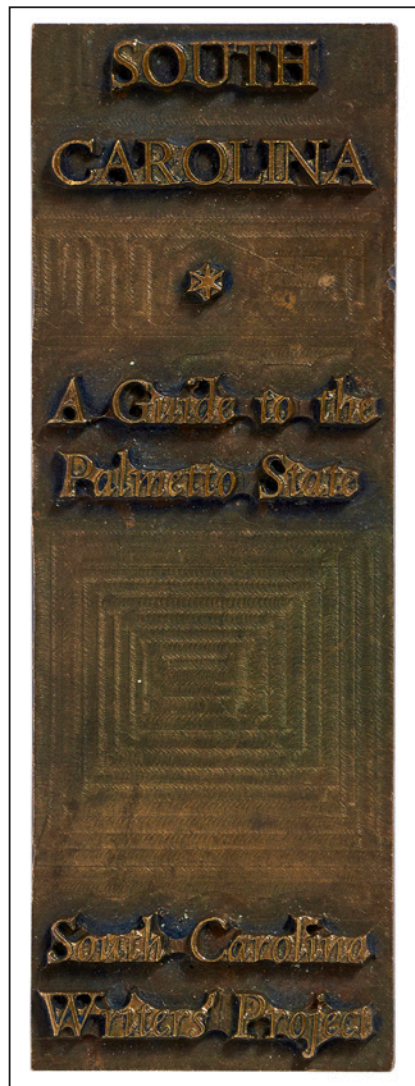


[Brass binding die-stamp for]: South Carolina. A Guide to the Palmetto State

[New York: Oxford University Press for Puerto Rico Department of Education and The University Society, Inc. 1941]

\$500



[image reversed]

Brass die-stamp. 1½" x 3¾". Original patina, else fine. The binder's stamp for the spine decoration, for the American Guide Series book on South Carolina, sponsored by the Federal Writers Project of the WPA.

The provenance presents a mildly interesting story: a local colleague was buying books out of the trunk of a gentleman's car and came across a bag of brass die-stamps from the Oxford University Press (mostly centered slightly before, during, and after the War years, when England was experiencing paper shortages). My colleague inquired and the gentleman revealed that his next stop was the scrap yard where he was going to sell the dies to be melted down for the brass. My colleague paid him double the scrap price for them. We paid a bit more. A unique artifact from an uncommon title in an avidly collected genre. [\[BTC#408844\]](#)