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The Draper Manuscript Collection

The Draper Manuscript Collection. 491 volumes on 123 microfilm rolls and 84 microfiche cards. 1740-1891.

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This is the 1980 microfilm edition of The Draper Manuscript Collection held by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. Lyman Copeland Draper created the Draper Manuscript Collection and the Collection reflects his interest in “the history of the trans-Allegheny West, a region embracing the western areas of the Carolinas and Virginia, portions of Georgia and Alabama, the entire Ohio River Valley, and part of the upper Mississippi Valley, from the period of the frontier conflicts in the 1740’s and 1750’s to the American Revolution and the War of 1812.” The Collection is arranged into fifty series and 491 volumes.

The Collection is notoriously difficult to use. There is no “every name index” but there is a published guide and several published calendars specific series within the Collection:

Josephine L. Harper. *Guide to the Draper Manuscripts.* Madison: State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1983.

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This is the essential starting point for using the Collection. The introduction includes a brief biography of Lyman C. Draper, a scope and content statement for the Collection, and a history of the Collection. There is a general description of each series and content notes for each volume within a series. In addition, there are four appendices: 1. Revolutionary War Pension Applications, 2. Additional Personal Data, 3. Maps, and 4. Reel List.

State Historical Society of Wisconsin. *Calendar of the George Rogers Clark Papers of the Draper Collection of Manuscripts.* Utica, KY: McDowell Publications, 1985.

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_____. *Calendar of the Kentucky Papers of the Draper Collection of Manuscripts.* N.p.: Cook & McDowell, 1979.

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_____. *Calendar of the Tennessee and King’s Mountain Papers of the Draper Collection of Manuscripts.* Hartford, KY: Cook & McDowell Publications, 1979.

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In addition, there are several typescript calendars that are available on microfiche as part of a notebook of *The Draper Manuscripts Calendars.*

“Frontier War Papers” Series U
“Preston and Virginia Papers”
Series QQ and ZZ

“David Shepherd Papers” Series SS
“South Carolina Papers” Series UU
“Thomas Sumter Papers” Series VV

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59	U	Frontier Wars Papers	23-24
60	V	Georgia, Alabama, and South Carolina Papers	1
61	W	Harmar Papers	1-2
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65	Y	Hinde Papers	20-28
66	Y	Hinde Papers	29-34
67	Y	Hinde Papers	35-40
68	Y	Hinde Papers	41
69	Z	Illinois Papers	1
70	AA	Irvine Papers	1-2
71	BB	Kenton Papers	1-5
72	BB	Kenton Papers	6-9
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74	CC	Kentucky Papers	1-4
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97	NN	Pittsburgh and Northwest Virginia Papers	6-10
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99	PP	Potter Family Papers	1
100	QQ	Preston Papers	1-4
101	QQ	Preston Papers	5-6
102	RR	Randolph-Ney Papers	1-4
103	RR	Randolph-Ney Papers	5-8
104	RR	Randolph-Ney Papers	9-10
105	SS	Shepherd Papers	1-5
106	TT	South Carolina Papers	1
107	UU	So. Carolina in the Revolution Miscellanies	1-2
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