Reviews and Notices


These volumes are a valuable addition to the compilations of printed source materials for the Indiana territorial period, 1800-1816. The two volumes together include approximately 1,100 documents, only a dozen of which have been heretofore printed. The content of the new volumes is similar to that of the preceding books of the series. Considerable space is given to papers relative to the survey and sale of public lands, Indian relations, territorial divisions, military problems, public patronage, petitions, memorials and postal affairs. Other papers treat of such miscellaneous topics as Vincennes University, salines, the adoption of the second stage of territorial government, a canal project at the falls of the Ohio, slavery, the militia, the platting of the town of Jeffersonville, Aaron Burr's activities, and the statehood movement of 1815-16. Much biographical and other information can be found by the use of the comprehensive index.

Many documents have been omitted from this collection. Some have been excluded because of lack of space, and others because they did not seem to deal sufficiently with administrative problems of the territory. This accounts for the omission of the greater part of the National Archives material on Indian affairs, relative to the War of 1812 and much of the correspondence in regard to the survey and sale of the public lands. Still other documents were excluded because of their prior publication in a reasonably satisfactory manner. Of these, the document most conspicuous by its absence is the *Executive Journal of Indiana Territory,* which appeared in the Indiana Historical Society *Publications,* III, no. 3 edited by W. W. Woollen, D. W. Howe and J. P. Dunn. Numerous other papers and letters were excluded since they were published in *Messages and Letters of William Henry Harrison* (*Indiana Historical Collections,* VII, IX), edited by Dr. Logan Esarey.

It is fortunate for students of Indiana history that the Indiana papers have appeared early in this series of territorial papers. It is certainly unfortunate that the need to
practice economy and to save space have resulted in the elimination of many footnotes, such as appeared in previous volumes of the series. In such a work as this, cross references and biographical citations are too valuable to be omitted. The text is well edited and apparently quite accurate. It is only fair that Ohio, Mississippi and Indiana, whose papers have now been published, should insist upon the ultimate completion of this rich and much needed historical compilation.

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This work lists the serial holdings of forty-six of the public, college, university, institutional and special libraries of the state. The work of compiling and editing was done at the Library of Indiana University by Miss Fava E. Goan, assistant reference librarian. The book, which contains nearly seven hundred pages, is eleven by eight and a half inches. It is estimated that it contains approximately 15,000 entries and references, and is therefore one of the largest state or regional Union Lists to be issued.

This work will contribute greatly to the reference use of periodicals and other serial publications on a broad basis. It should stimulate inter-library loan service between the libraries of the state of Indiana, call attention to fields of study and research in which weakness is revealed, and encourage the transfer and exchange of serials between libraries.

The volume is offered in two bindings at prices that are based on the cost of printing only, all expenses of organization, compiling, editing and distribution having been borne by the cooperating libraries. An edition of two hundred fifty copies was printed and copies may be obtained from the Indiana Union List Committee, Purdue University Library, Lafayette, Indiana.

There need be no attempt to extol or enumerate the many uses to which a union list of this type can be put. In this