

Imprint No.: **1808.065**

Short Title: **Virginia Planter's Almanac for 1809 (Gray).**

Author: Bates, Benjamin (1769-1812).

Title: The Virginia planter's almanac, for the year 1809; being the first after bissextile or leap year. Adapted to the latitude and meridian of Alexandria. Calculated by Benj'n. Bates. ...

Place Issued: Alexandria

Issuing Press: For Robert Gray by Seaton Grantland

Description: [36 pgs.]; 18 cm. (16mo).

Notes: This title is part of a joint publishing project that produced five variants of the Bates almanac for 1809, continuing an alliance begun the year before; Richmond job-printer Seaton Grantland was engaged by bookseller Robert Gray of Alexandria (this item & 1808.066), publisher John Dickson of Petersburg (1808.041) and booksellers Somervell & Conrad of Petersburg (1808.081), to print an almanac "published" by each business, as well as one for himself (1808.040). All five almanacs share a common thirty-six page sextodecimo core, with a ten page addenda added to the end of the two variants printed for Somervell & Conrad and for Grantland; the typography in the common core is essentially identical, except for publisher-specific text changes to the title and imprint on the title page, and for differing advertisements at the bottom of page 36 (in this item, that notice is for Robert Gray's book-store in Alexandria); the two forty-eight page editions carry an advertisement for the Somervell & Conrad bookstore on page 46, suggesting that the project was instigated by that Petersburg firm. The joint project appears to have been instigated by the competing almanacs of Peter Cottom and John A. Stewart, who regularly produced multiple variants of a common almanac to sell in their Alexandria and Fredericksburg bookstores, so dominating the Virginia almanac trade.

A sixth Bates almanac for 1809 was printed by Samuel Pleasants, the Richmond publisher formerly Grantland's master; while the text and tables are identical in content, Pleasants set his edition himself, and so that almanac varies in pagination, format, and length (1808.043).

IVP Associated Names: Seaton Grantland (186); Robert Gray (190)

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### Bibliographic Notations

Early American Imprints?	Y	Series:	2	Title No.:	50898
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> :	50898	Drake, <i>Almanacs of the United States</i> :	13939		
Shoemaker, <i>Checklist...1820-29</i> :	---		---		

Hummel, *Southeastern Broadsides*: ---

Hummel, *Virginia Broadsides*: ---

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