

Imprint No.: 1808.029

Short Title: The Virginian Orator.

Author: Birch, Thomas Erskine (1763-1821).

Title: The Virginian orator: being a variety of original and selected poems, orations and dramatic scenes, to improve the American youth in the ornamental and useful art of eloquence & gesture by Thomas E. Birch.

Place Issued: Richmond

Issuing Press: Samuel Pleasants

Description: 352 pgs.; 17 cm (12mo).

Notes: Birch was an English émigré, who fled Britain during the Revolutionary War, made his way to Virginia, and became a noted educator and Methodist minister in Wythe County; as text here notes, this publication was designed to advance school-children's oratorical skills.

Birch offered to publish a second part of his *Virginia Orator (The Republican Speaker)* in the Introduction here [p. iv], but four years later he was still promoting this work, indicating that additional work had failed to find sufficient support for publication.

IVP Associated Names: Samuel Pleasants (331); Thomas Erskine Birch (034)

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**Bibliographic Notations**

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