
First Edition with unique tipped in provenance. 6" x 9.75", pp. xii 1-628, With frontispiece and tissue guard. As happened with this book, the spine was the first to go, broken hinge back, detached front cover, top right corner of spine missing vertically through the title, corners worn through. Interior foxing and darkened background of text block. Unique insertions of inscriptions and ephemera are the highlights of this book: [A] Previous owner on fe 'James Robinson / Fr. his friend / T[homas] Boot / March 16, 1855. with pencil notation (1792-1863) [B] Tipped in to fe is a newspaper clipping of Boot's probated will of $250K. [C] tipped into ffe is a photo of the brownstones on Beacon St., Boston from 1906 with handwritten annotation of which belong to Geo Parkman [D] Inscribed by Boot on blank first page "Francis Boot...with the respects of +George F. Parkman / +the son of Dr. Parkman. [E] Laid into book is 10 pp. of newspaper clippings from the Boston Herald, April 20, 1901 which retold the story of the most famous trial of the 19th century. [F] 2 pp. of newspaper clippings from 1893 and 1908 reporting oddities of this case.

ALS 7.5" x 9" with posting details on verso. This letter is dated Dec. 28th 1828 to Professor Hall at Washington College, Hartford, Conn (renamed Trinity college in 1845). Webster sends Hall proposals for custom built galvanic battery, espousing the skill of his associate Mr. Druelle. Legible handwriting on first three pages, signed with P.S. The letter is in fine condition with a small piece of tape at top left of first page, two chips on back page, one where separated from wax sealant, no handwriting is affected, 1/2" red wax still affixed. The letter seems to have been transferred from Prof. Hall to J. H. Causten Jr. on May 10, 1841.

John White Webster was a renowned and favorite lecturer in the subject of Chemistry at Harvard Medical College from 1824 through his accused crime of murder in 1849. It was presented by the prosecution that Webster owed money to George Parkman, a prominent Boston Brahmin physician and businessman, and could not afford to repay. This was motive for his murder, dismemberment, and attempted incineration of Parkman. The trial became internationally famous as one of the first uses of forensic dental, medical, and circumstantial evidence to convict a criminal. Webster was found guilty and hanged for murder. Legitimately referred to as “The Crime of The Century”.

The author, George Bemis was one of the two prosecution lawyers on the case. Francis Boott (1792 - 1863), the inscriptor, was a physician and botanist. He surely knew Webster very well as they were alumni together as well as both members of the Linnean Society and American Academy of Arts and Science. J. H. Causten Jr was the son of a prominent Baltimore family, a doctor and married Anna Payne, the adopted daughter and companion of Dolley Madison. Good minus stated description / ALS and ephemera are all Fine. Moire brown cloth over boards with titling on the spine in gilt and symmetric flourished impressed on front cover.

"The furnace in the laboratory would have carried off the odor of burning flesh, if it had been consumed here...The thorax had not the appearance of having been boiled, but had been singed by fire."

$675

4.5" x 7.25", Missing first blank end page and last two pages of advertisement, top corner of pp. 25-32 have been torn off, affecting a few words, minimal foxing, splash stain on 14 pp., previous owner name (M. S. Weller) neatly on fe. Cover scraped and rubbed, not significant, wear at corners and spine edge. Indespensable book of its time; Includes the names, residence, and occupation of the Inhabitants, alphabetically arranged as well the names and titles of government officials from President Andrew Jackson down to Clerks. Include pages of advertisements. An anthropological census of America's capitol city. This is the fourth directory which was published for the city, it is not only collectible but an excellent genealogical resource as well as profile of the growing city, Good+. Period brown leather with gilt border on front and back, Directory 1834 on spine in gilt with four bands.

"In representing to the public a new and enlarged Directory, the publishers are supplying a desideratum, whose utility will be acknowledged by the resident population, as well as by strangers whom business or pleasure calls to the Metropolis of the Union.” $350

The Washington Directory, and National Register, for 1846; In Two parts - Compiled and Published Annually. Washington DC: Gaither & Addison, 1846.

Printed by John T. Towers. 4.5” x 7”, pp. x, 1-76, 44 pp. of Advertisements on yellow paper in the center of the book. An anthropological Synoptical Almanac covering a range of personal and business census information for the area. A very uncommon book with only six identified in OCLC. From Morse Code to translating gold weights to vessel arrival and departures, public servants by name and their salaries, rate charges for public transportation, Directory of Churches, Associations and Societies. An indispensable resource tool of the day, giving a broad profile of the Capitol during the James Polk Presidency. Bound in brown leather with stain on cover, front and back cover has some separation, minimal foxing, darkened within some text block, previous owner "M. S. Weller" name on blank ffe and neatly at the top of the title page. Good plus. Brown leather with tooled design around cover edges and title impressed on cover. Sixth published Directory of D.C., Rare. $350

Spellman, Cardinal Francis Joseph. TLS, 2pp; Written the Week Before His Elevation to Cardinal and Mailed the Day After. 14 Wall St., New York, NY: February 11, 1946.

SIGNED "Uncle Joe" in black ink and then "Francis Cardinal Spellman” in a different pen. Unique letter written the week before his trip to Rome for elevation to Cardinal by Pope Pius XII. The letter details Spellman's itinerary on this trip; LaGuardia - Shannon, Ireland - Limerick - Paris - Rome - Madrid - Lisbon. The addressee of this letter is James H. Todd Jr., the grandson of Todd Shipyards Corp. founder, which was, at the time, the largest independent Ship builder in the world. Todd would have been 16 at the time of this letter. There is no indication that Spellman was a biological uncle, hence a signature in the familiar.

Francis Cardinal Spellman (1889 -1967) was the longest serving Cardinal of the New York Dioeceses, 28 years. He was credited with the tremendous growth of churches, schools and Catholic facilities in the mid-20th Century. However, he was very controversial, especially with respect to his support of the Viet Nam War. Spellman cultivated significant, international relationships with church leaders, politicians and secular celebrities. He had an ability to raise significant funds for the Church. His funeral was attended by President Johnson as well as many high profile politicians and is buried in St. Patrick's Cathedral. Fine with mailing envelope postmarked Rome, Aerro Via and two 3 lira stamps.

"I will carry this letter with me to Vatican City and if possible will mail it to you from there after the elevation has ended.” $100

Provenance: This specific series set came from the James S. Copley Rare Book Collection. Copley (1917-1973) was a journalist, newspaper chief and bibliophile. As publisher of the San Diego Union Tribune from 1947, he promoted an "unabashedly conservative, Republican and pro-American" proponent. Additionally, he was the sole stockholder of the Copley Press, Inc. and cozy supporter of many Republican candidates, especially Richard Nixon. Copleys personal Ex-Libris bookplate is affixed to all of the front endpapers.

Very attractive set of this important historical record. Gilt top edge with uncut fore and bottom edges. Each set has small hand written "Set 979" in pencil at the bottom right corner of each ffe. Red cloth of various shades with mostly still brilliant gilt titling on spine. As this series was published over 12 years, the shades of available cloth varied. This is the first major series published after the company's move to Glendale, CA. Bieber of Washington University was editor of the first eight volumes. However his "inordinate concern for details" led to missing too many deadlines. This required Clark to contract Hafen, Historian of Colorado, to finish the series.


Single sheet, with a few small edge tears and slight crease across one of the vignettes along the bottom margin, light toning across top margin. In a letter to the editor, Spinner writes 44 lines of approximately six hundred words of text discussing the making of a new design to accommodate the addition of four new states making a total of 42. There is an image above the text, occupying approx. one-third of the page, of 42 stars making one large star. The text is signed in type. Underneath is the image of the whole flag with stars arranged as described, and a portrait of Spinner with his signature in type beneath.

Frances E. Spinner was a Congressman from New York from 1955-61 when he was appointed Treasurer of the United States by Abraham Lincoln in 1861 at the urging of Secty Salmon P. Chase. He held that office until 1875. He is credited with hiring women to be clerks in Washington during the Civil War, positions that they continued to hold after the war. His flag recommendations were not enacted. Very good. $225


6.5" x 9.75", pp. 6-77, with illustrations on most every page. Nearly a very good copy with age and toning along the edges and spine, fluttered corners, wear through of both rusting staples at spine, age spots on front and back cover. Multiple later editions of this book was published, however, this is first which Tomkins continued to expand upon over years. There were three original bindings, buckram and limp leather, this the most common at the original price of $1.00. Good +. Green patterned paper cover with title, author and illustration of a pipe smoking Indian on the cover. $80

SIGNED "Walter J. Coates" on blank title page. 6" x 9", 28 four line stanzas and 18 footnotes of historical support in this 16 p. stapled booklet. Written for the Vermont Sesqui-Centennial Commission for its celebration at Hubbardton, July 7, 1927. This was the author's personal copy, as included on the inside cover is his bookplate illustrated with an anchor and a chain above the motto "Be Firm". A unique piece of Vermontiana.

Coates was a noted poet and publisher of Driftwood, an amateur magazine who had H. P. Lovecraft as a friend and honorary editor form 1935-37. Very good with toning on cover front and back, Gray paper cover with titling in black.

"To the Heroic Spirit of Independence that animated the Early Settlers of Vermont, rendering their very names synonymous with fearless intelligence, and to their embattled sons who made Hubbardton Battle a sacrifice for Liberty and the Rights of Man, this ballad is inscribed." (Title Page) $125


4.35" x 6.75", pp. 3-48 with both folded maps (Reference Map of Philadelphia and Plan of the Grounds and Buildings) still attached to the front and rear inside covers. Maps are in very good condition with some age spots and mis-folds, Grounds map has a 1 tear at center fold. Irregular cut at bottom, cracking beginning at bottom of inside spine, crease at top right cover corner, fade spot on cover, wear on spine. Original price on cover of 25-Cents. Very Good minus description, . Red cardboard cover with titling in black.

"The visitor will find it of the utmost importance that he should decide before leaving home what portion of the Exhibition he wishes to see and how he is to see it. To aid him in this most important work is one of the purposes of the Visitors' Guide" (p 10) $75


9.5" x 12.25", 20-32 pp., with illustrations, advertisements and stories pertinent to the soldiers. Includes the first (Vol 1, No. 1, Nov 23 '17) with and last (No. 24, May 4 '18) issued stateside before the unit went off to war in France, with a photo of MG John F. O'Ryan on the cover. The other 8 editions are printed between those dates (Nos. 9, 11, 12, 13, 20, 21, 22). After the unit was deployed there were two more issues; one published in France for Christmas 1918 and the final issue when the unit returned home in March 1919.

The Gas Attack was the official publication of the 27th Infantry Division, New York while it was training at Camp Wadsworth in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Camp Wadsworth was commissioned to train soldiers for the war and decommissioned afterwards. Includes period advertising: "Ten First Class White Barbers"

Most covers are by famed illustrator Raeburn Van Buren. He served in the Seventh Regiment of the 27th New York Division in World War I. He was art editor of the division's magazine. An artistry and illustrative flair were evident in his cartoons, and The New York Times compared his artwork in the magazine with that of the famous British illustrator Bruce Bairnsfather. He drew the syndicated comic strip "Abbie n' Slats" from 1937 to 1971. All Very Good, with only Vol. 1 having a detached cover, No. 9 has a tide mark on top right corner, rest are collectible condition. Paper cover with titling and illustration, mostly in black. $250

A historical archive of intimate letters from one of U. S. Grant's granddaughters to her mother, who was married to Jessie Root Grant, Grant's youngest son. The bulk of the letters are from 1904 (41 letters), when a single, 23 year old Nellie was living at "The Dunmore, 230 West 42d Street, New York" on the European Plan. The rest of the letters are from 1906 (12), 1911 (5), 1913 (39) the year of her marriage to William Piggott Cronan, 1918 (4) when her mother and father divorced. Most of the letters are addressed to Mrs. Jesse R. Grant, San Diego. It was in this city that Jesse was managing the U.S. Grant Hotel for his brother, U. S. Grant Jr. Jesse went on to compete for the 1908 Democratic Presidential nomination but lost to William Jenning Bryant.

Nellie (1881-1972) Married William Piggott Cronan in 1913. Cronan was a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy and served a distinguished and heroic career in the Navy as ships Captain. They had two daughters, Nellie (m. 1941 to Franklin Gibney Rothwell, West Point Class of 1933) and Elizabeth. These letters were made public by Nellie and Franklin's only daughter. Included is a letter of authenticity from Teresa Lauren Rothwell, great-great-granddaughter of the 18th President.

Content: Ranges from intimate daughter-mother talk, fashion (some letters have hand drawn illustrations of gowns and costumes), the social life of a young woman looking for a husband, love in the first year of marriage, her first pregnancy and her parent's divorce.

Very good to fine. All letters are still in their original, stamped envelopes, folded to fit mostly 4" x 5". Envelopes are slit open and letters are folded, usually in quarters to fit the envelope. Includes several other communications from others about the goings on in her life which Nell forwarded to or were intended for her mother.

This unique collection of letters from a Presidential family would be an ideal museum exhibit or the foundation for a historical novel. $750


James Harlan (Aug 26, 1820 - Oct 5, 1899), served as a Free Soiler Senator from Iowa from 1855-60 and then as a Republican Senator from 1860-66. He was a close friend of President Lincoln. Harlan's daughter later married Lincoln's son, Robert Todd Lincoln. After Lincoln's death, President Andrew Johnson appointed him to the cabinet. The final years of his political career were besmirched by false accusation of corruption while Secty. of the Interior. He is perhaps most remembered for firing Walt Whitman from his clerk job at the when he found Whitman editing a copy of "Leaves of Grass" at his desk. He declared the book morally offensive and continued the purge of the Department. Harlan's statue was installed in the Congress, Hall of Columns for over 100 years as one of Iowa's two famous sons. Very good.

"Sir: In compliance with the request submitted to this Department in you letter of the 27th ultimo, there will be transmitted herewith, to your address, for official use, a complete set of the Laws of the United States, from March 4, 1789, to the close of the 38th Congress. Please acknowledge the receipt of these statutes. Very respectfully, your obedient servant, Jas Harlan Secretary." $200

Most are First, Limited, or Special Editions. 11 Items are authored by Rupp and 3 are about him. Various sizes, all with cardboard covers, two items INSCRIBED.

[1] California Imprints, August 1846 – June 1851. Berkeley, CA, 1922. One of 150 copies of which 25 are reserved for private distribution. This copy is INSCRIBED “Ed. F. O’day / Compliments of the Author / H R Wagner”. Toning to edges of cover. O’day was a California Historian with expertise on San Francisco.


6” x 9”, pp. iii, 1-420, photos of examples on almost every page. Light bump at bottom of spine, homemade book cover has protected this volume from sun fade. A descriptive list of medals, tokens, buttons, ferrotypes and other lapel devices relating to the national political campaigns in the United States from 1789 to 1889. Ideal reference book for those engaged in Political History research. Fine in not issued dust jacket.

“A knowledge of the style, size and metals in use during the various periods and record of the initial appearance of the pieces in the numismatic mark are valuable tools.” (p ii) $275


Sonia Maria Sotomayor (June 25, 1954) is an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, serving since August 2009. She has the distinction of being its first justice of Hispanic heritage, the first Latina, its third female justice. Sotomayor graduated summa cum laude from Princeton University in 1976 and received her J.D. from Yale Law School in 1979, where she was an editor at the Yale Law Journal. In May 2009, President Barack Obama nominated Sotomayor to the Supreme Court following the retirement of Justice David Souter.

"I could be a great lawyer, I decided. But a part of me, I knew, would have preferred to be the judge rather than Perry Mason. At the time, with no knowledge of what either aspiration might entail, the one didn't seem any more outlandish than the other." (p 81) $60


"The American Idea is a way of life - one that enables each person to chart their own course, pursue their own happiness, and govern their own lives." (p 143) $25


Daniel Ellsberg (Apr 7, 1931) tells the first hand story of how and why he smuggled 7,000 pages of documents out of the RAND Corp. which came to be known as the Pentagon Papers. The documents described the errant decision making process which embroiled the U.S. in the Viet Nam War.

"I took it for granted that what I was doing violated some law, perhaps several." (p 303) $50


SIGNED "Alex Haley" on tipped in style bookmark on ffe. 5.5" x 8.25", pp. viii, 2-688, uncut fore edge, bumped front top corner, else clean, square, firm. DJ has light wear at edges and small chip from bottom of spine. This book was the sociological pivot which brought personal history of the legacy of slavery into American homes through one of the first television mini-series. Fine in very good dust jacket. Quarter black faux leather with tan paper over boards and titling on spine in gilt.

“Kunta was hardly conscious when at last the whip stopped falling...The next thing he knew – he was lying spread-eagled on his back in some kind of hut.” $50

12.5” x 16.25”, pp. iv, 2-162, rebound into 3 volumes from the one original, which not uncommonly cracked and became unhinged. Clean, tight, bright photogravures and typogravures. Most illustrations have mirroring on facing page of blank guard pages. New bindings have some wear at top and bottom of spine, and light wear at some corners, otherwise fine. Includes renowned reproductions of artists like Childe Hassam, Charles Sprague Pearce, Winslow Homer and Ridgeway Knight. Very good in very good dust jacket. Quarter black leather with matching outside corners and textured black leather over boards with gilt titling on the spine with six gilt bands.

"One hundred and seventy-five oil paintings and water colors in the galleries of private collectors, produced in Paris on Copper plates by the Goupil photogravure and typogravure process." $275


11” x 14”, 9 pp. of sepia, period, scenic and historical views and 3 pp. of descriptive text. Very uncommon to be found in all 9 Volumes. Collective VG with individual books ranging from G+ to Near Fine. [Part 1] 2” water stain on front cover, light wear on spine, [Part 2] Corner chip on front and back cover [Part 3-8] occasional light smudge, minimal wear at top / bottom of spine [Part 9] binding tape beginning to separate at bottom 4”. All of the Photos and their tissue guards are in fine condition. Brown cardboard covers with titling on front cover in tan, 1/8 tape binding on spine with five staples. $950