

# Guide to the Collection of Bookplates by Nathaniel Hurd

BKP 38



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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library Special Collections  
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**CALL NUMBER:** BKP 38

**TITLE:** Collection of Bookplates by Nathaniel Hurd

**DATES:** circa 1750-1777

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.42 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** This collection contains early American bookplates designed and engraved by Nathaniel Hurd (1730-1777), a silversmith and engraver born in Boston. His armorial bookplate designs are in the Jacobean and Chippendale styles, following the English fashion.

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/arts.bkp.0038>

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/arts.bkp.0038>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Henry Rogers Winthrop (Yale College Class of 1898).

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Conditions Governing Use

Copyright has not been transferred to Yale University.

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## Preferred Citation

Collection of Bookplates by Nathaniel Hurd, Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library, Yale University.

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## Processing Information

A few items in this collection also indicate the provenance of A. Bernard C. K. Keeves.

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## Biographical / Historical

Nathaniel Hurd (1730-1777) was born in Boston and learned the metalsmithing trade from his father, Jacob Hurd. In addition to silversmith, he was an accomplished engraver and heraldic artist, producing numerous armorial bookplates in addition to other commercial printing.

Reference:

French, Hollis. *Jacob Hurd and His Sons Nathaniel & Benjamin, Silversmiths, 1702-1781*. Walpole Society, 1939.

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## Arrangement

Organized into two series: I. Bookplates. II. Ephemera.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Bookplates

Bookplates are arranged alphabetically by the name of the patron.

b. 1, f. 1	Alleyne, Thomas <i>1 Item</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 2	Apthorp, East <i>5 Items</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 3	Child, Thomas <i>3 Items</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 4	Courtenay, Henry <i>2 Items</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 5	Dana, Francis <i>2 Items</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 6	Dana, Richard Henry <i>2 Items</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 7	Danforth, (Samuel?) <i>1 Item</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 8	Harvard University Library (Allen #351) <i>4 Items</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 9	Harvard University Library (Allen #352) <i>12 Items</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 10	Hubbard, William <i>1 Item</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 11	Jackson, Jonathan <i>1 Item</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 12	Jarvis, Leonard, Junr. <i>1 Item</i> This folder contains a restrike of the Leonard Jarvis, Jr. bookplate.	undated
b. 1, f. 13	Lowell, John <i>1 Item</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 14	Marston, John <i>3 Items</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 15	Price, Ezekiel <i>2 Items</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 16	Sexton, Thos. Grainger <i>1 Item</i> This folder contains a facsimile of the Tho[ma]s Grainger Sexton bookplate.	undated
b. 1, f. 17	Marston, John <i>3 Items</i>	undated

b. 1, f. 18	Tracey, Nathaniel <i>1 Item</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 19	Vassal, John <i>5 Items</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 20	Wentworth, Paul <i>2 Items</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 21	Williams, John C. <i>1 Item</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 22	Wilson, David <i>1 Item</i>	undated
b. 1, f. 23	Wilson, James <i>1 Item</i>  This folder also contains a transparency and a black-and-white photographic reproduction of the James Wilson bookplate.	undated

## Series II: Ephemera

b. 1, f. 24

Ephemera  
*3 Items*

undated

This folder includes a mount without an attached bookplate as well as the box labels from the collection's original housings.

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Bookplates, American

### **Genres / Formats**

Bookplates

### **Names**

Hurd, Nathaniel, 1730-1777