

Annotated Bibliography  
of  
Builders' Rule Books  
Published in  
America

Note: Content for this bibliography was originally developed in the 1970s. This version of the bibliography incorporates some preliminary edits to update information on the archives involved and the location of some of the rule books. HPEF intends to continue to update the information contained in the bibliography over time. If you have corrections or information to add to the bibliography, please contact: [info@hpef.us](mailto:info@hpef.us)

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1. Most titles of the price books are entirely capitalized in the original. I have based my interpretations on a sympathetic reading and a desire for clarity.

2. Most titles include a street address after the name of the printer or publisher. These have been omitted.

3. Most titles of price books omit state names. Where the town or city is potentially obscure, I have indicated the state in brackets, in abbreviated form.

4. The body of each abstract follows the headings in the corresponding rule book as closely as possible, (and practical). Parentheses indicate a sub-heading, a particularly interesting detail, or a correct spelling where the original is incomprehensible.

5. All original spellings have been retained.

6. Numbers from the Evans and Shoemaker bibliographies are included. The Library of Congress and the Boston Public Library have the full Evans microprint series. Further, the Library of Congress has the Shoemaker microprint series through 1813 and the

Boston Public Library has the series through 1814. Both plan to acquire the rest of the series in the near future. Boston Public Library has the equipment to make xerox copies from microprint. Library of Congress does not. If a book is in either of these series, I give the Evans or Shoemaker number and do not list libraries where the microprint is available, as it would be repetitive.

7. It may be helpful to note that Henry - Russell Hitchcock includes only William Pain, William Norman, John Haviland and J. Wilson in American Architectural Books as containing price books. After the Wilson entry, Hitchcock says, "Most other price books of this order have been omitted ... "

8. There were probably some price books published after 1872. But I feel that with our last entry, we are already leaning towards the modern estimation guides, as opposed to price books in the strict sense. Therefore, I did not search for later entries, beyond a check of the Library of Congress shelves.

9. It should be noted that general access to CCCCCP items is not available.

Copies of rule book list to the following:

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10-1/2 Beacon St.  
Boston, MA

The Carpenters Rules of Work in the Town of Boston. Boston: Printed by Mills and Hicks, 1774. 10 pages.

Carpenters Rules, &c. (prices handwritten; English currency) includes brick house floors, sides, and end; brick and wooden house fronts; brick house roofs; wooden house frames; window frames; sashes; rough boarding and rough floors; clapboarding; shingling and fascia boards; water tables and corner boards; weather hoards on houses; trunks and gutters; casing coveing; pediments over luthern winnows; tarras (turrets); pediments over doors; capping windows; penthouses; shop windows; outside door cases; outside cellar doors; rough partition and ceiling; inside door cases; stone mouldings and architrave; stairs; cornishing (corniceing); casing timber; planed partition; casing windows; window shutters; wainscot of all sorts; seats in windows; quarter round doors; casing chimney; lining closets and shelves; floors of all sorts, and mopboards; cellar floors; large gates; fencing; ceiling silling old houses.

The OAHP Library copy has the notation "Nath(1) Calls Book" and the signature "July 1774 John Champney Clark."

Not in Evans

American Antiquarian Society Library  
TPS (OAHP) Library - xerox copy (courtesy OW Carroll)

Peterson, Charles E. ed. The Carpenters' Company of the City and County of Philadelphia, 1786 Rule Book. Princeton, NJ: The Pyne Press, 1971.

Editor's introduction and notes; membership list of the Company; articles of the Carpenters' Company; introduction to Rule Book; plates; index

Rules for Measuring and Valuing House-Carpenters' Work (prices handwritten; English currency) includes framing; roofing; lathing and shingling; dormer windows; door frames; window frames; casings; weatherboardings; floors; partitions ; shutters; inside shutters; sashes (including Gothic); show windows; circular show windows; wainscot; doors; pannel doors; jambs; ladders; stairs; ceiling; shelves; skirting; fascias and cornices; pediments; tabernacle frames; balconies; mantles; architraves; latticed work; Chinese railing; cellar doors; lintels; porches; gutters; trunks; capping walls; fences; capping fences; pallisade fences; gates; centers; racks; mangers; stalls; cisterns for breweries, sugar-houses and distilleries; pulpits; columns and pilasters: (pp. 1-44).

The original edition of this rule book is listed as Evans #44867

AIA Library

Carpenters' Company – original edition

Library of Congress (TH 5608.C25 1971a)

OAHP Library

Smithsonian Institution - Library of History and Technology

[Norman, John.] The Town and Country Builder's Assistant... Explaining Short and Easy Rules... for Drawing and Working the Five Orders of Columns Entire: or Any Part of an Order, without regard to the Module or Diameter. And to Enrich Them with Their Rusticks, Flutings, Cablings, Dentules, Modillions, &c. Also to Proportion Their Doors, Windows, Intercolumnations, Porticos, and Arcades. Together with a Variety of Raking, Circular, Scrolled, Compound and Contracted Pediments... Boston: Engraved, Printed and Sold by J. Norman, [1786.]

Page 14 closely follows Boston, 1774. Prices of Carpenter Work, in the Town of Boston (prices printed; English currency) includes framing brick house floors and fronts for shop windows; framing wood houses; making sash; rough boarding and floors; laying clapboard; laying shingles on pitched roofs; water tables and corner boards; weatherboards; trunks and gutters; luthern windows; tarras (including rails, ballisters in Chinese work); pediments over doors; capping windows; pent-houses over shop windows; outside door cases and cellar doors; inside door cases; stairs; cornishing (cornice); window caseings and shutters; wainscot; window seats; quarter round doors; caseing chimnies; lining closets and shelves; floors of all sorts and mop-boards; cellar floors; large gates; fencing; ceiling old houses.

Evans #20027

Beinecke Library, Yale University

Boston Public Library, Rare Book Collection

TPS (OAHP) Library – Xerox copy (from Beinecke Library, Yale University)

Rules and Regulations, formed by the United Society of House-Carpenters and Joiners of the Towns of Lansingburg and Troy, for the good government of themselves, and the benefit of their employers. Lansingburgh NY, 19th June, 1790. Broadside; constitution.

Estimation of Carpenters and House-Joiners Work, They finding themselves, but the materials to be found them (prices printed; English currency) includes sashes; door-frames; window-frames; doors; windows; laying floors; framing all frames; common siding; architraves; architraves with jamb casings; cornishing (corniceing); corner hoards; water-tables; flue boards; partition; wash-board; surbase; wainscoting.

Evans #46014

TPS (OAHP) Library - xerox copy

New York State Library

[The Rules of Work of the Carpenters' Society of Baltimore. Baltimore:  
Goddard & Angell, 1791.]

No copy originally located.

Not in Evans.

Museum & Library of Maryland History

\*their copy has been vandalized and all pages have been “cut out” and are missing

The Price Book...of Sundry Carpenters Work. Baltimore; Graham, 1792.

Evans' Bibliography notes, “ ("Now in the press." Baltimore Daily Repository, March 6, 1792.)"

No copy located.

Evans #24064

The Carpenter's Rules of Work, for the Town of Boston. [Boston, 1794].

No copy located

Evans #26685

Additional Rules, &c. Carpenters Society of Baltimore. [Baltimore, 1795.]  
19 pages; handwritten notations.

Additional Rules, &c. (prices handwritten; English currency) includes  
open newel stairs; geometrical stairs; elliptical stairs; cornice; architraves;  
pilasters; grounds for chimney pieces; pediments; columns; grounds;  
soffit; doors; inside shutters; sashes; Venetian shutters; framing of girders  
and floors of joist; shingling; counter flooring; of houses; furring walls;  
plank floors; partitions; large door frames; floors, seats and risers to  
necessary houses; fenceing.

Evans #47372

The Carpenters' Rules of Work, in the Town of Boston. Boston: Printed for William P. Blake, at the Boston Bookstore, 1795. 23 pages; "advertisement" explaining that prices are little altered from 1774 but there are "great additions of work" and also that the prices will rise and fall with the times; index.

The Carpenters' Rules of work (prices printed; English currency) includes general headings similar to those contained in the 1774 edition with some changes in terminology and spelling. Weather boards on houses included in weather boards and saddle boards. Casing coveing reads casing covings. Pediments over luthern windows reads pediments over lutherns and windows. Tarras reads turrets. Pediments over doors included in frontispieces (Doric, Corinthian, Tuscan, plain). Rough partition and ceiling reads rough partition and rough ceiling. No mention of stone architraves. Cornishing reads corniceing in rooms. Seats in windows included in casing seats in windows and windows hroak in. Casing chimney included in casing chimnies anri shelves on hreast. Lining closets and shelves included in lining rooms, closets and shelves. Ceiling old houses reads silling old houses.

Evans #28318

The Boston Athenaeum Library  
Library of Congress - Rare Rook Collection (TH 5603.C3)  
Massachusetts Historical Society  
OAHP Library - xerox copy (courtesy OW Carroll)

Constitution of the Carpenter's Society of Carlisle. Carlisle (PA): Printed by George Kline, 1795. 23 pages; constitution, including membership list; regulations on prices relative to employer's costs for boarding workers, and prices for measuring and piece work.

Bill of Prices, Agreed upon by the Carpenter's Society of Carlisle, and Cumberland County, on the 26th day of April, 1795 (prices printed; US currency) includes framing joists and houses; door and window frames; wall plates, lintels and discharging pieces; cornice; shingling; spouts; dormant windows; flooring; partition; doors and shutters; wainscoting; surbase and washboard; stairs; architraves; sashes; jam casing; cupboards; hanging door and shutters; pilasters; pediments for doors and windows (Tuscan, all others); fences; barn and stable floors; coffins and bedsteads; scafling: (pp. 16-24).

Evans #28393

TPS (OAHP) Library - xerox copy (from microprint, Boston Public Library)

American Antiquarian Society Library - xerox copy

Additional Rules &c. [of the Carpenters Company of the City and County of Philadelphia. Philadelphia: Samuel Harrison Smith ?, 1795.]

Copy not available for abstracting.

Not in Evans.

Carpenters Company

The Journeymen Cabinet and Chair-Makers Philadelphia Book of Prices.  
Second edition, corrected and enlarged. Philadelphia: Printed by Ormrod and Conrad,  
1795.

This should be included in the list for two reasons. One, several price books have the word cabinet maker in the title and include price information for various furnishings. Two, many price books that do not include cabinet maker in the title have prices for shelves, cupboards, store counters, etc.

OW Carroll discovered this entry on microprint at the Boston Public Library, which means it is probably in Evans and the microprint is also available at Library of Congress. If not, Orville Carroll should be contacted for the source. An excerpt from this price book is in the miscellaneous notes section of the rule book file.

Not in Evans

From Boston Public Library - Aug. '77

The Prices of Carpenters' Work, Stipulated by the Carpenters' Association, as a Standard for Baltimore Town. [Baltimore, 1796?.]

No copy originally located.

Not in Evans.

NOTE: Information from Louise Hall, B-41-2

American Antiquarian Society

At a general Meeting of the House-Joiners and Cabinet-Makers in the County of Hampshire, held at Hatfield, on the second day of March, 1796, --- when they agreed on the following prises or Work, viz.---- [ ,Mass.?], 1796. Broadside.

Prices for cabinet work (prices printed; US currency) includes desks; bookcases; cases with drawers; clock case; tables; candle stand; bedsteads; cradle; coffins; sleighs. Per diem calculations for carpentry work begins with an explanatory paragraph: "The following estimate, shewing how much of the various kinds of Work, herein mentioned, is a Day's Work; was agreed to as a rule to calculate Work by the Job, which may be a great benefit to Workmen and Employers, more particularly to Young Workmen who are liable to be deceived) to the great damage of themselves and other Workmen." Includes per diem calculations for building stages; boarding and shingling roofs; gutter; saddle boards; fascia; shingling around chimneys; putting up solid window frames; boarding sides; chamfer; shot and rabbit; covings (plain, Tuscan, Dorick, Ionick); Venecian windows (plain, Tuscan, Ionick); floors; rough partitons; mopboards; hass and sub-bass (Tuscan, Doric, Ionick); plain dado; casing of inside doors; doors; stairs; wainscot; sashes.

Abstracted from Evans #30547. The Evans' entry cites "Butler" as the printer of this broadside, but the microprint copy does not list a printer. In "Artificer to Architect in America" (unpublished Ph.D dissertation, Harvard University, 1954), p. B-43, Louise Hall states that there is a similar broadside to the "Butler edition," also published in 1796, the printer of which is unknown. Further, Louise Hall maintains that a copy of the "Butler edition" has not been located. This inconsistency is not understood.

Baker Library, Harvard University

Jones Library

TPS (OAHP) Library – Xerox copy (from microprint, Boston Public Library)

Rules for House-Carpenters work, in the Town of Providence. Printed at Providence (Rhode Island) by Carter and Wilkinson, 1796. 32 pages; introductory note; note on method of measuring work; index.

Rules, &c. (prices printed; US currency) includes framing of all sorts; planking of houses; boarding roofs; jets of all sorts; weather boards; Corinthian jet; ionic jet; Doric jet; shingling; water-courses on roofs; dormers; scuttles on roofs; corner-boards; window-frames; boxing window frames; Venetian window-frames; sashes; putting up window-frames; capping windows; casing doors; clapboarding; door frontices (Tuscan order); Doric order; Ionic order; Corinthian order; composite order; outside doors; shop windows and doors, pent-houses; boarding warehouse; warehouse doors; store cornice; outside window-shades; Venetian shades inside; ballustrade on roofs; Tuscan portico; Doric portico; Ionic portico; Corinthian portico; composite portico; fences of different sorts; inside doors; door-ways; casing brick walls; inside partitions; levelling joist; floors of all sorts; window casings; plain brick window-casings; shop-window and door-casings; Venetian window-casing, Ionic order; hanging windows; parting slips; sash fastenings; inside window-shutters; casing fire-place; frontispieces for chimnies; inside door frontices, Ionic order; Corinthian order; composite order; corniceing rooms; casing posts; casing girths and summers; grooved ceiling; wainscot work; shelves in closets; shop shelves; sinks; boxing rooms; lining brick walls; stairs; arches in entries; mop-board; buffets; dadoes; base for dadoes; subbase for dadoes; locks and latches.

Evans #31062

Kress Library, Harvard University  
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Henry E. Huntington Library and Art (19189)

The Practical House Carpenter; or Youth's Instructor; containing a Great Variety of Useful Designs in Carpentry and Architecture; as Centering for Groins, Niches, &c. Examples for Roofs, Sky Lights, &c. The Five Orders Laid Down by a New Scale. Mouldings, &c. at large, with Their Enrichments. Plans, Elevations and Sections of Houses for Town and Country, Lodges, Hot-Houses, Green-Houses, Stables, &c. Designs for a Church, with Plan, Elevation and Two Sections; an Altar-Piece, and Pulpit. Designs for Chimney-Pieces, Shop-Fronts, Door Cases. Section of a Dining Room and Library. Variety of Stair Cases, with Many Important Articles and Useful Embellishments. To which is added A List of the Price of Carpenters' Work. The Whole Illustrated, and Made Perfectly Easy, by 148 Copper Plates, with Explanations to Each, by William Pain. Author of The Practical Builder, and British Palladio. The First American from the Fifth London Edition, with Additions. Boston: Printed and Sold by William Norman, 1796.

The price book contained in this work is the 1795 edition of The Carpenters' Rules of Work, in the Town of Boston. The Library of Congress' copy (microprint) is incomplete, containing some of the plates and explanations and part of the rule book (shop windows and double doors through silling old houses). The American Antiquarian Society lists the Pain work in its card catalogue with no mention of the rule book being incomplete.

Evans #30940

American Antiquarian Society  
Boston Public Library  
John Carter Brown Library, Brown University  
Massachusetts Historical Society - imperfect, lacks 32 plates  
Metropolitan Museum of Art – Print Division  
Rhode Island School of Design Library  
Metropolitan Museum of Art - Print Division

Philadelphia Cabinet and Chair Makers. The Philadelphia Cabinet & Chair Makers' Book of Prices. Instituted March 4, 1796. Philadelphia; Richard Folwell, 1796. 28 pages.

Evans #30999

No Copy Located.

[Regulations Ascertaining the Work and Wages of the House-Joiners and Cabinet Makers in the County of Hampshire (Hatfield, Mass.), Rutland, Vt.: Fay, 1797]

Evans' Bibliography notes, "(Adv. Rutland Herald, Oct. 2, 1797.)"

No copy located.

Evans #32237

The Practical House Carpenter's Directory: Containing, a General List of Prices for Labour; Arranged in Alphabetical Order, and Interspersed with Useful and Important Notes. West-Chester [Pa.]: Printed for the Proprietors, by Derrick & Sharpless, 1797.

Chester County Historical Society

Extracts of this rule book included in "Historical Notes" by Bart Anderson in a catalogue for an HABS exhibition, Early Architecture of Chester County Pennsylvania, Swarthmore College, May 18-June 7, 1960. Xerox copy in OAHF price book file.

Bill of Rates of Carpenter and House-Joiner Work, Settled and Agreed on, by the Subscribers, Chambersburg, April 13th, 1790. To Which is Affixed an Appendix, by Other Subscribers, Chambersburg, December, 1799. Chambersburg [Pa.]: Printed by Robert Harper, 1799. 13 pages; 1790 and 1799 membership lists; rules of measurement, 1799; 1790 note that "It is agreed on that twenty per cent. be added to the above bill for boarding."; 1799 note "To Boarding, charge from twenty to thirty per cent. as the price of grain may be."

Bill of Rates, &c. (prices printed; English currency) includes joises (joist); framing rafters; lathing; door-frames; window-frames; cornice; boxing eaves; eve spouts; barge-boards; window shutters; doors; wainscoting; cupboards and shelves; architrave; surbase and wash-board; jamb-casing; sash-casing; sash; window boards; pilasters; frontispieces; Doric order; flooring; cealing; lining walls; bracket stairs; string-boorg stairs; common plain winding stairs; fire kirbs; weather boarding; cutting out door and windows and pinning in frames, log houses; tabernacle frames; short porch; shop shelves, drawers and counter. Appendix begins with note, "Experience has discovered, that the foregoing Bill of Rates is deficient in two respects. First, the manner of measuring of sundry pieces of work that are inserted, is not thereto annexed: and secondly, that many pieces of Work are entirely omitted, to supply which, this Appendix is intended, by the subscribers." Prices of Work omitted in the foregoing Bill of Rates (prices printed; English currency) includes entries which expand on many of the items in the Bill of Rates proper, and framing chimney pieces; dorment windows; columns (Tuscan, Dorick); entablature; lattice work; Chinese work; lintels; framing barns, and small and large houses; racks and mangers.

Evans #35292  
OAHP Library

The Rules of Work, of the Carpenters, in the Town of Boston. Formed and most accurately corrected by a large number of the first workmen of the town. Published agreeably to Act of Congress. Boston: Printed for the Proprietors, 1800. 30 pages; introduction; membership list of the committee, signed by the secretary, Thos. Stutson; index.

The Rules of Work, of the Carpenters (prices printed; US currency) includes framing floors of all kinds; framing sides and ends; small framing; framing roofs; framing middles; rough boarding; window frames of all kinds; window caps outside; sashes of all kinds, and hanging dit.; clapboarding; butting and scribing; shingling crippels, gutter boards and weather boards; fascia under eaves; water tables, corner boards and saddle boards; rustic corners, fronts, plain sheathing and belts; trunks and gutters; casing coveing, and cornices of all kinds (Tuscan, Doric, Corinthian, Gothic); outside pedestals, and pilasters; luthern windows; turrets; frontispieces, and porticos of all kinds (Tuscan, Doric, Ionic, Corinthian); outside door cases for brick walls; outside cellar doors; rough partitions, rough ceilings., and rough furrings; inside door cases; casing outside doors; double doors and shutters, with boards planed to a thickness; casing windows; casing timber; planed partitions, battened doors, and shutters; architraves and mouldings; inside door caps (Tuscan, Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, composite); inside window shutters; fastenings; stairs of all kinds; wainscoting, dadoing rooms and stairs; finishing windows, inside; doors of all kinds; chimney pieces, casing, &c.; linings in rooms and closets, with their mouldings; floors of all kinds; mop boards; fences, posts, gates, &c.; blinds; cants on walls.

The Library of Congress copy was originally owned by Wm. Sharrell. It contains several pages of hand written notations. One page (dated August 12, 1829) dealing with general fees for painting; plastering; digging; cellar stone; ashler; brick work; slating; carpentry. Two handwritten pages (no date) of Rules for Measuring Painter's work unanimously adopted by The Painters of Boston. Includes fees for modillions; dentals; mopboards; cornices; capitals; fluted and pannel work with mahogany; edges on shelves. One handwritten page (dated Jan. 29, 1829) of Rules for Measuring Slating adopted by the Slaters of Boston.

The Boston Public Library Rare Book Room copy was originally owned by Peres Loring. It contains sixteen pages of handwritten notations including Prices of Painting and Rules of Measurement for painters of Boston, 1815; Slater's Rules of Measurement (no date); additional information on Cisterns, blinds, stairs, etc.

The rule book was presented in an incomplete and inaccurate form in Old Time New England (Winter 1955): 78-82, published by the Society for the Preservation Of New England Antiquities.

Evans #38430

Boston, 1800 (continued)

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Massachusetts Historical Society

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Rhode Island School of Design Library

Widener Library, Harvard College

NOTE: see memorandum, note 8

House Carpenters' Book of Prices, and Rules, for Measuring and Valuing All Their Different Kinds of Work. Philadelphia: Printed by R. Fowell, 1801.  
36 pages; introduction on measuring; index.

Prices of Work (prices printed; English currency) includes joist and framing floors; girders; roofs; shingling; dormer windows; ridge dormers; door frames; window frames; inside door frames; casings; weather boarding; floors; partitions; doors; pannel doors; shutters; Venetian shutters; inside shutters; sashes (including Gothick); show windows; circular show windows; wainscot (including ladders); stairs; shelves; skirting; cornice; architraves (including boufets with plaistered shells); pediments; level cornice; mantles; tabernacle frames; flats; balconies; lattice work lintles; cellar doors; porches; gutters; trunks; capping walls; fences; capping fences; pallisade fences (including a diagram of a type); gates in walls; gates for pastures; centers; racks; cisterns for breweries, sugarhouses and distilleries; pilasters and columns (Tuscan, Doric, Ionic); Corinthian pilaster; composite: additional prices - stairs (open newel, stairs with continued rails, geometrical stairs, elliptical stairs); pilasters plain to outside doors; elliptical arches; doors and frames to dressers (including cock heads or flat pannels); bisection sashes (including fan sashes); Venetian shutters; arch'd dormer windows; outside cornice to semicircles and octagons; outside Covelian cornice; Corinthian cornice; plank floors; store door frames; necessary houses, floors, seats and risers; fencing; capping brick walls; stables finished with columns and arches (including racks, mangers and stalls); cellar doors; counters in stores and shops.

This edition borrows heavily from the 1786 edition of the CCCC rule book.  
Several general headings have been added.

Shoemaker #679

Historical Society of Philadelphia

Library Company of Philadelphia (No. 82188)

Library of Congress - Rare Book Collection (TH 5614.H85)

OAHP Library – Xerox copy (from the Library of Congress)

The New-York book of prices for Cabinet & Chair work. Agreed upon by the Employers. September, 1802. New-York: Southwick and Crooker, 1802?

New York Publick Library  
Shoemaker #30999

House Carpenters' Book of Prices, Made and Adopted by the Company of Master Builders for the City and County of New York: with Rules for Measuring and Valuing All Their Different Kinds of Work. New-York: Printed by Isaac Collins and Son, 1802. 79 pages; introduction; membership list; "explanations" notes that "Drawing designs, making out bills of scantling, collecting materials, and sticking up stuff, are to be charges by the carpenter in proportion to the troubles" and some rules for measuring; index.

Prices of Work (no prices; prices are to be calculated in terms of labour and materials and labour only) includes lintels, blocks, and bond timber, &c.; sleepers in kitchen or cellar floors; timber in frame buildings; timbers in brick buildings; girders; roofs (including valley gutters); scuttles on slate roofs; sound boarding; firing walls; door jambs; shop window shutters; outside window shutters; inside shutters; backs, elbows and soffits; doors; door frames; window frames; sashes fitted and hung; sashes in circular sky-lights; show windows; shelves; floors; architraves; mouldings wrought with planes; corner casings; skirting; surbase; cornice; door caps; chimney pieces; fluting with fillets; pilasters or columns (Tuscan, Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, composite); Venetian shutters; wainscot; shingling; privies; dormer windows (including ridge dormers, arch dormers); weather hoarding; cieling piazzas; partitions; railing on roofs; piazza railing; leaders; fencing; palisade fence; gates in walls, &c.; cellar doors (including cellar steps); stoops; stalls for stables (including racks, mangers); centres (including well curbs); cisterns (for breweries, sugar houses, distilleries, also including hatters planks); ladders; stairs (inclosed, step open one end, open newel stairs, geometrical stairs, elliptical stairs); railing to stairs; bannisters to stairs; skirting on stairs; frontice pieces; columns; pilasters in entries; arches across entries, &c.; shelving stores; counters; drawers.

Library Company of Philadelphia (no. 82058)  
OAHPL Library - xerox copy (from Library Co.)

The Builders Easy Guide; or Young Carpenter's Assistant: Containing a Great Variety of Useful Designs in Carpentry and Architecture; as, the Proportioning of the Five Orders, Mouldings, &c. at large, with Their Enrichments; Plans and Elevations for Houses, for Town and Country; Designs for Chimney Pieces, Shop-Fronts, Door-Cases, Staircases, &c; Design for a Church with Plan and Elevation; Design for a Pulpit, Bridge, &c., &c; with Many Other Important Articles and Useful Embellishments. Compiled from the Latest and Approved European Publications. To which is added a List of the Price of Carpenter's Work in the Town of Boston... Boston: Printed and Sold by William Norman, 1803.

8 pages., 48 plates

No copy which includes price list has been located.

Shoemaker #3902

The Rules of Work, of the Housewrights, in the Town of Salem. Formed and accurately corrected by a Committee Chosen for that Purpose. Salem (Ma.): Printed By Joshua Cushing for the Proprietors, 1804. 40 pages; introduction; membership list of the committee; table of contents.

Prices (prices printed; US currency) includes the same items and the same prices as noted in Boston, 1800.

Shoemaker #6506

American Antiquarian Society Library

Essex Institute

Library of Congress - Rare Book Collection (HD 4966. B8U66)

OAHF Library - xerox copy - incomplete (courtesy OW Carroll)

Yale University Library

Evans, John. The Builder's Universal Price Rook; Containing a Correct List of Prices to the Works of the Several Artificers Concerned in Building, In Dollars and Cents: With Observations on Erecting Sound and Permanent Buildings. Washington: Printed for the author, 1804. 43 pages ; "advertisement;" not on commission on measurement; observations on erecting sound and permanent buildings; note on use of patent tinned copper for gutters and flat roofs; all prices printed.

Brickmakers Prices includes digging; tempering; wheeling; moulding the clay; off bearing bricks; setting of same in the kiln; labor in burning; three-eighths of a cord of wood for burning; sand; use and wear of tools and plank; casualties in the weather bad burning, and sundry incidents; extra labor in making, &c. of stock-bricks; picking and assorting them out. Bricklayers Prices includes digging foundations and laying foundation stone; bricks laid in walls; bricks laid in turning arches to vaults, drains and ovens, &c.; pointing; oiling and penciling brickwork; splays; cutting to fire walls and stone arches; bedding and jointing sash frames, and fills; turning trimmers; laying hearths; cornice; arches; groins niches; paving rubbed and gauged arches; elliptical arches; Venetian arches; bodies and heads of semicircular niches, Masons' Prices includes plain work; moulded work; sunk work; grooving or rabbeting; bead and quirk; fluting; ashlar; fascia and strings; window sills; arches; architraves; steps; platforms; impost; kirbs; coping; chimney pieces, slabs and hearths; cellar door cheeks and sills; base and caps; pilasters. Slaters' Prices includes dressing and sorting slates; lathing, pinning, slating, and pointing. Note that "Mr. Wyatt, an architect of the first eminence, directs slating to be screwed on." Carpenters' Work includes naked floors; partitions; roofs (including wood bricks, bond timber, lintels, discharging pieces, wall plates); centering; framed buildings (including back building, stables, dwelling-houses, warehouses); dormer windows; outside cornices; inside cornices; floors; stairs with circular winders, elliptical stairs); door frames; window frames; sashes; casings; small mouldings; base and surbase; frontispiece (plain, Tuscan, Doric, Ionic); shutters; doors; mantles; wainscot, shelves, dressers and linings; cellar doors; flat roofing; balconies; porches; gutters; trunks lattice-work; Chinese work; palisade fencing; board fencing; capping walls; gates; Venetian shutters; racks and mangers; counters; drawers; kirbs for wells: (pp. 15-39).

Shoemaker 6263

American Antiquarian Society  
Kress Library, Harvard University  
Library of Congress - Rare Book Collection (TH 434.E92)  
OAHPL Library – Xerox copy (from Library of Congress)

The Rules of the Housewrights in the Town of Beverly. Formed and Accurately  
Corrected by a Committee Chosen for that Purpose. Salem: Printed by Joshua Cushing,  
for the Proprietors, 1805. (40p.)

Shoemaker #7983  
Yale University Library

General Rules of Work, for Housewrights, in Newburyport. Newburyport (Ma.):  
Published by Angier March, for the Committee, 1805; 15 pages; preface; membership  
list of the committee, signed by the secretary, Wm. Work (?); index.  
Some handwritten notation.

General Rules of Work, &c. (per diem calculations) includes framing wooden buildings;  
window frames; door frames; sashes; outside boarding; setting window frames; setting  
door frames; coveings and cornice (plain, Tuscan, Doric, Corinthian, Ionic); shingling;  
scuttles and ridge boards; luthern windows; ballustrades; water tables, belts, corner  
boards, &c.; long pilasters for corners; porticos and porches; dressing windows (Venetian  
of Tuscan, Ionic, Doric, Corinthian orders); outside door, door head & pediment;  
clapboarding; trunks; blinds; out-house; chaise house doors; store doors; window shuts,  
store floors; store stairs; plank partitions; board partitions; plain ceiling in stores; outside  
cellar doors; fencing; planed fence; pale fence; inside works; floors; partitions; firs and  
lathing; finishing windows; dados including kitchen, handsome rooms, wainscot dado);  
corniceing; inside door frame: mud hoards and architrave; kitchen shelf and chimney  
piece; inside doors; closets; dressers; sink; common wash-hoards; casing timber; entries.

Shoemaker #8508  
American Antiquarian Society Library  
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Thwing's Rules of Carpenters' Work, Adjusted on the Principle of Affording Faithful Industry the Means of Decent Support, in the Principal Towns of Connecticut; and, with Variations, as the Necessaries of life Vary in Price, It may Serve as a Standing Guide to the Craft Generally in the New-England States. New Haven: Sidney's Press, 1805. 30 pages; index.

This is almost an exact copy of Boston, 1800, except for a few minor changes in rules and prices.

No copy located.

Articles of the Carpenters' Company of the City and County of Philadelphia:  
And Their Rules for Measuring and Valuing House Carpenters' Work, as revised and  
agreed on in the year 1805. Philadelphia: Printed by D. Humphreys, 1805. 96 pages;  
membership list, introduction; note on measuring the orders (Tuscan, Doric, Ionic,  
Corinthian, composite); plates; index. Some handwritten notation.

Rules for Measuring and Valuing House-Carpenters Work (prices printed; US currency)  
includes floors of joists; girders; roofs framed; framing houses; shingling; gutters;  
weather hoards; floors boarded; window frames; moulding sills; sashes; window shutters;  
stables (including racks, mangers, stalls); doors; door frames; jamb casings; dormer  
windows; stairs (including step ladders, newel stairs, stairs with a continued rail,  
geometrical stairs, elliptical stairs) ladders; mantles; eave cornice; inside cornice;  
architraves; ovolos; pediments over inside doors (plain, Doric); rough partitions; planed  
partitions; wainscoting; door cases; cellar doors (including necessary houses); square  
show windows (and circular show windows); flat roofs; Chinese railing; trap doors;  
porches; coping walls; well kirbs; fences; pasture gates; centres; hatters hurls and planks;  
cisterns for breweries, sugar houses, distilleries; pulpits.

Shoemaker #8140

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Carpenters' Company

Historical Society of Pennsylvania (on deposit at the Library Co.)

OAHPL Library – Xerox copy (from Library of Congress)

Carpenters' and Housewrights' Rules of Work for Portland. Portland [Me.], 1805.

Copy not available for abstracting.

Original owned (as of 5/1970) by:  
F.M. O'Brien  
Antiquarian Bookseller  
35 & 36 High St.  
Portland, Me. 04101

The Builders' Price Book. Carefully Revised and Corrected by the Carpenters and Joiners' Society of Alexandria. Alexandria [Va.]: Printed by Cottom and Stewart, 1812. 23 pages; "advertisement."

The Builders' Price Book, &c. (prices printed; US currency) includes framing (floors - warehouses and dwellings); of framing roofs; of framing warehouses (and dwellings); of weather-boarding; of lathing and shingling; of dormer windows and trap-doors; of outside cornice; of box and bedmould eaves; of inside cornice; of base and surbase; of small mouldings; of architraves; of jamb linings and soffits; of quoin casing; of inside shutters; of outside shutters; of doors and window frames; reveal window frames; sashes; outside doors; inside six pannel doors; beaufet doors; mantle pieces; pilasters for chimney pieces; wainscot; pediments; frontispieces; flooring; stairs (open newel stairs, common winding stairs); of partitions boarded; of lattice and Chinese doors and partitions; of fencing; of flat roofs; of gutters, trunks, &c.; of gates; of centers; of cellar doors; of ceiling piazzas; of clock-pin rales; of covering walls; of shelving; of counters; of drawers; of outside Venetian blinds; of wooden bricks and bond timber; of well curbs; of racks and mangers.

Shoemaker #25028

American Antiquarian Society Library  
OAHPL Library - xerox copy (from microprint, Boston Public Library)

The House Carpenters' Book of Prices and Rules for Measuring and Valuing All Their Different Kinds of Work. Philadelphia: Published by M. Carey, 1812.

53 pages; table of contents.

Prices (prices printed; English currency with conversion tables for US currency) includes framing of floor joists, girders; roofs framed; framed arch ceilings; shingling; building necessary houses; dormer windows; door and window frames; inside door frames; casings; weatherboarding; floors; partitions; doors; store doors; shutters; Venetian shutters; inside shutters; sashes; show windows, square or circular; wainscot; ladders; stairs; lining closets; presses, walls; shelves; skirting; cornice work; architraves; pediments over doors; mantels to kitchens; tabernacle frames; roof flats; balconies; lattice work; cellar doors; porches; gutters and trunks; capping wall with boards; fences; capping fences; pallisade fence; gates in walls; gates for pastures; centers; racks; cisterns for breweries, sugar-houses, distilleries; pilasters and columns. Twelve pages of additional prices covering special conditions of stairs; pilasters; columns; doors; sashes; Venetian shutters; blinds; cornices; necessary houses; stables; cellar doors; store counters.

Boston Public Library, Rare Book Collection  
Chester County Historical Society  
Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Museum  
Historical Society of Pennsylvania (on deposit at the Library Co.)  
Rare Books, Penn. State University

Not in Shoemaker.

The Constitution of the Incorporated Practical House Carpenters' Society, of the City and County of Philadelphia: Together with Rules and Regulations for Measuring and Valuing House Carpenters' Work. 1812. Incorporated June 29, 1811. 1812. 82 pages; introduction; constitution; membership list; note on measuring floors of joists; plates; index.

Rules and Regulations for Measuring and Valuing House Carpenters' Work by the Philadelphia Practical House Carpenters' Society begins with the following: "Designing and Drawing for Buildings, bills of scantling for the same, procuring and piling materials, &c. to be charges in proportion to the trouble." Price list (prices printed; US currency) includes framing floors of joists; girders; roofs; shingling; dormers; skylights; circular; skylights, flat on roof; door frames; inside door frames; window frames; weather boarding; flooring; partitions; doors; pannel doors; shutters; Venetian shutters; sashes; show windows; circular; wainscot; wainscot or church pew work; stairs (winding, open newel stairs); geometrical stairs; cornice; level cornice; architraves; pilasters; door and window pilasters; pediments; skirting; shelves; quoin strips and closet casings; mantles; outside door pilasters; tabernacle frames; flats; balconies; lattice work; lintles; cellar door; porches; gutters; trunks or conductors; fences; capping fences; palisade fence; capping walls; gates in walls; gates in pasture; centres; racks (including mangers, stalls); stables; cisterns for breweries, sugar houses and distilleries; well kirbs; ladders; pilasters and columns; Ionic pilasters; Corinthian pilasters; composite, drawer nests: pp. 19-77.

Note that this is one of the few illustrated rule books, with drawings by the architect William Strickland and engravings by W. Kneass.

Shoemaker #26510

Free Library of Philadelphia (A694 P88)  
Historical Society of Pennsylvania (on deposit at the Library Co.)  
Library of Congress (HD 6515.C2P58)  
OAHPL Library – Xerox copy (from Library of Congress)

The Book of Prices adopted by the House Carpenters of the Borough of Pittsburgh, February 15, 1813. Pittsburgh (Pa.) : Printed by S. Tingles & Co., 1813. 44 pages; copyright notice; "advertisement;" membership list; rules and regulations for measuring carpenter work; charge for measuring; index.

Prices of Work (prices printed; US currency) includes framing; shingling; gutters (including necessary houses and other small buildings, seats and risers); dormer windows (including ridge dormers, arched or niche dormers); reveal boards; trap doors; door frames; window frames (including cellar window frames, inside door frames); jamb casings; weather boarding; canting and corner strips (including fascias, planciers); barge boards; floors; plank floors; ashlins (including partitions, furring walls); doors (including ledge doors to stables, carriage houses, &c.); pannel doors; shutters; pannel shutters; Venetian shutters; inside shutters; ovolo sashes (including heck'd [?] meeting rails, hanging sashes, cloak pin rails); show windows; cornice; wainscot (including pews, capping pews); ladders; stairs (including dog legged, steps to porches, a twist rail, stairs with continued rail); geometrical stairs; ceiling (including lining of closets and presses); shelves; skirting; surbase (including grounds); architraves; cellar doors; centres; mantles (including cases to trunks); Gothick reeded pilasters; tabernacle frames (including roofs of flats, posts and rails of flats); balconies and porches; lattice work; capping walls; fences; gates; palisade fences (including kirbs for wells, hatters' planks, hurles boards); pediments (including flat caps and frontice pieces); columns (including pedestals, arches in entries); racks and mangers (including stalls); cupolas, octagon or similar (including eave pipes); cisterns for breweries (including balustrade posts.)

This rule book was owned by John N. Brown (also see Canton, 1819) and contains several pages of handwritten notation. One page reads, "John N. Brown his book of prices price \$1.00 March 27<sup>th</sup> 1818 Harrison County State of Ohio Yellow Creek." The copyright notice page bears the inscription "Jno. N. Brown June 17<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1821." The "advertisement" page, "John N. Brown his Book of Prices Price \$00.75." John N. Brown's signature appears several more times. Page 4 bears the inscription "Bought from Mr. Dennis Mahr." Addition to subscriber list [?], "William Irwin, 1819." One and one half pages of poems by [?] Watts.

Shoemaker #27980

OAHP Library – Xerox copy (from Western Reserve Historical Society)  
Western Reserve Historical Society (Vault TH 5614 B724 1813)

Prices of Carpenter's Work, Stipulated by the Carpenter's Association; as a Standard for Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. Lewiston, Pa.: Dickson & Elliott, Printers, [1814].

Information from Louise Hall. p. B-128-30.

No copy located.

The Carpenters' Rules of Work, for the Worcester South-West United Architectural Society. [Worcester, Mass.?]: Printed for the use of its members, 1815, 34 pages; membership list of the committee; preface; note that rules are calculated on the principle that the employer finds necessary materials and supports the workman while working "according to the usual custom in the country towns"; table of contents.

The Carpenters' Rules of Work (prices printed; US Currency) closely follows Boston, 1800. There are a few changes in sub-title headings and in descriptions of work. The major difference is in price quotations. Many of the prices in Worcester, 1815 are lower than those in Boston, 1800.

Shoemaker #36646

American Antiquarian Society  
OAHP Library - xerox copy (courtesy of OW Carroll)

White, J. (Rev.). The Art of Measuring: with A Full Description of the Carpenter's Rule... The first American, from the last London edition. Philadelphia: Printed by Anderson and Meehan, 1818.

This English work, in its American edition, has been included in this list because it is representative of the beginning of estimators, which eventually eclipsed price books (also see Gallier, 1833; Force, 1851; Clough, 1855; Wilson, 1859; Vodges, 1871; and West, 1872) Pages 31-33 if this work includes inclusive estimates “For building and finishing, finding all materials and labour, a house of the common third-rate or class of buildings.” for the following trades: bricklayer’s work; carpenter and joiner’s work; plasterer’s work; painter’s work; plumber’s work; glazier’s work; mason’s work; ironmongery. Each estimate is preceded by a detailed description of the work involved.

Shoemaker #46789

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[The House Carpenters and Joiner's Book of Prices, and Rules for Measuring and Valuing Their Different Kinds of Work.] [Baltimore, 1819?]

Not in Shoemaker

No copy located

Information from Louise Hall, B-142-43

The Book of Prices adopted by the House Carpenters of the Town of Canton, April 10, 1819. Canton, Ohio: Printed by John Saxton, 1819. 8 pages; 'advertisement;' membership list.

Bill of Prices (prices printed; US currency) includes hewing timber; framing; porch work; cornice; windows & doors; weather boarding; sash; flooring; board partition; chair board and wash board; jamb casing; panel jambs; architraves; ceiling and lining; shelving stores; closets; pannel doors; panel shutters; Venetian shutters; stairs; chimney pieces.

This rule book was owned by "Jno. N. Brown 1820", who was also the owner of Pittsburgh, 1813.

Shoemaker #47506

OAHP Library – Xerox copy (from Western Reserve Historical Society)  
Western Reserve Historical Society (Vault TH 5614 B724 1819)

The Book of Prices of the House Carpenters and Joiners of the Town of Cincinnati. Adopted Monday, January 4, 1819. Cincinnati: Mason and Palmer, Printers, 1819. 40 pages; constitution; membership list and list of the committee; index.

Bill of Prices (prices printed; US currency) includes framing (floors of joist, girders, wall plates and bond timber, gallows frames, rafters, lintels, roofs, cupolas, cornice, common dwellings, rabbeting, warehouse, barns, &c., raising of principal roofs); shingling; necessary houses and other small buildings; gutters; dormer windows; porches and porticos; window frames; weather boarding; ovolo sashes; floors; partitions; jamb casings; doors; window shutters; show windows; wainscot; stairs; architraves; pilasters; skirting and surbase; ceiling; shelves; cellar doors; centers; mantles; balconies and porches; capping walls and fences; pediments; columns; cisterns for breweries; racks and mangers.

This rule book bears the signatures of two owners, "John E. Dey his Book 1824" and "Patrick Murphey Rodney New Orleans". The page opposite p. 32, which lists the members of the committee, bears the signature of "John Stout," a member of the committee.

Shoemaker #47617

University of Cincinnati Library  
OAHP Library – Xerox copy (from University of Cincinnati Library)

[Rules and Regulations for Measuring and Valuing House Carpenters' Work,  
by the Harrisburg House Carpenters' Society. [Harrisburg, Pa.: date unknown.]  
Incomplete – missing title page and p. 1-4. 69 pages (p.65 numbered “59”); part of  
constitution; membership list; index. Notes are the same as those of Philadelphia  
(Practical House Carpenters), 1812.

Louise Hall tentatively fixes the date of this price book as 1819. The Indiana Historical  
Society does not have any date for the book. The only definite date available is post-  
1812, as there can be little doubt that Harrisburg emulated Philadelphia, and not vice-  
versa.

Indiana Historical Society - incomplete  
OAHF library - Xerox copy – incomplete (from Indiana Historical Society)

House Carpenters' Book of Prices and Rules, for Measuring and Valuing All Their Different Kinds of Work. (Adapted to Federal Currency.) Philadelphia: 1819. 34 pages; introduction on measuring, index.

Prices of Work (prices printed) includes the same items as contained in Philadelphia, 1801. This rule book is reprinted in the appendix to Volume III of John Haviland's *The Practical Builders' Assistant*. See Haviland abstract (1830).

Shoemaker #48277

Henry E, Huntington Library and Art Museum (200401)  
Library Company of Philadelphia  
Library of Congress (TH 5614. H85 1819)  
Sterling Memorial Library, Yale University

NOTE: see memorandum, note 10

Housewrights' Rules of Work, for the Town of Portland. 1819. Portland [Me.]: Printed by A. & J. Shirley, 1819. 23 pages; preamhle, including membership list of the committee; index.

Rules of Work (prices printed) includes framing of all kinds; making window frames; window caps; rough boarding; water tables and corner boards; shingling; luthern windows; clapboarding; cornices round buildings out side (Tuscan, Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, Composite); gutters and trunks; turrets on houses and stores; ballustrades; outside pedestals and pilasters; frontispieces; porticos of all kinds; rusticated fronts and sheathing; outside door frames for brick walls; outside cellar doors; casing outside doors and windows for stores; making sashes; making blinds; rough partitions and ceilings; inside door frames; window grounds; finishing windows inside; back linings to windows; backs and elbows; inside cornices; chimney pieces and casings; dados of all kinds; base and surbase for dados; inside door caps; doors of all kinds; architraves of all kinds; inside window shutters; stairs of all kinds; framed stairs; eliptical and circular stairs; floors of all kinds; mop hoards; closet shelves; planed partitions, battened doors) and shutters; casing timber; fences, posts and gates; cisterns; posts; wheels.

Shoemaker #48278

Maine Historical Society  
OAHP Library - xerox copy (courtesy OW Carroll)

Price Book; or, Rules of Carpenter Work: Recommended by the Housewright Society, of the Town of Boston. Revised, January 1820. Boston: Printed by EG House, for the Housewright Society, 1820.

Shoemaker #1682,

Baker Library  
Harvard University  
Graduate School of Business Administration

Information from Louise Hall, p. B-154

The Richmond and Alexandria Builders' Price Book; containing the House Carpenters' and Joiner's Book of Prices, and Rules for measuring and Valuing all their different kinds of Work, &c. To which is added The Ship Joiners', Stone Masons', and Plaisterers' Prices and Customary way of measuring their work &c. Richmond (Va.): Published by Peter Cottom, Petersburg (Va.); Ward and Digges, Lynchburg (Va.); Caleb Bonsal, Norfolk, &c. 1820. 59 pages; advertisement; preface; table of contents.

This builders' price book closely follows the edition of 1812 printed for the Carpenters and Joiners' Society of Alexandria, except for a slight variation in titles and spelling. There is a separate price list (US currency) for Richmond and Alexandria with the costs slightly higher in Alexandria.

Additional rules found in the 1820 edition includes to proportion chimnies to rooms; to proportion windows to rooms; Ship Joiners' work; Stone Masons work; measuring ovens, coppers, etc., from the London Builder's Price Book (2 pages); patent tessera or maleable zinc for coping, covering roofs, laying gutters, floors, sheathing vessels (5 pages); making lime; mortar; cement; Dutch Terras (cement mix); cement mixes; mortar mixes; cement mixes from Africa and Persia; cement for furnaces.

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A List of Master Builders' and Journeymen's Prices, for 1828. Albany: Printed for the Publishers, 1828.

BUILDERS' PRICES...ALBANY , 1828

The Book of Prices of the House Carpenters and Joiners of the City of Cincinnati.  
Adopted: Monday, January 4, 1819. Cincinnati: Printed at The Chronicle Office, 1830.  
48 pages; constitution; membership list (1819) and list of the committee (1819); index

This is an exact reprint of Cincinnati, 1819, except for a minor change on the title page.  
“Town of Cincinnati” now reads “City of Cincinnati.”

This rule book bears the signature of "C. B. Custer".  
University of Chicago, IL  
King Library, Miami University  
OAHF Library – Xerox copy (from King Library, Miami University)

Shoemaker #890

Haviland, John. The Practical Builders' Assistant, for the Use of Carpenters, Masons, Plasterers, Cabinet Makers and Carvers, with Working Drawings selected from a Variety or Beautiful Examples, from the Antique: Together with a Number of Original Designs with Their Plans, Elevations and Sections. The Whole Exemplified by 160 Engravings. 2nd edition. Baltimore: Fielding Lucas, Jr., 1830. (first edition - 1818-1821). Volume III includes an appendix, "Carpenters', Bricklayers', and Plasterers' Books of Prices." Appendix - 49 pages; index.

Appendix consists of House Carpenters' Book of Prices and Rules, for Measuring and Valuing All Their Different Kinds of Work. (Adapted to Federal Currency.) Philadelphia 1819. Also separately published; See Philadelphia, 1819 and 1801.) List of Prices of the Stone Masons and Brick Layers, in Philadelphia (no date; prices not included) includes rules for measuring arranged alphabetically according to type of work. List of Prices of the Master Plasterers, in Philadelphia (no date; prices not included) includes rules for measuring whitening ceilings; lathing and plastering; rough casting; rusticks, &c.; angles to rooms, piers, &c.; quirks, beads, &c.; plain cornices, friezes, &c.; ornaments worked by hand, &c.

American Antiquarian Society – First Edition  
Avery Architectural Library, Columbia University – First Edition (AA 606 H29)  
John Crerar Library, Chicago  
Library of Congress – Second Edition (TH 144.H38)  
OAHPL Library – Second Edition – Xerox copy (from Library of Congress)  
Yale University Library

Shoemaker #1784

The Carpenters Standard Price Book. Carefully revised by a Competent Hand.  
Washington: 1830

University of Chicago

Shoemaker #786

Master Carpenters and Joiners Society of Dayton. The Book of Prices of the House  
Carpenters and Joiners of the Town of Dayton, adopted Friday, July 10, 1830. Dayton:  
Printed at the Journal Office, 1830

Dayton and Montgomery County Library  
OAHP Library

Rules and Regulations for Measuring and Valuing Carpenters' Work, as Revised and Agreed on, March 12th, 1827. Philadelphia: Printed by TS Manning, 1831.

A Carpenters' Company price book.

Copy not available for abstracting.  
Information from Louise Hall, p. B-207.

Carpenters' Company

Not in Shoemaker

Bill of Prices, of the Association of Master Carpenters, of the City of Lexington, Adopted May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1832. Copy Right Secured. Lexington, Kentucky: H. Savary & co. Book & Job Printers, 1832. 36 pages; errata notes; index.

Bill of Prices (prices printed) includes architraves; balconies; capping walls; casing; ceiling; cellar doors; centers; columns (plain, Tuscan, Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, composite capitals); counters and drawers in stores; cornices and barge boards; dormant windows; door frames; doors; fences; framing of joist; framing girders; framing roofs; framing gallow's roofs; framing houses; flats; floors; gates; gutters; hinges, locks &c.; ladders; lintels; mantles; mouldings; necessary houses; partitions; pews; pilasters; porches and portico's; racks & mangers; sashes; shelves; shingling; show windows; shutters (ledge or batton, pannel, Venetian, inside); skirting and subbase; stairs; stalls in stables; wainscot; weatherboarding; window frames.

Lexington Public Library

OAHP Library – Xerox copy (from Lexington Public Library)

Gallier, James. The American Builder's General Price Book and Estimator, Now First Published, To Elucidate the Principles of Ascertaining the Correct Value of Every Description or Artificers' Work Required in Building, From the Prime Cost of Materials and Labour in Any Part of the United States, deduced from Extensive Experience in the Art of Building, to which are added, A Variety of Useful Tables, Memorandums, &c. New York: Stanley and Co., 1833. 220 pages, all prices printed; index.

Bricklayers' Work (labour only) includes interior and exterior walls; arches; stonework in basements, &c.; splays; nogging; paving; drains; tuck pointing; brick fronts painted one coat, and the joints drawn white. Prices to be charged at day work in New York City. Prices of fire bricks, tiles &c. at the Salamander Works, New York. Measuring stone work. Prices of rough marble. Prices of labour on American marble. Prices of stonecutters' work includes steps; platforms; door sills; water table; sills and lintels; posts; slabs for cabinet work, &c.; chimney pieces. Prices for polishing foreign marble. Measuring granite work. Prices of work on granite (employers' prices and journeymens' prices calculated separately) includes plain work; moulded work; fixing and setting; working rebates; posts; lintels and sills; ashler; belt or string course; water table; cornices; pilaster capitals. Prices of Connecticut stone work includes ashler; coping; flagging; curb stone; gutter stone; grave stone; grate stone; hook stone; jambs; impost; lintels; platforms; rustics; steps; sills; water tables; stones for oven mouths; string stone; fascia; mantles; boat funnels; basins; architraves; paving with round pebbles. Measuring plasterers' work. Prices for plasterers' work includes plastering on brickwork; plastering on lathwork; stucco reveals; pugging or deafening; beads, quirks, &c plain; friezes and soffits; plain; cornices or mouldings, plain; enrichments to cornices, soffits, friezes. Prices for outside plastering Work (employers' prices and journeymens' prices calculated separately) includes stucco, fascia and pilasters; plain moulding; sinkings; fresco colouring. Plasterers' prices to be charged in day work. Prices of work in mastic. Notes for carpenters on the construction of floors and roofs, and rules of measuring. Prices of carpenters' materials. Prices of carpenters' work (labour and nails only; builders' prices and journeymens' prices calculated separately) includes framing; girders; joist; plates, bonds and lintels; hewing, bedding and laying cellar sleepers; cutting in and railing strutting; heads; battening, or furrings to walls and ceilings; centres to arches; bracketing, including plugging; weather hoarding; luffer hoarding; trap doors, or scuttles in roofs; shingling; outside cornices and gutters; balustrades; trunks; driving piles; sound boarding. Prices for joiners' work (builders' prices and journeymens' prices calculated separately) includes flooring; skirtings and bases; sash frames; Venetian and Palladian frames; French casement frames; sashes; Venetian blinds; skylights; fan light frames; framed back linings; window backs only; backs, elbows and soffits; boxings; boxing shutters; inside sliding shutters; outside shutters; shutters for inside of stores, and store fronts; stall boards; cradling and friezes; mouldings; columns and pilasters; small single mouldings; framed door grounds; plain and framed door jambs and soffits; moulded architraves and pilasters; framed cupboard doors; doors including store and warehouse); framed coach-house gates and doors; palisade gates; wainscoting; partitions; counters; dressers; ironing boards, or falling leaves; drawers; shelves; washing troughs; cisterns and sinks; water closets; plain door and window linings; staircases; hand rails and balusters; stairs; fences and pailings; inclined cellar doors; stabling; fixing on

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ironmongery; windows complete; chimney pieces; stoops to doorways: pp. 77-109. Prices for carving. Prices of lead work. Rules for measuring painting. Prices of materials used in painting. Prices of painting common colors includes walls; skirtings and cornices; enriched cornices; reveals to doors and windows; water pipes; window sills; stringings, edges to coping, &c.; hand rails. newels, base mouldings, &c.; sash frames; imitations, marbling, &c.; moulding cut in. Rules for measuring and prices of paper hanging. Rules for measuring slaters' work.

Selected building regulations in New York City in Part II. An act of April 20, 1830 dealing with prevention of fires. An act of April 20, 1830 "For the better security of Mechanics and others erecting Buildings in the city and county of New York;" amendment to same April 13, 1832. A law of March 1, 1827 to regulate carts and cartmen; amendment to same, dated April 30, 1807. Excerpts from ordinances regulating carts and cartmen.

The second edition of Gallier was published in Boston in 1836. It varies only slightly from the 1833 edition.

American Antiquarian Society - First and Second Editions

The Boston Athenaeum - Second Edition

Henry F. Huntington Library and Art Museum - First Edition (251914); Second Edition (72188)

Library of Congress – First Edition (TH 434.G16)

Kress Library, Harvard University – Second Edition

New York Historical Society - Second Edition

OAHP Library - xerox copy - First Edition (courtesy Charles E. Peterson)

University of Illinois at Urbana, Architecture Library - Second Edition (690.2 g13A 1836)

Gallier, James. The American Builder's General Price Book and Estimator, Now First Published, to Elucidate the Principles or Ascertaining the Correct Value of Every Description of Artificiers' Work required in Building, from the Prime Cost of Materials and Labor in any Part of New England Deduced from Extensive Experience in the Art of Building. To Which are Added a Variety of Useful Tables, Memorandums, &c. Boston: For sale by Marsh, Capen & Lyon and by James B. Dow, 1834. ? pages; note the “The style of work and the mouldings in Architecture vary so materially now from what they were in 1800, that the prices of mouldings and other work are fixed by the surveyors, by analogy to such work, in the proportion to the style so altered.”

This is a copy of Boston, 1800, except it does not have an index; the term "United States" in Gallier, 1833 has been changed to "New England;" and there is a "Rules Supplementary." Rules Supplementary (prices printed) includes blinds; doors; finish of windows; fastening with hooks, hanging, setting frames, soffit, pilasters; pine sash.

Boston Public Library, Rare Book Collection

NOTE: OW Carroll's original abstract is in the rule book file, miscellaneous notes section.

Gallier...1833 and 1836  
Rare Books, Duke University

Gallier...1844  
Rare Books, N.Y. Historical Society

Shaw, Edward. Civil Architecture: or A Complete Theoretical and Practical System of Building. Containing the Fundamental Principles or the Art, with The Five Orders of Architecture. Also A Great Variety of Examples. Selected from Vitruvius, Stuart, Chambers, and Nicholson, with Many Useful and Elegant Ornaments, and Rules for Projecting Them. Illustrated with One Hundred Copperplate Engravings. 3d Ed., revised and enlarged. Boston: March, Capen & Lyon 1834. (First Edition – 1832)

Contains the "Rules of work, originally adopted by the carpenters of the town of Boston in 1774. Revised in 1800, and now generally approved and consulted as a correct standard of "prices of carpenter work": pp. 199-207.

The Catalogue of Avery Architectural Library notes that the 11th edition also contains Boston, 1800. The Avery Catalogue contains the first, second and fourth editions of Civil Architecture but there is no mention of rule books. Note the reference to Civil Architecture in Boston-March, Capen and Lyon, 1836.

Avery Architectural Library, Columbia University (AA 2515 SH21)  
Library of Congress - Third Edition (NA 2521. S45)

The House Carpenter and Joiner's Book of Prices, and Rules for Measuring and Valuing Their Different Kinds of Work. Established in Baltimore, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 1820. Baltimore: Printed by Sands and Neilson, 1835. 23 pages; preface on rules for measuring.

Rates, &c. (prices printed) includes architraves; asherlings; back lining to window; barge boards; backs and elbows; soffits; base and surbase; beads; benches; bracketing (prices up to discretion of measurer); bridging joist; bond timber and plates; coping; casings; ceiling; counter; centering; cellar doors; cheeks; carpet strips; columns; cornice; circular work; doors; drawers; eve boxing; framing; flooring; fencing; grounds; girders; hanging sash; hewing pine timber; joist; jams; kirbs; lathing locks; plinth; sunk pilasters; partition of boards; rough door frames; palings; rail; rafters; rusticated boarding and studding for porches; shingling; sash; shutters; stairs; tasselling frame for cornice; weather-hoarding; window frames.

Library of Congress - Rare Book Collection (TH 5614. H83)  
OAHP Library - xerox copy (from Library of Congress)

The Bill of Prices and Constitution on the House Carpenters' and Joiners' Society of the City of Cincinnati. Adopted April 6, 1835. Cincinnati; Printed by James and Gazlay, 1835. 65 pages; preface; index.

Bill of Prices (prices printed) includes framing joist; trimmers; planning and cornering joist for stores; bridging joist; framing girders; trussing girders; gallows frames; framing small buildings; framing barns and other large buildings; framing hip and valley rafters; framing principal roofs; straps and bolts; cellar window frames; cellar doors and frames; door frames; window frames; weather boarding; cornices for eaves of buildings; dormer windows; trap doors in roofs; sky lights and frames; sheeting and shingling; ovolo sashes; balconies, porches and piazzas; bulk or show windows; bow windows; batten doors; panel doors; slide doors; fitting and hanging doors; window shutters; panel-shutters; Venetian shutters or blinds; inside shutters; elbows and soffits; backs; floors; stud partitions; door jambs; window jambs; architraves; pilasters (Gothic, Gothic "as described in Lefever's Architect," Doric); base; surbase; wainscoting between floor and surbase; work done in churches; cornices in rooms and stores; ceiling; shelving in closets; shelves in stores; moveable counters; mantles; centres; stairs; angle partition under stairs; geometrical stairs; columns and cornices (Doric, Tuscan, Ionic; Roman dentals); pediments; fences; balustrade fences; caps to posts for fences; capping walls; cisterns and brewers' vessels; hop jacks; stillions; hatters' planks; sign boards; racks and mangers; balustrades on roofs of buildings ; balustrades for piazzas; collecting materials and drawing plans to be agreed upon between the carpenter and employer.

Library of Congress - Rare Book Collection (TH 5614.H3)  
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Rules of Work, originally adopted by the Carpenters of the Town of Boston, in 1774, and Revised in 1800. To which are added Rules for Measuring Hammered Granite Stone. Adopted April, 1829. From Shaw's Civil Architecture, and Operative Masonry. Boston: March, Capen and Lyon, 1836. 31 pages; note that prices are open to discussion and note on price adjustments due to changing styles.

Rules of Work (prices printed) includes same items and same prices, except for a few discrepancies that appear to be careless errors, as contained in Boston, 1800. A rules Supplementary (prices printed) includes blinds; doors; finishing. Rules for Measuring Hammered Granite includes preamble; membership list of the committee; rules for measuring 35 items.

Library of Congress - Rare Book Collection (TH 434 .S4)  
OAHF Library – Xerox copy (from Library of Congress)

The Rules and Prices of Carpenters' Work. Boston: Burns and Huddleston, Booksellers and Stationers, 1836. 15 pages; notes are the same as those in Boston – Marsh, Capen, and Lyon, 1836.

Rules of Work, originally adopted by the carpenters of the town of Boston, in 1774; revised in 1800, and now generally approved and consulted as a correct standard of "Prices of Carpenter Work" and Rules Supplementary (prices printed) include the same items and same prices as contained in Boston - March, Capen and Lyon, 1836.

Kress Library, Harvard University  
Library of Congress - Rare Book Collection (TH 5614 .B8)  
Massachusetts State Library  
New York Public Library – Science and Technology Division  
OAHF Library – Xerox copy (from Library of Congress)

The Book of Prices of the House Carpenters & Joiners of the Town of Indianapolis.  
Adopted June, 1836. Indianapolis: Douglass & Noel, 1836. 44 pages; constitution;  
membership list; index.

Bill of Prices (prices printed) includes framing (including joist, wall plates, bond timber, gallows frames, rafters); sheeting and shingling; necessary houses and other small buildings; gutters (including cornice - plain, Corinthian); dormer windows; porches and porticos; door frames; window frames; weather boarding; ovolo sashes; floors; partitions; jamb casings; doors; window shutters; show windows; wainscot; stairs (including stairs with continued rail, geometrical stairs, step ladders); architraves; pilasters; skirting and surbase; ceiling; shelves; cellar doors; centers; mantles; capping walls and fences; pediments (plain, Doric; Roman dental); columns; cisterns for breweries; racks and mangers (including stalls).

This rule book was owned by John Elder.

Indiana Historical Society  
OAHPL Library – Xerox copy (from Indiana Historical Society)

The Book of Prices, of the Journeymen House Carpenters and Joiners, of Peoria.  
Adopted March 2, 1836. Peoria (Ill.): Printed by J.L. Marsh, 1836. 20 pages; preamble notes that in establishing the rules, the Peoria group is following eastern practice "in our newly settled country;" preface; list of members of the committee(?).

Bill of Prices (prices printed) includes hewing timber; framing; siding; Tuscan cornice and eave boxing; cornice Doric order; window frames; door frames; sheeting and shingling; flooring; board partitions; cellar doors; base and surbase; ovilo window sash; pannel work; hanging doors; putting on locks and latches; mantels; winding stairs; plain open newel stairs; geometrical stairs; outside stairs; rough centers; lintles; short porches; long porches; columns; dormer windows; Venetian shutters; square inside shutters; shelving; counters; drawers; pail fence; making and hanging gates.

Newberry Library, Chicago (Everett D. Graff Collection of Western Americana – 354)  
OAHP Library - xerox copy (from Newberry Library)

The Book of Prices of the House Carpenters and Joiners of the Town of Lafayette.  
Revised and adopted, May 1, 1838. Lafayette (Ind.): Printed at The Eagle Office, 1839.  
31 pages; constitution; membership lists; members of committee; note on measuring;  
note on additional fees for late payment of bills; index.

Bill of Prices (prices printed) includes architraves; antaes; barge; bases; blinds;  
ballustrade; corner boards; cornice (including "Grecian Doric entablature, equal to  
Temple Thesus"); ceiling; coolers (for brewers); cisterns under ground; carving; columns;  
chimney pieces; doors; doors hanging; sliding doors; door frontices and frames; drawers;  
framing; framing churches, &c.; floors; fences; gutters; jambs, doors, windows, &c.;  
lintels; pilasters, outside; pilasters, inside; necessaries; pigeon holes; piazzas and porches;  
partitions, studs; racks (including mangers and stalls); rusticated corners; shingling;  
sashes ovolo; scuttles; stairs (common, stairs with continued rail, geometrical stairs,  
elliptical stairs); weather boarding; wainscoting; window frames; windows, show;  
windows, dormer; window finishing; signs; shutters, out side; sinks; shelving; saddle  
boards.

Indiana State Library- Indiana Division  
OAHPL Library - xerox copy (from Indiana State Library)

The Builders' Price Book: Revised From the Best Authorities. Washington: Printed by J. Elliot, Junior, 1839. 80 pages; preface; note on commission on measurement; table of contents.

Introductory information (with some rules for measuring and some per item and per diem calculations) includes digging foundations and wells; laying foundation; brick work; granite - marble; brown stone; construction of roofs; shingling; tin and copper coveing; framing; construction of floors; doors; battening to walls; plasterer's work; lime and sand cement for outside work; oil mastic; marble work; chimney pieces; carver's prices; water closets, &c.; painters' work; painting in distemper, or water colors, mixed with size; materials used in painting; paper hanging. On the prices for brickmakers, bricklayers, masons, slaters, plasterers, glaziers, painters see Evans, 1804. Carpenter's Prices (prices printed) includes framing of joist; girders; story posts; roofing; sheeting; shingling; outside cornice; dormer windows; stud partitions; flooring; door frames; window frames; sashes; doors; pannel doors; window shutters; Venetian shutters; inside shutters; jamb linings; rabited jambs; architraves; pilasters to doors and windows; large pilasters to entry pieces; skirting; closets (including shelving); store shelving; single mouldings; counters; drawers; wainscoting; stairs; circular or geometrical stairs; ladders; mantels; columns (any order); porches; ceiling; frame buildings, &c.; barge and corner boards; window frames, &c. (including door frames); privy; lattice work; cases; centreing; stables; fencing; hinges; locks; latches and bolts; wood gutters and trunks; portable benches; desks;

Building regulations and laws (pp. 65-80) in Washington, DC. Regulation No. 1 issued by George Washington on October 17, 1791 regarding "the materials and manner of the buildings and improvements on the lots in the city of Washington." Regulation No. 2 approved by same on July 7, 1794 regarding ditches. Regulation No. 3 issued by the commissioners on July 20, 1795 regarding the manner of building in Washington, DC. Regulation No. 4 issued by the commissioners on July 20, 1795 regarding the building of wharves in Washington, DC. Regulation No. 5 issued by George Washington on June 25, 1796 regarding the manner of building. An act approved by Thomas Jefferson on January 12, 1809 regarding lots, subdivisions and surveying. Note outlines further the duties of the surveyor. An act of October 13, 1823 regarding taxes. An act approved March 2, 1833 regarding lien law.

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The Book of Prices of the House Carpenters and Joiners of the City of Cincinnati.  
Adopted, Monday, January 4, 1819. Carefully revised and enlarged, February, 1844 by  
Louis H. Shally. Cincinnati: L'Hommedieu and Company Printers, 1844. 94 pages;  
introduction; membership list and list of measurers; note to builders on the need to revise  
the book of prices because of changing styles; index.

Book of Prices (prices printed) includes framing joist; cambering joist; trimmers; girders;  
wall plates; lintals; gallows frame; rafters to common houses; principal rafters; cupolas  
and steeples; framing small houses, 12 by 20 feet and less, one story high; framing  
common dwelling houses; framing barns, warehouses, and other buildings, with large  
timber; houses framed without studs for upright boarding; sheathing and shingling;  
privies and similar small houses; gutters, leaders, &c.; cornices in rooms; cornices  
to eave of houses; (Ionic, Doric, Corinthian; Roman dental); dormer windows; trap door  
and skylight frame; porches and porticos; door frames; door jambs; window frames;  
window jambs; weatherboarding; ovalo sash; floors; stud partitions; board partitions;  
batton doors and shutters; panel doors; panel shutters; hanging doors and shutters, and  
trimmings to do.; show windows for store fronts; wainscoting; step ladders; box stairs;  
ramp and knee, and continued rail stairs; geometrical stairs; architrave and mouldings;  
pews, and other work in churches; pilasters; caps over doors and windows in rooms; level  
and pediment caps over doors; base; surbase; ceiling; closets; shelves in stores; cellar  
doors and cheeks; mantels; columns; centres; capping on walls and fences; fences;  
palisade fence; balustrade fences; slat fence; cisterns; racks and mangers; posts and  
lintals to store fronts.

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Avery Library, Columbia University  
New York Public Library, Science & Technology Division  
OAHPLibrary - xerox copy (from Library of Congress)  
Rare Books, Duke University  
University of Michigan Library

Barr, John U. "Measurer and Practical Builder." The Western Price Book: Containing the Rules of Measuring and Valuing the Work and Materials of All House-Building Mechanics. Also, that of the Laborer and Paver. Pittsburgh: John B. Kennedy, 1849.

No copy located.

Force, William Quereau. The Builder's Guide: Containing Lists of Prices, and Rules of Measurement, For Carpenters, Bricklayers, Stone Masons, Stone Cutters, Plasterers, Slaters, Painters, Glaziers. Also, A Table of Lineal, Square, and Cubic Measures, Rules or Mensuration, the Building Regulations, the Laws Relative to Buildings, Lien Law, &c. Second Edition. Washington: Printed by Robert A. Waters, 1851. 100 pages; tables of commission on measurement for carpentry, bricklaying, stone masonry, plastering and painting.

On Carpenter's Prices see The Builders' Price Book, 1839. Bricklayers' prices (prices printed) includes arches; common brickwork; backs and jambs; boilers; chimneys; circular brick work; cornice; corners; cutting out; cellar walls, doorways, doors/windows; counter ceiling; cisterns; culverts; coping; drains; door sills, heads and frames; note on day work; foundations; forges; furnaces; flues; fire-walls; floors; fascia; fence walls; French flooring; grates; grouting; hearth; hooks, fastenings, eyes, &c.; imposts and stone keys; kilns; lining, soap and sugar pans ; malt floors; niches; ovens; openings; old work taken down; pavement; gutters paved; putlog holes; piers; panels; pointing; penciling and oiling fronts; privys; recesses, reveals, rabbets, &c.; ramps; Rumford's roasters and boilers; spout-stones; filling space; stove pipe holes; taking out door and window frames; tomb stones; trimmer arches; taking down backs and jambs; taking down open stoves; underpinning; vaulting ; window sills, and heads, and frames, Stone Masons' rules for measuring, price for laying stone, Prices of freestone work, Prices for work in granite as established in 1836 using "granite from the Patapsco quarries, delivered on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, the freight paid by the purchaser." Prices of work and materials in granite includes posts and lintels; water table; sills; platforms; coping; cellar steps; cellar cheeks; gutters and basins; ashler; curb stone; moulded work. Rules for measuring marble. Prices of rough marbles. Prices of labor on marble. Prices of materials and workmanship on marble includes ashler; steps; platforms; door sills; water table; sills and lintels; posts; slabs for cabinet work, &c; chimney pieces, &c.;. Rules for measuring plasterers' work. Prices of plastering work (price of materials and labor and price of labor only calculated separately) includes plastering on brickwork and lath work; stucco reveals; pugging or deafening; beads, quirks, &c., plain; friezes and soffits, plain; cornices or mouldings, plain; enriched centre pieces; enrichments to cornices; enrichments to soffits in cornices or ceiling, cast and put up; enrichments to friezes and strings, cast and put up; outside work done with lime and sand cement. Slaters' Work (prices printed) includes rules for measuring and prices of work and materials (calculated together). Painters' Work includes rules for measuring; prices of sign painting; prices of painting and furnishing materials including Paris green blinds; imitation of wood and marble.

Appendix of building regulations in Washington, DC. Regulations No. 1 and 2 see The Builders' Price Book, 1839. Proclamation of President Munroe of January 14, 1818 regarding Regulation No.1. An act approved by the same on April 1, 1822 regulating "the manner of erecting and materials used in the erection of houses in the city of Washington" and an act of July 15, 1822 modifying that of April 1. An act of December 7. 1827 "for the prevention of obstructions in the avenues and streets, and for other purposes." An act of August 13, 1828 "authorizing the appointment of a Surveyor of the

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city of Washington, and establishing a Surveyor's Office therein." An act of March 21, 1817 regarding party fences. An act of May 29, 1845 approved by James K. Polk "regulating the manner of building vaults, areas, steps, cellar doors, porches and other appendages of buildings, and for other purposes." Lien Law of March 2, 1833.

AIA Library

Library of Congress - Rare Book Collection (TH 435.F7)

OAHP Library - xerox copy (from Library of Congress)

Clough, A. Bryant. The Contractor's Manual and Builder's Price-Book, Designed to Elucidate the Method of Ascertaining Correctly the Value and Quantity of Every description of Work and Materials, Used in the Art or Building, From Their Prime Cost in Any Part or the United States; To Which are Added, a Large Variety of Tables, Memoranda, &c., Indispensable to All Engaged or Concerned in Erecting Buildings of Any Kind. New York: Stephen Hallet Printer, 1855.

Carpenters' Work (prices printed: three types of price calculations - materials; contractor's price for labor and nails only; journeymen's prices for labor only) includes framing; battening, or furrings, to Nails and ceilings; centering to arches; bracketing including plugging; weather or clapboarding; luffer boarding; hatch-way door and scuttles in roofs; shingling; outside cornices and gutters; gutters; balustrades; trunks, or leaders; sound boarding; floors; bases and skirtings; window frames; Venetian and Palladian frames; French casement frames; sashes only; Venetian blinds; store front, or show windows; French sashes; skylights; fan light frames; framed back linings; window backs only; elbows, backs and soffits; boxings; boxing shutters; inside folding shutters; outside shutters; shutters for inside of stores, and store fronts; stall hoards; cradling and friezes; mouldings; columns and pilasters; framed door grounds; door jambs and soffits; moulded architraves and pilasters; framed cupboard doors and frames; doors; counters; dressers; ironing hoards or falling leaves; drawers; shelves; washing-troughs; cisterns and sinks; water-closets; door and window linings; staircases, hand-rails and balusters; fencing and pailings: inclined cellar doors; stabling, &c.; fixing on hardware trimmings (labor only); dormer windows; wood chimney pieces; stoops to doorways, &c.: pp. 83-153.

American Antiquarian Society  
Library of Congress (TH 435.C64)  
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Wilson, J. The Mechanic's and Builder's Price Book, Showing in Detail the Price of Wood, Brick and Stone Work, Painting and Glazing, &c., to which is added a Dictionary of Mechanical Terms. Also a Treatise on Architecture. New York: D. Appleton and Co., 1859. 175 pages; preface; all prices printed; index.

Values of Carpenter's Work at the rate of \$1.75 per day includes framing; roofing; naked framed floors; stud partitions; eaves-trough; cantalivers; shingling; siding; water table and corner boards; sash frames; door frames; sheeting or lining; skirting; door jambs; architraves; Venetian frames; French casement frames; sashes; French casements; blinds and shutters; window backs, back linings; backs, elbows and soffits; room or closet doors; sash doors; gates and coach house doors; ledge doors; board and brace partitions; fencing; drawers; shelves and standards; counter tops; pine stairs; geometrical stairs; framing for pews and gallery fronts; columns and pilasters; running articles: pp. 5-25; Rules for valuing Stone Work. Prices of Plastering and Cornice Work (materials included and not included) Prices of Painting (materials included) includes painting; graining oak or walnut; painting Venetian blinds. Prices of Glazing (materials included.)

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Vogdes, Frank W. The Architect's and Builder's Pocket Companion, and Price Book, Consisting of a Short but Comprehensive Epitome of Decimals, Duodecimals, Geometry and Mensuration; with Tables of US Measures, Sizes, Weights, Strengths, Etc., of Iron, Wood, Stone and Various Other Materials. Quantities of Materials in Given Sizes and Dimensions of Wood, Brick, and Stone; and a Full and Complete Bill of Prices for Carpenter's Work, Stone Work, Painting, Plastering, etc. Philadelphia: Henry Carey Baird, 1871. 281 pages; preface; index. Rules for measuring brick work; rubble masonry; slate work; painting and glazing (including sign and ornamental); plastering and stucco work; tin and tin work.

Introduction to Bill of Prices for Carpenter's Work - By FW Vogdes, Architect notes that prices do not include cost of materials of any kind but do include "all charges for tools (including sandpaper) and for hauling work from the shop or factory to the building site, and for carrying or raising it into, or upon the building where it belongs." Rules for valuing (prices printed) includes iron work; antae and square columns; architraves and casings; barge boards, base or wash hoard; balustrades for piazzas, balconies or roofs; bond timber; boxing for inside shutters; batten doors and shutters; blocks and plugs in walls; blinds; bracketing for ceilings and stucco cornices; brackets or consoles for cornices, counters, etc.; brick mortices; bridging joist; board partitions; capping walls; carpet sills; cisterns, reservoirs and tubs; ceiling, wainscoting or siding; frames for cellar windows, doors or doorways; centres for vaults or arches; cloak rails; columns; cornices and entablatures; counters; door frames; dormer windows; drawers; fascia; fencing; palisade fences; balustrade fences; flooring; framing of timber; trussed girders and roof trusses; mortices and tenons; coved or groined ceilings and domes; towers and steeples; framed houses; joist; roofs; plates; sheeting roofs; stud partitions; grounds; imposts; inside shutters; jambs; hardware; lattice work and summer houses or arbors; lintels; mantels; mouldings; panel doors and shutters; panel work; pews; pilasters; plinths; porches; privies; sash; sheeting and shingling; show windows; sky lights and trap doors; surbase or sub-base; shelving; stairs; warehouse stairs; stairs between walls or partition; open stairs; step ladders; stables; weatherboarding; window frames; pp. 155-209.

The author notes that "The original "Bill" from which (this bill) was compiled has been the standard of value for such work for over forty years in one of the most flourishing cities in the Union, being amended from time to time..." Vogdes' source has not been identified.

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West, Albert L. The Architect and Builder's Vade-mecum and Book of Reference, Containing Rules for Measuring and Lists Prices for Carpenters, Sash Makers, Bricklayers, Plasterers, Painters, Glaziers, Stone Masons, Stone Cutters, Excavators, Slaters, Plumbers, Tinnners and: Gas Fitters: Also Lists or Prices or Materials, Tables of Weights, Measures and: Capacities, Model Estimates, Mensuration, &c. Richmond, Va.: Woodhouse and Parham, 1972. 117 pages; preface; all prices printed with prices for labor and materials and prices for labor only calculated separately; index.

Rules for measuring and prices for carpenter's work includes joist; girders; story post; roofing; sheeting; shingling; outside cornices; dormer windows; balustrades; stud partitions and battening, or furring; board partitions and ceilings; flooring; hatchways and scuttles in roofs; centering to arches; bracketing, including plugging; door frames; window frames; sash-maker's prices; outside blinds to windows; inside folding shutters; panel doors hung complete; batten or ledge doors; jamb linings; put up in building; rabbitted jambs; architraves, put up in building; pilasters to doors and windows, put up in building; mouldings, of hard pine; base, skirting and wash-boards, put down in building; chimney pieces, complete; closets and pantry; store shelving; counters; drawers fitted in; stairs; circular or geometrical stairs; ladders; porches; framed buildings; weather-boarding; barge, corner, fascia and cant boards, and corner beads; lattice work; privies and water closets; stables; fencing; desks; prices to be charged for putting on hardware; carpenter's wages; pp. 3-42. Note similarity to The Builders' Price Book, 1839. Prices of Hard-Ware (at retail) in store. Prices of timber and: lumber. Rules for measuring and prices for brick work includes arches; laying brick on wall faces; boilers, for stationary engines, &c.; chimneys; circular brick work; cornice; cellar steps; counter ceiling of deafening; cisterns; culverts; cutting joist holes; drains; foundations for walls; foundation walls; forges; air furnaces; grates; grouting brick walls; hearths; nogging; oven; opening in walls; oiling fronts; paving; panels; pilasters and buttresses; pointing; penciling joints and oiling fronts; pillars; setting spout stones; filling space; setting large window and door frames; stopping putlog holes; trimmer arches; underpinning; prices of materials for brick work (hauling to building not included); prices to be charged for a day's work; commission on measurement of brickwork. Plasterer's work includes rule for measuring work and prices for lathing, and plastering on laths (including reveals or jambs); deafening; plain heads, quirks, soffits, cornices, mouldings, &c.; coloring in distemper; prices of materials; price of day's work; commission on measurement of plastering. Painting includes rules for measuring work and prices of painting, in oil, on wood, and furnishing materials (including new painting on wood, common colors, such as lead, stone, chocolate or white; painting and sanding on wood; whitening and calsomining. Prices for glazing includes several kinds of glass. Prices for sign painting includes prices of some of principal materials; note on yellow wash for buildings; note on commission on measurement of painting. Stone (Granite) Mason's Work includes rules rules for measuring stone mason's work (including work and mortar only and prices of work for rough stone walls); rubble work; pointing; ashlar work; arches; splayed jambs; prices to be charged, per day; Prices of random stone. Prices of Granite Cutter's work includes plain work; rough work; moulded work; setting posts, lintels, &c.; setting; landings, steps, ashlars, &c.: working rebates. Prices of dimension stone. Prices of marble chimney pieces. Prices for ground excavation. Slating includes rules for measuring and prices of

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work and materials. Prices for plumbing materials. Prices of gas piping. Prices for tinning materials. Estimates for all kinds of work may provide additional information in all categories.

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