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# Guide to the Thomas Bewick Wood Blocks 1885-1887



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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Identifier</b>	ICU.SPCL.CRMS259
<b>Title</b>	Bewick, Thomas. Wood Blocks
<b>Date</b>	1885-1887
<b>Size</b>	28 items
<b>Repository</b>	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

**Abstract** The original wood blocks used for the following prints from the Memorial Edition of Thomas Bewick's Works. Vol.1: p. xxxi-xxxv. Vol.2: p. 2, 14, 113, 123, 124, 146, 251, and 324. Vol. 3: p. 222, 281, 394 and 459. Vol. 4: p. 199. Vol. 5: p. 347. The printed work can be found in the Special Collections Research Center under the call number: QL3.B57 Rare.

## Information on Use

### Access

The collection is open for research.

### Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Bewick, Thomas. Wood Blocks, Crerar Ms 259, Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

### Scope Note

These woodblocks accompany the memorial edition of Thomas Bewick's Works. These are the original woodblocks used for the following prints: v. 1, p. xxxi-xxxv; v.2, pps. 2, 14, 113, 123, 124, 146, 251, 324; v. 3, pps. 222, 281, 394, 459; v. 4, p. 199; v. 5, p. 347. Most of the blocks depict a single animal: a bird, mammal, or fish. Some of the animals are shown amidst elements of their habitat. These blocks measure about two inches tall and three inches across. Most of the other blocks are smaller, about one inch tall and two to three inches across, and depict a component of an animal: its head, feather, or foot. Two of the blocks measure about two inches tall and about three inches across. They are rectangular with an oval engraving inscribed inside. Within the oval is an animal in an elaborate setting. One depicts a fox inside a house beside a chair and table. The other depicts a frog seated in a pastoral clearing, framed by low-hanging trees, and facing a small cottage in the distance.

## Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

### **Subject Headings**

- Bewick, Thomas, 1753-1828
- Block printing
- Wood blocks (printing blocks)

### **INVENTORY**

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