

Imprint No.: **1811.044**

Short Title: **Virginia Almanack for 1812 (John Somervell).**

Author: Bates, Benjamin (1769-1812).

Title: The Virginia Almanack, for the year of our Lord 1812: Being bissextile or leap-year, and the thirty-sixth of American Independence. Adapted to the latitude and meridian of Richmond. Calculated by Benjamin Bates, of Hanover County, Virginia.

Place Issued: Richmond

Issuing Press: Samuel Pleasants for John Somervell

Description: [36 pgs.]; 16 cm.

Notes: Imprint states: "Printed and sold by Samuel Pleasants, for John Somervell, Petersburg."

In 1804, Bates began publishing his calculations (or ephemerides) through Richmond printer Samuel Pleasants; in 1807, he joined in a joint publishing project with Pleasants's protégé Seaton Grantland that produced multiple variants of a single almanac for booksellers in all of Virginia's fall-line towns (Alexandria, Fredericksburg, Richmond, and Petersburg), along with a distinct Pleasants edition; their joint effort continued until Grantland relocated to Georgia in mid-1809. That multi-variant approach was restarted in the fall of 1811 (for 1812 edition) with Bates forging a new arrangement with Pleasants as both printer and seller in Richmond (1811.041), and with Robert Gray in Alexandria (1811.042), William F. Gray in Fredericksburg (1811.043), and John Somervell in Petersburg (this item) as the named booksellers.

The four variants of the *Virginia Almanack for 1812* are essentially typographically identical, as had been the preceding editions; the small variations in each are found in the changes to the title-page imprint that identifies that variant's retailer, and in differing advertisements for that retailer found on the last printed page [p. 36].

IVP Associated Names: Samuel Pleasants (331); John Somervell (394)

Bibliographic Notations

Early American Imprints?	Y	Series:	2	Title No.:	24346a
Evans, <i>American Bibliography</i> :	---	Norona/Shetler, <i>West Virginia</i> :	---		
Bristol, <i>Supplement to Evans</i> :	---	Swem, <i>Bibliography of Virginia</i> :	---		
Shipton/Mooney, <i>Imprints thru 1800</i> :	---				
Shaw/Shoemaker, <i>Checklist...1801-19</i> :	24346a	Drake, <i>Almanacs of the United States</i> :	13960		
Shoemaker, <i>Checklist...1820-29</i> :	---				
Hummel, <i>Southeastern Broadsides</i> :	---	Hummel, <i>Virginia Broadsides</i> :	---		
