Reckoner

Human judgment, preserved with its reasons

Inspect a highlighted passage.
Save a credited correction another reader can check.

John Reed, Garrison Node

A contribution the host can assess

Source → proposed reading → credited sidecar

Click a source highlight or reach it by keyboard.
Compare the original and proposed readings.
Record contributor credit, reason and uncertainty.
Keep AI assistance and mentor decisions separate.
Export the record; the host decides on adoption.

One precise finding

OCR, file-opening and rendering problems

Compare supplied machine text with the source page.
Or record the tool, expected result and actual file problem.
Identify the exact file, version and passage when relevant.
Explain the evidence and what remains uncertain.
No LLM is required.

A court page, a check another reader can repeat

United States v. Spearin · construction contract · 1918

Open a permitted page excerpt and its machine reading.
Inspect the indicated fraction or citation.
Propose only a reading the source supports.
Save the reason, uncertainty and contributor label.
The demo task is a lead, not a completed human correction.

The sidecar preserves the contribution

Readable correction JSON; separate recovery backup

Retain source identity, passage, readings and reasons.
Credit the contributor, assistance and reviewers separately.
Reopen saved judgments, disputes and mentor guidance.
Keep original source bytes and backups separately.
Optional WAL preserves linked snapshots in its own workbench.

The host's adoption decision

A proposed contribution with visible limits

Submit separately under the host's agreed process.
The host decides whether to adopt the finding.
Hashes check bytes, not identity or truth.
Export grants no sharing rights and does not submit an item.
Contributor labels do not authenticate people.
Internet Archive has not endorsed or adopted Reckoner.

Test whether these records help a collection

A proposed pilot with readers, mentors and a host

Start with a small permitted workload.
Catalogue reported problems; keep missing downloads separate.
Use bundled practice without contacting source hosts.
Measure usefulness and host effort before claiming benefit.
Contribution promises no wages, employment or endorsement.