

# DRAPER MANUSCRIPTS

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490 Vols.

Main Geographical Focus: Western Va, Carolinas, Ky, Tenn,  
Ohio Valley, upper Mississippi  
Valley

Organized in 50 Subunits or series.

Some are papers of or relating to  
a particular person, or geographical  
area, or specific events. Time Period:  
covering French & Indian War (1754) to  
War of 1812 (1815)

Has been microfilmed & is avail at Mo. Historical  
Library in Columbia. Avail on interlibrary loan, <sup>Wisc.</sup>  
loan from State Hist. Soc. of Wisconsin, <sup>Madison, Wisc.</sup> Has  
been microfilmed in entirety. Retilmed in 1970 in better quality.

Calendar: item by item description of each series.  
pub for several genealogically signif. series.  
Kings Mtn, etc. (NOTE: these indexes are not  
complete)

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Guide to Draper Manuscripts: is not an index to entire collection, but is necessary for an introduction. Read Introduction, explains what book does. (Time period, geographical location, and principal person) Index lists only "significant" persons. If indexed, may also have other mentions of this person elsewhere. There is also an "Additional Index."

Do by geography, dates, persons. Especially generation after Rev. which includes non-indexed names, especially interviews of daughters. Always check indexes ~~of~~ for names of daughters.

Watch for patterns ie: groups of people from same area migrating to same place.

500,000 to 666,000 names in Msc.

Chadwick • Healy Microfilm • r microfiche  
Teaneck, NJ.

# Records Northwest Territory

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Records to be found at county, state, +  
Fed level

Federal:

\*\* The Terr. Papers of the United States  
(22 VOL) Clarence Carter.  
[detailed index]  
Vol 1 Introd.  
Vol 2 N.W. Terr

(Reference may lead to other documents  
where person can be found)

Sometimes shortly after formation of county  
had only 1 book to record everything.

Not ~~of~~ all of the records relating to one  
area are found in one place.

Some Official Records of NW Terr are in  
papers of Gov + TERR. SEC, some at OHIO HIST  
Soc + some with Mass. HIST. Soc.

Many times when county formed not fully:  
 1. Founding sometimes attached <sup>formed;</sup>  
 to parent county until suff. pop. to org.

2. Organization

a. county purposes

b. Judicial organization.

[there may be several years between each of these. May be attached to one county & then another county before organized.

Go to Territorial Session Law to find out <sup>when founded and</sup> if attached to another county]

Do not limit to county records, or Terr records or federal records — use all.

Territorial Census at least 2 census for a TERR:  
 1. just before legis. appears  
 2. a yr or so prior to statehood.  
 (these are usually found at state level — sometimes in the county.)  
 Usually head-of-family only.

# N.W. Territory Records (cont.)

Check bibliography as well as index. ~~is~~ in histories.

Univ. Library + State Historical Library + Fed publications.

Library of Cong<sup>microfilm of</sup> Early State Records.  
(also includes colonial records)  
avail on interlibrary loan.

use at lib: Wm. Sumner Jenkins, compiler of <sup>catalog or guide</sup> ~~guide~~ to Early State Records of Library of Congress.

Military Records: as part of settlement record in area, had to remove Indians. The people in the Texas. served in these Indian Wars. ie: Blackhawk War 1832, muster rolls + these people had bounty land rights - had to prove who they were and entitlement.

(Request this info from Nat'l Arch.)

If heirs applied for bounty lands, had to prove who he was and who they were.

## N.W. Territory Records (cont.)

4.

Also other land records. If there during terr time, probably records at Fed. level. If orig got land from Fed did not have to file at county level.

Also Newspapers. check nsps in next county which may have covered the county which had no nsp.

Ask State Historical Soc. to see if early nsps have been indexed.

# Land Records

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Pre Revolution land granted to Colonies by Crown + Colonies then sold to indiv.

Nat'l Arch have mainly 1785.

Prior to Rev. mainly city, county + state have records.

Land Grant records may be found in country of origin.

Independent cities sold own land.

Researchers Guide to Am. Genealogy. by Val Greenwood  
has best section on land

1785 Land Ordinance - opening of public lands  
military warrants 1st & then lots sold by  
public auction.

Steubenville, Ohio; 1st Land Office in U.S.

1<sup>st</sup> Acre. Act provided for survey of land.

1782 2<sup>nd</sup> NW Ordinance: provided if died intestate  
 $\frac{1}{3}$  to widow + rest divided among children.  
Wills had to be filed w/i 1 yr of death.  
Made resident + non-resident made subj to  
taxation

1796 2 Acre Section limit  
 1800 lowered to 320A. limit.  
 1820 " " 80A "  
 1908 1<sup>25</sup> per Acre

Sometimes a man bought land for his children.  
 Watch where + by whom deed notarized.

1830 Pre-emption Land Act.

Squatter since 1829 could ~~buy~~ 80A @ 1<sup>25</sup> per A.

Military Bounty lands.

160As for Mexican War Veterans.

May also be given a 10A timber grant  
 not necessarily near 160A.

1850 Ext 1847 Act to 1842 Veterans (160A)

1852 " " " to officers (excluded previously)

This was act made benefits assignable.

Veteran could sell warrant for bounty land.

1856 Act ext to include all Vets + heirs.



1850 Donation Land Act. 160A-Single 340marr.

Oregon <sup>Donation</sup> Land Claims.  
Ore, NM, Fla, + Wash. (see only 1 published -  
in K.C. Public Lib)

1862 Homestead Act. (Age + citizenship requirement)  
5yr. resid on land. Had to be notice in  
paper giving witnesses.

Credit Entry File in Nat'l Archives.

Delaware have to have an atty examine land records.

13 Ohio state kept their own land + records in  
states, not Arch. Ky, W. Va, <sup>Maine, VT., TX.</sup> also retained own land.

BOOKS:

Grass Roots of America: 1799-1837 Index

Federal Land Series: Index: Ohio Vol 1  
: Index: Mil, Brander Lands Vol 2

## County Court Houses:

Public Land States must have abstracts + this includes each heir. Sometimes file partition suit in Circuit Court to divide land among heirs. Check Circuit Court Index. Check vault if possible to see "packet" indepto vault box. In suit will give name of every heir, incl those not in county - this may help locate heirs in other locations.

## Non Public Land States: County Court House.

(Know Person, location, and time period)  
Keep a record of every acre of land owned by ancestor. Suits will tell heirs' names.

Check Assessors or County Collector's Office for tax records. Public Information.  
Deed will show if land set aside for cemetery.

Land Records of W. Va are microfilmed + are in capitol.

Is there an original Entry map or a book with entries.

A Quiet Title suit will give property owner's Decendants. Sometimes listed under QC

Deeds of Adaption sometimes in (Recorder of Deeds?)

Maryland Indexes changed frequently.

Huntsmen + Abatement were early recorders of deeds.

Ask about all papers in file when ask for military records.

Va + Pa. (Greene, Wash, <sup>Fayette</sup> Westmore, <sup>Allegheny</sup> Monongahela, Augusta <sup>etc</sup>)  
(fr 1748 to 1785) work both States

Va Ct Records in Pa. If ment. only by surnames  
not mentimed in Index.

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