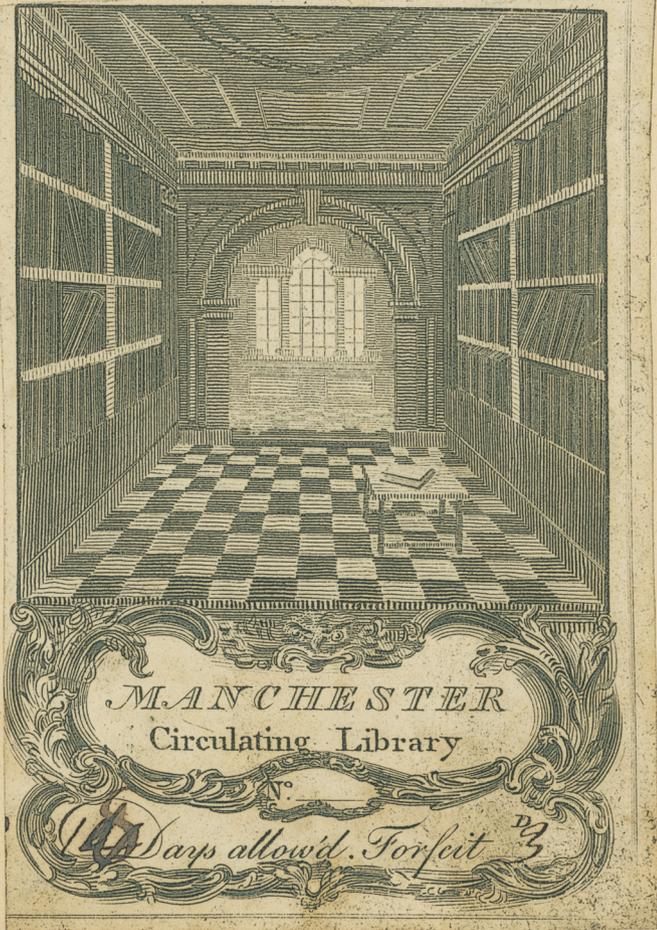


ON Monday the 2d of September, 1805, It was resolved by the Committee, that the thirteenth Rule, which relates to the Damaging of the Library-books, be henceforth strictly enforced: and that those Subscribers, in whose Hands any Book shall be, when the Leaves, Plates or Maps are torn or cut out, shall buy a new Book, or Set of Books, to supply the Place of that, which shall be so damaged.

*35 Plates*



*No date engraved about 1780 - 57 -  
Slates*

The information below is lifted from a (viewersite.wordpress) blog post of mine dated April 1 2008 and has been slightly expanded for Novel Lines Bookshop event, December 15 2011.

## Lewis Jaffe's 'bookplate junkie' mentions our bookplate collection.

Here is the link to Lew's blog:  
<http://bookplatejunkie.blogspot.com/>

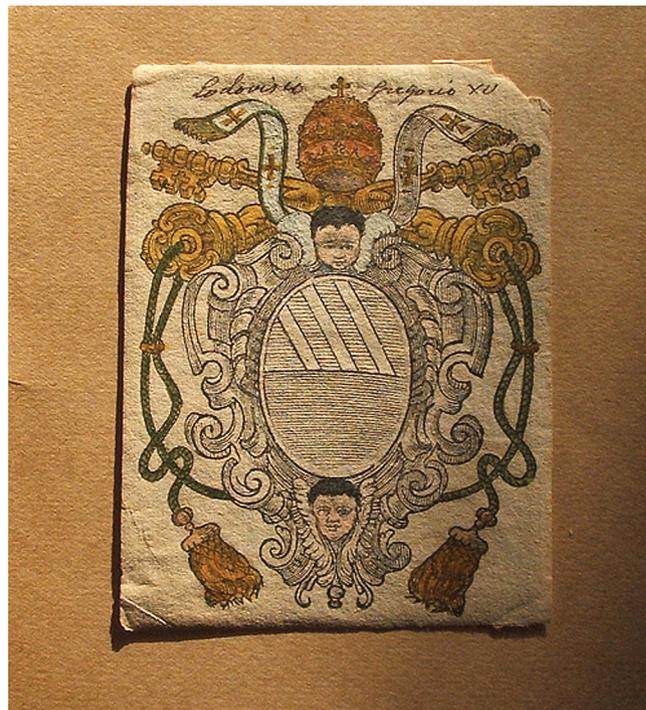
In the last few blog posts Lew has been discussing storage and presentation options available to collectors of bookplates. I sent him these because they are quite unique, in that the collection remains in it's early 1800 storage system. Leather covered boxes made in the shape of a book volume with tooled and gilt rubbed spines - all five similar and the sixth a version from later in the 19th century.



Each bookplate has been laid down on archival paper and cut to fit the page size of the wooden case. Most have pencil notes from the turn of the 19th century alluding to the market value with associated notes of interest pertaining to both the plate's owner, sometimes the engraver and the specifics of the plate. The value system derived from J.H. Slater's hard bound volume entitled: 'Bookplates and their value' published in London in 1898. This covering English and American plates, systems of classification and the principals of valuation.

In London in 2007 Barbara and I strolled out of the British Museum and across the road to a bus stop when I chanced on a long row of Antiquarian bookseller's shops. Without hesitation I went into the first one and asked

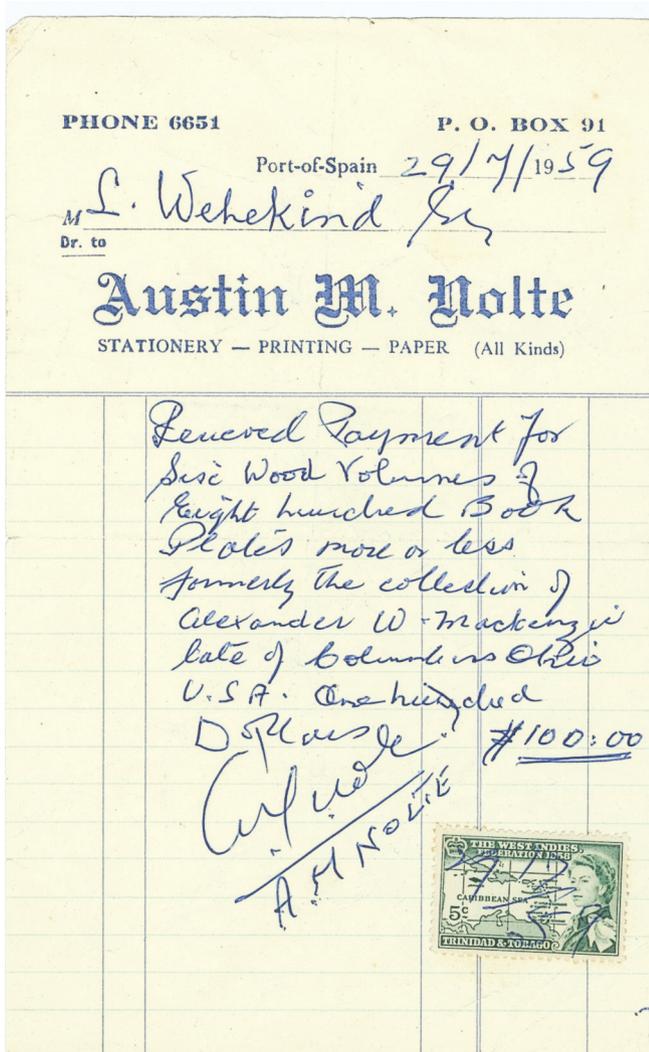
if they had Slater? "No" was the answer "but three doors up you will find Slater and even W.J. Hardy's Book Plates - if you like". £16.50 & £15.00 respectively exchanged hands and I had the two most important books on the subject to lug back home to Australia.



Here's a bookplate from the Vatican - Pope Gregory XV - dated 1621. A Continental engraving with coloured features and quilled annotation. Just one of the nearly 900 plates from three generations of McKenzie bookplate collectors. My (almost retired) friend and antique dealer in Sydney, Bruce McLeod bought the collection in Trinidad in the 1950's from the estate of the third owner, an American named Alexander W. McKenzie of Columbus, Ohio - Lew's research details this in the blog. I'll also scan and drop in the piece of paper ephemera, the receipt for the collection.

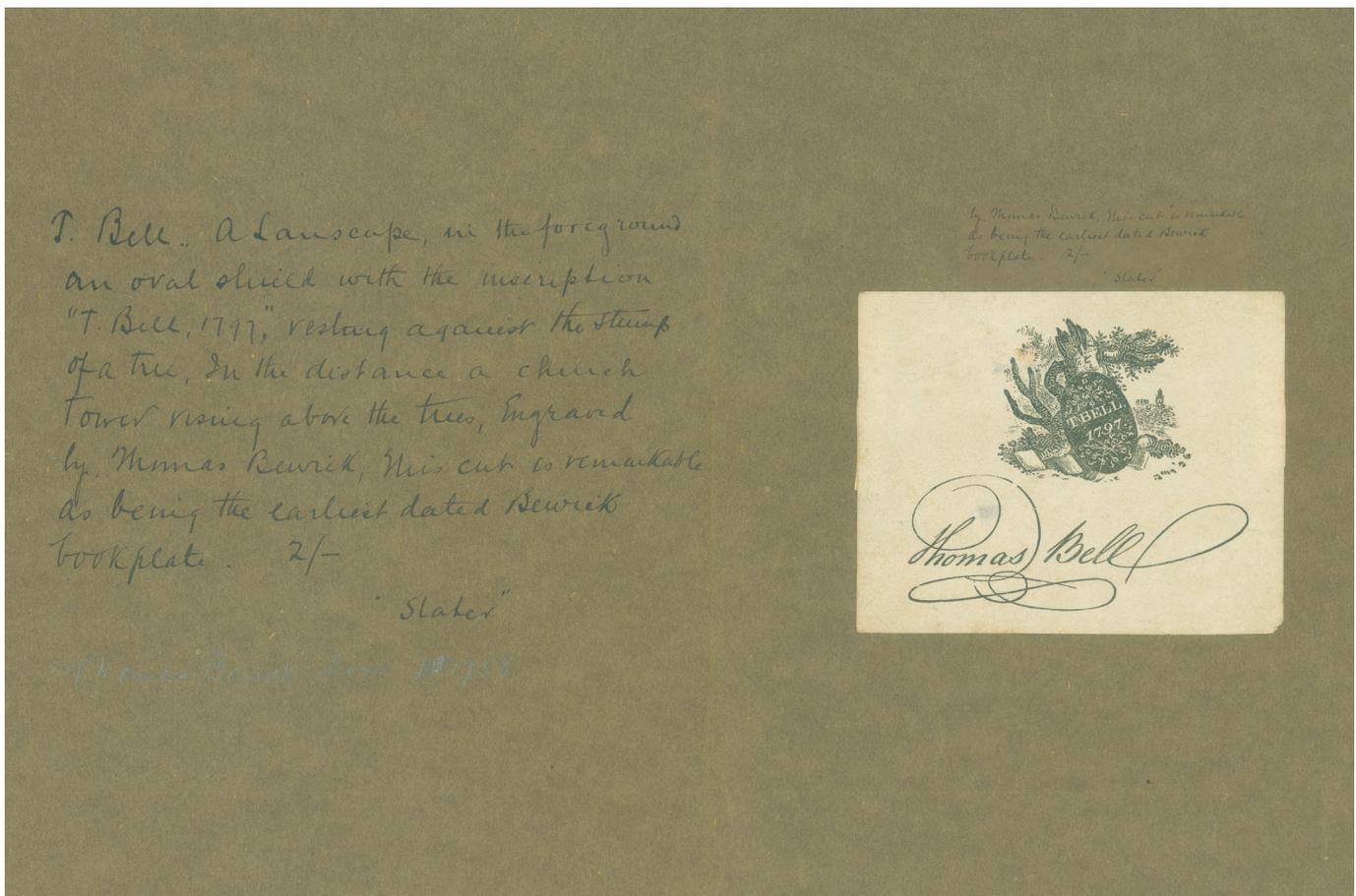
Bruce offered me this bookplate collection in its entirety in 2006 saying he had kept it intact all his dealing life and he selected me as its next protector - reiterating we don't actually own things we are merely custodians for our lifetime.

The previous cover page shows one of two plates on a library theme - a favourite, with annotations and a price from Slater giving an engraving date of 'about 1780'.



April 9 2008 - Update 1: for Lewis Jaffe, here's another of my favourite plates from the collection, the earliest dated Thomas Bewick engraved plate, see below:

April 11 2008 - Update 2: Dear Lew, finding the earlier owners of the collection has been hard to pin down. First, there are numerous envelopes with letters and bookplate folders from turn-of-the-century bookplate collectors and book sellers on both sides of the Atlantic. I'll start with Thomas Thorp, secondhand bookseller at 109-110 High Street Guildford to A.W. MacKenzie Esq., then receipts for French bookplates sent to Mrs Alexander MacKenzie, 33 North Ohio Avenue, City. In exchange cards from Eva Lewis, she exchanged the Musical ex-libris of Arthur Robinson Stone, etched and signed by George M. White of Salem, Mass 1887. An exchange card and slips from Leroy Truman Goble, Press Club, Chicago USA. Then a letter requesting an impression from the collector - Harry A. Fowler, Kansas City USA. A card request from Charles O. Cornelius, collector, Boston Mass. USA. Two presentation cards with plates engraved by Mr Arthur Engler, from Mr Herman M. Schroeter, member



American Bookplate Society 1913. Envelope and card from the collector, W. C. Readio. Envelope and letter to Mrs Fred (Dorothy) Hubbard with requests and bookplate paybacks from 61 Park Avenue NYC USA. A letter in an envelope, unsent with A.W. MacKenzie's card. Two plates of a Columbia University Club Library (\* you can have one of these) and an old blueprint of a bookplate entitled - Deschler. A letter from the collector, W. F. Hobson. Exchange card from Harold S. Loeb, Philadelphia, USA. A few different exchange cards from Dr Joseph C. Egbert, Wayne, Penna. USA. A lovely card and letter and exchange plates from Margaret Kearsley, Detroit Mich. USA. \*Mailed to Lew.

HAROLD S. LOEB  
 Hotel ~~Rittenhouse~~ *St. James*  
~~22d and Chestnut Sts.~~, Philadelphia, Pa., U.S.A.  
 Member of the Berlin Ex-Libris Verein

Enclosed please find my bookplate drawn by Hubert Wilm of Munich (1912), after an autograph sent to me personally by Mark Twain. This is sent in the hope that you will mail me your bookplate in exchange.

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If you do not exchange, please be so kind as to return mine.

My best thanks in acknowledgment of the receipt of your bookplate.

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Hiermit sende ich Ihnen mein Ex-Libris entworfen von Hubert Wilm, München (1912), mit der höflichen Bitte um Gegenleistung.

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Bei Nichtaustausch wird um Gefällige Rücksendung Gebeten.

Besten Dank für gütige Übersendung Ihres Ex-Libris.

Die Devise die mir Mark Twain persönlich gewidmet hat, lautet in deutsche Übersetzung:  
 "Alles ist relativ: Ein junger Maikäfer zu sein ist besser als ein alter Paradiesvogel."

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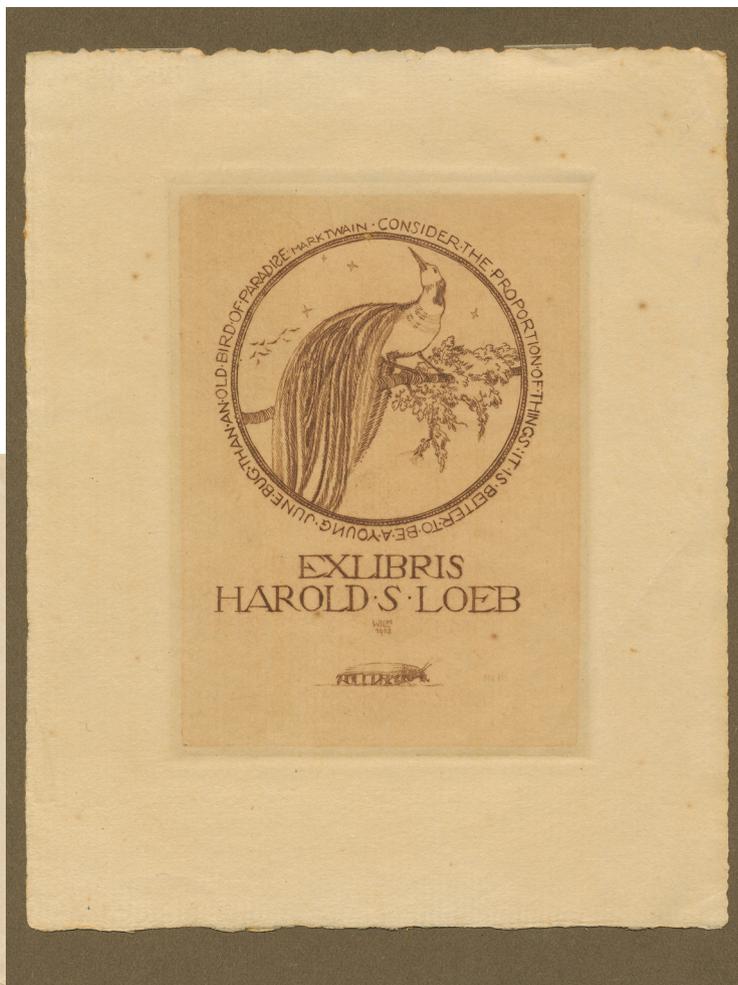
J'ai l'honneur de vous envoyer mon ex-libris dessiné par Hubert Wilm de Munich, en vous priant d'avoir l'amabilité de m'envoyer le vôtre.

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Au cas que vous ne collectionnez pas, veuillez refuser l'envoi à la poste.

Merci bien de votre aimable envoi.

Voici la traduction de ma devise que Mark Twain m'a dédiée personnellement:  
 "Considérez la proportion des choses: il vaut mieux être un jeune hanneton qu'un vieil oiseau de paradis."

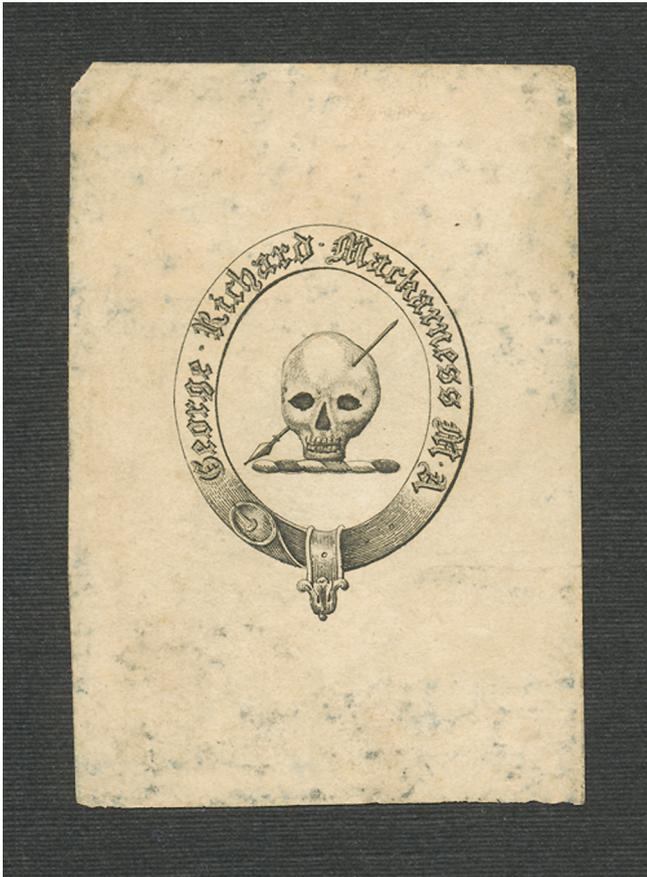


April 16 2008 - Update 3: Dear Lew, Lucky me, I went to book #7 which has the early 20th century plates and found the plate matching the Harold S. Loeb's folded plate request. The one plate drawn by Hubert Wilm of Munich (1912). Here's the card, left and the plate above. The blog has a detail as a link.

The graphic is after an autograph of Mark Twain sent to Loeb by Twain . . . and we know that Harold S. Loeb was one of the editors of the important Literary Journal - 'broom', where he published the early works of Cowley, Stein, Millay, Crane and Cummings. Harold Loeb also achieved lasting literary notoriety when he became the model for the character, Robert Cohen in Hemmingway's 'The sun also rises' - an important memoir of the 1920's.

Lew, I selected this one for you as you are from Philly. What's more there are another 900 bookplates to research (and scan).

April 11 2008 - Update 2, continued:  
 Second, as far as the MacKenzies go here's  
 the earliest plate, slipped in between the first  
 plate and the cover in book #1. George Richard  
 Mackarness M.A



And finally there are lists of MacKenzie  
 bookplates made at different times, from the  
 catalogue of British and American Bookplates  
 in the British Library starting with Jacobean  
 Armorials [ #19268 - (Mackenzie) The most  
 Honourable Kenneth, Marquis and Earl of  
 Seafort, Viscount of Fortrose, Lord Mackenzie  
 and Kintail, and Baron of Ardelfe. (Succeeded  
 1740 as 6th Earl and 3rd Marquess; died 1761.  
 Arms. Mackenzie quartering Kennett) ] . . . also  
 a pencilled list numbering another 56 bookplates  
 of MacKenzie from another source which has  
 been kept together.

No.	From the catalogue of British and American BOOK-PLATES in the British Museum.	Description
19268	(Mackenzie) The most Honourable Kenneth, Marquis and Earl of Seafort, Viscount of Fortrose, Lord Mackenzie and Kintail, and Baron of Ardelfe. (Succeeded 1740 as 6th Earl and 3rd Marquess; died 1761. Arms. Mackenzie quartering Kennett)	Jacobean Armorial.
19269	(Mackenzie) The Right Honourable George, Earl of Sutherland. (The 2nd Earl; died 1745).	Jacobean Armorial.
19270	Mackenzie, Farley Court. (Arms. Mackenzie impaling Dalziel. Edward Mackenzie of Farley Court married 1839 as his first wife Mary, daughter of William Dalziel of the Craigs, co. Dumfries.) (Clement, Oxford).	Jacobean Armorial.
19271	Mackenzie, Alexr. . . . .	Festoon Armorial.
19272	Mackenzie, Alexander . . . . .	Armorial.
19273	Mackenzie, Alex. G. (Arms. Mackenzie impaling Kiteon.) (Baker's Note by Sir A. W. Franks)	Armorial.
19274	Mackenzie, Andrew John . . . . .	Crest Armorial.
19275	Mackenzie, Charles . . . . .	Armorial.
19276	Mackenzie, Charles, Esqr. of Killooy . . . . .	Armorial and Ribbon.
19277	Mackenzie, Revd. Charles. . . . .	Armorial.
19278	Mackenzie, P. G. . . . .	Armorial.
19279	Mackenzie, General . . . . .	Armorial.
19280	Mackenzie, Gen. H. B. Coll. Reg. Med. Edinburgh. Soc. (Andr. Johnston Feit.)	Early Jacobean Armorial.
19281	Mackenzie, H. (Warwick sc. 145 Strand). . . . .	Armorial.
19282	Mackenzie, James . . . . .	Crest.
19283	Mackenzie, James D. Findon . . . . .	Crest.
19284	Mackenzie, I. H. . . . .	Armorial.
19285	Mackenzie, Joanner, et Christina Garloch Mansfield uxoris. (Arms. Mackenzie impaling Mansfield.)	Seal Armorial.
19286	Mackenzie, John . . . . .	Armorial.
19287	Mackenzie, John, Esqr. . . . .	Armorial.
19288	Mackenzie, Coll. Jon. . . . .	Shield, Chippendale Armorial.
19289	Mackenzie, Lt. Genl. Jng. (The last plate with inscription altered)	Chippendale Armorial.
19290	Mackenzie, John Esq. . . . .	Crest.
19291	Mackenzie, John W. Esqr. (Arms. Mackenzie, quartering Miller, Hamilton and Maculloch, with Gordon on an escutcheon.)	Armorial.
19292	Mackenzie, Kenneth . . . . .	Crest.
19293	Mackenzie, E. F. . . . .	Armorial.
19294	Mackenzie, E. Johannis Whiteford, Amigeri . . . . .	Seal Armorial.
19295	Mackenzie, I. Johannis Whiteford, Amigeri. (The last plate printed in colours.)	Seal Armorial.
19296	Mackenzie, I. Johannis Whiteford, Amigeri. (A different plate.)	Seal Armorial.
19297	Mackenzie, I. Johannis Whiteford, Amigeri. (A different plate.)	Seal Armorial.
19298	Mackenzie, Mylord Nicolas. (Nicolas, younger son of William, 5th Earl and 2nd Marquess of Seaforth, by his wife Mary, daughter and heir of Nicholas Kennett, of Coxhoe, co. Northumberland.) (Monet Feit.)	Jacobean Armorial.
19299	(Mackenzie, Nicolas) anonymous. (A smaller plate)	Armorial.
19300	Mackenzie, Stewart, of Seaforth . . . . .	Armorial supporters and coronet.
19301	Mackenzie, Stewart, of Seaforth. (A different plate)	Armorial supporters.
19302	Mackenzie, William, Esqr. . . . .	Crest.

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19303	Mackenzie, Wm., Esqr. . . . .	Chippendale Armorial supporters.
19304	Mackenzie, William, Esqr. of Cudzie . . . . .	(See Festoon Armorial. Crest in a garter)
19305	Mackenzie, W. D. . . . .	Crest in a garter.
19306	(Mackenzie), anonymous. (The 2nd plate of Stewart Mackenzie of Seaforth without inscription.)	Armorial supporters.
19307	(Mackenzie), anonymous . . . . .	Crest.
19308	(Mackenzie), anonymous or mutilated. (Arms. Mackenzie quartering Humberston, impaling Proby. This must be the plate of Francis Humberston Mackenzie, who married 1722 Mary, daughter of Baptist Proby, Dean of Idhfield, and was created Baron Seaforth 1797.)	Armorial space shield.
19309	(Mackenzie), anonymous. (A bookplate? Arms. Mackenzie impaling Halyburton.)	Jacobean Armorial.

The numbers are true from the list & the description or 'style' are also found in his exactly as set out above.

Baker under no. 19273 means that Sir A. W. Franks who bequeathed the collection of Bookplates to the British Museum found this plate in one of Baker's Albums and believed it to be by him.

The names after 19270 (Clement), 19280 (A. Johnston), 19281 (Warwick), 19298 (Monet) & others with names similar to these means that these are the names, and their names appear on those plates.

List of Mackenzies

1. J. W. Mackenzie
2. W. Mackenzie
3. Charles Mackenzie
4. K. F. Mackenzie
5. John Mackenzie
6. Alexander W. Mackenzie
7. Charles Mackenzie of Kilewy
8. J. H. Mackenzie
9. Johannis Whiteford Mackenzie
10. do
11. John W. Mackenzie Esq.
12. Crest - J. W.
13. Crest S. Coull Mackenzie
14. James Mackenzie
15. Rev. Charles Mackenzie
16. William Mackenzie Esq. of Puddie
17. Alex. Mackenzie
18. William Mackenzie Esq. 2 Crests
19. Geo. Kosbury Mackenzie
20. John Mackenzie Esq.
21. Col. J. Mackenzie
22. Lieut. General J. Mackenzie
23. Mylord Melbora. Mackenzie
24. do with small
25. Mackenzie of Fawley Court
26. Moral Mackenzie M.D.
27. Lewis Mackenzie

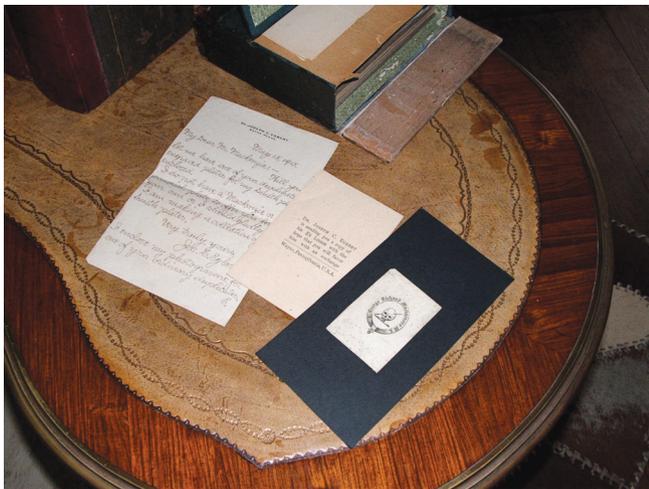
28. Sir James W. Mackenzie
29. Sir James Mackenzie
30. James Mackenzie of Winton
31. Mackenzie of Gilmorie
32. J. Mackenzie (shutoun)
33. James Hay Mackenzie
34. Alexander Mackenzie
35. General Mackenzie
36. Alex. Mackenzie Esq.
37. J. Mackenzie Esq.
38. George Mackenzie
39. Chas. Mackenzie
40. Stewart Mackenzie of Deepfoll
41. do
42. Mackenzie of Garthwood
43. Colin Mackenzie
44. Francis Napier Mackenzie
45. Simon Mackenzie
46. Alex. Muri Mackenzie
47. Francis John Montagu Stuart Mackenzie
48. Edward Mackenzie Stuart Mackenzie
49. R. M. T.
50. J. P. Mackenzie
51. James Mackenzie
52. J. P. Mackenzie
53. Robert Mackenzie
54. Geo. W. Russell Mackenzie
55. Frederick Mackenzie 1827
56. Stewart Mackenzie of Deepfoll

" Robert Hale, Armorial, crested, "Chippendale" design, Inscription "Robert Hale, Esq. of Beverly" the whole within an upright frame of plain lines, no date but engraved by N. And about 1770. An American Plate. Very rare. sold previous to 1896 for 6/- or \$1.44 "

J. H. Slater  
Book Plates and their Value



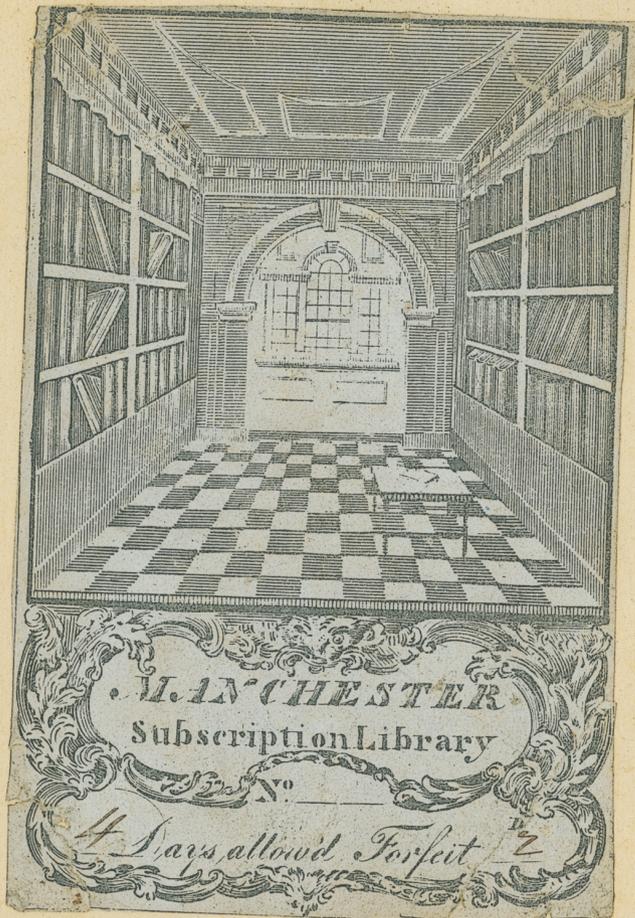
Now I'm working back through the plates and presentation cards putting them in sequence by their numbers. And finally, there are updated pencil annotations with price updates dating around 1900 before A.W. MacKenzie owned the collection, with these I'm scanning for a name or a giveaway. Will keep you posted!



December 12 2011 - My collections are varied, some have ceased and have been sold. Most I have started and built up over decades, this collection came to me in one huge hit and I have subsequently spent great chunks of time in pursuit of the bookplate basics and have continued to add to the collection both with bookplates themselves and more specifically with information on themes, engravers and the category in general. One's own stamp on valued printed items seems to me to be an essential element for sourcing and building a book collection. It is of particular interest to me to know that owners have usually swapped items over the past two hundred years but now the category is alive with interest and it has been interesting to see my friend Lew's Ebay business grow steadily over the past ten years. I'm waiting patiently to see a contemporary version published of declared values for these small collectables.

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no date engraved about 1780.

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