



FIGURE 19A. 1823 Trist catalog, front pastedown, showing a shelf mark “41,” indicating its subject and shelving location in the University of Virginia’s Library. Image courtesy of the Thomas Jefferson Collection, Rare Book and Special Collections Division, The Library of Congress.

mixed in with those from Chapter 41, and shelved together. Whatever its cause, the notation suggests that the 1823 Trist catalog should be directly associated with the library of the University of Virginia.

In fact, the 1823 Trist catalog did not remain with Jefferson but was kept at the university as late as 1834. On this point the provenance evidence in the catalog itself is unequivocal. The original cover bears a later label that states “University of Virginia”; we believe this was added when the book was donated to the Library of Congress in 1917. More revealing is the presence on the front flyleaf of a date, name, and place, all clearly inscribed: “Pearce L. Lewis of Georgia, 1834, University of Virginia.” Lewis also tried his pencil on the flyleaf, inscribing his name faintly three times down the page and tracing his initials (PLL) in the bottom right quarter of the page (fig. 20). Pearce Lewis was an undergraduate student at the University of Virginia studying Moral Philosophy and