

Imprint No.: 1814.025

Short Title: The Old Bachelor [1st edition].

Author: Wirt, William (1772-1834), et al.

Title: The Old bachelor.

Place Issued: Richmond

Issuing Press: Thomas Ritchie

Description: 236 pgs.; 19 cm. (8vo)

Notes: A series of thirty-three essays published in the *Richmond Enquirer* between December 1810 and January 1812; primary author was William Wirt, who gathered a group of like-minded friends to help produce this series, including Dabney Carr, Dr. Frank Carr, St. George Tucker, Richard E. Parker, Louis Hue Girardin, Daniel Watson, George Tucker, and possibly others; the popularity of the series is evinced by notices in the *Enquirer* during the two hiatuses in the series in spring and fall 1811 promising a return of the "Old Bachelor" in future issues.

Imprint states: "Printed at the Enquirer Press, Richmond, Virginia: for Thomas Ritchie & Fielding Lucas, 1814." Ritchie first advertised his intention to publish these collected essays at the start of the first hiatus in April 1811; but Wirt's professional commitments and the press of current events delayed its publication until January 1814, when Ritchie entered a copyright for this work; when the collection finally appeared, Ritchie had acquired a partner in the project in Baltimore bookseller Fielding Lucas, who Ritchie may have known from his days as a teacher in the Fredericksburg area, where Lucas was born and raised; the partners published two editions of this popular title in 1814 (this item & 1814.26); Lucas would issue a two-volume, octodecimo, third edition in Baltimore in 1818 (Shaw & Shoemaker 46838).

Shaw & Shoemaker recorded this item twice (32397 & 33708) but did not record the second edition; thus that subsequent imprint was not filmed by the Early American Imprints Series.

IVP Associated Names: Thomas Ritchie (360); Louis Hue Girardin (180)

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**Bibliographic Notations**

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Evans, <i>American Bibliography</i> :	---	Norona/Shetler, <i>West Virginia</i> :	---
Bristol, <i>Supplement to Evans</i> :	---	Swem, <i>Bibliography of Virginia</i> :	---
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Shaw/Shoemaker, <i>Checklist...1801-19</i> :	33708		---
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