

**The Filson Historical Society**

**Filson Club  
Lectures, 1887-1992**

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**Scope and Content Note**

Often referred to as “Talks Before the Filson,” the collection contains numerous research papers and memorial speeches given before meetings of the Filson Historical Society from 1887 to 1992. Topics cover many aspects of Kentucky history, focusing mainly on the state from the frontier-era to the Civil War. Many prominent club members, including Colonel Reuben T. Durrett and Alfred S. Pirtle, gave numerous papers and had papers given about them after their deaths. The collection also includes several poems and short stories.

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**Historical Note**

The Filson Historical Society was founded as the Filson Club in 1884 to preserve Kentucky history and has since amassed large collections of manuscripts, books, and artwork. In the Filson's early days, members were required to present papers at meetings. These papers were often kept on file by the Filson, resulting in the "Talks Before the Filson" collection.

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Allison, Young E.

“The Curious Legend of Louis Philippe in Kentucky”

Read before the Filson Club, November 5, 1923.

Published privately, 1924.

Altsheller, Brent

“C.C. Graham, M.D., 1784-1885: Historian, Antiquarian, Rifle Expert, Centenarian”

Read before the Filson Club, January 6, 1933.

Published in *The Filson Club History Quarterly*, Vol. 7, No. 2, April 1933.

Anderson, Kitty

“Soldiers’ Retreat: A Historical House and Its Famous People”

Read before the Filson Club, April 7, 1919.

Published in *The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society*, Vol. 17, No. 51, Sept. 1919.

Andrews, Alfred J.

“Gideon Shryock, Kentucky Architect and Greek Revival Architecture in Kentucky”

Read before the Filson Club, December 6, 1943.

Published in *The Filson Club History Quarterly*, Vol. 18, 1944.

Anonymous

“Harrison D. Taylor”

Read before the Filson Club, ca. 1888.

“Col. James Francis Buckner”

Read before the Filson Club, ca. August 1889.

Barker, Thomas A.

“A History of the Jefferson County Court House”

Read before the Filson Club, May 7, 1934.



Barton, W.E. (William Eleazer)

“The Lincolns in Their Old Kentucky Home”

Read before the Filson Club, December 4, 1922.

Published by Berea College Press, 1923.

Bate, Richard Alexander

“Commodore Richard Taylor: A Colonial Sketch”

Read before the Filson Club, January 5, 1925.

“George Rogers Clark: Child of Virginia, Hero of Kentucky, Father of the Mighty West,

George Rogers Clark, The Patriot Martyr”

Read before the Filson Club, October 6, 1941.

Beattie, George W.

“Colonel William Lynn: Kentucky Pioneer”

Read before the Filson Club, October 2, 1922.

Beckner, Lucien

“John Findley: The First Pathfinder of Kentucky”

Read before the Filson Club, February 7, 1927.

Published in *The History Quarterly*, Vol. 1, No. 3, April 1927.

Bernhardt, Carl

Untitled paper concerning the founding of Louisville

Read before the Filson Club on unknown date.

Bloom, Levi

“Personal Recollections of Louisville Before and During the Civil War”

Read before the Filson Club, May 6, 1935.

Published in unknown newspaper.

Bourne, James M.

“Reverend David Morton”

Read before the Filson Club, May 2, 1898.

“The Difference Between English, Julian, and Gregorian Calendars”

Read before the Filson Club on unknown date.

Bowman, Pauline Newman

Letters from Josiah Langdon to Richard C. Langdon; from Levi White to his wife

Presented to the Filson Club, 1930.

Boyd, Samuel G.

“The Louisville and Nashville Turnpike Road”

Read before the Filson Club, November 2, 1925.

Published in *The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society*, Vol. 24, No. 71, May 1926.

Brown, John Mason

Untitled Memorial Speech on Rev. Edward Porter Humphrey

Read before the Filson Club, ca. December 1887.

Bruce, Horatio W.

“Richard Jones Brown”

Read before the Filson Club, ca. January 1892.

Bryant, Thomas Julian

“Bryant’s Station and Its Founder, William Bryant”

Read before the Filson Club, December 5, 1910.

Burt, Jesse C., Jr.

“Whitefoord Russell Cole, His Life and Times”

Read before the Filson Club, November 2, 1953.

Published in *The Filson Club Historical Quarterly*, Jan. 1954.

Callahan, J.E.

“My Recollections of Louisville”

Read before the Filson Club, unknown date.

Carrington, Wirt Johnson

“General Evan Shelby”

Read before the Filson Club, April 6, 1895.

Cawein, Madison

“How They Brought Aid to Bryan’s Station”

Read before the Filson Club, October 4, 1897.

Cherry, T.C. (Thomas Crittenden)

“Robert Craddock and Peter Tardiveau”

Read before the Filson Club, February 2, 1925.

Clay, Cassius Marcellus

“Washington”

Read before the Filson Club, April 25, 1889.

“Money”

Read before the Filson Club, March 4, 1890.

The two papers are bound together as “Two Papers by Cassius Marcellus Clay.”

Cleveland, Henry Whitney

Untitled Memorial Speech on Judge William L. Jackson  
Read before the Filson Club, ca. May 1890.

Coats, Ida Symmes

"The Bardstown Road"  
Read before the Filson Club, October 4, 1915.

Collins, Val P.

"County Growth of Kentucky"  
Read before the Filson Club, February 6, 1922.

Conkwright, Bessie Taul

"Estill's Defeat or, The Battle of Little Mountain"  
Read before the Filson Club, December 3, 1923.  
Published in *The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society*, Sept. 1924

Coomes, Dr. M.F.

"History of Benjamin Linn and His Work as a Kentucky Pioneer"  
Read before the Filson Club, January 7, 1895.

Cotterill, Robert S.

"Lafayette in Kentucky One Hundred Years Ago"  
Read before the Filson Club, March 2, 1925.

Cromwell, Emma Guy

Copies of documents originally accompanying Cromwell's "Preserving the Old Records of the State"  
Read before the Filson Club, January 4, 1925.

Crume, Dr. Lee G.

"Pioneers and Pioneer Places of Nelson County"  
Read before the Filson Club, March 6, 1933.

de la Hunt, Thomas James

"Hancock County, Kentucky and Indiana Neighbours"  
Read before the Filson Club, April 2, 1916.

Dickey, J.J. (John Jay)

"The Filson Club: A Poem"  
Read before the Filson Club, October 7, 1929

Distelhorst, Walter

Untitled Paper on Colonel John Floyd

Read before the Filson Club, May 6, 1957

Published as "Colonel John Floyd, of Kentucky, A Story" in *The Filson Club History Quarterly*, Vol. 31, No. 4, Oct. 1957.

Dobbs, Charles

"A Changing Viewpoint of Pioneer Development"

Read before the Filson Club, May 2, 1927.

Donohue, James J.

"Milton Hannibal Smith: His Life and Achievements"

Read before the Filson Club, April 4, 1949.

Publisher and date unknown.

Doyle, John A.

"Benedict Flaget First Bishop of Bardstown-Louisville"

Read before the Filson Club, May 2, 1932.

Published in *The Record* (newspaper of the Louisville diocese), June 9, 16, 23, 1932.

Duke, Basil W.

"Personal Recollections of Shiloh"

Read before the Filson Club, April 6, 1914.

Duncan, Fannie Casseday

"How Our Grandfathers Lived"

Read before the Filson Club, January 5, 1903.

"George Rogers Clark: 1782"

Read before the Filson Club, November 19, 1918.

"An Appreciation of a Kentucky Physician, Surgeon, and Governor – Luke P. Blackburn"

Read before the Filson Club, May 1, 1922.

Untitled Paper on the Filson Club

Read before the Filson Club, December 7, 1925.

"Conquering American Boys: Joel Tanner Hart, The "Poet-Sculptor"

Read before the Filson Club, unknown date.

Durrett, Reuben T.

“In Memoriam of General William Preston”

Read before the Filson Club, ca. 1887

“Early Banking in Kentucky”

Prepared for the Kentucky Bankers Association, October 4, 1892.

Read before the Filson Club, November 7, 1892.

Untitled Memoriam for Richard J. Menefee, John H. McHenry, James A. Chappell, and Dr. William H. Galt.

Read before the Filson Club, October 2, 1893.

“The Hon. Samuel E. DeHaven”

Read before the Filson Club, December 4, 1893.

“A Sketch of Richard Henderson Rivers, D.D.”

Read before the Filson Club, October 1, 1894.

“A Sketch of the Life and Writings of William Davis Gallagher”

Read before the Filson Club, October 1, 1894.

“In Memoriam- Gen. Charles Anderson”

Read before the Filson Club, October 7, 1895.

“Petition of the Filson Club to the Congress of the United States for the Old Custom House Property in Louisville, Ky. Dec. 22, 1896”

Included is accompanying letter by R.T. Durrett

“In Memoriam- George M. Davie”

Read before the Filson Club, March 5, 1900.

Speech on the Acceptance of a Portrait of George M. Davie by A.O. Revenaugh

Read before the Filson Club, January 7, 1901.

“William Chenault”

Read before the Filson Club on October 7, 1901.

“The First Christmas in Louisville”

Read before the Filson Club, February 3, 1902.

Published in *Southern Bivouac*, ca. December 1884

Published in *The Courier-Journal*, December 25, 1884 (article in Pirtle file, 115)

Untitled Memoriam for John White, Dr. Lyman Beecher Todd, Walter N. Haldeman, and Col. Richard C. Wintersmith

Read before the Filson Club, June 2, 1902

Durrett, Reuben T. (continued)

Letter from Peyton Short to Henry Clay

Extracts read by Durrett before the Filson Club, April 4, 1904.

“Impressments in 1786 and What Followed the Taking of a Cow”

Read before the Filson Club, June 5, 1905.

Published in *Ohio History and Philosophical Society Quarterly*, 1910.

“Henry Clay and George Rogers Clark in the National Statuary Hall”

Read before a joint committee of the Filson Club and the Kentucky State Historical Society, January 17, 1906

“Reception Speech of Col. R.T. Durrett at the Dedicatory Ceremonies of the Boone Statue in Cherokee Park, June 15<sup>th</sup> 1906”

Edwards, C. Hayden

“An Abbreviated History of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company”

Read before the Filson Club, December 1, 1991.

Ellwanger, Ella H.

“History of Estill County”

Read before the Filson Club, January 5, 1914.

Fisher, Thomas C.

“The Morgan Hughes Station and the Long Run Baptist Church”

Read before the Filson Club, November 1, 1937.

Fonda, Mary A.

“Kentucky Music”

Read before the Filson Club, March 5, 1894.

Eight Chapter History of Kentucky Music

Fowler, Ila Earle

“Tavern Times in Old Kentucky”

Read before the Filson Club, March 7, 1927.

Published in *Louisville Herald Post*, March 13, 17, 1927.

“The Tradewater River Country in Western Kentucky”

Read before the Filson Club, March 5, 1934.

Frank, Louis

“A Medical Student of the Eighties”

Read before the Filson Club, March 2, 1936.

Frazee, L.J.

“Early Railroading”

Read before the Filson Club, December 5, 1904.

Fuson, Henry Harvey

“The Cumberland Ford Settlement”

Read before the Filson Club, May 5, 1924.

Gilbert, R.B.

“Prehistoric Animals in Kentucky and the Ohio Valley or, Animals That Lived Before Men Began to Write History.”

Read before the Filson Club, December 3, 1917.

Greene, Buckner F.

A Report to the Filson Club by Its Delegate to the Eighth International Geographic Congress

Read before the Filson Club, October 3, 1904.

Greene, Nancy Lewis

“Mrs. Anna R. Des Cognets: A Sketch”

Read before the Filson Club, October 6, 1902.

Greenley, Thomas B.

“Reminiscences in the Lives and Characters of Some of the Old Physicians of Louisville, Kentucky”

Read before the Filson Club, ca. 1900.

“Some Reminiscences of Louisville”

Read before the Filson Club, April 4, 1904.

Gregory, George H.

“The Bluegrass Region of Kentucky”

Read before the Filson Club, February 4, 1924.

Hamilton, Samuel L.

“Remarks of Rev. Samuel L. Hamilton at the Broadus Memorial Service of the Filson Club, April 1895”

Harrison, Ida Withers

“The Botanic Garden of Transylvania University”

Read before the Filson Club, April 6, 1903.

Harrison, Lowell

“The Road to Statehood”

Read before the Filson Club, June 1, 1992.

“A Century of Progress: The Filson Club, 1884-1984”

Read before the Filson Club, October 1, 1984.

Published in *The Filson Club History Quarterly*, Vol. 58, No. 4, Oct. 1984.

Henton, Sara Hansborough.

“Joel T. Hart”

Read before the Filson Club, October 2, 1893.

Heywood, John H.

“Daniel Boone and the Genesis of Kentucky”

Read before the Historical Genealogical Society of Boston, May 7, 1884.

Read before the New York Historical Society, October 7, 1884.

Read before the Melrose Roundabout Club, October 24, 1884.

Read before the Filson Club, March 3, 1890.

“Judge John Speed and His Family”

Read before the Filson Club, June 4, 1894.

Published by John P. Morton and Co. of Louisville, 1894.

Hill, Eugene D.

“History of the Louisville Cement Company and the Natural Cement Industry In and Around Louisville”

Read before the Filson Club, December 3, 1945.

Hill, Samuel S.

“Outline Sketch of Georgetown College”

Read before the Filson Club, April 2, 1951.

Published in *The Filson Club History Quarterly*, Vol. 26, No. 2, April 1952.

Hoefelman, Walter M.

Untitled Paper on the Historical Records Survey Project

Read before the Filson Club, December 6, 1937.

Holifield, Marvin Bertie

“The Secession of Southern States Did Not Constitute a Rebellion or an Insurrection Against the United States Because They Legally Exercised Their Reserve Powers”

Read before the Filson Club, November 2, 1955.



Humphrey, W.C.

“Indian Land Titles in Our Commonwealth”

Read before the Filson Club, January 6, 1896.

Untitled Memoriam on George M. Davie

Read before the Filson Club, March 4, 1900.

Located with Reuben T. Durrett’s memoriam on Davie.

Hunter, Mrs. Robert

“Shelby County and Its History”

Read before the Filson Club, February 3, 1908.

“In Memorium [sic]- Mrs. Clarence L. Martin”

Read before the Filson Club, February 4, 1929.

Hurst, William L.

Untitled Paper on a Tree with Daniel Boone’s Name Carved on It

Read before the Filson Club, June 3, 1895.

Huston, George.

“Reminiscences of John U. Waring”

Read before the Filson Club, March 1903.

Isenberg, James L.

“Early Harrodsburg in the Westward Sweep”

Read before the Filson Club, December 2, 1929.

Jillson, Willard R.

“A History of the Coal Industry in Kentucky”

Read before the Filson Club, November 7, 1921.

Published in *The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society*, Vol. 20, Jan. 1922.

“The Discovery of Kentucky”

Read before the Filson Club, April 3, 1922.

Published in *The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society*, Vol. 20, No. 59, May 1922.

“The Texas Movement in Kentucky (1820-1836)”

Read before the Filson Club, May 4, 1925.

Published in *The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society*, Vol. 23, No. 68, May 1925.

Johnston, Josiah Stoddard

“The Exploration and Settlement of Dr. Thomas Walker in 1750”  
Read before the Filson Club, November 6, 1893.

“Prof. George W. Ranck”  
Read before the Filson Club, October 7, 1901.

“Captain Harry Gordon’s Journal”  
Read before the Filson Club, March 3, 1902.

“Sketch of Reuben Thomas Durrett”  
Read before the Filson Club, March 24, 1904.

“The Settlement of Harrodsburg”  
Delivered at 134<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of Harrodsburg, June 16, 1908.

Jones, Lewis K.

“Emma Bledsoe”  
Read before the Filson Club, October 3, 1910.

Jouett, Edward S.

“Jack Jouett’s Ride”  
Read before the Filson Club, November 7, 1949.  
Published in *The Filson Club History Quarterly*, Vol. 24, No. 2, April 1950.

Keller, C. C., III and G. E. Thummel

“The Sea-Power Challenge”  
Read before the Filson Club, May 4, 1970.

Kelly, Walter H.

“The Kentucky Rifle – Its Origin and Effect Upon American History”  
Read before the Filson Club, January 1, 1923.

Kendrick, William C.

“Early Jewelers of Louisville and Some of Their Successors”  
Read before the Filson Club, February 5, 1934.

Kilpatrick, Lewis H.

“The Journal of William Calk, Kentucky Pioneer”  
Read before the Filson Club, March 1, 1920.  
Published in *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, Vol. 7, No. 4, March 1921

Kincaid, Robert L.

“Joshua Fry Speed: Lincoln’s Confidential Agent in Kentucky”  
Read before the Filson Club, April 4, 1955.

Lafferty, Maude Ward

“The Lairs” with S. Eliza Lair

Prepared for Lair Association, August 1909

Read before the Filson Club, December 4, 1911

“Early Taverns and Travelers in Central Kentucky”

Read before the Filson Club, February 4, 1918.

“A Revolutionary Tragedy: The Destruction of Ruddle’s and Martin’s Forts”

Read before the Filson Club, January 6, 1930.

Levi, Lily Ernestine

“Traditions of Shippingport”

Read before the Filson Club, May 7, 1906.

“Monograph on the Town of Portland, Ky.”

Read before the Filson Club, May 6, 1907.

“A Monograph of Jeffersontown, Ky.”

Read before the Filson Club, April 5, 1909.

“Simon Kenton”

Read before the Filson Club, March 5, 1917.

“The Boyhood of Daniel Boone”

Read before the Filson Club, January 7, 1924

Lewis, Ada S.

“Dr. R. B. Gilbert”

Read before the Filson Club, June 6, 1921.

Little, Lucius P.

“Ann Marshall and Her Various Matrimonial Experiences”

Read before the Filson Club, December 6, 1915.

Loos, Charles Louis

Memoriam on George W. Ranck

Read before the Filson Club, October 7, 1901. – In Lyman B. Todd file

Lytle, Elizabeth

“Cleopatra to Antony”

Read before the Filson Club, November 1901.

Published in *The Illustrated South*, Vol. 4, No. 6, November 1901.

“Winding Yarn”

Read before the Filson Club, December 4, 1901.

McBryer, James

“The Odd Number Seven – References to the Bible”

Read before the Filson Club, unknown date.

McDowell, William P.

“Reminiscence of the Battle of Perryville, Ky.”

Read before the Filson Club, May 2, 1898.

McMeekin, Isabel McLennan

“The Bronze Hunter, Kentucky Speaks to Boone”

Read before the Filson Club by Mrs. Shackelford Miller, November 2, 1934.

Published in book form, unknown publisher.

Macpherson, Ernest

“Gettysburg and Its Effect Upon the Fortunes of the Confederacy”

Published by *The Louisville Times*, November 15, 1913.

Included upon Mr. Macpherson’s request; never presented to the Filson Club.

Martin, Boyd

“Dramatic Art in Kentucky”

Read before the Filson Club, April 1, 1946.

Martin, Eliza Gathright

“Will Wallace Harney, The Man, The Writer”

Read before the Filson Club, January 6, 1919.

Mather, Otis M.

“Explorers and Early Settlers South of Muldraugh Hill”

Read before the Filson Club, February 5, 1923.

“Christopher Miller – Indian Captive and Scout of General Anthony Wayne”

Read before the Filson Club, December 4, 1933.

“Thomas Lincoln and His Neighbors, 1808-1811”

Read before the Filson Club, 1934.

Mercer, S.C.

“The Two Kentuckians” – Poem

Read before the Filson Club by Mrs. Irwin Dugan, June 1901

Published by Press of S.T. Copeland, Louisville, 1901

“Echo River and Civil War Echoes” – Poem

Read before the Filson Club, October 5, 1903.

“Reconciliation” – Poem

Uncertain if read before the Filson Club

Miller, Elvira Sydnor

“Henry T. Stanton”

Read before the Filson Club, June 5, 1898.

“Miss Marie M. Thixton”

Read before the Filson Club, November 1901.

Miller, James C.

“Pleutonic Formation in Kentucky”

Read before the Filson Club, unknown date.

Moseley, M.H.

“Timeless Talisman – Steel”

Read before the Filson Club, 1973.

Published in *The (Eddyville, Ky.) Herald-Ledger*, July 18, 1973.

Mueller, Ignatius

“The Characteristics of True American Citizenship or, The American National Character”

Read before the Filson Club, March 1, 1915.

Nachod, C.P.

Incomplete notes that accompanied a slide show.

Read before the Filson Club, unknown date.

Needham, Charles K.

“The Life and Achievements of Albert Fink”

Read before the Filson Club, October 4, 1920.

Includes accompanying 1912 photograph of Bridge No. 112, Wheeling Division Crossing the Monongahela River at Fairmont, West Virginia.

“A Review of the Efforts That Have Been Made to Develop Water Power at the Falls of the Ohio” – Including drawings

Read before the Filson Club, December 5, 1921.

“The du Pont Paper Mill and Artesian Well”

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“Some Historical Notes Relating to the Courthouse of Jefferson Co., Ky.”

Read before the Filson Club, January 3, 1927.

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Newcomb, Mary.

Untitled paper on folk music.

Read before the Filson Club, January 4, 1932.

Oldacre, Clara L.

“A National Park in Kentucky”

Read before the Filson Club by Clara Lee Oldacre, December 5, 1927.

Parsons, T.W.

“An Old-Time Kentucky Riot”

Read before the Filson Club, January 1, 1894.

“A Hanging and Riot at Booneville, Ky in 1847”

Read before the Filson Club, ca. 1894.

“History of Breathitt County, Ky.”

Read before the Filson Club, December 2, 1895.

Perrin, William Henry

“In Memoriam – Richard Henry Collins, L.L.D.”

Read before the Filson Club, February 6, 1888.

Peter, Robert

“Extracts from the History of the Medical Department of Transylvania University”

Read before the Filson Club by R.T. Durrett, November 7, 1904.

Pettit, Katherine

“Education in the Kentucky Mountains” with May Stone

Read before the Filson Club, February 4, 1907

Pettus, Joseph

“Recollections of the Battle of Perryville”

Read before the Filson Club, May 1898.

“Bland W. Ballard: A Paper”

Read before the Filson Club, January 3, 1916.

Pirtle, Alfred

“Report of Repairs on President Taylor’s Graveyard”

Read before the Filson Club, December 5, 1898.

“Report on the Condition of the Zachary Taylor Monument and Burial Ground”

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“Zachary Taylor: A Brief Sketch”

Read before the Filson Club, 1899.

“Battle of Tippecanoe”

Read before the Filson Club, November 1, 1897.

Published as Filson Publications, Nov. 15, 1900.

Pirtle, Alfred (continued)

“Report of Committee on First Fort in Louisville”

Read before the Filson Club, January 7, 1901 and February 3, 1902.

Photograph of map of Louisville drawn by George Rogers Clark in 1779.

“Sleet of February 1902”

Read before the Filson Club, February 7, 1902.

“The Political Campaign of 1844”

Read before the Filson Club, October 5, 1904.

“Where Louisville Started”

Read before the Filson Club, April 16, 1910.

“The Chenoweth Family”

Read before the Filson Club, June 6, 1910.

“A Sketch of John Filson and a Look at John Filson’s Map”

Read before the Filson Club, March 4, 1912.

“Louisville, Up to 1830”

Read before the Staff of the Louisville Free Public Library, April 29, 1913.

“Joseph Rogers Burial Ground”

Read before the Filson Club, September 21, 1916.

“Reminiscences of Louisville in the 1840s”

Read before the Filson Club, March 1, 1917.

“Pilgrimage to the Sites of Floyd’s Station, Dutch Station, Linn’s Station and Spring Station On the Middle Fork of Beargrass Creek, Jefferson County, Kentucky”

Prepared by Alfred Pirtle and Otto Rothert for the Pilgrimage, April 24, 1921.

“Recollections of Jacob’s Woods and the Sham Funeral of Andrew Jackson in Louisville”

Read before the Filson Club, February 6, 1922.

“A Visit to Winchester, Ky.”

Read before the Filson Club, April 12, 1922.

“My First Trip Up the Kentucky River – 1844”

Read before the Filson Club, date unknown.

“Reminiscence of June 1864: Jacob’s Woods, Louisville; Sham Funeral of Andrew Jackson; Combat between the Kearsarge and the Alabama, June 19, 1864.”

Read before the Filson Club, date unknown.

Pirtle, Alfred (continued)

“Combat between . . .” published in *American Historical Review*, October 1917, trans.  
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Pirtle, John Rowan

“National Statuary Hall and Its Eligible from the State of Kentucky”  
Read before the Filson Club, January 1, 1906.

Price, Samuel W.

“Sketch of the Life of Joel T. Hart”  
Read before the Filson Club, June 7, 1897.

“Old King Solomon”  
Read before the Filson Club, May 6, 1901.

“Old Masters of the Bluegrass”  
Read in Part before the Filson Club, unknown date.  
Published as Filson Club Publication, No. 17, 1902.

Purcell, Martha

“A Sister of the Sage of Monticello Sleeps in Kentucky’s Soil”  
Read before the Filson Club, May 7, 1923.

Ranck, George W.

“The Travelling Church”  
Read before the Filson Club, unknown date.  
Published privately, 1910.

Reade, Philip

“Wayne’s Campaign, 1793-94.”  
Read before the Filson Club, February 5, 1917.

Richardson, John B.

“Who Killed Tecumseh?”  
Read before the Filson Club, April 1, 1901.

Roland, Alice Kate

“A Kentuckian’s Greeting to the ‘Home-Comers’”  
Written June 10, 1906. Not read before the Filson Club.



Rothert, Otto A.

“The Story of the Stack: A History of the Muhlenberg County Landmark, at One Time the Home of Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner.”

Read before the Filson Club, March 1, 1909.

“A Review of ‘Lonz Powers of the Regulators’ A Romance of Western Kentucky”

Read before the Filson Club by Otto A. Rothert, June 5, 1911.

“The Old Militia Muster”

Read before the Filson Club, February 5, 1912.

“The Harpes: Two Outlaws of Pioneer Times”

Read before the Filson Club, October 6, 1924.

Published in *The Filson Club History Quarterly*, July 1927.

“Origins of the Names: Beargrass Creek, The Point and Thruston Square”

Read before the Filson Club, October 3, 1927.

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Rouse, Alice Riddle

“Col. Dick Johnson’s Choctaw Academy”

Read before the Filson Club, June 7, 1915.

Published by *Ohio Archaeological & Historical Quarterly*, Vol. XXV, No. 1, Jan. 1916.

Sanders, Myra

“The Feuds of Eastern Kentucky”

Read before the Filson Club, October 5, 1914.

“George Rogers Clark, 1752-1774”

Read before the Filson Club, November 19, 1918.

“The Salt Wells of Bullitt Co., Ky.”

Read before the Filson Club, April 4, 1921.

Sanders, Robert Stuart

“The Reverend John Dabney Shane and His Collection Owned by the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania”

Read before the Filson Club, January 7, 1946.

Sanders, Verney.

“Remarkable Career of George N. Sanders – Politician, President Maker and Kentuckian”

Read before the Filson Club, April 5, 1897.

Schachner, August

“Dr. Ephraim McDowell: A Neglected Benefactor of the Human Race”  
Read before the Filson Club, May 1, 1922.

Schoening, Augusta.

“The Academy Movement in Kentucky”  
Read before the Filson Club, June 4, 1928.

Scott, Elizabeth Slaughter.

“The Lexington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Their  
Commemoration Proceedings, August 18, 1896”  
Read before the Filson Club, 1896.

Sewell, Mrs. Nat B.

“Education in the Kentucky Mountains”  
Read before the Filson Club, December 1, 1919.

Seymour, Charles B.

“A History of the Jefferson County Court House”  
Read before the Filson Club, January 3, 1921.

“Reminiscences of Louisville”  
Read before the Filson Club, October 1, 1917.

Smith, D. T.

“Reminiscences of the Civil War in Kentucky”  
Read before the Filson Club, February 2, 1903.

Smith, John F.

“Anglo-American Folklore in Kentucky”  
Read before the Filson Club, February 7, 1921.

“Kentucky Folks at the Heads of Hollows”  
Read before the Filson Club, March 6, 1922.

“The Pride of the Mountains”  
Read before the Filson Club, April 2, 1923.

“Quaint Customs of the Mountains Explained”  
Read before the Filson Club, April 7, 1924.

“The Salt Making Industry of Clay County, Ky.”  
Read before the Filson Club, April 4, 1927.

Smith, Zachary

“The Mother of Henry Clay”

Read before the Filson Club, unknown date.

Published as a portion of *The Clay Family*, Filson Club Publications No. 14, 1899.

“Statement of Gen. Richard M. Gano of Dallas, Texas”

Read before the Filson Club, June 5, 1899.

“Life and Labors of Rev. John Gano, the Noted Pioneer Preacher, Founder of the First Baptist Churches in New York City, Yadkin Valley, N.C., Frankfort, Ky., and many other places; a Distinguished Chaplain in the Army of the Revolution; The Devoted Evangelist of the Thirteen American Colonies, in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century”

Read before the Filson Club, June 5, 1899.

“Dueling and Some Noted Duels by Kentuckians”

Read before the Filson Club, May 20, 1910.

“Henry Clay”

Read before the Filson Club, April 1911.

“The Hudson and Clay Families”

Read before the Filson Club, unknown date.

Speed, Thomas

“The Exploration of Kentucky by the White Man”

Read before the Filson Club, January 6, 1893.

Speech on the Acceptance of a Portrait of George M. Davie by A.O. Ravenaugh

Read before the Filson Club, January 7, 1901.

Located with Reuben T. Durrett’s memoriam on Davie.

Stephenson, Martha

“Old Time Lotteries in Kentucky”

Read before the Filson Club, November 5, 1917.

“George Rogers Clark”

Read before the Filson Club, November 19, 1918.

“George Rogers Clark Before His Arrival at Corn Island”

Read before the Filson Club, June 2, 1923.

Stephenson, Wendell

Outline for “Twentieth Century Progress in the Writing of Southern History”

Read before the Filson Club, June 3, 1946.

Stone, May

“Education in the Kentucky Mountains” with Catherine Pettitt.  
Read before the Filson Club, February 4, 1907.

Strother, John C.

“Some Causes Which Led to the War with Mexico in 1846, and Some Glimpses at the  
Present and Future of Mexico”  
Read before the Filson Club, February 1, 1915.

“George Rogers Clark from 1783 to 1799”  
Read before the Filson Club, November 19, 1918.

“A Historical Sketch of Trimble County”  
Read before the Filson Club, February 2, 1920.

Summers, William T.

“Reminiscences of 1858-1878 in Louisville”  
Read before the Filson Club, April 2, 1917.

Tapp, Hambleton

“Otto Arthur Rothert, 1871-1956, Secretary of the Filson Club, 1917-1945”  
Read before the Filson Club, November 1984.

Tevis, R.C.

“Daniel Mayes Bowmar: A Memorial.”  
Read before the Filson Club, ca. January 1890.

Thixton, Marie M.

“Louisville Song Writers”  
Read before the Filson Club, December 3, 1900.

Thomas, D. L.

“Bad-Luck Superstitions in Kentucky”  
Read before the Filson Club, November 6, 1916.

Thompson, Lawrence Sidney

“The Historical Novel in Kentucky: From the Long Hunters to Appomattox”  
Read before the Filson Club, April 3, 1950.  
Published in *the Kentucky Novel*, University of Kentucky Press, 1953.

Thompson, Stith

“Pioneer Roads to Kentucky, 1750-1787”  
Read before the Filson Club by Alfred Pirtle (October 2, 1911) and J.C. Strother  
(November 6, 1911)

Threlkel, Marguerite

“Mann’s Lick: A Salt Station in Jefferson County Before 1780”

Read before the Filson Club, June 6, 1927.

Published in *The History Quarterly*, Vol. 1, 1927.

Thruston, R. C. Ballard

“The Durrett Library and Relics”

Read before the Filson Club, March 2, 1914.

Thummel, G. E. and C. C. Keller, III

“The Sea-Power Challenge”

Read before the Filson Club, May 4, 1970.

Titpon, French

“Church Discipline”

Read before the Filson, May 1, 1893

“Squire Boone”

Read before the Filson Club, June 3, 1895.

Transcript by R.R. Van Stockum, Sr.

Todd, C.C.

“Judge Harry Innes”

Read before the Filson Club, April 2, 1906.

Todd, George D.

“A Sketch of Judge Harry Innes”

Read before the Filson Club, May 1894.

“The Capture of Ruddle’s and Martin’s Stations in Kentucky by the British and Indians”

Read before the Filson Club, February 1, 1897.

“The First Cotton Factory in the West”

Read before the Filson Club, March 7, 1898.

“How the Pioneers of the West Obtained Their Supplies Prior to 1800 and What They Paid for Them”

Read before the Filson Club, 1901.

“How the Pioneers of the West Marketed Their Products and the Difficulties They Had to Contend With”

Read before the Filson Club, May 1903.

“Peter Callaway”

Read before the Filson Club, September 1912?

Todd, Lyman B.

“Prof. George W. Ranck”

Read before the Filson Club, October 7, 1901.

Townsend, John Wilson.

Kentucky: Mother of Governors”

Read before the Filson Club, October 4, 1909.

Trout, Allen M.

“My People Stand and Take It”

Read before the Filson Club, October 4, 1948.

Tucker, Mattie B.

“Negro Superstitions” – Short Story

Read before the Filson Club, January 5, 1903

“Development of Education in Kentucky”

Possibly read before the Filson Club, ca. 1929.

Van Stockum, R. R.

“An International Romance: Marquis Antoine de Charette de la Contrie and Susanne Meriwether Henning of Kentucky”

Read before the Filson Club, October 5, 1987.

Walter, Lewis A.

“Thet Jim Crow Kyar: A Tale of Kentucky Law” – Short Story

Read before the Filson Club, May 1893.

“How Massa Wood Entered Dem G.A.R.’s: A Story of the G.A.R.’s Encampment in Louisville, 1895” – Short Story

Read before the Filson Club, December 1895.

“How Miss Penn Danced the Yankees Down: A True Story of How, Near the Close of the Civil War, a Southern Girl Danced Down Three Northern Soldiers at Graham Springs” – Short Story

Read before the Filson Club, 1902.

Watterson, Henry.

“David Wendell Yandell (In Memoriam)”

Read before the Filson Club, June 5, 1898.

Wickliffe, John D.

“Early Fortifications in Nelson County”

Read before the Filson Club, ca.1927-28.

Published in *The Filson Club History Quarterly*, Vol. II, No. 3, April 1928.

Wilgus, D. K.

“The Legend of Macpherson’s Farewell in Kentucky”  
Read before the Filson Club, June 3, 1957.

Wilson, Fannie S.

“Some Shrines and Historic Spots in Kentucky”  
Read before the Filson Club, May 7, 1928.

Wood, William F.

“Mignonette” – Poem  
Read before the Filson Club, December 4, 1901.

“The Gathering of the Waters” – Poem  
Possibly read before the Filson Club, ca. May 1897

Woodson, Isaac T.

“Gen. Alpheus Baker”  
Read before the Filson Club, February 6, 1899.

“In Memoriam- Geo. M. Davie”  
Read before the Filson Club, March 5, 1900.  
Additional copy located with Reuben T. Durrett’s memoriam on Davie.

Young, Bennett H.

“The Discovery of Kentucky”  
Read before the Filson Club, January 6, 1896.

“Memorial of John D. Taggart”  
Read before the Filson Club, June 5, 1898.

“A Confidential Forward”  
Published as the forward to *Prehistoric Men of Kentucky* by Bennett H. Young, Filson Publications, No. 25

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Anderson family  
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Artesian wells – Kentucky – Louisville  
Artists – Kentucky  
Baker, Alpheus, 1821-1891  
Ballard, Bland W., 1761-1853  
Bank of Kentucky  
Banks and banking – Kentucky  
Bell, Theodore S. (Theodore Stout), 1807-1884  
Berea College  
Bethel Academy (Jessamine County, Ky.)  
Blackburn, Luke Pryor, 1816-1887  
Bledsoe, Emma  
Boone, Daniel, 1734-1820  
Boone, Daniel, 1734-1820 – Statues – Kentucky – Louisville  
Boone, Squire, 1744-1815  
Booneville (Ky.) – History – 19<sup>th</sup> century  
Bowmar, Daniel Mayes, 1843-1890  
Breathitt County (Ky.) – History  
Broadus, John Albert, 1827-1895  
Brown, Richard Jones, 1819-1892  
Brown, Samuel, 1769-1830  
Bryant's Station (Ky.) – History  
Bryant's Station (Ky.) – Poetry  
Buckner family  
Buckner, James Francis, 1813-1889  
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Bullitt, Thomas James, 1763-1840  
Business enterprises – Kentucky – Louisville  
Caldwell, Charles, 1772-1853  
Cawein, Madison Julius, 1865-1914  
Centre College (Danville, Ky.)  
Chappell, James A., 1823-1893  
Charette de la Contrie, Antoine, marquis de  
Chenault, William, 1835-1901  
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Clark, George Rogers, 1752-1818  
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Clarke, Marcellus Jerome, 1844-1865  
Clay, Cassius Marcellus, 1810-1903  
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Collins, Richard H. (Richard Henry), 1824-1888  
Constitutional law – United States  
Corn Island (Ky.) – History – 18<sup>th</sup> Century  
Cotton textile industry – Kentucky – Danville  
Counties – Kentucky  
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Craddock, Robert  
Cumberland College (Princeton, Ky.)  
Danville Political Club (Danville, Ky.)  
Daughters of the American Revolution. Lexington Chapter (Lexington, Ky.)  
Davie, George M., 1848-1900  
Daviess, Joseph Hamilton, 1774-1811  
DeHaven, Samuel E., 1825?-1893  
Des Cognets, Anna Russell, d. 1902.  
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Dickey, John Jay, 1842-1934  
Duke, Basil Wilson, 1838-1916  
Durrett, Reuben T. (Reuben Thomas), 1824-1913  
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Education – Kentucky  
Estill County (Ky.) – History  
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Fink, Albert, 1827-1897  
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Gallagher, William D. (William Davis), 1808-1894  
Galt, William H., 1827-1893  
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Gilbert, R. B.  
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Gordon, Harry  
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Haldeman, Walter N., 1821-1902  
Hancock County (Ky.) – History  
Hardin County (Ky.) – History  
Harney, Will Wallace, 1832-1912  
Harrodsburg (Ky.) – History  
Hart, Joel T. (Joel Tanner), 1810-1877  
Hindman Settlement School – History  
Historical Records Survey (U.S.)  
Henning, Susanne Meriwether, b. 1888  
Historic sites – Kentucky  
Hudson family  
Humphrey, Edward P. (Edward Porter), 1809-1887  
Indians of North America – Wars  
Innes, Harry, 1752-1816  
Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845 – Death and burial  
    Jackson, William L., 1825-1890  
    Jarvis, John Wesley, 1780-1840  
    Jefferson family  
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    Jewelers – Kentucky – Louisville – History  
Johnson, Richard M. (Richard Mentor), 1780-1850  
Kenton, Simon, 1755-1836  
Kentucky – Anecdotes  
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Kentucky – Description and travel  
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    Kentucky – Maps – Early works to 1800  
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Kentucky River (Ky.) – Description and travel  
Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834  
Lair family  
Land grants – Kentucky  
Langdon, Josiah  
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Lewis family  
Lewis, Lucy Jefferson, 1752-1811 – Family  
Lincoln, Abraham, 1744-1786  
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Lincoln, Thomas, 1778-1851  
Long Run Baptist Church (Louisville, Ky.)  
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Louis Philippe, King of the French, 1773-1850  
Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company  
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Louisville (Ky.) – Climate  
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Lynn, Benjamin, 1750-1814  
Lytle, Elizabeth  
    McDowell, Ephraim, 1771-1830  
McHenry, John H., 1832-1893  
McMeekin, Isabel McLennan, 1895-1973  
Marshall, Nancy, ca. 1781-1860  
Martin, Eliza Gathright, 1847-1929  
Martin's Fort (Bourbon County, Ky.)  
Mastodon – Ohio River Valley  
Medicine – Kentucky  
Menefee, Richard J., 1837-1893  
Mercer, S. C. (Samuel C.)  
Mexican War, 1846-1848  
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Miller, Christopher, b. ca. 1768  
    Mines and mineral resources – Kentucky  
Morton, David, 1833-1898  
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    Paper industry – Kentucky – Louisville  
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Physicians – Kentucky – Biography  
Pine Mountain Settlement School (Pine Mountain, Ky.)  
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Pirtle, Alfred, b. 1837  
Poetry, Modern – 20<sup>th</sup> century  
Pollard, Joseph, Jr.  
Porter, James D., 1810-1859  
Portland cement industry  
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Presidents – United States – Election – 1844  
Preston, William, 1816-1887  
Price, Samuel Woodson, 1828-1918  
Pusey, Henry K., b. 1827  
Quantrill, William Clarke, 1837-1865  
Railroads – History – 19<sup>th</sup> century  
Ranck, George Washington, 1841-1900  
Richardson, T. G. (Tobias Gibson), 1827-1892  
Ridgely, Frederick, 1757-1824  
Riots – Kentucky  
Ritchie, John, 1752-1814  
Rivers, R. H. (Richard Henderson), 1814-1894  
Roads – Kentucky – History  
Rogers, Joseph M, 1742-1834 – Tomb  
Rothert, Otto Arthur, 1871-1956  
Rowley, William – Will  
Ruddle's Fort (Bourbon County, Ky.)  
Russell family  
St. Clair, Arthur, 1734-1818  
Salt industry and trade – Kentucky  
Sanders, George Nicholas, 1812-1873  
Shane, John Dabney, 1812-1864 – Library  
Shelby County (Ky.) – History  
Shelby, Evan, 1719-1794  
Shiloh, Battle of, Tenn., 1862 – Personal narratives  
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Slaves – Biography  
Solomon, William King, 1775-1854  
Speed family  
Speed, John, 1772-1840 – Family  
Speed, Joshua F. (Joshua Fry), 1814-1882  
Stanton, Henry T. (Henry Thompson), 1834-1898  
Steamboats – Kentucky  
Sue Bennett College  
Superstition – Kentucky  
Taggart, John D., 1822-1898  
Tarascon, John D., 1765-1825  
Tarascon, Louis Anastasius, b. 1759  
Tardiveau, Pierre, d. ca. 1835  
Tates Creek Baptist Church (Louisville, Ky.)  
Taylor family  
Taylor, Richard, 1749-1825  
Taylor, Zachary, 1784-1850  
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Tecumseh, Shawnee Chief, 1768-1813 – Death and burial  
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Thixton, Marie M.  
Todd, Lyman Beecher, 1831-1902  
Tradewater River Region (Ky.) – History  
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Walker, Thomas, 1715-1794  
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Waring, John U., 1790-1846?  
Wayne, Anthony, 1745-1796  
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Weir, James, b. 1821  
Whiskey – Kentucky  
White, John, 1822-1902  
White, Levi, b. 1803 – Correspondence  
Wilkinson, James, 1757-1825  
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Wood, William F.  
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- **Rating: 5**
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- **Rating: 3**
- The wide range of topics are generally covered well. The papers range in length from a couple of pages to over one hundred pages. However, because most of the papers, with the exception of memoirs and reminiscences, are secondary sources, they are only as valuable as the quality of research done by the author.

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