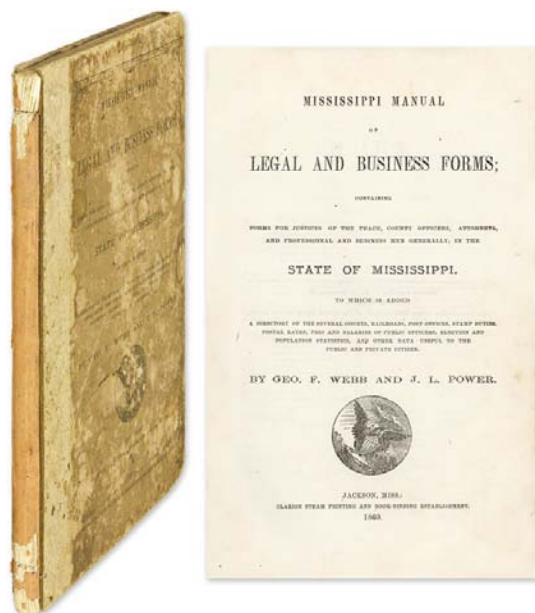
Scarce Early Tennessee Formbook

29. [Tennessee].

Forms of Precedents, For the Use of Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, Coroners, And Constables, In the State of Tennessee; And a Complete Practical Conveyancer; Containing the Most Useful and Necessary Precedents in Conveyancing, With the Forms of Almost Every Useful Instrument of Writing. Nashville: Printed and Sold by T.G. Bradford, 1818. 153, [8] pp. Octavo (6-1/2" x 4").

Recent quarter imitation calf over cloth, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to extremities, moderate browning to text. Early signatures and annotations to endleaves, interior otherwise clean. \$650.

* Second and final edition of this early Tennessee formbook that was first published in 1816. With index. OCLC locates 1 copy of the first edition in a law library (Library of Congress), 1 of the second (Harvard Law School). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 8146.



Valuable Insights into Reconstruction-Era Mississippi

30. Webb, G[eorge] F. [b.1818].

Power, J[ohn] L[ogan] [1834-1901].

Mississippi Manual of Legal and Business Forms: Containing Forms for Justices of the Peace, County Officers, Attorneys and Professional and Business Men Generally, In the State of Mississippi. To Which is Added a Directory of the Several Courts, Post Offices, Stamp Duties, Postal Rates, Fees and Salaries of Public Officers, Election and Population Statistics, And Other Data Useful to the Public and Private Citizen. Jackson: Clarion Steam Job and Book Printing Establishment and Book Bindery, 1869. 144 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Original quarter-cloth over printed paper boards. Moderate rubbing and a few small stains to boards, most of cloth removed from spine, board secure, hinges intact. Some toning, light browning in a few places. Early penciled annotations and signatures to endleaves (Henry C. Myers of Holly Springs, Mississippi), interior otherwise clean. \$950.

* First edition. This guide is interesting for its wide range of information relating to Reconstruction. Its "Miscellaneous Business Forms" include a sharecropping contract and a contract for wages that incorporates Mississippi's Black Codes, which permitted the employer "to establish such rules and regulations for the government of his plantation or premises, as he may deem proper" (91). Other sections list the approximate values [by year] of Confederate currency in gold and tables showing the vote on the Constitution of 1868. Aspects of daily life at this time is evident in the other sections, which list postal rates, stamp duties, currency tables for greenbacks, gold fluctuations in New York from January 1862 to April 1865, a 'Vocabulary of Technical Terms,' locations and terms of courts, railroads in Mississippi (with distances between stations), a list of post offices and other data. Second and third editions were printed in 1869, the third edition was re-issued in 1870. All are very scarce. OCLC locates one copy of the first edition in North American, none in law schools. One other copy located at the Library of Congress. Not in Sabin or the *Harvard Law Catalogue*.

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