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CHRISTIE'S JUNE SALE OF FINE PRINTED BOOKS AND MANUSCRIPTS INCLUDING AMERICANA

New York – Christie's is pleased to present the June sale of *Fine Printed Books and Manuscripts Including Americana* on June 22, which includes a fantastic selection of rare books, children's illustrations, presidential letters, and the Apple-1, the first Apple computer. Featuring a unique array of notable works, the sale includes Further Selections from the Winston S. Churchill Collection of Malcolm S. Forbes, Jr. and Property from the Estate of William E. Self. Comprised of nearly 300 lots that cater to collectors of all interests and price points, the sale is expected to realize in excess of \$4 million.

The Children's Book Council is the national nonprofit association for children's trade book publishers. They have sponsored Children's Book Week, a national celebration of books and reading since 1919 and the country's longest-running literacy initiative. Every year since 1919, the Children's Book Council has commissioned a renowned illustrator to create an original piece of art to be used as the official poster for Children's Book Week. The Children's Book Council has selected eight of these pieces to offer at auction. These original pieces (lots 82-89) are being sold to benefit *Every Child a Reader*, a 501(c)(3) organization which seeks to create a positive social impact in communities and instill a life-long love of reading in children. Included in the children's books is an illustration by Ian Falconer of his iconic character *Olivia* (pictured right, estimate: \$10,000-15,000), an exciting addition to the sale, as Falconer material is rarely seen on the market. Also offered is a cheeky scene by Sandra Boynton, in which several of her animal characters encourage children to read with the phrase, "Get into Books" (pictured page 4, estimate: \$3,000-5,000).

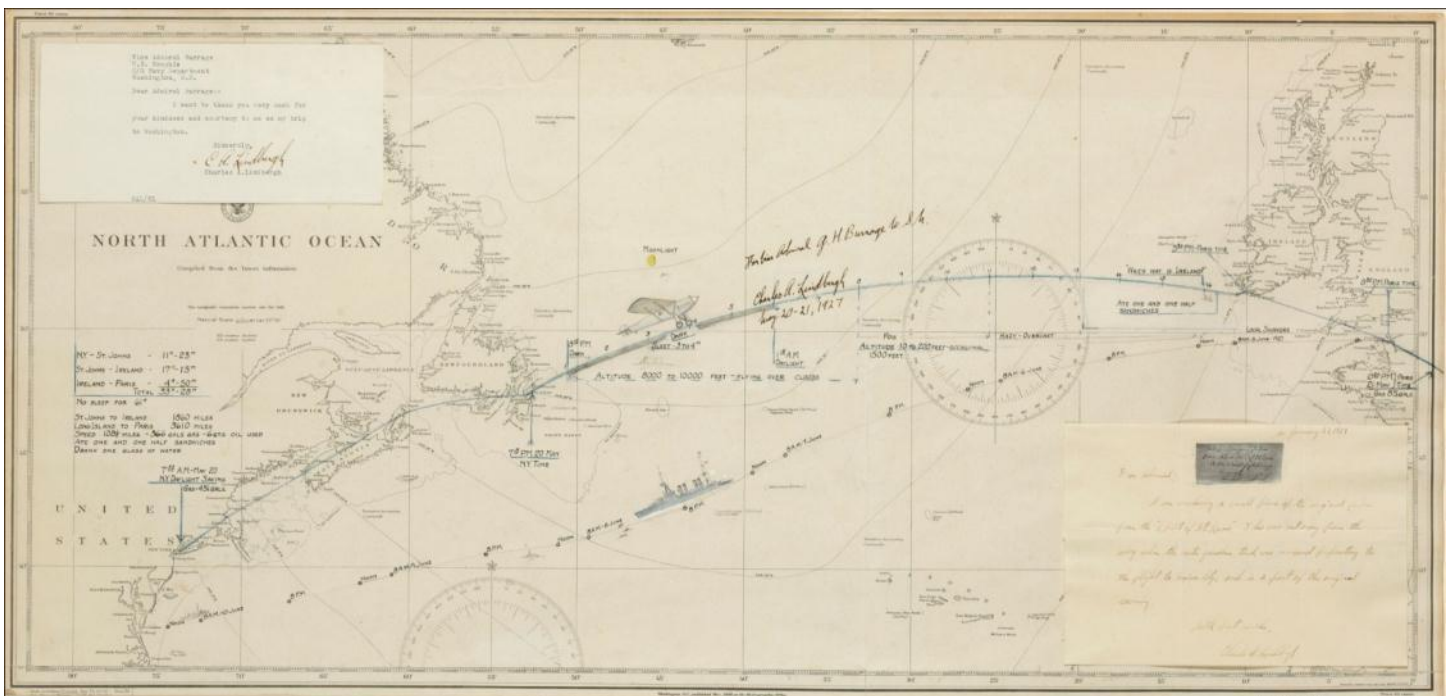
An Apple-1 motherboard included in the sale is a superb example of the first personal computer, which heralded the home computer revolution (\$100,000-150,000). Introduced in July 1976, with a retail price of \$666.66, the Apple-1 computers were produced in Steve Jobs' parents' garage until October 1977, after approximately 200 units were produced.



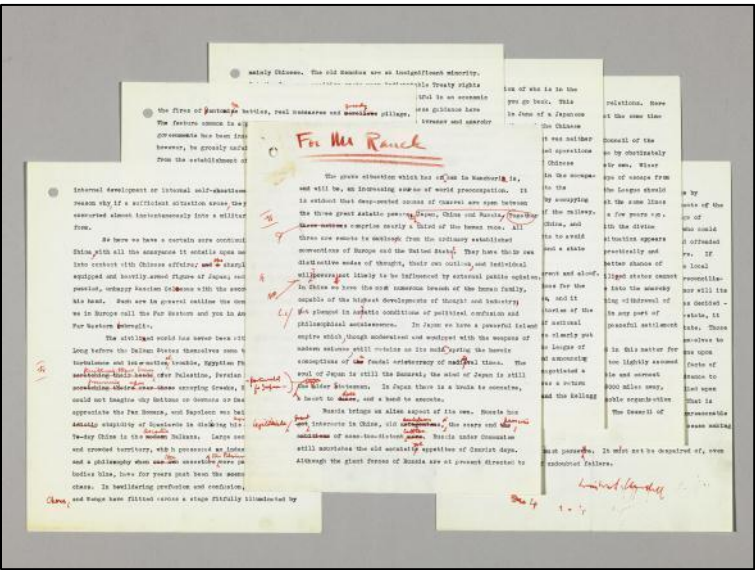
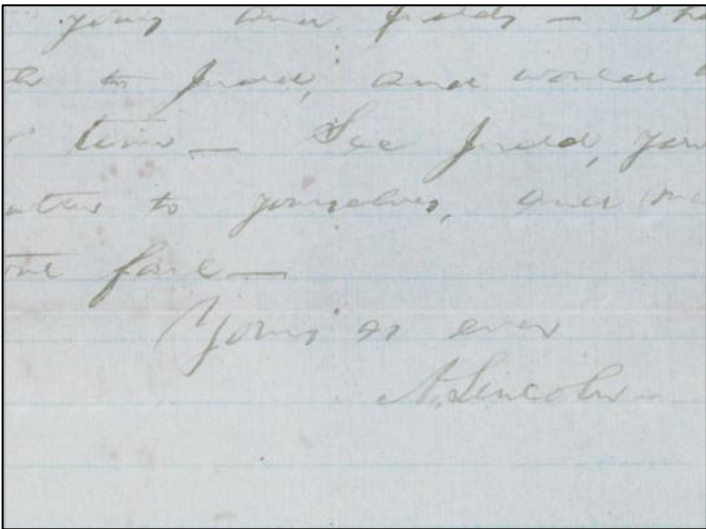
An extensive and fascinating archive of legal documents relating to Thomas Jefferson's lawsuit against the Rivanna Company is the largest Jefferson manuscript – 72 pages in length – ever to be offered at auction (estimate: \$250,000-400,000). Included are a Bill of Complaint addressed to Judge John Brown of the Superior Court of Chancery at Staunton, VA, six transcriptions of court documents, and a draft legislative bill, regarding the Rivanna Co.

A first edition of the Nuremberg Chronicle with contemporary coloring also highlights the sale (pictured right, estimate: \$250,000-350,000). Compiled by the physician Hartmann Schedel, this biblical history of the world is the most extensively illustrated book of the 15th century, featuring over 1,800 woodcuts. Planned simultaneously with the Latin edition, the German edition was completed about 5 months later.

Charles Lindbergh's large annotated map of the North Atlantic Ocean is a remarkably visual narrative of Lindbergh's solo flight (pictured below, estimate: \$80,000-120,000). The map was executed during his return journey to the United States and portrays the flight path of *The Spirit of Saint Louis*. Also included with the lot is a piece of the fabric from the aircraft with the inscription, *Part of the original fabric from the Spirit of St. Louis. To Rear Admiral Guy H. Burrage. Sincerely Charles A. Lindbergh.*



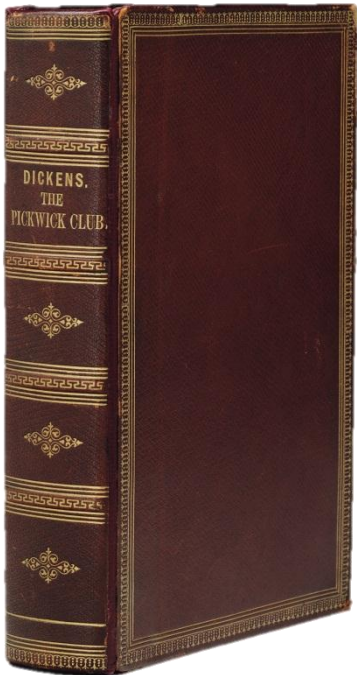
Also offered is a letter from Abraham Lincoln to Ebenezer Peck in which he discusses his strategy for what has since become the most famous political dispute in American history, the seven Lincoln-Douglas debates of 1858 (detail pictured right, estimate: \$40,000-60,000). In the letter, Lincoln requests to urgently meet with his adviser and rethink his debate strategy, stating, “Douglas is propounding questions at me, which perhaps it is not safe to wholly disregard.” Though Lincoln did not win the Senate election of that year, it is argued that the Lincoln-Douglas debates eventually led to his election to the Presidency two years later in 1860.



Further Selections from the Winston S. Churchill Collection of Malcolm S. Forbes, Jr. will also be offered in the sale. Arguably, the most important and comprehensive private collection of letters and books related to Winston Churchill ever assembled, the collection presents an insight into the mind and methods of one of the greatest statesmen of the 20th century. Highlights from the collection include a seven-page draft typescript, circa 1931, in which Churchill speaks to tensions between Russia, Japan, and China (pictured left, estimate: \$4,000-6,000) and a thirteen-page draft typescript, entitled “The Economic Collapse of Europe” (estimate: \$6,000-

8,000). This document, which is extensively corrected in Churchill’s hand, was written the night before a major international conference in London on War debts. He writes, “Germany...has been trying to establish a splendid scientific capitalist civilization...now the very ground trembles beneath them.”

Property from the Estate of William E. Self represents forty-two lots of the sale. A Hollywood actor turned producer, Mr. Self’s passion for rare books was ignited in the 1970s and over the next forty years he formed one of the most important collections of English and American literature in private hands. Highlights include a first edition of *Sketches by Boz*, Charles Dickens’ first work to appear in book form, inscribed by the author in the month of publication (estimate: \$70,000-90,000) and a remarkable presentation copy of *The Posthumous Papers of the Pickwick Club*, inscribed by Dickens to Hans Christian Andersen, linking two of the greatest international literary figures of the 19th century (pictured right, estimate: \$120,000-180,000).



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