

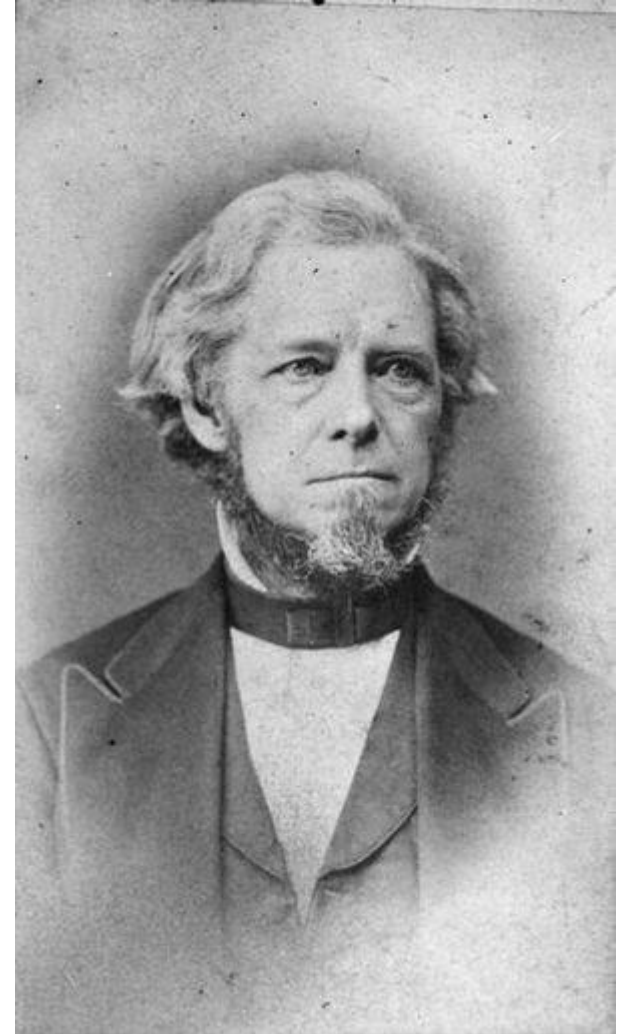
Draper Manuscripts Collection



Lyman Copeland Draper

- Born 4 Sep 1815 in Hamburg, Erie, NY
- Son of Luke and Rachel (Polley) Draper
- Married Lydia Chadwick 4 Sep 1853 Madison, Dane, Wisconsin
- Lifelong student of history
- Life's work to rescue the history of the "heroes of the Revolution"
- First Corresponding Secretary for the State Historical of Wisconsin
- Lived most of his adult life in Madison, Wisconsin
- Died 27 Aug 1891 (75) Madison, Dane, Wisconsin

Lyman Copeland Draper devoted his life to documenting the famous lives and historic events of occurring between the French and Indian War and the War of 1812 (ca. 1755-1815)



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Starting in the 1838, Lyman Draper corresponded with people who were early settlers in the Trans-Allegheny region during the second half of the 18th century. He also traveled extensively in the region to gain a better feel for the territory. Draper's professed purpose was to shed light on the era and gain knowledge before it was completely forgotten. He planned to write a series of biographies on early settlers in the region and document the Indian Wars in the Ohio River Valley.

His correspondence emphasized family connection when ever possible.

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Although Draper never finished his biographies, his correspondence with survivors of the time and their relatives provide the largest single first-hand account of the settlement of the region. He published 10 volumes of historical notes for the Wisconsin Historical Society, as well as a volume about the Battle of King's Mountain (1780). This featured many of the early settlers.

[King's Mountain and its heroes](#)

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Draper Manuscripts - Collection Organization

Upon his death, Draper willed his collection of manuscripts to the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

The collection was organized by Wisconsin Historical Society staff into 491 volumes divided into 50 *series* of varying lengths. Subsequently, the volumes were microfilmed and made available to libraries and other institutions.

Each series is titled by a geographic area, by a subject, or by the name of a prominent frontier leader. Series are labeled A-Z, AA-ZZ (no series I or II)

Draper Manuscripts - Collection Organization

Any item can be found on film if the series, volume, and page number are known. Typically they are recorded in the format volume series page. For example, the citation 25 C 12 references volume 25 of the Daniel Boone Papers (series C), page 12. Sometimes the “page number” is actually an item number in that particular volume rather than the page number.

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| •Series U | Frontier Wars Papers | Miscellanies | |
| •Series CC | Kentucky Papers | •Series VV | Thomas Sumter Papers |
| •Series DD | Kings Mountain Papers | •Series XX | Tennessee Papers |
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Draper Manuscripts - Finding a Record

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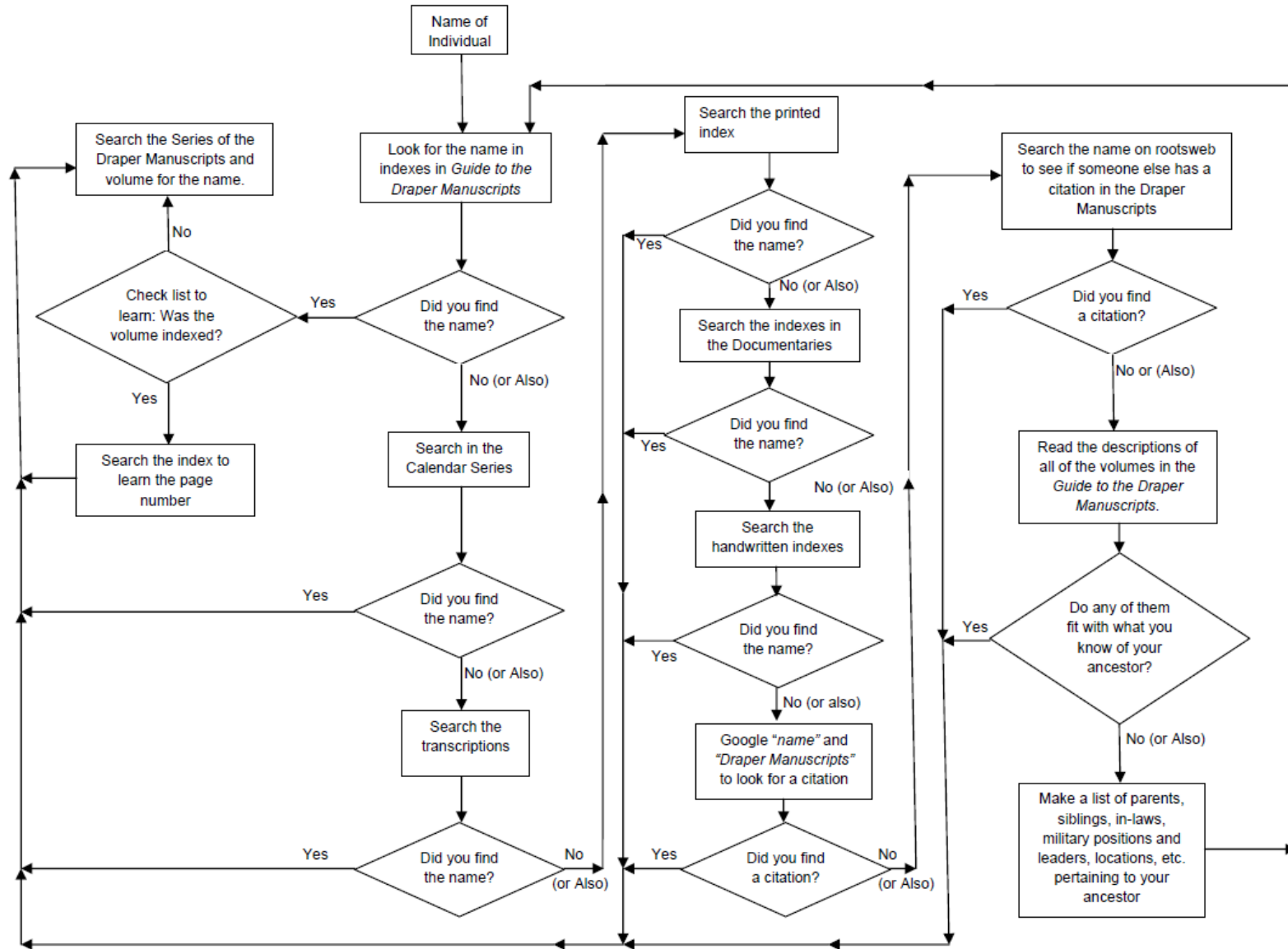
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- Series GG Mecklenburg Declaration[1]
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How to Search for Your Ancestor in the Draper Manuscript Collection



Draper Manuscripts - Links

[Wisconsin Historical Society – Draper Manuscripts Collection](#)

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[FamilySearch Wiki – Draper Manuscript Collection](#)

[TSLA – The Draper Collection](#)

[TSLA - A guide to the Draper Manuscripts – Josephine Harper](#)

[Descriptive list of manuscript collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin – R. Gold Thwaites \(PDF\)](#)

[The revolution on the upper Ohio, 1775-1777: compiled from the Draper manuscripts – Library of Congress PDF](#)

[King's Mountain and It's Heroes – Lyman Draper PDF](#)

[Videos](#)

[SAR- Resource Roundup: Using the Draper Manuscript Collection to Find Your Early American Lineage \(YT\)](#)

[St. Louis Library - Finding Your Ancestors in the Draper Manuscript Collection \(YT\)](#)

Draper Manuscript Series Coverage Table

Series A, v. 7 George Michael Bedinger papers, 1756-1843
Series B, v. 1-5 Life of Daniel Boone, 1742-1799
Series C, v. 10-12 Boone manuscripts, ca. 1746-1779 (U.S. & England)
Series C, v. 1-3 Boone manuscripts, ca 1600-1775 (U. S. & England)
Series C, v. 13-15 Boone manuscripts, ca. 1780-1815 (U. S. & England)
Series C, v. 16-18 Boone manuscripts, ca. 1816-1820 (U. S. & England)
Series C, v. 19-22 Boone manuscripts, ca. various years, (U.S. & England)
Series C, v. 23-27 Boone manuscripts, ca. 1738-1823 (U.S. & England)
Series C, v. 28-31 Draper's miscellaneous notes, 1818-1890 Series C, v. 32 Boone's miscellanies. Series C, v. 33 Bryant's Station and its founder William Bryant by Thomas Julian Bryant.
Series C, v. 4-6 Boone manuscripts, ca. 1600-1775 (U.S. & England)
Series C, v. 7-9 Boone manuscripts, ca. 1600-1775 (U.S. & England)
Series D, v.1 Border forays, 1710-1782
Series E, v. 11-16 Brady and Wetzel manuscripts, 1759-1865
Series E, v. 1-4 Brady and Wetzel manuscripts, 1759-1865
Series E, v. 5-7 Brady and Wetzel manuscripts, 1759-1865
Series E, v. 8-10 Brady and Wetzel manuscripts, 1759-1865
Series F, v. 10-11 Minisink battle, 1780-1793 (New York) Series F, v. 12 Brant's later years and death (New York)
Series F, v. 1-3 Joseph Brant's papers, ca. 1740-1807 (New York) includes Magazine of American History, 1710
Series F, v. 13-15 Brant's relatives and descendants (New York) Series F, v. 13-15 Sir William Johnson papers (New York)
Series F, v. 16-18 Brant manuscripts. (New York)
Series F, v. 19 Brant notes and letters (New York) Series F, v. 20-21 Original documents, 1771-1836 (New York) Series F, v. 22 Blacksnake papers and Draper's memoranda. (New York)
Series F, v. 4-5 Brant manuscripts, 1778 (New York)
Series F, v. 6-7 Sullivan's campaign, 1779 (New York)
Series F, v. 8-9 Minisink battle, 1779 (New York)
Series G, v. 1 Brant miscellanies, ca. 1776-1849 Series G, v. 2 Cherry Valley, Sullivan's campaign, Minisink, 1878-1879.
Series H, v. 1-3 Daniel Brodhead papers, 1775-1781
Series J, v. 10 George Rogers Clark manuscripts, various years.
Series J, v. 11-12 George Rogers Clark manuscripts 1782-1818
Series J, v. 1-2 George Rogers Clark manuscripts, various years. Series J, v. 3 Sketch by Leonard Bliss of George Rogers Clark. Series J, v. 4-5 Pogue and Menard papers.
Series J, v. 13-15 George Rogers Clark manuscripts 1771-1774
Series J, v. 16 George Rogers Clark manuscripts, 1775-1776
Series J, v. 17 Col. John Bowman's 1777-1786 Series J, v. 18 Illinois campaign, 1777-1778
Series J, v. 19-20 Corn Island. 1778
Series J, v. 21-22 Route to Kaskaskia, Illinois, 1778
Series J, v. 23 Capture of Vincennes, Indiana, 1779 Series J, v. 24-25 Route to Vincennes, Indiana 1779

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Series J, v. 30-34 Floyd's & Cochry's defect; Hay's Station massacre; original letters, 1780-1800 Series J, v. 30-34 Clark's life, etc; relations with Spain.
Series J, v. 35-37 Clark's last years; Clark's officers & associates, 1801-1818.
Series J, v. 38 Draper's miscellaneous memoranda, 1845-1891.
Series J, v. 39-42 Spanish documents, 1791-1795 (Louisiana)
Series J, v. 43 Oliver Pollock case Series J, v. 44 David Todd & Mann Butler papers, 1810-1859 Series J, v. 45 Henry Hamilton papers, ca. 1781 Series J, v. 46 Original documents & miscellaneous letters, 1761-1788
Series J, v. 47 Clark's original memoir & Bowman's journal, 1778-1779 Series J, v. 48-51 Original documents, letters, etc., 1774-1781
Series J, v. 52-55 Original documents; letters, etc., 1782-1892
Series J, v. 56 Court-martial book, Illinois regiments, 1779-1781 Series J, v. 57-58 Daniel Trabue's narrative, 1760-2781 Series J, v. 59 Clark's memoir copied by Draper etc., 1775-1781 Series J, v. 60 Illinois papers on Clark's campaign & Pollock's claim
Series J, v. 61 Secretary's book for grant of land to Illinois regiment. Series J, v. 62 Orderly book of the Continental army, 1778 Series J, v. 63 Clark's orderly book, 1781-1782 William Clark's 1791 Series J, v. 64 Draper's miscellaneous notes, ca. 1774
Series J, v. 6-9 George Rogers Clark manuscripts, 1774-1786
Series K, v. 1-2 George Rogers Clark miscellanies, ca. 178-1886 Series K, v. 3 Congressional efforts to obtain Revolutionary claims. Series K, v. 4 Roster of Illinois regiments, 1780 Series K, v. 5 Clark vs. Porterfield Supreme Court, 1844
Series L, v. 1-2 Jonathan Clark papers, 1750-1811 (Virginia & Kentucky)
Series M, v. 1-5 William Clark papers, 1780-1822 Series M, v. 6 Lewis & Clark expedition, 1804
Series N, v. 1-2 William Croghan papers, 1752-1822 Series N, v. 3 Revolutionary journals and company rolls, 1769-1818, FS Catalog book 921.73 C875c
Series O, v. 1-2 Daniel Drake papers, 1785-1852 (Ohio)
Series P, v. 1-3 Draper's biographical sketches, ca. 1665-1834 (Historical characters & other eminent men)
Series Q, v. 1-2 Draper's historical miscellanies, 1720-1887
Series Q, v. 3 The west in revolution. Series Q, v. 4 Draper's letter-book, 1843; notes for letters, 1862-1863 Series Q, v. 5 Memoranda. Miscellaneous notes on persons and events connected with border history in the 18th cent.
Series Q, v. 6 American manuscripts of the Revolution, 1780-1783 Series Q, v. 7-8 Newspaper clippings from English newspapers, 1758-1801.
Series R, v. 1-3 Draper's memoranda books, 1844-1879
Series S, v. 10-14 Draper's notes 1860
Series S, v. 1-4 Draper's notes, 1843-1850
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Series S, v. 19-22 Draper's notes 1863-1868
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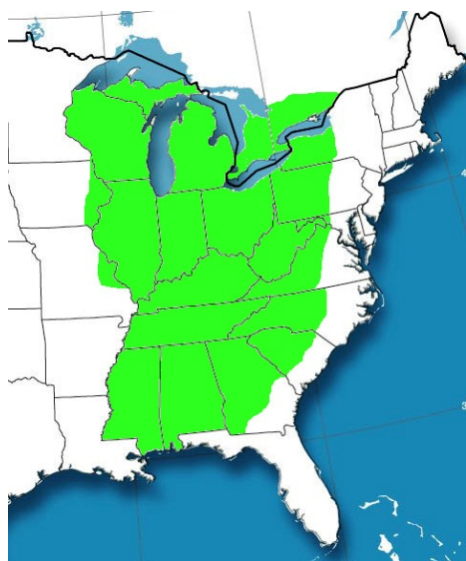
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Series T, v. 1-9 Forsyth papers, 1804-1833
Series U, v. 1 Frontier wars: Sandy Creek expedition, 1756; Cherokee expedition, 1776; defence of Virginia and Pennsylvania frontier, 1777. Series U, v. 2 Defense of the border, 1777-1778 Shelby's Chickamauga campaign, 1779; Crawford's expedition, 1782. S
Series U, v. 11-12 notes on southern Indian tribes Series U, v. 13 Thomas Blake's journal in Sullivan's expedition.
Series U, v. 14-18 Frontier war treaties and journals, 1755-1815. Series U, v. 19-20 Sullivan's expedition journals, notes, 1779-1831
Series U, v. 21-24 Chronicles, original manuscripts, Indian treaties, etc., relating to frontier wars, 1756-1834
Series U, v. 4-7 Gen. Richard Butler papers, including war of 1812 papers, 1786-1815
Series U, v. 8-10 Gen. Richard Butler papers; war of 1812 papers; notes of southern Indian tribes.
Series V v. 1 Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina papers.
Series W, v. 1-2 Harmar papers, ca. 1778-1799
Series X, v. 1-3 Harrison papers, various years.
Series X, v. 4-5 Harrison papers, various years.
Series Y, v. 10-19 Hinde papers, 1787-1883
Series Y, v. 1-9 Hinde papers, 1787-1883
Series Y, v. 20-27 Hinde papers, 1787-1883
Series Y, v. 28-34 Hinde papers, 1787-1883
Series Y, v. 35-40 Hinde papers, 1787-1883
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Series Z, v. 1 Illinois manuscripts, 1842-1868
Series AA, v. 1-2 Irvine papers, 1776-1834
Series BB, v. 10-13 Simon Kenton and descendants.
Series BB, v. 1-5 Simon Kenton papers, 1755-1836
Series BB, v. 6-9 Simon Kenton papers, 1770-1815
Series CC, v. 11-12 Kentucky papers, various years
Series CC, v. 13-17 Shane collection, Kentucky and Ohio, 1807-1835 Series CC, v. 18 Kentucky Gazette extracts, 1787-1788 Series CC, v. 19 Scrapbook of newspaper extracts (Kentucky)
Series CC, v. 1-4 Kentucky manuscripts, various years.
Series CC, v. 20 Lexington assessment book, 1796-1806 (Kentucky) Series CC, v. 21-22 Letter books of James and Henry Wier, 1805-1824 Series CC v. 23 Spencer records, 1762-1783 (Kentucky) Series CC, v. 24 Thomas Hanson's journal, 1774-1777 (Kentucky) Serie
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Series CC, v. 31 Miscellaneous correspondence, 1780-1862 (Kentucky) Series CC, v. 32 Draper's correspondence, 1838-1876 (Kentucky)
Series CC, v. 33-34 Draper's correspondence. 1877-1887 (Kentucky) Series CC, v. 35 Western Miscellany and Draper' notes, 1750-1827 Series CC, v. 36 Recipes collected by Shane.
Series CC, v. 5-7 Worsley papers, 1796-1824 (Kentucky)
Series CC, v. 8 Worsley papers, 1775-1870 (Kentucky)

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Series CC, v. 9 William Whitley papers, 1775-1813 (Kentucky) Series CC, v. 10 John Filson's journals, 1785-1786 (Kentucky)
Series DD, v. 10-11 King's Mountain papers, 1775-1783
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Series DD, v. 14-15 King's Mountain papers, 1775-1783
Series DD, v. 16-18 King's Mountain papers, 1775-1783
Series DD, v. 3-4 King's Mountain papers, 1775-1783
Series DD, v. 5-6 King's Mountain papers, 1775-1783
Series DD, v. 8-9 King's Mountain papers, 1775-1783
Series DD, v.7 King's Mountain papers, 1775-1783
Series EE, v. 1 London documents at Albany, 1722- ca. 1774
Series FF, v. 1-3 Mecklenburg Declaration by Draper. 1775
Series GG, v. 1 Mecklenburg Declaration, 1775
Series GG, v. 2-3 Mecklenburg Declaration, 1775
Series HH, v. 1-2 Mecklenburg Declaration miscellanies, 1775
Series JJ, v. 1 Newspaper extracts, 1752-1769
Series JJ, v. 2-4 Newspaper extracts, 1761-1795
Series KK, v. 1 North Carolina papers, 1743-1874
Series LL, v. 1 Paris documents at Albany, 1718-ca. 1764
Series MM, v. 1-3 Patterson papers, 1753-1827
Series NN, v. 1-5 Pittsburgh and Northwest Virginia papers, 1737-1814. (Ft. Pitt Region, papers of generals & others frontier soldiers)
Series OO, v. 1 Pension settlements, ca. 1775-1783
Series PP, v. 1 Potter papers, 1747-1807
Series QQ, v. -13 Preston papers, 1731-1774
Series RR, v. 1-3 Rudolph-Ney papers, various years.
Series RR, v. 4-7 Rudolph-Ney papers, various years.
Series RR, v. 8-10 Rudolph-Ney papers, various years.
Series SS, v. 1-5 Shepherd papers, 1755-1794
Series TT, v. 1 South Carolina manuscripts, 1777-1781
Series UU, v. 1 South Carolina in the Revolution miscellanies, 1776-1876.
Series VV, v. 11-13 Various military events and speeches, various years.
Series VV, v. 1-2 Sumter manuscripts, ca. 1743-1832
Series VV, v. 14-15 Various military events and speeches, various years.
Series VV, v. 16 Sumter manuscripts including Henry Laurence & miscellaneous manuscripts, various years.
Series VV, v. 17 Loyalists of the American Revolution, ca. 1780-1782
Series VV, v. 18-20 Sumter manuscripts and descendants; memoranda of Sumter's life, etc., various years.
Series VV, v. 21 Memoranda of Sumter's life, various years. Series VV, v. 22 Revolutionary heroes, etc., various years. Series VV, v. 23 McJunkins narrative & manuscripts, various years. Series VV, v. 24 Pearson, Philip Edward. "Superstition, apparition,
Series VV, v. 3-4 Sumter manuscripts, 1774-1832
Series VV, v. 5-6 Military events and pension statements, 1780-1832

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Series VV, v. 7 Accounts and letters in Sumter manuscripts, 1780-1832
Series VV, v. 8-10 Pension statements and speeches, 1791-1832
Series WW, v. 1-4 John Cleves Symmers papers, 1787-1827
Series XX, v. 1-3 Tennessee manuscripts, 1783-1794
Series XX, v. 4-5 Tennessee manuscripts, 1783-1794
Series XX, v. 6-7 Tennessee manuscripts, 1854-1886
Series YY, v. 11-13 Tecumseh papers, 1768-1823
Series YY, v. 1-6 Tecumseh papers, 1768-1823
Series ZZ, v. 10-16 Virginia papers, 1753-1873
Series ZZ, v. 1-4 Virginia papers, 1753-1873
Series ZZ, v. 5-9 Virginia papers, 1753-1873



Finding Your Ancestors in the Draper Manuscript Collection

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Born on 4 September 1815, Lyman Copeland Draper grew up listening to the Revolutionary War stories told by his grandfather and the War of 1812 tales of his father. He became fascinated with American history, particularly the history of the west.

After securing the financial backing of his cousin's husband, Peter A. Remsen, Draper began collecting information about the Revolutionary War and the settlement of the west. Travelling extensively, he met with and interviewed pioneers, veterans, and their children. He copied documents, clipped or transcribed articles from newspapers, copied documents, wrote and received letters, and occasionally was given original documents. He copied maps and drew new ones. He even purchased parts of the collections of John Dabney Shane and Samuel J. Rea, historians working in the same time and places as himself. These he compiled into volumes by subject matter.

Upon Remsen's death, Draper was forced to find another source of income. He secured a position at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin and continued his collection of documents and other information and continued to compile and re-compile them into volumes.

Draper's intention was to use his manuscripts to write a book on western history and biography tentatively titled *Sketches of the Lives of the Pioneers*. He died before his efforts came to fruition. In this, Draper was like a graduate student who never publishes because there might be some, presently unknown, piece of information that will render his current conclusions obsolete. In truth we are the same, waiting forever to publish our own family histories in the hope of one more clue identifying an elusive ancestor.

Upon his death, Draper willed his collection of manuscripts to the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. Shortly thereafter, the society took possession of the papers, and Society Executive, Reuben G. Thwaites, oversaw the efforts to make the collection available for

public use. This involved continuing Draper's arrangement of loose manuscripts into bound volumes.

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The Special Collections Department at St. Louis County Library Headquarters has the only complete collection of the Draper Manuscripts in the St. Louis area.

Content of the Collection

In the twenty-first century, our vision of the American West tends to be colored by our experiences of television and movie westerns. We think of the Wild West as the land of cattle rustlers, outlaws, and desperados, a land of stage coaches, saloons, ranchers, and a few Native Americans, with noble lawmen barely able to keep trouble at bay. Draper's west is the Trans-Appalachian west (see map on page 1), a place infinitely wilder than the west of our imaginations. The courthouse and the lawman were both on the other side of the mountains. The Indians were at least an equal if not greater force than the settlers. The two groups, in the best of conditions, lived in an uneasy truce. People had to rely on themselves. There was no cavalry to ride to the rescue.

By the time Draper began his collecting, this Trans-Appalachian west was a settled land. In talking to the children and the grandchildren of the pioneers and listening to the revolutionary war stories, he felt he was on a mission: A mission to preserve a history that was already receding, at least in part, into memory.

How to find records

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¹ For alternative ways to cite the Draper Manuscripts, see Harper, Josephine L, *Guide to the Draper Manuscripts*. Madison: State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1983, p vii. [R929.3 H294G and 929.3 H294G] or Mills, Elizabeth Shown, *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace*. Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2007, p129 [R 907.2 M657E and 907.2 M657E].

Guide to the Draper Manuscripts

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Consider, for example, the description of the randomly chosen Series F, the Joseph Brandt Papers. At a first glance, a researcher might conclude "My ancestors do not include any Brandts. I do not even know who Joseph Brandt was. This could not possibly apply to my research." According to the introduction to the series, Joseph Brant was a "noted Mohawk chief whose Indian name was Thayendanegea." Early in the Revolution he "was given a British captain's commission." He became the leader of the "British Indians in New York and northern Pennsylvania where he directed or participated in battles and terror-inspiring raids from 1777 through 1783."³ If your ancestors were from western New York or northern Pennsylvania during the Revolutionary War, this might be a series that would be of interest to you.

Harper provides additional information about each volume in each series. Typically she lists events and key names that are mentioned in it. For example, in Series F, Volume 2, she lists the Devil's Hole Massacre, the Susquehanna Delawares, John Brown, Fort St. John, the Battle of the Cedars, Ezekiel Brown, John McKistry, Elizabeth Knox, Jonathan Maynard, and Lois Eaton among others. These descriptions may mention an ancestor's name or a battle or other event he or she participated in.

Following the description of the series, Harper provides a general index of names and subjects included in her volume descriptions. It lists the series and volume numbers where the name or subject can be found.

Four appendices complete the book. Appendix I contains an index to the Revolutionary War Pension Applications found in the Draper Manuscripts. It lists the series and volume number where the individual's papers can be found. Not every Revolutionary War Pension recipient is included because Draper did not establish contact with all of them. This appendix is less useful than it once was, because all of the Revolutionary War Pension records are searchable on the Fold3 database available through St. Louis County Library.

Appendix II contains a listing of additional personal data found in the manuscripts. The index includes authors of signed publications, cartographers, correspondents and other writers who contributed information to Draper, persons interviewed and subjects of obituaries. The entries list the series and volume numbers of the reference.

² Harper, Josephine L, *Guide to the Draper Manuscripts*. Madison: State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1983. [R929.3 H294G and 929.3 H294G]

³ Harper, p28.

Appendix III lists the more than 575 cartographic pieces in the collection. Few of these maps are original to the Revolutionary War or settlement periods, but they offer a sense of place that cannot easily be found elsewhere. Many of the maps were hand drawn by Draper. The index lists pressmark, volume, and page number.

Appendix IV provides the reel list of the 1980 microfilm edition of the collection, the filming owned by the Special Collections Department.

Calendars

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin published several volumes of indexes to parts of the Draper Manuscript Collection. Called the "Calendar Series," they take their name from the chronological order of the abstracts in the front of the book. An index of the principal names (of people or locations) follows to help the researcher. It does not appear that every name listed in the papers appears in the index, but instead only the key names relative to the documents.

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Series UU	South Carolina in the Revolution Miscellanies
Series VV	Thomas Sumter Papers
Series XX	Tennessee Papers
Series ZZ	Virginia Papers

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Series TT	South Carolina Papers
Series ZZ	Virginia Papers (volumes 1-5 only)

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Series B	<i>The Life of Daniel Boone</i>	Ted Franklin Belue
22 S 241—268	<i>Lyman C. Draper's Notes on His Interview with Samuel Boone</i>	George F. Doyle
6 S 19—241	<i>My Father, Daniel Boone</i>	Neal O. Hammon
21 U	<i>Action at the Galudoghson</i>	December 14 1742 Jared C. Lobdell
Various	<i>Frontier Memories II</i> and <i>Frontier Memories III</i> ⁵	Dale Payne
Series D	<i>Border Forays and Adventures</i>	Robert Barton Puryear III

Indexes

Karen Mauer Green compiled an *Index to the Draper Manuscripts: Series NN, The Pittsburgh and Northwest Virginia Papers*. The index includes every name mentioned in the text. A brief introduction explains how to use the index for efficiently finding the documents in the original manuscripts.

Draper himself indexed some, but not all, of the volumes. If he created an index, it is included within the volume. Some of his indexes are more detailed than others. Some are more legible than others. Draper made these indexes for his own purposes. He did not make them for us. It is unclear if he indexed every name or only the ones he was interested in for his planned books. The Special Collections Department printed copies of these indexes for the volumes that are not otherwise indexed, transcribed, or calendared and placed them in four large white binders. Each of these indexes must be searched separately

⁴ St. Louis County Library does not have a copy of the transcription of the Mecklenburg Declaration.

⁵ *Frontier Memories III* also includes a revised version of *Frontier Memories I*.

Documentaries

In the early years of the last century, The Wisconsin Historical Society published five compilations of items extracted from the Draper Manuscripts. The items were selected from across the various series and volumes to explain in a chronological order some of the events of the Revolutionary War and the time immediately preceding it.

The five, in historical order are:

Documentary History of Dunmore's War, 1774.
The Revolution on the Upper Ohio, 1775–1777.
Frontier Defense on the Upper Ohio 1777–1778.
Frontier Advance on the Upper Ohio, 1778–1779.
Frontier Retreat on the Upper Ohio, 1779–1781.

Each of these volumes contains an index of names. By finding a name in the index, a researcher can go to the page in the compilation. The page in the documentary will list the citation of the original document in the Draper Manuscripts.

Other authors have also compiled histories from the Draper Manuscripts. The patterns of indexing and citation vary with the individual author. Some of these works are:

Harry G. Enoch	<i>Affair at Captina Creek.</i> <i>In Search of Morgan's Station and "the Last Indian Raid in Kentucky".</i>
Louis Knott Koontz	<i>The Virginia Frontier, 1754–1763.</i>
Jared C. Lobdell	<i>Further Materials on Lewis Wetzel and the Upper Ohio Frontier.</i> <i>Indian Warfare in Western Pennsylvania and Northwest Virginia at the Time of the Revolution.</i> <i>Recollections of Lewis Bonnett, Jr. (1788-1850).</i> <i>The Bonnett and Wetzel Families.</i>
Edward P. McCullough	<i>The Early History of Montgomery County, Kentucky.</i>
Dale Payne	<i>Biographical Sketches of the Pioneers.</i> <i>Narratives of Pioneer Life and Border Warfare.</i>
Darren R. Reid	<i>Daniel Boone and Others on the Kentucky Frontier.</i>

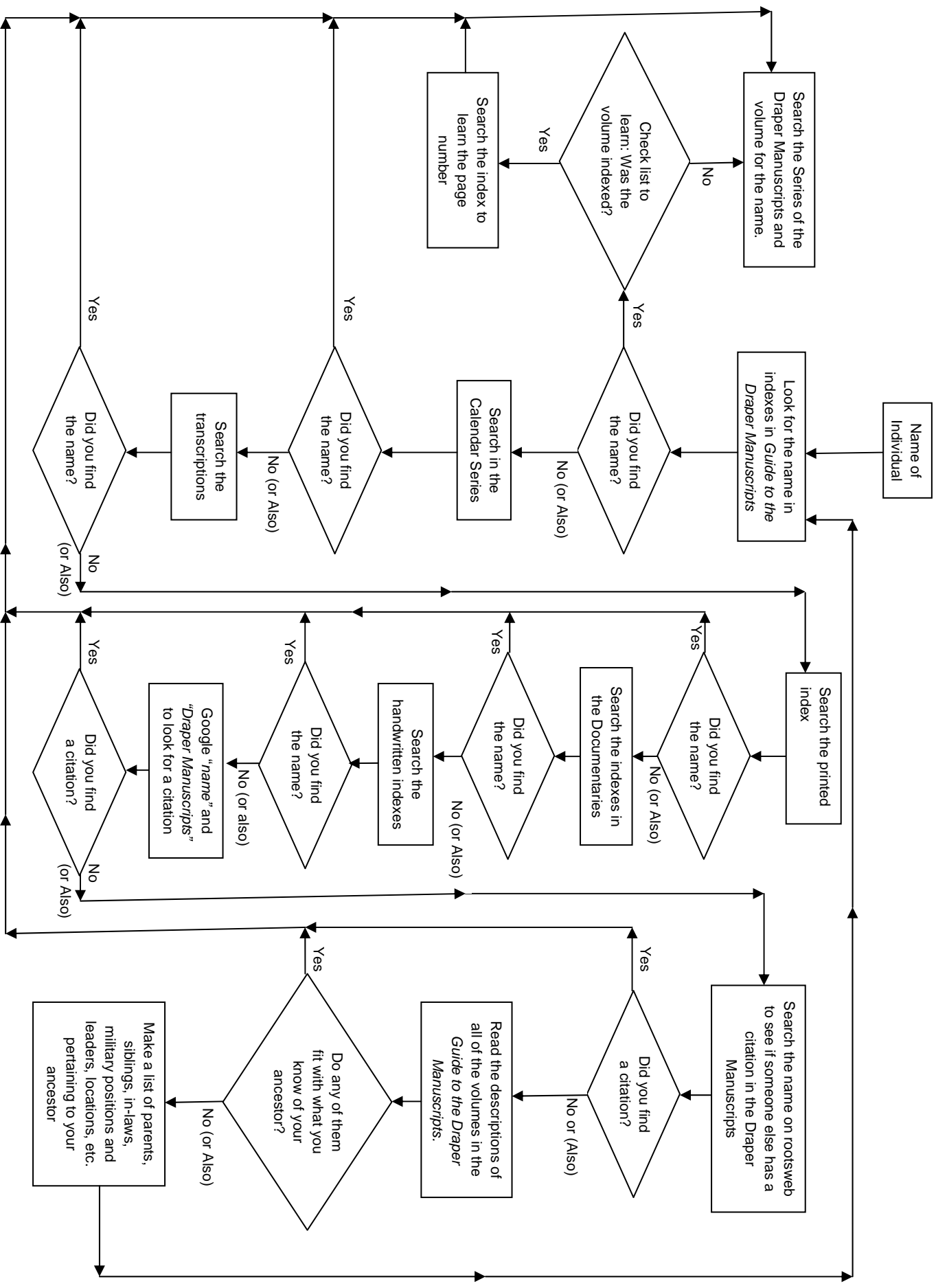
Strategies for Finding your Ancestors

The key to a successful search is to exhaust all reasonable possibilities. The flow chart in this handout is one example of a logical process to follow as you move through the various resources. If you follow the steps it will guide you through a process of searching for your ancestors in the Draper Manuscript Collection.

The Draper Manuscripts are not now and not ever likely to be an easy resource to use. With planning and persistence, however, they do not have to be an insurmountable challenge.



How to Search for Your Ancestor in the Draper Manuscript Collection



Glossary of Terms Used in the Flow Chart

Calendar Series: Set of six books created by the Wisconsin Historical Society to make the Draper Manuscripts more accessible. Each of the six volumes covers one or more series of the collected manuscript volumes. The Calendars feature an index at the back of the book referencing abstracts of information in the front of the book which in turn reference a manuscript series, volume, and page number.

Documentaries: The Wisconsin Historical Society compiled five volumes of history from documents in the Draper Manuscript Collection. Scholars, including Draper himself, also created similar works based on documents found in the manuscripts.

Draper Manuscript Collection: A group of documents relating to the Revolutionary War and the settlement of the Trans-Appalachian west assembled by Lyman Copland Draper in the mid to late 19th century. Also known as the Draper Papers and the Draper Manuscripts.

Guide to the Draper Manuscripts: Book written by Josephine Harper detailing the contents of each volume of the manuscripts. Contains an index of all names mentioned in the book as well as four appendices.

Handwritten Index: These are indexes created by Draper for some of the volumes of the Manuscripts. Copies of these indexes for volumes that have not been calendared (see Calendar Series) or Transcribed (see Transcriptions) have been printed from the microfilm and placed in four binders in the Special Collections Department at St. Louis County Library.

Printed Index: Karen Mauer Green created an every name index for Series NN, the Pittsburgh and Northwest Virginia Papers.

Series: When the Wisconsin Historical Society took possession of Draper's Manuscripts, they continued his organization system of combining the various volumes of the collection into 50 series by subject (such as the George Rogers Clark Papers, the Kentucky Papers, etc.). Each series was assigned a one or two letter pressmark to identify it. There are Series A-Z and AA-ZZ with I and II not being used.

Transcriptions: Various writers, scholars, and other individuals have created word for word transcriptions of individual volumes of the manuscripts. Most have an every name index.

Volume: Set of manuscripts bound together into one book. These original books belong to the Wisconsin Historical Society and have been microfilmed. The films are available at many libraries including the Special Collections Department at St. Louis County Library.