ENCOUNTERING THE AMERICAN WEST: THE OHIO RIVER VALLEY, 1750-1820
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John Filson (ca. 1747-1788). This map of Kentucke, drawn from actual observations, is
inscribed with the most perfect respect, to the honorable the Congress of the United
States of America; .... Philadelphia: Engraved by Henry D. Pursell & printed by T. Rook
for the author, 1784.
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Case 1 LEGENDS AND HISTORIES
1. Daniel Bryan (1795-1866). The mountain muse: Comprising the adventures of Daniel
Boone; and the power of virtuous and refined beauty. Harrisonburg, Va.: Printed for the
author by Davidson & Bourne, 1813.

2. John Filson (ca. 1747-1788). The discovery, settlement and present state of Kentucke:
And an essay towards the topography, and natural history of that important country: To
which is added, an appendix, ....Wilmington, Del.: Printed by James Adams, 1784.
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3. Samuel Griswold Goodrich (1793-1860). The first book of history. For children and
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Ohio 1778-1783 and life of Gen. George Rogers Clark. Vol. 1. Indianapolis and Kansas
City: Bowen-Merrill Company, 1897.

Case 2 LIBRARY GENERAL COLLECTION
1. Reuben T. Durrett (1824-1913). John Filson, the first historian of Kentucky. An account
of his life and writings, principally from original sources. Filson Club Publication No. 1.
Louisville: John P. Morton & Company, 1884.
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Engraving from the original painting by Alonzo Chappel (1828-1887).

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Bryant’s Station. Ground plan, n.d.
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7. 
Lyman C. Draper to Reuben T. Durrett. Manuscript letter signed, March 8, 1883.
Miscellaneous Manuscripts, Reuben T. Durrett Collection

8. 
Frederick Jackson Turner (1861-1932), The significance of the frontier in American history. Annual report of the American Historical Association for the year 1893.
Gift of the American Historical Association

Case 3 NATURE’S WEST

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2. 
John James Audubon (1785-1851). Ornithological biography, or an account of the habits of the birds of the United States of America; accompanied by descriptions of the objects represented in the work entitled The birds of America, .... Vol. 1. Edinburgh: Adam Black, 1831.
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Case 4  NATURE’S WEST

1. Thomas Ashe (1770-1835). *Memoirs of mammoth, and various other extraordinary and stupendous bones, of incognita, or non-descript animals, found in the vicinity of the Ohio, Wabash, Illinois, Mississippi, Missouri, Osage, and Red Rivers, &c. &c....* Liverpool: Printed by G. F. Harris, 1806.
Reuben T. Durrett Collection

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3. Henry McMurtrie (1793-1865). *Sketches of Louisville and its environs; including, among a great variety of miscellaneous matter, a Florula louisvillensis; or, a catalogue of nearly 400 genera and 600 species of plants, ....* Louisville: Printed by S. Penn, Jun., 1819.
Reuben T. Durrett Collection

4. François André Michaux (1770-1855). *Travels to the westward of the Allegany Mountains, in the states of the Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee, and return to Charlestown, through the upper Carolinas; ... translated from the original French, by B. Lambert.* London: J. Mawman, 1805.
Rare Book Collection

5. Constantine Samuel Rafinesque (1783-1840), “Of the fishes of the Ohio River and its tributary streams,” *The western review and miscellaneous magazine, a monthly publication, devoted to literature and science*, vol. 1, no. 5 (December 1819): 305-313
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Case 5 WESTERN EXPLORATIONS

1. Reproduction from Georges-Henri-Victor Collot (1750-1805). A journey in North America, containing a survey of the countries watered by the Mississippi, Ohio, Missouri, and other aff luing rivers; with exact observations on the course and soundings of these rivers; and on the towns, villages, hamlets and farms of that part of the new-world; .... Atlas. (1826. Reprint, with an introduction and a critical index, also a translation of the appendix from the French edition, by J. Christian Bay, Firenze: O. Lange, 1924). Engraving. “View of the rapids of the Ohio and of Louisville taken from the village of Clarkesville.”

2. Georges-Henri-Victor Collot (1750-1805). A journey in North America, containing a survey of the countries watered by the Mississippi, Ohio, Missouri, and other aff luing rivers; with exact observations on the course and soundings of these rivers; and on the towns, villages, hamlets and farms of that part of the new-world; .... (1826. Reprint, with an introduction and a critical index, also a translation of the appendix from the French edition, by J. Christian Bay, Firenze: O. Lange, 1924).


“journal continued, 1791” and “Height of Virginia Mountains by barometrical measurement.”

6.
Reproduction of
Thomas Pownall (1722-1805). *A map of the middle British colonies in North America. First published by Mr. Lewis Evans, of Philadelphia, in 1755; and since corrected and improved, as also extended, with the addition of New England, and bordering parts of Canada; from actual surveys now lying at the Board of Trade.* London: J. Almon, 1776.

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7.
Andrew Burnaby (1732-1812). *Travels through the middle settlements in North America, in the years 1759 and 1760; with observations upon the state of the colonies.* 3rd ed. London: T. Payne, 1798.

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Case 6  ANCENT MYSTERIES

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Constantine Samuel Rafinesque (1783-1840). *Ancient history, or annals of Kentucky; with a survey of the ancient monuments of North America, and a tabular view of the principal languages and primitive nations of the whole earth.* Frankfort, Ky.: Printed for the author, 1824.


6. James Adair (ca. 1709-1783). *The history of the American Indians; particularly those nations adjoining to the Mississippi, East and West Florida, Georgia, South and North Carolina, and Virginia: Containing an account of their origin, language, manners, religious and civil customs, laws, form of government, punishments, conduct in war and domestic life,* .... London: Edward and Charles Dilly, 1775.

Case 7 NATIVE ENCOUNTERS


4. Richard Caswell to Evan Shelby. Manuscript letter signed, February 27, 1787. Miscellaneous Manuscripts, Reuben T. Durrett Collection

5. Mary Mitchell to Isaac Shelby. Manuscript letter signed, May 1, 1793. Miscellaneous Manuscripts, Reuben T. Durrett Collection


Case 8 NATIVE ENCOUNTERS

1. “Rights of the aborigines of our county,” The western review and miscellaneous magazine, a monthly publication, devoted to literature and science, vol. 4, no. 5 (June 1821): 292-300. Rare Book Collection

2. “Attack upon Boonesborough by the Indians, in 1778,” The western review and miscellaneous magazine, a monthly publication, devoted to literature and science, vol. 3, no. 6 (January 1821): 362-366. Rare Book Collection

3a. Reproduction from Georges-Henri-Victor Collot (1750-1805). A journey in North America, containing a survey of the countries watered by the Mississippi, Ohio, Missouri, and other affluing rivers; with exact observations on the course and soundings of these rivers; and on the towns, villages, hamlets and farms of that part of the new-world; .... Atlas. (1826. Reprint, with an introduction and a critical index, also a translation of the appendix from the French edition, by J. Christian Bay, Firenze: O. Lange, 1924). Engraving. “Indian of the nation of the Shawanoes.” Rare Book Collection

3b. Reproduction from Georges-Henri-Victor Collot (1750-1805). A journey in North America, containing a survey of the countries watered by the Mississippi, Ohio, Missouri, and other affluing rivers; with exact observations on the course and soundings of these rivers; and on the towns, villages, hamlets and farms of that part of the new-world; .... Atlas. (1826. Reprint, with an introduction and a critical index, also a translation of the appendix from the French edition, by J. Christian Bay, Firenze: O. Lange, 1924). Engraving. “Indian of the nation of the Kaskaskia.” Rare Book Collection
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American Historical Portraits, William E. Barton Collection of Lincolniana

5. 
Alatala Hooma to James Wilkinson. Receipt, August 31, 1803. 
Miscellaneous Manuscripts, Reuben T. Durrett Collection

6. 
William Henry Harrison to Charles Jouett. Manuscript letter signed, June 8, 1803. 
Miscellaneous Manuscripts Collection

8. 
Thomas Baldwin (b. 1750?). *Narrative of the massacre, by the savages, of the wife and children of Thomas Baldwin, who, since the melancholy period of the destruction of his unfortunate family, has dwelt entirely alone, ... in the extreme western part of the State of Kentucky.* New-York: Martin and Wood, 1835. Hand colored wood-block print. 
“Massacre of Baldwin’s family by the savages.” 
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Case 9 SELLING THE WEST

1. 
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3. 
Thaddeus Mason Harris (1768-1842). *The journal of a tour into the territory northwest of the Alleghany Mountains; made in the spring of the year 1803. With a geographical and historical account of the state of Ohio ....* Boston: Printed by Manning & Loring, 1805. 
Map. “Plat of that part of the state of Ohio which is appropriated for military services. Surveyed under the direction of Rufus Putnam Surveyor General of the United States.” 
Rare Book Collection

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6. Nicholas King and Joshua Moore to the president of the North American Land Company. Manuscript letter signed, August 27, 1795 (ca. 1809 copy). Miscellaneous Manuscripts, Reuben T. Durrett Collection

Case 10 SELLING THE WEST

1. Abraham Bowman to Jonathan Clark. Manuscript letter signed, April 25, 1784. Miscellaneous Manuscripts, Reuben T. Durrett Collection

2. Virginia Land Office to George Rogers Clark. Land warrant, January 29, 1780. Miscellaneous Manuscripts, Reuben T. Durrett Collection


7. Thomas Jefferson to the heirs of Hugh Mercer. Land grant, September 1, 1780. Miscellaneous Manuscripts, Reuben T. Durrett Collection

Miscellaneous Manuscripts, Reuben T. Durrett Collection

Case 11 SETTLER MIGRATIONS

William Vaughn Moody Collection

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3. Zadok Cramer (1773-1813). *The Navigator: Containing directions for navigating the Monongahela, Allegheny, Ohio, and Mississippi rivers; with an ample account of these much admired waters, from the head of the former to the mouth of the latter; and a concise description of their towns, villages, harbours, settlements, &c. ....* 7th ed. Pittsburgh: Cramer, Spear, & Eichbaum, 1811.
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Lithograph. “Ferry at Maysville, on the Ohio.”
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7. Georges-Henri-Victor Collot (1750-1805). *A journey in North America, containing a survey of the countries watered by the Mississippi, Ohio, Missouri, and other affluing rivers; with exact observations on the course and soundings of these rivers; and on the
towns, villages, hamlets and farms of that part of the new-world; .... Atlas. (1826. Reprint, with an introduction and a critical index, also a translation of the appendix from the French edition, by J. Christian Bay, Firenze: O. Lange, 1924). Engraving. “Sketch of a flatbottom boat; such as are used to descend the Ohio and the Mississipi.” Rare Book Collection

8. Harvey Heth to Thomas Posey. Manuscript letter signed, March 10, 1814. William H. English Collection

Case 12 SLAVERY AND INDENTURE


4. Commissioners of Jefferson County Court. Return of Sarah Hite Clark’s allotment of dower, December 24, 1811. Miscellaneous Manuscripts, Reuben T. Durrett Collection

5. Isaac Shelby. Affidavit and deposition, October 10, 1782. Miscellaneous Manuscripts, Reuben T. Durrett Collection


Case 13  CAMPAIGN AND CONQUESTS

From the Library of Phillip and Florence Miller. Gift of Phillip and Warren Miller


5. George Rogers Clark (1752-1818)


7. Kentucky. *Laws for regulating the militia. To which is added, an act for establishing rules and articles for the government of the armies of the United States.* Frankfort, Ky.: Printed by W. Hunter, 1807.


Frontier knife and leather sheath. [ca. 1820].
William Beaumont Collection

Case 14  CRAFTING STATEHOOD

1.
Kentucky. General Assembly. Senate. *Journal of the Senate at the first session of the General Assembly for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, begun and held at the town of Lexington, on Monday, the fourth of June in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two*. Lexington: Printed by John Bradford, 1793.
Reuben T. Durrett Collection

2.
David Rice (1733-1816). *Slavery inconsistent with justice and good policy proved by a speech delivered in the convention, held at Danville, Kentucky*. New York: Printed by Isaac Collins and son, 1804.
Rare Book Collection

3.
“To the citizens of Fayette County,” and A Tenant, “To the poor and indigent citizens of Fayette.” [1799].
Broadsides, Broadsheets, and Circulars, Reuben T. Durrett Collection

4.
George Nicholas. Notes on the courts, ca. 1792.
George Nicholas Papers, Reuben T. Durrett Collection

5.
John Breckinridge to Isaac Shelby. Manuscript letter signed, March 11, 1798.
Miscellaneous Manuscripts, Reuben T. Durrett Collection

6.
Partial voting list and return. December 9, 1802.
William H. English Collection

7.
List of taxable property. 1818.
Miscellaneous Manuscripts, Reuben T. Durrett Collection

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Case 15 IMPERIAL CONSPIRACIES


2. Kentucky. General Assembly. House of Representatives. The report of the select committee to whom was referred the information communicated to the House of Representatives, charging Benjamin Sebastian, one of the judges of the Court of Appeals of Kentucky, with having received a pension from the Spanish government. Frankfort, Ky.: J. M. Street, 1806. Reuben T. Durrett Collection


5. James Madison to George Nicholas. Manuscript letter signed, May 17, 1788. George Nicholas Papers, Reuben T. Durrett Collection


8. Aaron Burr, 1756 - 1836 American Historical Portraits, William E. Barton Collection of Lincolnia


Case 16 POLITICAL AMBITIONS

2. George Nicholas. Manuscript draft of a speech, 1798. George Nicholas Papers, Reuben T. Durrett Collection


5. Devall Payne to Hannah Payne. Manuscript letter signed, January 18 and 21, 1809. Miscellaneous Manuscripts Collection


7. Masonic Apron, ca. 1800-1820. Artifact Collection

Case 17 COMMERCE
1. Anthony Boucherie. *The art of making whiskey, so as to obtain a better, purer, cheaper and greater quantity of spirit, from a given quantity of grain: Also, the art of converting it into gin, after the process of the Holland distillers, without any augmentation of price.*
Broadsides, Broadsheets, and Circulars, Reuben T. Durrett Collection

Lyne Estate Papers, Reuben T. Durrett Collection

4. James Wilkinson and Peyton Short to Isaac Shelby. Manuscript letter signed, December 19, 1789, with the subscription “To the planters of the District of Kentucky.”
Miscellaneous Manuscripts, Reuben T. Durrett Collection

5. John Fitzgerrald and John Robertson to Jonathan Forbis. Bill of sale for Peter, June 22, 1797.
Slavery and Indentured Servitude Collection

William H. English Collection

Bank note, Bank of Henderson, Henderson, Kentucky, August 18, 1818.
Bank note, Cumberland Bank, Burksville, Kentucky, December 28, 1818.
Bank note, Farmers & Mechanics Bank, Logan, Kentucky, April 30, 1819.
Check, Bank of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Bowling Green, Kentucky, June 12, 1823.
American Currency Collection

8. Steelyard or lever scale, n.d.
William Beaumont Collection

Case 18 LAW

1. John Bradford (1747-1830). A general instructer; or the office, duty, and authority of justices of the peace, sheriffs, coroners, constables, jailors, and jurymen, with precedents,
suited to every case that can possibly arise, in the discharge of the duties in either of those offices.... Lexington, Ky.: Printed for the author by T. T. Bradford, 1820. Rare Book Collection, D’Angelo Library

2. William Clutter, defendant. A concise statement of the trial & confession of William Clutter, who was executed on Friday the 8th June, 1810, at Boone Court-House, Kentucky, for the murder of John Farmer. To which is prefixed a short sketch of his life. Cincinnati: John W. Browne & Company, 1810. Reuben T. Durrett Collection

3. Richard Dickinson. An address to Judge Innes, sole and absolute judge of the Federal Court, in all cases to the amount of two thousand dollars; and to the citizens of the United States of America. Louisville: Printed by Vail and Berry, 1803. Reuben T. Durrett Collection


5. Kentucky Court of Appeals. Court Ruling, December 9, 1803. (True Copy) Lyne Estate Papers, Reuben T. Durrett Collection

6. John Moore to the County Court, Jefferson County, Kentucky. Estate inventory and appraisal, February 6, 1804. Miscellaneous Manuscripts, Reuben T. Durrett Collection


Case 19 HOUSEHOLDS

1. Joseph Doddridge (1769-1826). Notes, on the settlement and Indian wars, of the western parts of Virginia & Pennsylvania: From the year 1763 until the year 1783 inclusive; together with a view, of the state of society and manners of the first settlers of the western country. Wellsburgh, Va.: Printed at the office of the Gazette, for the author, 1824. Reuben T. Durrett Collection
   Miscellaneous Manuscripts, Reuben T. Durrett Collection

   Lyne Estate Papers, Reuben T. Durrett Collection

4. Harry Innes. Accounts for maintenance of manumitted slaves, [1804].
   Lyne Estate Papers, Reuben T. Durrett Collection

   Joshua Lacy Wilson Papers, Reuben T. Durrett Collection

   Miscellaneous Manuscripts, Reuben T. Durrett Collection

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8. Drinking gourd, n.d.
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Case 20  FARM AND PLANTATION

   Berlin Collection
2. *The Kentucky farmer's almanac, for the year 1810; being the second after bissextile, or leap year; and (after the 4th of July) the 35th of American Independence. Containing, (exclusive of the astronomical calculations,) a variety of useful and entertaining matter.*

*Lexington:* Printed by Wm. W. Worsley, [1809?]

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7. Woodworking tools, small hammer, shovel, scythe, n.d.

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Case 21 TEACHING AND LEARNING

1. Peter Bailey. *The defining orthographer, and youth's plain guide to pronunciation and reading; containing, a selection of the most common and useful words of two, three, four, five, and six syllables, made use of in our language, with their definition.* .... Lexington, Ky.: William and John M’Clane, 1815.

Reuben T. Durrett Collection

2. Jesse Guthrie. *The American school-master's assistant; being a compendious system of vulgar and decimal arithmetic; containing the usual methods of calculation, with the calculation of federal money dispersed throughout the whole.* .... 3rd ed. Lexington: Maccoun, Tilford & Company, 1811.

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4. Lindley Murray (1745-1826). *Introduction to the English reader; or, a selection of pieces, in prose and poetry; calculated to improve the younger classes of learners in reading, and to imbue their minds with the love of virtue* .... Philadelphia: Benjamin Warner, 1816.
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Case 22 CHURCH AND FAITH

1. William Downs (1782?-1860?). *A new Kentucky composition of hymns and spiritual songs; together with a few odes, poems, elegies, &c*. Frankfort, Ky.: Gerard & Berry, Printers, 1816.
Reuben T. Durrett Collection
2. Carter Tarrant (1765- ca. 1813). *The substance of a discourse delivered in the town of Versailles, Woodford County, State of Kentucky, April 20, 1806. With some additions, and miscellaneous thoughts, connected with the subject.* Lexington, Ky.: Printed by Daniel Bradford, [1806?].
   William E. Barton Collection of Lincolniana

3. Joseph Thomas (1791-1835). *The life of the pilgrim, Joseph Thomas, containing an accurate account of his trials, travels and gospel labours, up to the present date.* Winchester, Va.: J. Foster, printer, 1817.
   Reuben T. Durrett Collection

4. “Thoughts on the exercises which have occurred at the camp-meetings in the western parts of our country. Communicated to the editor, by Mr. William Young, of Delaware. “ *The Philadelphia medical and physical journal*, vol. 3, no. 13 (1808): 110-118.
   John Crerar Library General Collection

5. Dyer Burgess, “A Pastoral Letter, from the Presbytery of Miami, to the churches under their care.” April 9, 1819.
   Broadsides, Broadsheets, and Circulars, Reuben T. Durrett Collection


7. William Kearney. Manuscript copy of the St. Louis chapel construction plan, May 1, 1811.
   Miscellaneous Manuscripts, Reuben T. Durrett Collection

   Miscellaneous Manuscripts, Reuben T. Durrett Collection

   Pictures, Maps, Sketches, Reuben T. Durrett Collection

Case 23 MEDICAL PRACTICE

1. Richard Carter (b. 1786). *A short sketch of the author’s life, and adventures from his youth until 1818, in the first part. In part the second, a valuable, vegetable, medical*
prescription, with a table of detergent and corroborant medicines .... Versailles, Ky.: Printed by John H. Wilkins, 1825.
Reuben T. Durrett Collection

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John Crerar Library General Collection

3.
Sarah Owenes. Medical bill, 1792-1793.
Miscellaneous Manuscripts, Reuben T. Durrett Collection

4.
Adam Rankin. Medical bill, January 4, 1793.
Miscellaneous Manuscripts, Reuben T. Durrett Collection

5.
Joshua Lacy Wilson Papers, Reuben T. Durrett Collection

6.
Enoch Smith to Asa Blanchard. Manuscript letter signed, May 7, 1820.
Miscellaneous Manuscripts, Reuben T. Durrett Collection

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9.
Hernstein surgical kit, n.d.
William Beaumont Collection

Case 24 ENTERTAINING PURSUITS
1
John James Audubon (1785-1851). Ornithological biography, or an account of the habits of the birds of the United States of America; accompanied by descriptions of the objects represented in the work entitled The birds of America, .... Vol. 3. Edinburgh: Adam Black, 1835.
John Crerar Collection of Rare Books in the History of Science and Medicine
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5. James Sanderson (1769-1841?). *Sandy & Jenny.* Frankfort, Ky.: Printed by I. Goodman, [1806?].
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