

The Vincennes Library Company: A Cultural Institution in Pioneer Indiana

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Among the voluntary associations with which his name is connected, none was a matter of greater pride to Benjamin Franklin—nor of greater significance in American cultural and intellectual history—than that which resulted from his proposal “to render the benefit from books more common by commencing a public subscription library.”¹ The plan, which Franklin and other members of his club, the Junto, put into effect in 1730, set up a group of subscribers or shareholders who agreed to pay an initial fee and an annual contribution for the privilege of borrowing books purchased with these common funds.² While Franklin did not originate the idea of the social library,³ he recognized the need for such an agency as a means of solving the problems which in 1730 confronted people in Philadelphia who loved to read: books were scarce; there was “not a good bookseller’s shop in any of the Colonies to the southward of Boston”; little money was available for the purchase of books; and it was necessary to send to England for books.⁴ Franklin’s library “soon manifested its utility, was imitated by other towns and in other provinces.”⁵ By

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¹ Max Farrand (ed.), *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin* (Berkeley, 1949), 96.

² *Ibid.*

³ What Franklin termed a “public subscription library” would probably be described more accurately as a common- or joint-stock social library, which was the form taken by most of the libraries established in America during the colonial period. Subscription libraries, which required only an annual, monthly, or per-book assessment, did not come into general use until the 1800’s. Jesse H. Shera, *Foundations of the Public Library: The Origins of the Public Library Movement in New England, 1629-1855* (Chicago, 1949), 32, 34. For a discussion of the origins, form, and economic background of the social library, see *ibid.*, 54-126; C. Seymour Thompson, *Evolution of the American Public Library, 1653-1876* (Washington, D.C., 1952), 41-65.

⁴ Farrand, *Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*, 95.

⁵ *Ibid.*, 96.

the end of the colonial period, either in imitation of Franklin's idea or through familiarity with similar contemporary English institutions, over sixty other American communities had founded social libraries.⁶

The dislocations caused by the American Revolution operated with special severity upon the holdings, memberships, and funds of most of the social libraries established during the preceding generation, but the years following the war witnessed not only the restoration of those which had declined during the war but a rapid increase in the number of towns and cities supporting such libraries.⁷ Thus, as Americans moved west at the turn of the nineteenth century, a common parcel in their intellectual baggage was a familiarity with and confidence in the cooperative method of accumulating books and the funds for purchasing them.⁸

The founding of the Vincennes Library Company in July, 1806, was one of the earliest parts of what became a pattern of western urban settlement: the inclination of migrating easterners to reproduce in the West, as soon as possible, the cultural institutions familiar to them in their native states.⁹ The earliest members of the company—most of whom came to Vincennes between 1790 and 1815—had doubtless known similar organizations in Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, or other eastern states, and those among them who enjoyed reading found many of the same problems which had inspired Franklin's proposal to the Junto in 1730.

⁶ Shera, *Foundations of the Public Library*, 54-57; Louis B. Wright, *The Cultural Life of the American Colonies, 1607-1763* (New York, 1957), 148-50. Wright lists the following among the outstanding social libraries established in the 1700's: Library Company of Philadelphia (1731), Redwood Library at Newport, R. I. (1747), Charleston Library Society in South Carolina (1748), New York Society Library (1754).

⁷ Merle Curti, *The Growth of American Thought* (3rd ed., New York, 1964), 126-27; Shera, *Foundations of the Public Library*, 69-70; Thompson, *Evolution of the American Public Library, 1653-1876*, p. 55.

⁸ Richard C. Wade, *The Urban Frontier: The Rise of Western Cities* (Cambridge, Mass., 1959), 139-42.

⁹ Thompson, *Evolution of the American Public Library, 1653-1876*, p. 55. In addition to noting the library at Vincennes, Thompson reports libraries formed at Belpre, Ohio (1795), Cincinnati (1802), Ames (1804), Dayton (1805), and in other pioneer communities. Wade, *Urban Frontier*, 254, indicates a library company was formed at Lexington in 1796 and at Pittsburgh in 1800. R. Carlyle Buley, *The Old Northwest: Pioneer Period, 1815-1840* (2 vols., Indianapolis, 1950), II, 565-67, states: "Practically every town of 1,000 to 1,500 population had or had tried to have a subscription library by 1840."

Vincennes in 1806 was a frontier settlement with fewer than seven hundred American, French, and Indian residents,¹⁰ but in certain respects it was an exceptional town. From the establishment of Indiana Territory in 1800, Vincennes had served as territorial capital and meeting place of the territorial legislature and General Court and had attracted visitors from a wide area. The presence there of a public land office and a military post and the designation of Vincennes as a place for issuing supplies to the Indians brought economic advantages. Because of its location "on the great leading route of western emigration," the town had developed from a French trading post to a center for settlers migrating westward. Its location on the major navigable river in Indiana made it the most important commercial town in the territory.¹¹

Such factors apparently helped attract to Vincennes a disproportionately large number of men with business and professional ambitions.¹² And, with some notable exceptions, it was chiefly such men who established in Vincennes its principal cultural institutions. Elihu Stout, printer to the territorial government, provided the town with its first newspaper, the *Indiana Gazette* (1804), later the *Western Sun*, which was filled with political, governmental, and mercantile information and, not infrequently, with long excerpts from favorite eighteenth century English poetry and essays. The year the Vincennes Library Company was chartered witnessed also the incorporation of Vincennes University whose grammar school was opened in a handsome two-story brick building

¹⁰ The official census of 1800 gives 714 as the population of Vincennes. Clarence Edwin Carter (ed.), *The Territorial Papers of the United States*, Vol. VII, *The Territory of Indiana, 1800-1816* (Washington, D.C., 1939), 24. Ten years later the population had declined to 670. *Aggregate amount of each description of Persons within the United States of America, and the Territories thereof . . . in the year 1810* ([Washington, D.C., 1811]), 86. John Scott, *The Indiana Gazetteer, or Topographical Dictionary* (Centreville, Ind., 1826), 129-30, gives the population of Vincennes in 1792 as 1500, "principally French," and reports that in 1826 it contained "upwards of 2000, being the most populous town in the state."

¹¹ Vincennes *Western Sun*, February 16, 1822; Lee Burns, "Life in Old Vincennes" (*Indiana Historical Society Publications*, Vol. VIII, No. 9; Indianapolis, 1929), 460.

¹² Burns, "Life in Old Vincennes," 445. A study of available biographical information for individuals whose names appear in the library company's minutes and of items published in the Vincennes *Western Sun* during the early period of the library company's development indicates that in this respect Vincennes was somewhat unusual.

in 1811. By 1812 the major religious denominations had been established in the settlement and before Indiana entered the Union the Vincennes Theatrical Society had been organized (1814) and, within a few years, had performed or sponsored the performance of such current hits as *John Bull*; *'Tis All A Farce*; *Speed The Plough*; and *The Jew, or a School for Christians*.¹³

The launching of all these cultural enterprises within a single decade is particularly impressive when it is recalled that it was the achievement not of a cultured leisure class but of a group of men scrambling for political preferment and financial success. At the same time they were cooperating to promote the establishment of various organizations, they were apt to be on opposing sides of bitter controversies over such issues as permitting slavery in the territory, the Burr Conspiracy, the creation of Illinois Territory, and the relocation of the Indiana territorial capital, and were also compelled to deal with the problems of Indian resistance and the frightening and costly Indian warfare in the War of 1812.¹⁴

The Vincennes Library Company was in many respects the most interesting of the social and cultural agencies founded in Vincennes prior to Indiana statehood. The organizational meeting of the company was held July 20, 1806, and on December 3, 1806, the governor signed the act of the territorial legislature granting its charter of incorporation.¹⁵ In this and subsequent issues the *Indiana Magazine of History* will publish the minutes of the directors' and shareholders' meetings which spanned three quarters of the nineteenth century, the last meeting, on February 5, 1883, preceding by three months the sale of the library company's books and bookcases to Vincennes University for \$190.00.¹⁶ The relatively early date of the founding of the Vincennes Library

¹³ Vincennes *Western Sun*, November 14, 1818; October 23, 1819; June 3, 1820.

¹⁴ For a general discussion of some of these problems, see John D. Barnhart, *Valley of Democracy: The Frontier versus the Plantation in the Ohio Valley, 1775-1818* (Bloomington, Ind., 1953), 161-77. The Vincennes *Western Sun* is a valuable source of information on activities in Vincennes.

¹⁵ Francis S. Philbrick (ed.), *The Laws of Indiana Territory, 1801-1809* (*Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library*, Vol. XXI; Springfield, Ill., 1930), 202-03. No explanation has been found for another act granting a charter of incorporation on the same terms which was passed by the territorial legislature and signed by the governor on September 17, 1807. *Ibid.*, 547-48.

¹⁶ Minutes of the meeting of the board of trustees of Vincennes University, May 22, 1883. Vincennes University Archives.

Company and the extended period of its operation make the library records significant.¹⁷

The leadership of the Vincennes Library Company was provided by men of the upper classes. The organizational meeting was presided over by the territorial governor, William Henry Harrison, and its minutes were kept by Benjamin Parke, then attorney general of the territory. Parke later served the company as librarian (1806-1808) and president (1809-1822). Prior to the Civil War presidents of the company also included John Badollet, register of the land office, friend of Albert Gallatin, and member of the Indiana Constitutional Convention in 1816; Isaac Blackford, member of the Indiana Supreme Court and of the United States Court of Claims; John Law, judge on the United States Court of Claims and United States congressman; and Samuel Judah, an attorney of statewide renown who successfully carried to the United States Supreme Court a Vincennes University case against the state of Indiana. The office of librarian, which was filled by election at the annual shareholders' meetings, was held by locally prominent political leaders, attorneys, merchants, physicians, publishers, educators, and ministers. The men who served in the position were commonly reelected for several terms and, from entries in the minute book, it seems clear that the company was blessed by a succession of dedicated men.¹⁸

Among the shareholders in the library company a much broader spectrum of vocational interests was represented.

¹⁷ In addition to the photostat copy of the minute book of the Vincennes Library Company, the editor also has in his possession photocopies of a partial circulation record covering the years 1835-1841; two reports from the committee on books for 1808 and 1809; an undated manuscript catalogue of the company's books, probably compiled in the late 1830's; and a shareholder record which names 97 original subscribers, their dates of subscription (August 2, 1806, to February 7, 1831), the number of shares purchased by each, and, where applicable, the names of the persons to whom shares were transferred, the date of such transfers, or notations of forfeiture. Unfortunately, the numerous other committee reports, the circulation records (except the partial record noted above), and the other documents mentioned in the minutes have not been found.

¹⁸ The obituary notice of librarian John Cleves Symmes Harrison states that "had it not been aided by his constant and untiring exertions . . . the Library Company of this place would have deteriorated and probably have been dissolved." As librarian from 1823 to 1830, Harrison's "only reward was the satisfaction of sustaining the first, and probably the best institution of the kind in the state." *Vincennes Gazette*, November 13, 1830.

Excluding the half-dozen individuals whose identity has not been established, it is possible to associate the shareholders with their major vocational interests and to conclude that, despite the \$5.00 price per share (raised to \$8.00 in 1812 and to \$12.00 in 1856)¹⁹ and the annual dues, the library company was democratically oriented. In addition to some 15 physicians, 20 lawyers, 10 printers (including the editors of three of the newspapers published in Vincennes during the antebellum era), 6 ministers, 8 teachers, and more than 40 merchants and manufacturers (general store operators, druggists, tavern keepers, realtors, a hat factory owner, a steam mill owner, auction and commission agents, and owners and operators of a "tin and sheet iron manufactory," a mill, an "improved steam distillery," and a ferry boat service), shares in the company were held by 20 farmers,²⁰ a scrivener, a surveyor, a barber, a wide variety of artisans (carpenters, blacksmiths, a cabinetmaker, a chairmaker, a brick and stone mason, a tailor, a bookbinder, a gunsmith), and an equally great variety of government officials, militia officers, and officers of the regular army of the United States stationed at Vincennes during the War of 1812.

Over the years access to the Vincennes Library Company's holdings was extended to nonmembers by offering free use to members of the territorial legislature in 1813, to the clergy of Vincennes in 1860, and to the teachers and officers of Vincennes University in 1871.²¹ Moreover, in 1823, changes in the organization's regulations made it possible for nonmembers to use the library's facilities by paying a three-dollar "use fee," and for members to lend their share privileges to nonmembers.²² In 1832, the company further liberalized its policy by adopting what was essentially a rental library system in which nonmembers could borrow books upon pay-

¹⁹ Minutes of the Vincennes Library Company, August 2, 1806; February 3, 1812; July 13, 1856. Hereafter cited as Minutes.

²⁰ The designation "farmer" is taken from contemporary statements of the chief occupations of these individuals, obtained—as was information about the occupations of other shareholders—from the files of the Vincennes *Western Sun*, the Vincennes *Gazette*, and other contemporary accounts. Doubtless many who also engaged in farming were not listed as farmers in obituary notices or advertisements of produce for sale.

²¹ Minutes, February 1, 1813; February 6, 1860; February 6, 1871.

²² *Ibid.*, February 15 and 24, 1823.

ment of a fee of fifty cents for one book a month and twenty-five cents for one book a week.²³

The most valuable index to the actual use of the library is an incomplete circulation book. Its thirty-four pages contain entries for 1835-1841 and provide the only available record of the use of the library. This circulation record seems to confirm the conclusion that while the library company tended to be controlled by the business and professional men, membership and use were open to all groups and individuals. Thus, in 1836-1837, withdrawals were made by editors and printers Elihu Stout, R. Y. Caddington, and Samuel Hill; by lawyers and judges Abner T. Ellis, Benjamin M. Thomas, Samuel Judah, and Isaac Blackford; by physicians Joseph Somes, John D. Woolverton, and Nicholas Troost; and by a dozen merchants, ministers, and teachers. At the same time, among the patrons of the library were men like blacksmith Henry Wheeler, who withdrew 75 books between February, 1838, and April, 1841; John B. Martin, a tailor; Thomas Bishop, a carpenter; Samuel Emison, a miller; and a dozen farmers, one of whom, George R. Gibson, ranked along with Stout, Blackford, Judah, and Wheeler as one of the library's most frequent patrons during the period covered by the circulation book.²⁴

The Vincennes Library Company charter, constitution, and bylaws placed the responsibility for general policy making and for the routine operation of the library room upon the president and seven—later five²⁵—directors, a librarian, and, beginning in 1838, a treasurer and three standing committees on "finance, books, and Library room and furniture."²⁶ At the annual meetings of the company, set by the charter on the first Monday in February and regularly announced

²³ *Ibid.*, February 6, 1832. Most of the social libraries apparently had provisions for nonmembers to use their collections. For example, in 1816 the bylaws of the Circulating Library Society of Cincinnati provided that nonmembers could use the library by paying one sixteenth of the value of each book they took out and making a deposit of twice the value of the volume, or quadruple its value if it was part of a set. *Systematic Catalogue of Books Belonging to the Circulating Library Society of Cincinnati . . .* (Cincinnati, 1816), 12.

²⁴ It would be interesting to note which kinds of books were borrowed by various members, but since the circulation record was kept by book numbers and these numbers apparently were changed from time to time as the library was reorganized and recatalogued it is not possible to determine which sets of book numbers were used in this record.

²⁵ Minutes, February 4, 1811.

²⁶ *Ibid.*, April 17, 1838.

in the January issues of the local papers, the shareholders elected the president, directors, and librarian. The president and board of directors administered the rules of the company; made new rules, subject to change by the next shareholders' annual meeting; selected books to be added to the library and arranged for their purchase, care, and circulation.

The minutes of the board meetings include lists of books accepted in lieu of cash payments for shares,²⁷ books given to the library,²⁸ and books purchased or recommended for purchase. The minutes do not, however, provide much information on how books were selected beyond indicating that this responsibility was exercised by the board as a whole until the 1830's, when a committee on book selection was appointed. This was made a standing committee of the board in 1838.²⁹ Occasionally the librarian purchased books and then secured board approval at a subsequent meeting.³⁰ That the board's selections pleased at least one resident of Vincennes is evident from the following comment on the library: "Much of its prosperity is owing to the present directors, whose zeal for the diffusion of knowledge, whose taste for science, and whose literary attainments are a sufficient guarantee for a good selection of books, and a useful management of the funds."³¹ While it is not possible to determine how specific titles were chosen, the minutes do record a variety of sources from which selections could be made. Catalogues were requested from and orders placed with booksellers in Boston, Baltimore, New York, and Philadelphia,³² and later some purchases were made in

²⁷ See, for example, Minutes, August 23, 30, and September 13, 1806.

²⁸ In addition to buying shares with books, many of the initial shareholders also donated volumes to the library. Perhaps the largest of these donations was John Badollet's bequest of more than sixty volumes, mostly French works on natural philosophy, recorded in the minutes of October 6, 1838. Government documents given to the library by representatives in Congress are recorded in the minutes of February 5, 1849, and February 1, 1852.

²⁹ *Ibid.*, October 15, 1833; February 11, 1837; April 11, 1838.

³⁰ See, for example, *ibid.*, July 3, 1813.

³¹ Vincennes *Western Sun*, December 30, 1837. The backgrounds of members of that board of directors—several of whom also served on the Vincennes University board—bears out this faith in their ability to develop a good book collection. Abner T. Ellis had graduated from Brown, John Law from Yale, and John Badollet attended the College and Academy of Geneva, Switzerland.

³² See Minutes, November 5, 1808; June 9, 1809; January 16, 1811; July 6, 1814; July 6, 1815; December 26, 1815.

Louisville.³³ The *Western Sun* and the *Gazette* regularly carried advertisements of bookstores and publishing houses, and in 1814 Elihu Stout announced plans to open a "reading room" in the *Western Sun* office where he would have copies of the country's major newspapers in which there were similar advertisements. In 1848 the library board acquired Bohn's famous "Guinea catalog,"³⁴ but it is not possible to estimate its effect on book selection since no record has been found of the books added to the library after that date.

In purchasing books, a common procedure followed by the board—especially during the company's early years—was to authorize residents planning a trip to Baltimore, Washington, or Philadelphia to buy books from dealers in one of those cities. Thus, on January 16, 1811, the board moved "That Mr. Geo. Wallace be authorised and requested to purchase in Phila. the books above mentioned to the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars, beginning at the head of the list." The books purchased as a result of this authorization were produced by Wallace at a special meeting of the board in May, 1811.³⁵ The lapse of four months before the books arrived at Vincennes doubtless resulted from the transportation problems of the period. An account in the *Western Sun* indicates that until the 1820's "most of the goods sold in Vincennes were bought in Baltimore and Philadelphia, wagoned to Pittsburgh, and shipped down the Ohio to Louisville or Evansville, thence wagoned to the place of destination."³⁶

³³ *Ibid.*, November 13, 1827; February 12, 1831.

³⁴ Henry G. Bohn, *A Catalogue of Books* (London, 1841). Minutes, February 5, 1849. It is conceivable—but not demonstrable—that a board member or a shareholder in the library company may have been familiar with Thaddeus Mason Harris' *A Selected Catalogue of Some of the Most Esteemed Publications in the English Language Proper to Form a Social Library With an Introduction Upon the Choice of Books* (Boston, 1793), since this pamphlet containing 277 titles was widely distributed by its publisher to encourage orders from libraries. Shera, *Foundations of the Public Library*, 112-14; Thompson, *Evolution of the American Public Library, 1653-1876*, p. 59.

³⁵ See Minutes, January 16, 19, and May, 1811, for details of this first major book purchase.

³⁶ Vincennes *Western Sun*, January 24, 1868. A series of articles, which began in that issue and continued in the issues published on February 9 and 23, 1872, traced the development of transportation as it affected Vincennes from the 1820's to the completion of a railroad network composed of the Evansville and Crawfordsville in 1855, the Ohio and Mississippi in 1857, the Indianapolis and Vincennes in 1869, and the Vincennes and Cairo in 1872. For a description of early transportation in that area, see Buley, *Old Northwest*, I, 445, 451-52, 460-64, 490-518 *passim*.

John Badollet, describing the route from Louisville, termed it "a mere bridle path, originally opened by General Clarke [the Buffalo Trace], which leads from the falls [at Louisville] to the seat of Government [Vincennes] and deters numbers of people from moving to this territory."³⁷ By the end of the period covered in this installment of the library company's minutes Vincennes was connected by primitive roads with both Louisville and Cincinnati, and a visitor to the town noted that Vincennes merchants "procure New Orleans goods at Louisville" and that "*Beer and Porter* are brought from the breweries in Cincinnati."³⁸ Mail delivery was still irregular, as Elihu Stout's frequent laments in the *Western Sun* indicate, and a regular stagecoach schedule between Vincennes and "the falls" was not established until 1821.³⁹ The introduction of the steamboat on the western rivers greatly improved Vincennes' transportation position and the arrival of the first one in 1822⁴⁰ opened an important era in the city's growth as a commercial and mercantile center on the Wabash. Thereafter the local papers regularly listed the schedule of arrivals and departures of steamboats.⁴¹

The first books acquired included relatively few works of fiction, and the first list selected for purchase by the board—38 titles listed in the minutes of January 16 and 19, 1811—was comprised chiefly of histories, biographies, and travel accounts, belles-lettres being represented only by the works of Pope and Milton, Akenside's *The Pleasures of Imagination*, Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey*, and *Telemachus*. In August, 1813, the collection included 426 volumes valued by the board of directors at slightly less than \$800.⁴² A decade later the collection had been enlarged to 1,080 volumes valued at nearly \$2,300.⁴³ By the 1820's the board had added a number of

³⁷ John Badollet to Albert Gallatin, January 1, 1806. Gayle Thornbrough (ed.), *The Correspondence of John Badollet and Albert Gallatin, 1804-1836* (Indiana Historical Society Publications, Vol. 22; Indianapolis, 1963), 62.

³⁸ David Thomas, *Travels through the western country in the Summer of 1816*, [1819], reprinted in Harlow Lindley (ed.), *Indiana as Seen by Early Travelers* (Indiana Historical Collections, [Vol. 3]; Indianapolis, 1916), 104.

³⁹ Vincennes *Western Sun*, April 7, 1821.

⁴⁰ Joseph H. V. Somes, *Old Vincennes: The History of a Famous Old Town and Its Glorious Past* (New York, 1962), 188.

⁴¹ In 1836 a total of 800 boats loaded and/or unloaded cargo at the city's docks. Cauthorn, *History of Vincennes*, 145.

⁴² Minutes, August 7, 1813.

⁴³ *Ibid.*, February 19, 1823.

Scott's novels and other works of fiction and also had purchased many of the "self-help" books (for example, books on health, chemistry, animal husbandry—particularly the care of sheep—and farming and military guides) which were to become popular throughout the nation during the antebellum period.

The board authorized the preparation of catalogues of the library's book collection at meetings in January and June, 1807, and in March, 1808, but the first printed list of holdings that has been found appeared in the *Western Sun* on April 6, 1808. With the exception of two or three substitutions made after the list was printed, it contains the first 210 volumes recorded in the minutes of August 7, 1809. Although the minutes report that printed catalogues were prepared at frequent intervals,⁴⁴ the only one that has been located is *A Catalogue of the Vincennes Library with the Charter and Constitution Prefixed*, printed by R. Y. Caddington at Vincennes in 1838. The books are listed in subject groupings: History, 70 titles; Lives and Memoirs, 65; Voyages and Travels, 82; Law, Politics and Commerce, 36; Education, Moral Philosophy and Metaphysics, 25; Theology, 33; Natural History, Philosophy, Chemistry, Arts, Mechanics, and Agriculture, 31; Poetry and Plays, 35; Tales, Novels and Romances, 175; Miscellaneous, 86; Geography, 2; Periodicals, 8; Donations, 27. By this time the total number of volumes in the library exceeded 1,600.⁴⁵ It was essentially this collection of books which was described in a letter to the Vincennes *Western Sun*, December 30, 1837, as "unquestionably the best miscellaneous library west of the Alleghany mountains." The writer reported that he had "seen a great number of public libraries on this and the other side of the Atlantic, but he never saw a better selection of books than there are to be found here."

While the selection and acquisition of books were major responsibilities of the president and board of directors, they were by no means their only ones. Many of their proceedings

⁴⁴ See, for example, *ibid.*, February 5, 1810; August 7, 1813; June 22, 1814. The first reference to a catalogue arranged by subjects appears in *ibid.*, December 1, 1819.

⁴⁵ Among the periodicals are the *Edinburgh Review*, *Niles' Weekly Register*, *Annual Register*, *North American Review*, and 39 volumes of *American State Papers* for the First through the Eighteenth Congress contributed by Waller Taylor, an early member of the company and one of the first United States Senators from Indiana.

dealt with fiscal problems: conducting an unsuccessful lottery designed to raise \$1,000 "for the purchase of books";⁴⁶ bringing suits—a charter power—against members who refused to pay for damaged or lost books or for their shares and annual dues;⁴⁷ holding a public auction of the library's duplicate books;⁴⁸ formally accepting gifts of books and "curiosities."⁴⁹ A recurring problem was that of finding space to house the library, and at various times it was located in the homes or offices of librarians, in a room in the Town Hall, and finally in the Vincennes University building.

The execution of board policy was largely delegated to the librarian who served without pay until 1840, when the board authorized an annual remuneration of \$4.00. This was raised to \$5.00 a year in 1848, to \$8.00 in 1852, and in 1859 to a share in the company which was worth \$12.00 at the time.⁵⁰ These "salaries" seem modest indeed when it is considered that the position was usually filled by men of substantial affairs who had to find time for keeping records of books purchased, withdrawals and returns, books damaged and lost, fines imposed and collected, and who, in addition, catalogued the books, collected annual dues and payments for shares, and maintained the record of current membership in the company. Maintaining an up-to-date roster of the company was frequently complicated by the policy which permitted *bona fide* members to lend their shares to non-members and by the fact that shares were transferable by sale, as gifts, through wills, or even at public auction.⁵¹ The

⁴⁶ Minutes, November 24, 1810.

⁴⁷ *Ibid.*, April 2, 1808. On this particular occasion one member was reported to have "positively refused to pay either his original Subscription Money or the two annuel [*sic*] contributions now due."

⁴⁸ *Ibid.*, February 18, 1832.

⁴⁹ *Ibid.*, August 30, 1806. That interest in obtaining items relating to natural history continued is indicated by the reference in the minutes of February 11, 1837, to correspondence with naturalist Charles Alexander Lesueur of New Harmony regarding identification of "the Fossil Bones now in the Library" and requesting "any duplicate specimens" he may wish to donate.

⁵⁰ *Ibid.*, March 7, 1840; February 7, 1848; 1852; February 7, 1859.

⁵¹ William Henry Harrison's share, for example, was originally purchased in 1806, was transferred to his son, John Cleves Symmes Harrison, in 1825, was then returned to the future President at the time of his son's death in 1830, and finally was forfeited when President Harrison died in 1841. John D. Woolverton purchased a share in February, 1831; on January 24, 1835, the Vincennes *Gazette* announced that "one share in the Vincennes Library . . . part of Dr. Woolverton's estate" would be sold at auction; the share finally was forfeited in February, 1840.

success of the Vincennes Library Company depended in large measure upon the performance of the board and the librarians. Many shareholders also demonstrated their dedication by accepting assignments on the three standing committees on finance, books, and library furniture and room, and on special committees charged with such responsibilities as auditing the treasurer's reports or procuring natural history specimens.

The installment of the minutes of the Vincennes Library Company which follows covers the period from the organizational meeting of July 20, 1806, to the regular board meeting preceding the shareholders' annual meeting of February, 1817. The men who served as officers and on the committees of the company during that period are seen successfully dealing with the problems common—and usually destructive—to social libraries in the early nineteenth century, and with the added problems brought on by the War of 1812. A writer in the *Western Sun* of April 6, 1808, referring to the establishment of the library, noted: "considering all the circumstances of difficulty in which the attempt was made, its success has equalled the most sanguine expectations of its patrons." The writer's optimism was based on some encouraging statistics: by April, 1808, the company's "transfer book" listed forty shareholders, half a dozen of whom owned two shares each, and in March, 1809, a special committee reported that during the previous year \$80.61 $\frac{1}{4}$ had been collected in "fines and dues" and \$80.59 had been spent on the purchase and transportation costs of books.⁵²

The early vitality of the institution suggested by such evidence is further revealed by the fact that the War of 1812 and the Indian trouble which preceded it merely retarded rather than killed the library company. The impact of the war on the company was felt in several ways. For example, between August, 1806, and February, 1812, 54 shares in the company were sold, but between February, 1812, and December, 1814, only three shares were sold. It seems more than possible that the Indian menace and the military crisis had some relationship to the fact that in 1811 five of ten and in 1812 five of nine board meetings were adjourned for lack of a quorum, and that there were no meetings held between July 6, 1814, and December 4, 1815. However, by

⁵² The original report is reproduced on page 347.

the end of the period covered in this first installment of the minutes the library company had resumed its regular shareholders' and directors' meetings and its purchases of books. That it had survived for a decade and was intact when Indiana was admitted to the Union was an impressive testimony to its utility. During the next few years the library showed rapid growth. In the period from December, 1815, to August, 1820, the company nearly doubled its membership by adding 35 shareholders, many of whom settled in Vincennes during the postwar migration from the Atlantic states. During this same period the company's book holdings increased from just over 600 in February, 1817, to 970 in April, 1820.

Following its brief revival, the company's progress from 1820 to 1823 tends to validate the conclusion that "the fortunes of the social library movement were reflections of the undulations in economic activity from the middle of the eighteenth century to the middle of the nineteenth" and that they were "so directly dependent upon the day-to-day incomes of their members that they reacted as delicate barometers of economic activity."⁵³ Thus, the Panic of 1819 and the depression which followed became an economic disaster for the West in general and, if a contemporary analysis can be trusted, for Vincennes, in particular.⁵⁴ That the "hard times" of the early 1820's again temporarily stunted the growth of the library company is suggested by its failure to add a single new member from August 9, 1820, to April 12, 1823; by the acquisition of less than one hundred books during the same period, and by the board's preoccupation with either instituting suits for the collection of dues or granting the remission of fines imposed for failure to pay annual dues.⁵⁵

The use of February 5, 1883, as the terminal date of the Vincennes Library Company is somewhat misleading. The surviving evidence indicates that the effective terminal date of the company's history should, in fact, be placed forward by about three decades. No meetings of the board or shareholders are recorded between February 4, 1861, and March 4, 1871, or between the latter date and February 5, 1883, and the

⁵³ Shera, *Foundations of the Public Library*, 85.

⁵⁴ Vincennes *Western Sun*, February 16, 1822.

⁵⁵ Minutes, February 5, 1821.

last announcement of a shareholders' annual meeting that has been found appeared in the Vincennes *Western Sun* on February 1, 1861. From the minute book, the remnant of the circulation book, and the list of shareholders, and from contemporary newspaper comment it is possible to trace the history of the company from the economic crisis of the early 1820's through a period of recovery during the latter part of that decade to an era of renewed vigor in the 1830's. This strength was evident in the attendance at annual meetings, the regularity of board meetings, and the increase in the company's book holdings. The anonymous writer who praised the company's book collection was also gratified "to see how liberally this library is supported by the city of Vincennes, and even by its vicinity."⁵⁶ Five years later the Vincennes *Gazette* notified its readers that "this valuable institution . . . now contains nearly 1,600 well selected volumes . . . purchased at a cost of over \$2,500.00." In the same issue the editor of the *Gazette*, R. Y. Caddington—who had just become a member of the library company—wrote that "an institution like this is important . . . in a community of free and enlightened people where every citizen hopes, and has a right to expect, to see his children capable of holding public office, and becoming not only useful but prominent men."⁵⁷

Despite this ringing Jacksonian rationale for supporting the library company (from the editor of the Whig *Gazette*), the common destiny of such institutions during the middle decades of the nineteenth century—decline and disappearance or absorption by other types of libraries⁵⁸—seemed foreshadowed in the minutes of the company. The annual shareholders' meeting continued to be held except in 1854 and 1855, officers were elected and committees appointed, and locally prominent men continued to serve the organization. The number of board meetings gradually declined, however, to the point that none were held in 1849, 1850, 1851, 1852, or 1860, and 1847 was the last year in which a sizeable number of books—40 volumes—were purchased.⁵⁹ At the annual meeting of

⁵⁶ Vincennes *Western Sun*, December 30, 1837.

⁵⁷ Vincennes *Gazette*, February 12, 1842.

⁵⁸ Shera, *Foundations of the Public Library*, 75-78.

⁵⁹ Minutes, February, 1847.

February 4, 1861, four shareholders were present to carry out the ritual of electing eight officers (a president, five directors, a treasurer, and a librarian) and to pass a resolution instructing "the Treasurer . . . to collect all outstanding dues."

A full decade passed before the shareholders met again. This lapse of time might lead one to conclude that the library company was a casualty of the Civil War, but such a conclusion would ignore the fact that in the North the war tended to stimulate the growth of cultural agencies in general and of libraries in particular.⁶⁰ The local newspapers carried no notice of the shareholders' annual meeting in 1871. More significant than this omission, however, are the announcements that do appear in the papers: "the McClure Library is now in circulation"; the "Library and Lecture Association" had held its "opening performance" of music and "original papers"; the Workingmen's Institute planned a meeting; the "Moral and Social Reading Room is open" and plans had been made to "develop a fund for the purchase of books by giving concerts and pleasing entertainments."⁶¹

The Vincennes Library Company ceased to exist in 1883, and its collection was transferred to Vincennes University. There is a certain historical propriety in the final absorption of the company's holdings by the university: both institutions were chartered by the territorial legislature in 1806; many of the same men were founders and active supporters of both; both had to adapt their operations to the peculiarities of the frontier; both had been sensitive to steps in the evolution of Vincennes from an isolated, frontier settlement to a city of nearly 8,000 people⁶² engaged in trade and commerce and the beginnings of industrialization; and both had represented, in their respective ways, stages in the development of an American democratic culture. By the 1860's the Vincennes Library Company had served two generations of readers, and, by that time, other agencies of culture were available to them.

⁶⁰ Curti, *Growth of American Thought*, 453-57.

⁶¹ See, for example, *Vincennes Western Sun*, December 9, 1870; April 28, June 3, July 21, 1871; March 29, 1872. See also W. E. Henry (comp.), *Municipal and Institutional Libraries of Indiana* ([Indianapolis], 1904), 111-12, for additional information on the Maclure libraries and Workingmen's institutes.

⁶² Hubert Madison Smith, *Historical Sketches of Old Vincennes* (Vincennes, Ind., 1902), 273.

Minutes of Meeting
of
First Library Board¹

First Meeting
July 20 1806

At a meeting of a number of the citizens of Vincennes and its Vicinity at Mr. [John D.] Hays² Inn on the 20th July 1806 who were desirous to promote the formation of a circulating Library, Governor [William Henry] Harrison was called to the chair and Benjamin Parke appointed Secretary.

Docr. [Samuel] McKee offered to the consideration of the meeting the form of a constitution for a Library company, which being read, upon a motion made and seconded it was Resolved, That an agreement should be entered into by such as would subscribe thereto, to engage each to the other to comply with such rules and regulations as a majority of the

¹ In editing these minutes every effort has been made to reproduce faithfully the spelling and capitalization of the handwritten document. The spacing of the original minutes has been somewhat modified and standardized. For example, space limitations have prompted the listing of members present at a meeting, results of elections, and books recommended for purchase in series instead of the columns which usually appear in the minutes. Paragraphs have been indented consistently even though in the document many were not indented. Frequently items of business—especially motions and resolutions—were recorded on separate successively indented lines; these have been reproduced in standard paragraph form. The openings and closings of minutes and locations of headings also have been standardized. Punctuation has been reproduced as it appeared with the following exceptions: periods have been added where necessary at the ends of paragraphs and after abbreviations and initials; commas and semicolons have been added when columns of names are reproduced in series; a colon has been added after the word “present” preceding each list of members attending a meeting and occasionally where it would clarify the intent of the secretary; decimal points have been inserted where they were missing in prices; and hyphens have been used consistently between inclusive numbers in lists of numbered books. Flourishes have been omitted or translated as periods; underlining of signatures, dates, and the like has been considered a flourish except where it clearly indicates italics. Raised letters have been brought down to the line. Unintentional repetitions of words or phrases have been omitted, as have marks in the margins and words, phrases, or subtotals used in making transitions from one page to the next in the original minutes.

² No attempt has been made to give biographical data on individuals whose names appear in these minutes beyond adding in brackets where necessary the first time a name appears any missing names or initials and the commonly accepted spelling.

said subscribers should finally adopt for the government of the said Company.

on a motion made and seconded it was ordered That, John Badollet, John Johnson Docr. McKee, Docr. [Elias] McNamee and John R[ice] Jones be a committee to prepare the form of a Constitution for the said Company.

Ordered, That the said committee do make report at the next meeting of the said citizens and then the meeting adjourned to the second day of August next at three o'clock in the afternoon.

August 2nd 1806

The citizens, subscribers, Viz., Govr. Harrison J. R. Jones, John Badollet, R[obert] Buntin, Henry Vanderburgh, Docr. McKee, Docr. McName B[enjamin] Beckes, W[illiam] Bullitt, H[enry] Hurst, J. D. Hay, A[lbert] Badollet, D[aniel] Smith, Thomas Jones, P[eter] Jones, Col. [Francis] Vigo and B. Parke met according to the adjournment of the 20th ult.

Govr. Harrison in the chair.

B. Parke Secretary.

Mr. J. Badollet, chairman of the Committee appointed for the purpose reported a draught of a constitution for the Library Company which was read and immediately taken into consideration and being variously amended was finally agreed to as follows, Viz.,

Rules and regulations for the government of the Vincennes Library Company

- art. 1. There shall be one hundred shares at five dollars each, payable in specie or in such books as the President & Directors, to be appointed as hereafter mentioned, shall judge proper for admission and at such President and Directors appreciated value, each share holder shall annually pay two Dollars on each share he holds.
- " 2. There shall be a general meeting of the share holders on the first Monday in February yearly, when they shall take into consideration the general interests of the Company and elect the necessary officers. No determinate

number of share holders shall be necessary to form a quorum to proceed to business; each holder shall have a vote for every share he holds & pays for and shall have a right to vote by proxy; but no special meeting of the subscribers shall have power to do business unless one fourth of the whole number of shares are represented. In case a general meeting shall not be held on the stated day, the officers then acting shall continue their functions untill the next general meeting.

- " 3. A President and seven Directors and a Librarian shall be appointed annually at the general meeting; the President & Directors shall hold a meeting on the first Saturday in every month; it shall be their duty to carry into effect all such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Society; they shall have power to make bye laws for the well government of the Society which shall be in force untill the next annual meeting and afterwards unless rejected or disagreed to at such meeting, for which purpose all the bye laws made by such President & Directors shall be laid before the Succeeding annual meeting for their approbation or rejection. The President and Directors shall judge of the fitness of books offered in payment of shares and shall cause to be purchased at the cheapest rates all such books, maps &c. as they may think necessary and proper, regard being had to the Company's funds. Four of the Directors with the President shall form a quorum, and in case of the absence of the President, the Directors then present shall appoint one pro. temp. The President of the board of Directors shall preside at the annual meetings. In case of the death, resignation or removal of any of the members of the board of Directors, the said board shall fill up the vacancy untill the next general or special meeting of the share holders.
- " 4. It shall be the duty of the Librarian to receive all monies, fines &c. belonging to the Society and pay the Same on an order signed by the President & Directors or a majority of them. He shall act as Secretary to the general meetings and to the President and Directors &

shall keep a regular account of his receipts and disbursements and shall Exhibit the same annually to the general meeting and also whenever thereto required by the President and Directors. He shall take good care of all books, maps &c. belonging to the Company and shall keep a book properly ruled in which shall be noted the times of delivery of books &c. to ye share holders or their agents and their returns; noting also all delinquences as to loss or damage of books and as to the time of returning them. He shall also receive, keep and arrange in systematical order as well all such specimens of ores, minerals, fossils and other natural curiosities as shall be delivered him as also all such essays & communications as may tend to throw light on the natural and civil history of the Western country and of the aborigines thereof.

- " 5. The Library shall be open every Wednesday and Saturday from ten in the morning untill four in the afternoon for the delivery and return of books to & from subscribers; and the Librarian in discharge of the duties enjoined on him shall strictly observe the following rules
1. Each share shall entitle a subscriber to one book at a time.
 2. Duod[ecimo]s. & Octav[o]s. shall be retained by a subscriber no longer than one week and quar[to]s. and fo[l]io]s. for the term of two weeks only.
 3. If a book is not returned at the times respectively before mentioned a fine of six cents shall be incurred by the subscriber occasioning such detention and twelve and an half cents for Duods. and Octas. and twenty five cents for quarts. and fos. for every week thereafter.
 4. If a book is injured the Librarian shall be carefull to note it on its return; and the President & Directors shall assess the fine to remunerate such damage.
 5. If a book be lost or so injured as to become in the opinion of the President and Directors, useless, the subscriber losing or injuring it as aforesaid shall account for its value only, unless it belongs to a sett, when the whole number shall be accounted for & Pro-

vided always that the person who pays for a sett by him broken shall be entitled to the volumes which remain—And that this rule may be properly executed the said President and Directors shall estimate at a conscionable appraisement the books, which shall be preserved in a memorandum kept by the Librarian for the purpose.

6. No maps or manuscripts shall be taken out of the Library but by the special direction of the President and Directors; but each subscriber shall have a right to the perusal & examination of them during the time the Library shall be open.

Art. 6. The number of shares shall be augmented from time to time in proportion as the demand increases, which shall be determined by the opinion of the President and Directors; the prices of which additional shares shall also be determined by the said President and Directors.

" 7. The President and Directors shall have power to call extraordinary meetings either of their own body or of the subscribers as often as they shall think the interest of the Institution shall require it.

[Art.] 8. Forfeiture of a share shall be incurred by a wilfull neglect in payment of the original price of shares subscribed for within three months after they become due; failing to pay the yearly contributions as before stated within three months thereafter; or in neglecting or refusing to pay for books &c. lost or damaged when in his or their possession within three months after being required so to do by the Librarian; and also in not paying all fines that shall be imposed agreeably to these rules within three months after the same shall be demanded by the Librarian.

[Art.] 9. No member shall sell or transfer a share untill all payments due on such share shall be paid and then the transferree shall become a member in form and fact.

[Art.] 10. No share holder shall lend books to be read out of his house on penalty of paying twenty five cents for every book so lent out.

- " 11. Elections of officers shall be by ballot and all other questions shall be decided Viva voce.
- " 12. The share holders at their general or special meetings shall have power to alter or abridge any of the foregoing rules and regulations and to make any new ones they may think proper.
- " 13. Each share holder shall subscribe his name to this constitution which shall be deposited with the Librarian.

[The remainder of this page and the two pages which follow it in the minute book contain the signatures of shareholders and the dates they signed. Photographic reproductions of those three pages are here inserted in place of a typographic reproduction.]³

³ In the editor's possession is a Xerox copy of a "List of share holders in the Vincennes Library," which includes in the column headed "Original Subscribers" most of the names appearing in the portions of the minute book reproduced on pages 327-29. The following is a list of the original subscribers as they were recorded in the shareholder list. The few names in the minutes which are not listed in the "Original Subscribers" column have been inserted in brackets in the order in which they appear in the minute book. At least one name—Patrick Simpson—which is in the minute book was omitted from the shareholder list because he apparently had forfeited his share before that list was compiled. No explanation has been found for the presence in the minute book of the name Henry S. Cauthorn among the signatures dated February 2, 1807. Cauthorn was born at Vincennes in 1828, and wrote *A History of Vincennes*, which was published at Terre Haute in 1902. R. E. Banta (comp.), *Indiana Authors and Their Books, 1816-1916* (Crawfordsville, Ind., 1949), 56. Original subscribers: 1 John Rice Jones, 2 Rice Jones, 3 William Bullitt, 4 Samuel McKee, 5 John Badollet, 6 Nathaniel Ewing, 7 Albert Badollet, 8 Benjamin Parke, 9 Benjamin Parke, 10 George Wallace Jr., 11 Jacob Kuykendall, 12 Robert Buntin, 13 Robert Buntin, 14 Peter Jones, 15 Thomas Jones Jr., 16 Henry Vanderburgh, 17 John D. Hay, [Patrick Simpson], 18 Henry Hurst, 19 Henry Hurst, 20 Joshua Bond, 21 Willm. H. Harrison, 22 Willm. H. Harrison, 23 Charles Smith, 24 Elias McNamee, 25 James Johnston [sic], 26 John [Small], 27 Waller Taylor, 28 Francis Vigo, 29 Francis Vigo, 30 Christopher Wyant, 31 John Johnson, 32 Daniel Sullivan, 33 Genl. W. Johnston, 34 Mark Barnet, 35 [Toussaint] Dubois, 36 [Toussaint] Dubois, 37 Luke Decker, [Henry S. Cauthorn], 38 Elihu Stout, 39 Permenes Beckes, 40 Christian Graeter, 41 Daniel Smith, 42 John McDonald, 43 Robert Baird, 44 Thomas Randolph, 45 John F. Thompson, 46 Ephraim Jourdan, 47 Noah Purcell, 48 Edward Scull, 49 Joshua Bond, 50 Lt. Oliver G. Burton, 51 Josiah Bacon, 52 John McClure jr., 53 Joshua Bond, 54 Joshua Bond, 55 William Polke, 56 Jones & Dubois, 57 Jas. B. McCall, 58 Isaac Blackford, 59 Charles Hinckley, 60 George Codd, 61 Jon[atha]n Doty, 62 Samuel Emison, 63 Elihu Stout, 64 Elihu Stout, 65 William E. Breeding, 66 David M. Hale, 67 Nathl. Huntington, 68 Samuel Dillworth, 69 Wm. P. Bennett, 70 Waller Taylor, 71 Elisha Boudinot, 72 Alex. Wolcott, 73 Wm. Burch, 74 Thomas Posey, 75 Lane & Ewing, 76 John Law, 77 Wassons & Sayre, 78 Samuel Hill, 79 Moses Tabbs, 80 Frances Dickson, [Call & Sullivan], 81 Gibson Harris, 82 Sarah Parke, 83 Dennis Sayre, 84 Nathan Blackman, 85 J. C. S. Harrison, 86 John Badollet [marked out and the word "Error" entered in a column to the right], 87 Ezra Webb, 88 Saml. Tomlinson, 89 A. S. Campbell, 90 Jas. P. Badollet, 91 Henry Gilham, 92 James T. Moffatt, 93 Geo. Ewing, [L. S. Shuler], 94 John Moore, 95 John Bruner, 96 Saml. Judah, 97 John M. McClure, 98 J. D. Woolverton, [William J. Heberd, Geo. R. Gibson, S. L. Crosby, B. M. Thomas, R. Y. Caddington, Will. W. Carr, James A. Mason].

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11. Elections ^{of officers} shall be by ballot and all other questions shall be decided ~~by~~ ^{by a} ~~voice~~ ^{vote}.

12. The share holders at their general or special meetings shall have power to alter or abridge any of the foregoing rules and regulations and to make any new ones they may think proper.

13. Each share holder shall subscribe his name to this constitution which shall be deposited with the Librarian.

Indice Jones	1	Henry Hurst	2
Prue Jones	1	+ Joshua Bond	1
Wm Bullitt	1	Will H. Harrison	2
James W. H. H.	1	Charles Smith	1
John Badollet	1	+ E. M. namee	1
Nathaniel Ewing	1	+ L. J. Johnson	1
Albert Badollet	1	+ J. J. J. J.	1
B. Parke	2	+ Walter Taylor	1
E. Wallace	1	+ J. J. J. J.	2
J. H. H. H.	1	+ E. J. J. J.	1
B. J. J. J.	2	+ J. J. J. J.	1
Peter Jones	1	+ Daniel Sullivan	1
W. J. J. J.	1	+ H. J. J. J.	1
Henry Vanderburgh	1	+ Mark Barnett	1
Patrick Simpson	1	+ J. J. J. J.	1

1807 Feb 2nd

+ Luke Decker 1 to New York & Latham

E. Hunt 1

+ P. Beckes - 1

Ch. Granger & T. G. 28th 1807

+ Daniel Smith

1807 + John M. Danals

April 12 1807

+ R. H. Baid

April 7th 1808

+ Thomas Randolph

4th 9th 1809 -

+ John St. Thompson - 1

1809 Ephraim Sadon 1 June 22nd

Noah Purcell 1 July 1st

May 18th 1811 Joshua Bond one & transfer

June 8th 1811 Wm. Hall - one

1811 Dec 13th Oliver G. Burton - one

1812 Jan 22nd Josiah Bacon - one

1812 Feb 3rd John M. Blum Jr. one

1812 Feb 3rd Joshua Bond Two

1814 March 2nd Wm. Polk - one

1814 March 4th Jones & Dubois. one

1814 July 2nd 1814

1815 Dec 2nd 8th Chase & Blackford

1816 Jan 6th Charles Hinchey

1816 May 16th 1816

Date	Name	Share	Date	Name	Share	
1876 Oct. 9 th	John D. Bly	1	1876 Feb. 15 th	W. C. Cobb	1	
	Street	2		Howard	1	
1877 Feb. 3	David McCall	1	9 th	Sam. Huntington	1	
"	North Huntington	1	23 rd	J. S. Badollet	1	
"	Sam. Willmott	1	Apr. 1 st	Wm. Gilham	1	
"	Wm. P. Bennett	1		James L. Moffatt	1	
"	Wm. Breeding	1		Aug. 1 st	Geo. Ewing	1
1877 July 1 st	John & Waller Taylor	1		L. J. Shuler	1	
21 st	Bousinot	1	1875	John Brewer	1	
1878 Feb. 2 nd	A. Wolcott	1	1874	Wm. H. Morre	1	
"	Am. Burtch	1	1874	Wm. C. S. S. S.	1	
"	Wm. S. S.	1	1874	Wm. S. S.	1	
"	Lane & Ewing	1	1874	Wm. S. S.	1	
"	John S. S.	1	1874	Wm. S. S.	1	
1878 Mar. 15	Wasson & Sayre	1	1874	Wm. S. S.	1	
	Thomas Hill	1	1874	Wm. S. S.	1	
1878 July 7 th	Wm. S. S.	1	1874	Wm. S. S.	1	
1878 Aug. 1 st	Francis Dickson	1	1874	Wm. S. S.	1	
1878 Sept. 1 st	Wm. S. S.	1	1874	Wm. S. S.	1	
1878 Oct. 1 st	Wm. S. S.	1	1874	Wm. S. S.	1	
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1879 Nov. 1 st	Wm. S. S.	1	1874	Wm. S. S.	1	
1879 Dec. 1 st	Wm. S. S.	1	1874	Wm. S. S.	1	
1880 Jan. 1 st	Wm. S. S.	1	1874	Wm. S. S.	1	
1880 Feb. 1 st	Wm. S. S.	1	1874	Wm. S. S.	1	
1880 Mar. 1 st	Wm. S. S.	1	1874	Wm. S. S.	1	
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1882 Jan. 1 st	Wm. S. S.	1	1874	Wm. S. S.	1	
1882 Feb. 1 st	Wm. S. S.	1	1874	Wm. S. S.	1	
1882 Mar. 1 st	Wm. S. S.	1</				

The Library Company then proceeded to the choice of officers when upon counting the ballots it appeared that the following persons were respectively chosen, Viz., John Badollet, President; J. Rice Jones, J. Johnson, W. Bullitt, G. Wallace, S. McKee, E. McNamee, J. Kuykendall, Directors; B. Parke, Librarian.

on motion Resolved That the President & Directors be requested to prepare and present a petition to the Legislature of the Territory praying an Act of incorporation for the said Library Company.⁴

Adjourned.

August 9th 1806

Present: J. Badollet, Prest.; J. R. Jones, Geo. Wallace, W. Bullitt, J. Kuykendall, S. McKee, Directors; B. Parke, Librarian.

on motion resolved, That the Librarian give publick notice to the subscribers to the Vincennes Library Company that on the 23d Inst. the President and Directors will meet at the Court House in Vincennes to receive the books which they may wish to deposit in lieu of their subscriptions respectively.⁵

on motion ordered that the Board will meet at the court House on the 23d of this Inst. and then the Board,

adjourned.

August 23d 1806

The Board met according to adjournment Present: J. Badolette, Prest.; McKee, McNamee, Kuykendall, Bullitt, Jones, Directors.

The Librarian being sick and unable to attend, on motion ordered That J. R. Jones act as Librarian pro. temp.

Mr. Buntin tendered the following books in payment of his subscription for shares which were accepted of at the prices annexed to the works respectively Viz.

⁴ The act incorporating the Vincennes Library Company was approved by Governor Harrison on December 3, 1806. Francis S. Philbrick (ed.), *The Laws of Indiana Territory, 1801-1809 (Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library, Vol. XXI; Springfield, Ill., 1930)*, 202-03. Its content was largely drawn from the "Rules and Regulations of the Vincennes Library Company" adopted at the meeting of August 2, 1806.

⁵ The public notice presumably was posted since the town was without a newspaper at the time. Elihu Stout's *Indiana Gazette* had been burned in April, 1806, and his *Western Sun* first appeared in July, 1807.

Spectator ⁶	8 vol.	\$ 8.
Guthries Grammar	2 vol.	\$ 4.
Chesterfields letters	4 "	4.
Thompsons Works	4 "	3.
Do. Seasons	1	.62
Jeffersons notes with appendix	2 "	2.
Bulfields elements of erudition	3 "	3.
Ossian's Poems	1 "	2.
Tucker on Slavery	1 "	.75
Seneca's Morals	1	1.
Julians Works	2	2.
French revolution	1	1.50
Essay on the study of antiquities	1	1.
Junius' letters	1	.87
Dramatic Miscellanies	3	2.25
Practical farmer	1	1.50
Leland on Eloquence	1	.50
Derhams Phisico Theology	1	.75
Essays & letters on the most important subjects	2	1.
Atwoods treatise	1	1.
Burtons lectures on female Education & manners	1	.75
Humphrys Miscellaneous Works	1	2.
Holcrofts philosophical Essays	1	.75
		<hr/> \$44.24
Mr. Buntin made a donation of the following books viz.		
Melmoths Essays	vol. 1	.50
Confession of faith	3 setts 1 each	2.40
Hapless orphan	2	1.50
Mr. Wallace delivered the following books viz.		
Pinkertons geography with maps	v. 3	
Millers retrospect	2	5.
Docr. McName.		
Edward, [?]ovil	2	1.
Simple Story	2	1.25

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Gaudentio di Lucca	1	.75
Herveys Meditations	1	.75
Breckenridge's Modern chivalry	1	1.25
		<u>\$ 5.00</u>
Docr. McName presented the Library with a Vol. of the annual Register		.75
Mr. Badollet.		
Knox's Essays	2 vol.	1.50
Donation by Badollet		
Moore's Utopia	1	.50
Mr. Bullitt		
Reeds Essays	3	10.
Mirabeau's gallery of portraits	2	2.50
Locks Essays	3	4.50
		<u>\$17.00</u>
Donation, Ladies Companion	1	2.
Docr. McKee.		
Humes England	6	9.
The Docr. presented the Library Company with a specimen of the Carbonate of lime cristallized.		
J. R. Jones, for self and Rice Jones.		
Beauties of history	2 v.	2.50
Dryden's poems	2 "	2.00
Enfield's philosophy	2	
Humes dialogues	1	1.
Priestly's lectures	1	3.50
		<u>\$ 9.00</u>
Mr. Stout.		
Goldsmith's literary Miscellanies	2	1.50
on motion ordered that the Board do adjourn to Satur- day next at 2 o'clock P. M.		

August 30th 1806

The Board met according to adjournment Present:
Badolette; Jones, Wallace, Bullitt, McName. Jones Librarian
pro. temp.

Col. Vigo tendered the following books, viz.,

World displayed	v. 8	12.00
Morse's Geography	2	4.00
Wealth of Nations	3	3.
Goldsmiths England abridged	1	1.
Washingtons Letters	2	1.50
Varlo's husbandry	2	2.00
Rousseaus Eloisa	4	4.
Fool of Quality	3	2.
Lelands Phillip of Macedon	1	4.
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		\$33.50

Col. Vigo presented the Company with a singular horn.

Ordered That the Board do adjourn to the 13th September next.

September 13th 1806

The Board met according to adjournment Present: J. Badollet, Prest.; Kuykendall, McName, McKee, Jones, Bullitt, Directors; Parke, Librarian.

B. Parke delivered to the Company the following books, Viz.,

Andrews View	2.50
Cattau's View of Sweden	2.50
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\$ 5.00	

He presented to the Company

The Abbess	3 vol.	2.
Maimbourg's history of Arianism	in 2 Vol.	3.

Mr. Jones withdrew Enfields philosophy and delivered the following books, Viz.,

Scott's Gazetteer	1.50
Condorcet's life of Voltaire	1.
Dryden's Juvenal	1.50
Joan of Arc	.50
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\$ 4.50	

The President & Directors then adjourned & to meet again on Saturday next at three oClock in the afternoon.

September 20th 1806

Present: Badolette, Prest.; J. Johnson, NcName, Directors; Parke, Librarian.

There not being a sufficient number of Directors present to form a Board

Adjourned.

November 21st 1806

Special Meeting Present: G. Wallace, J. R. Jones, McKee, McName, Kuykendall, Bullitt, Johnson, Directors; Parke, Librarian.

The President being absent the Directors Present appointed J. Rice Jones President pro. temp.

on motion ordered that the Librarian pay to William Bullitt four Dollars, the price of a blank book⁷ to keep the Journals, purchased of him.

On motion ordered That a Librarian pro. temp. be appointed, who shall exercise the duties of that officer untill the present Librarian can resume the exercise of the duties of his office.

on motion ordered That Docr. McName be appointed Librarian pro. temp. in conformity to the preceding order.

on motion ordered That Docr. McName Docr. McKee and G. Wallace be appointed a committee to draw and present to the Legislature of this Territory, a petition praying for an act of Incorporation for the Vincennes Library Company.

on motion ordered—That Mr. Wallace have leave to withdraw Pinkertons Geography with maps, which he delivered on account of his share.

On motion ordered, That the Librarian procure a portable book case, of cheap materials, for the use of the Company.

on motion ordered That the aforesaid committee, prepare the form of an act of Incorporation of the said company, and make report thereof together with the said Petition to the next meeting of this board.

On motion, ordered that this Board will meet again on Monday next at 4 oClock in the evening.

and the Board adjourned till Monday Evening 4 oClock.

⁷ The blank book purchased at this time eventually contained the complete minutes of the library company.

Novr. 24 [1806]

the board met according to adjournment. Present: Geo. Wallace, John R. Jones, Saml. McKee, John Johnson, E. McNamee.

John R. Jones in Chair.

The committy appointed to draft a petition [to] the Legislature reported one which was adopted by the board which board ordered the same to be presented to the Legislature, & the board then adjourned.

Janry. 10. 1807.

at a Special meeting of the Board. present: John Badollet, President; J. R. Jones, J. Kuykendol, J. Johnson, Doctor McKee, & E. McNamee Librarian pro. temp, directors.

On motion ordered that John Johnson & Genl. W. Johnsons[t]on be a committee to collect the shares due from subscribers & pay the same to the Librarian & take his receipt.

On motion ordered that G. W. Johnson, Doctor Kukendol J. Jonson & J. D. Hay be a committy to procure subscribers to this Institution.

On motion ordered that Librarian as soon possible shall number arrange & form a catalogue of all Books in the Library.⁸ & also to advertise the Share holders when Books may be taken out. & further that the Librarian be authorised to procure such blank books, stationary &c. as may be necessary for his office & charge the same to the compay.

The Board then adjorned till Saturday the 16th instant.

Saturday Janry. 16 1807

The Board met according to adjornment. Present: John Badollet, President; J. R. Jones, J. Johnson, J. Kuykendol, S. McKee, & E. McNamee, Librarian Pro Temp, directors.

J. R. Jones submitted the following amendment to the constitution.

⁸ This apparently was the first such catalogue authorized by the board. See also footnote 11, below.

Whereas the time for detention of 12 & 8vos⁹ for one week only has been found too short for subscribers living in the country. Therefore resolved that subscribers residing out of Vincennes may retain Boks of the above description for two weeks.

Thomas Jones sent forward Washington's letters 2 vol. which were received at \$3.00

Parmenias Bachus [Beckes] sent forward Robertsons Hystory of Char[1]es the 5th 3 vol: received at \$4.00

Genl. W. Johnson the following Books which were received at the prices anexed to them.

2 vol.	Witherspoon at	\$3.50
1	Hutcheson on the Passions	1.50
1	Morses Geography	1.25
1	Philosophical dictionary	1.25
2	Travels Dean Mahomed	1.50
2	Drydens Poems	1.75
1	Callipoedia	0.75
1	Beauties Hervy	0.75
1	McKinzie's Voyage	2.00
1	Life Moreau	1.20
1	Goldsmiths Hystory Rome	1.00
1	Man of the World	1.00
1	Goldsmiths Poems	1.25
		<hr/> \$18.70

The Board then adjourned till Saturday the 24th instant.

Saturday the 24 Janry. 1807

the Board met according to adjournment.

On motion ordered that the World displayed 8 vol. vallued by the directors formerly at 12\$ be now vallued at \$16 dollars. to the Credit of F. Vigo.

Mr. T. Dubois then put in the following Books at the prices anexed to them.

Shakespears Works	12 Vol:	\$16.66 2/3
Beggar Girl	3 Vol.	3.00
		<hr/> \$19.66 2/3

⁹ See Article 5, Section 2 of the "Rules and Regulations" in the minutes of August 2, 1806. See also minutes of April 21, 1808; June 3, 1809; February 4, 1811; and February 17, 1813.

Mr. Peter Jones put in the following Books at the prices anexed.

Millitary Hystory of Germany	1 vol.	\$1.25
Carvers Travels	1 vol.	1.25
Plain Sence	2 Vol.	1.00
Charlott Temple	1 Vol.	0.75
Arabian Knights	2 Vol.	1.75
		<hr/> \$6.00

John Badollet put in at the prices anexed.

Politics for the people	2 vol.	\$2.00
Adam's, Travels		1.25
		<hr/> 3.25

John Johnson put in

Blairs lectures	2 vol. at	\$5.00
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John Badollet then made a presant of the following Books to the Library, vallued at the prices anexed to them.

Principes de la literature		
l'Abbe Bateaux	4 vol.	\$2.00
Introduction a l'histoire du		
Dannen'ark par Mr. Mallet	2 vol:	1.00

F. Vigo put in Goldsmiths

Animated Nature	4 vol: vallued at	\$8.00
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for which the Board ordered the Librarian to pay him with first money that came in to the Treasury.

It was then on motion ordered that Doctor McKee & Docr. Kuykendol be committy to report the progress of the Board with a statement of the companies circumstances to the next general meeting.

The Board then adjorned till Satturday next.

[January 31, 1807]

At a meeting of the Board Janry. 31st presant: John Badollet; J. R. Jones, John Johnson, S. McKee, & E. McNamee.

Thomas Jones then put in

Currens speaches	\$3.50
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On Motion it was order that the committee apointed to report to the general meeting &c. be dismissed.

The Board then adjorned till Monday.

February 2nd 1807.

At a General Meeting of the shareholders of the Vincenns Library Company pursuant to the Constitution of the same. members present: John Badollet, president; W. H. Harrison, J. R. Jones, John Johnson, J. D. Hay, Peter Jones, E. Stout, S. McKee, J. Kuykendol, J. Bond, P. Bechus, L. Decker, G. W. Johnston, James Johnson, & E. McNamee.

E. McNamee as Librarian pro. temp. reported the state of the institution which report was ordered to lie on the table.—Resolved that the election of Officers be by nomination—whereupon Wm. H. Harrison moved that the former Officers be continued. Viz. J. Badollet president. J. R. Jones John Johnson W. Bullet G. Wallace S. McKee, J. Kuykendol & E. McNamee. Directors B. Parke Librarian.

The meeting then adjourned till Saturneday next.

[March 7, 1807]

At a monthly meeting of the Board of Directors on Saturday March 7th 1807 Members present: J. Badollet, President; J. R. Jones, J. Johnson, S. McKee, & E. McNamee, L. Pro. temp., Directors.

T. Dubois delivered the following Books which were received & valued (viz.)

Gill Blass	4 Vol: at	\$4.00
Vagabond	1 vol:	1.00
Nox's Essays	2 voll.	2.50
Broad Grins	1 Voll.	0.50
		<hr/> \$8.00
Mark Barnet put in		
Mistories of Udolpho		
3 vol: valued at		\$3.00
J. Badollet put in		
Daughters Adoption		
2 vol: valued at		\$2.50
Parmenes Bechus put in		
Robertson History of America		
2 vol: valued at		\$10.00
Blairs Lectures abridged		1.00
		<hr/> \$11.00

On motion the Board resolved that the Original Shareholders shall pay two dollars on each share it being (their anual contribution) in in one month from this date—and in future the same shall become due every first monday in February—Also that the Librarian be authorised to apply for the same— Resolved further that subsequent subscribers shall pay their anual contributions at the end of the year from the times of signing.¹⁰

[April 4, 1807]

At a monthly meeting of the Board of Directors on Saturday April 4th 1807 Members presant: John Badollet, president; J. Johnson, S. McKee, J. Kuykendol, & E. McNamee, L. pro temp., Directors.

Mark Barnet put in

Robison Crusoe	1 voll. at	\$0.75
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[June 6, 1807]

At a monthly meeting of the Board of Directors on Saturday June 6th 1807 John Badolet, President; John Johnson, J. Kukendol, S. McKee, & E. McNamee, L. Pro Tem.

On motion ordered that G. W. Johnson be appointed to collect all monies due the Library & to report his progress to the next meeting & also that the Librarian furnish him with a Statement of ballenences due.

On motion ordered that Dr. Kuykendol & Wm. Bullet be a commitee with the Libraian to number & arange the books as they may think proper & make out a Catalougue of the same. & also that the Librarian make out an acct. of the monies received & expended & report the same to the next meeting.

The Board then proceeded to vallue the Books put in by Robt. Baird (viz.)—

Vattels Law of Nations	1 vol:	2.00
Dictionary of arts & Sciences	5 "	6.25
		<hr/> \$8.25

The Board then adjorned.

¹⁰ This is the first action of the board regarding annual contributions provided for by the rules of the company adopted at the meeting on August 2, 1806. Other action is recorded in the minutes of February 5, 1810, and February 4, 1811.

[February 1, 1808]

At an anuel meting of the Vincennes Library Company on Monday the 1st day of February 1808 The president being absent Robert Buntin was appointed President pro temp when the following persons were duly elected Henry VanderBurgh, President; Peter Jones, Librarian; William Bullitt, Robert Buntin, John D. Hay, John Rice Jones, Charles Smith, Samuel McKee, Jacob Kuykendall, Directors.

February 1st On motion & seconded Ordered that the Librarian apply to the several share holders for the amount of the several sums by them respectively due and that in default thereof the Board of Directors are authorised and required to take coercive measures to inforce the payment thereof— Carried.

On Motion and seconded ordered that a committe of three members be appointed to receive the Books &c. belonging to the Company and examine their situation and deliver them over to the succeeding Librarian and that they make their report to the Board of Directors at their meeting in March next—and in case of loss or damage that they report the amount thereof to the said Board— Who are required to take the necessary steps either against the Librarian or the share holders as the case may be for the amount of such damage or loss— and further ordered that the Librarian account for and pay to the new Librarian the several Sums &c. by him received for fines &c. and thereupon John Rice Jones Jacob Kuykendall & Samuel McKee were appointed that Committe— On motion of Samuel McKee Ordered that William Bullitt & Robert Buntin be appointed a Committe to examine the accounts of the Librarian and report the same to the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

adjourned untill Saturday the 6th Instant.

February 6th 1808

Present: Henry VanderBurgh President; William Bullitt Robert Buntin John D. Hay John Rice Jones Samuel McKee Jacob Kuykendall Directors.

Mesrs. Bullitt & Buntin a Committe appointed at the last meeting to examine the accounts of the late Librarian reported progress and prayed leave to have untill the next meeting to make their report—Concured in.

On motion & seconded ordered that Messrs. Robert Buntin John D. Hay & Samuel McKee be a Committe to examine the by Laws rules and regulations of the Society and report at their next meeting whether any or if any or what alterations aught to be made therein.

Toussaint Dubois put in a Book
titled Beggar Boy 1 Voll. 75 Cents
The Board then adjourned.

March 5th 1808

At a monthly meeting of the Directors of Vincennes Library Members present: Henry VanderBurgh Robert Buntin Samuel McKee John D. Hay Charles Smith and Peter Jones.

Samuel McKee submitted the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas a Number of persons now have or here after may put Books into the Vincennes Library to a greater amount than their Subscriptions for Shares. Resolved that they be entitled to a Credit of six pr. Cent pr. anum Interest for all such sums untill paid. and that all sums due to the Company after the day of payment bear a like Interest untill paid.

A Bye law made by the President and Directors of the Vincennes Library Company at a Stated meeting held at Vincennes on the first Saturday in March 1808:

Whereas by the 8th article of the Constitution of the said Company it is declared that forfeiture of a Share shall be incurred by a wilful neglect in payment of the original price of shares subscribed for within three months after they become due and Whereas doubts have arisen whether subscribers for shares can be compelled to pay the amount of their Subscription— To obviate which doubt it is hereby enacted that no forfeiture shall be incurred for neglect of payment of the original price of Shares subscribed for, but that the person subscribing for such shares shall pay the Original price thereof within three Months, in default whereof it shall be the duty of the Chairman to Sue for the same in the name of the Company and for their use— and it is hereby declared that so much of the eighth article as comes

within the perview of this Law shall be and the same is hereby repealed. Passed March the 5th 1808.

Peter Jones
Librarian

Henry VanderBurgh
President

On motion and Seconded ordered that John Rice Jones and John D. Hay be added to the Committee for Setteling the Accounts with the late Librarian and be it further ordered that the above Committee do and they are hereby authorised to settle with the late Librarian and examine into the Amount hes [*sic*] has received and the amount of Damage the Books has received and by whom and make report on Wednesday next.

On motion and seconded ordered that Henry Vanderburgh John Johnson John D. Hay Charles Smith and Samuel McKee be appointed a Committee to make out a Cattalogue of Books for the Vincennes Library and that they report on Wednesday next.¹¹

Adjourned untill Wednesday next.

April 2d 1808

At a meeting of the Board of Directors for the Vincennes Library Company there was present: Henry Vanderburgh Charles Smith Robert Buntin John D. Hay Samuel McKee John Rice Jones.

It having been represented to the Board that Nathaniel Ewing one of the share holders has positively refused to pay either his original Subscription Money or the two annuel contributions now due On Motion Ordered unanously that the Librarian do bring suit against the Said Mr. Ewing for the recovery of the said sums of money so due from him and that he prosecute the same in the name and at the expence of the Company to final Judgement either before a Magistrate or by appeal to the Court of common plees and General Court. Also ordered that the Librarian do and shall in every Instance where a Subscriber positively refuses to pay either his Subscription or contribution money bring Suit in like manner for the recovery thereof.

Adjourned.

¹¹ It is possible that a "Cattalogue" prepared by this committee was the basis for the list of 210 books belonging to the library which appeared in the Vincennes *Western Sun*, April 6, 1808.

Apl. 21st 1808

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vincennes Library Company there was present: Henry Vanderburgh John Rice Jones Charles Smith Robert Buntin Samuel McKee John D. Hay and Peter Jones.

John Rice Jones put in the Library

Pinkertons Geography 2 Volls. \$13.50

John Johnson Put in Pinkertons

Geography 2 Volls. at 13.50

John L. Murray put in

Bruces Travels 1 Voll. 1.50

On motion Resolved that the fine incurred for the detention of Books shall be Six and one fourth Cents in lieu of Six Cents agreeable to a Rule of the Board and that after the first week that they may be detained the person so offending shall pay for each like offence double the Sum.

On Motion ordered Country share holders shall be entitled to detain Books by them taken out of the library for the term of one week longer than by the Rules of the Society they are now entitled to.

On motion Resolved that the librarian bring suit against Doctor Elias McNamee late librarian for the amount of damages which the Books belonging to the library has recd. and unaccounted for by him while in his possession and that he be at liberty to take it through the necessary course of law to obtain sd. amount.

Adjourned.

November 5th 1808

At a meeting of the Board of Directors for the Vincennes Library Company Present: Robert [Buntin] Samuel McKee Jacob Kuykendall John D. Hay & Peter Jones The President being absent Robert Buntin was appointed President pro temp.

On Motion ordered that the Books William Bullitt brot from Baltimore for the Vincennes Library be recd. at the price stated in his Bill. which amounted to \$29.59.¹²

¹² This is the first reference to books being purchased for the library. No record has been found of the board's prior authorization of this purchase or of those noted in the minutes of March 4 and June 19, 1809. The first recorded advance authorization by the board is in the minutes of January 16, 1811.

Elias McNamee put in the library Peggy Black and Wilmot Bond 5 Volls. amounting to four Dollars to be taken out in anuel contributions hereafter due.

Ordered that the Librarian be authorised to purchase the King of Prussia's works provided he can get them at cost & carriage from Philadelphia or Baltimore.

Resolved that the Librarian & Secretary be instructed and authorised to procure catalogues of Book Stores from Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Adjourned.

February 6th 1809

At an anuel meeting of the share holders of the Vincennes Library Company there was present: Henry Vanderburgh, Robert Buntin, Benjamin Parke, Joshua Bond, Samuel McKee, Charles Smith, Peter Jones, Jacob Kuykendall, John Johnson, E. McNamee, Francois Vigo, Genl. W. Johnston, John Badollet, Thomas Jones, John D. Hay, Robert Baird, Nathaniel Ewing, George Wallace, Parmenas Beckes, Elihu Stout, Henry Hurst, Albert Badollet.¹³

The Board proceeded to the Election of a President Librarian & Directors and on counting the Ballots it appeared that Benjamin Parke was duly Elected President Peter Jones Librarian & Robert Buntin Parmenas Beckes Samuel McKee Charles Smith Jacob Kuykendall John Johnson & Thomas Randolph directors— Mr. John Badolet submitted the following Resolution which was passed in the affirmative.

Resolved that for the purchase of Books the Board of Directors shall make out as often as the State of the funds will permit a list of such Books as to them shall appear proper, and authorise by a written order accompanied by the said list and signed by the President the Librarian to purchase the same.

Mr. Johnston moved the following Order which was passed & G. W. Johnston Robert Buntin & John Badollet was appointed that Committee—Ordered that a Committee of

¹³ This list was entered in the minutes in two columns with numbers 1-11 and 12-22 following the names in the columns. The order indicated by the numbers has been maintained in reproducing the list in series.

three members be appointed to examine the Books &[c]. belonging to the company as also to inspect their Situation and make their report by and at the next meeting of the directors.

Resolved that the Committee appointed to examine & inspect the Books shall at the same time examine the state of the funds of the Library Company and report the same to the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

February the 15th [1809]

At a meeting of the board of Directors for the Vincennes Library Company there was present: Benjamin Park President Peter Jones Librarian & Charles Smith John Johnson Samuel McKee Robert Buntin Parmenas Beckes & Jacob Kuykendall Directors.

On motion and seconded ordered that all maps attached to any Books may be taken out of the Library in the same manner that other Books are taken out.

March 4th [1809]

Mr. Toussaint Dubois having proposed to sell to the Library Company Washingtons life by Marshall for \$15 in cash and \$10 to be placed to his credit which is to be taken out in anuel contributions hereafter & the Librarian having received the said work— Resolved that he pay to Toussaint Dubois the sum of fifteen Dollars in Cash & place to his Credit in his account with the Library the sum of ten Dollars which is to be taken out in anuel contributions as they become due.

On motion and seconded Ordered that the Librarian be direc[t]ed to keep safely the Books titled Peggy Black & Wilmot Bond as also Callipedia out of the Library untill he can make sale of said Books and that may be authorised to sell them for what he can get.

Genl. W. Johnston Chairman of a Committee appointed for that purpose Reported:¹⁴

¹⁴ The committee's written report, a photocopy of which is in the editor's possession, differs in small details from the secretary's record in the minutes. The original report is reproduced on page 347.

That the books are in as good a state as could be expected from their frequent use by share holders and are in good order in the Library case.

That there are now belonging to the Company 248 volumes of books and 3 Atlases which are owned by 40 share holders, and owing to some having sundry shares, there are 46 shares—That amongst this collection there are two books vizt. "Calipoedia in 1 vol. and Peggy Black & Wilmot Bond in 5 vol." which in the opinion of the committee, are by their immoral tendency, unfit to be found in the possession of an Institution the object of which is to diffuse usefull knowledge and correct moral principles,—your committee are there fore of opinion that they ought to be destroyed.

That as to the funds of the company they find that from the first of February 1808 to the 1 Feby. 1809—the Librarian had received from annual contributions, shares and fines, the sum of \$80.61 $\frac{1}{4}$, and that he has paid out for books which he was ordered to purchase 80 D. 59 cts. leaving a ballance due by him to the Company for the year 1808, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ cts. as per his document herewith reported.

That the Librarian has collected of different share holders, since the last annual meeting \$60 which he sent by Mr. Charles Smith for the procurement of other books,—and

That there is now due by the share holders to the Company the sum of \$93.

Adjourned.

June 3d 1809

At a stated monthly meeting of the President and Directors the following gentlemen were present: B. Parke, Prest.; P. Jones, Librarian; R. Buntin, P. Beches, S. McKee, J. Kuykendall, T. Randolph, Directors.

on motion made and seconded Resolved, that where country subscribers reside more than four miles from Vincennes they may detain Duos. and Octavs. three weeks and quarts. and fols. four weeks.

Ordered, that Benjamin Parke be entitled to a credit of two dollars for the following books Viz. "Stranger in Ireland", 1 vol.,— "Ildegerte", 1 vol.,— and "The horrors of St. Domingo," 1 vol.,— Benjamin Parke made a donation, to the Institution, of the "Stranger in France", which was accepted.

Adjourned.

The Committee who were appointed by
the Share holders of the Vincennes 25th and
Company, at their annual meeting on the 1st
of February last to examine the situation of
the Books and state of the funds of the Library,
Report.

That they have performed that duty,
and find that the Books are in as good a state as could
be expected from their frequent use by share holder, and
are in good order in the Library case.

That there are now belonging to
the Company 248 Volumes of Books & 3 Atlases, which
are owned by 40 Share holders, & owing to some having
sundry Shares, there are 46 shares - That amongst the
collection there are two Books, viz. "Calixpodias in 1 Vol.
of Peggy Black & Minut Bond in 5 Vols" which, in
the opinion of the Committee, are, by their immoral
tendency, unfit to be found in the possession of an
Institution the object of which is to diffuse useful
knowledge and correct moral principles, Your Comm^{rs}
are therefore of opinion that they ought to be destroyed.

That as to the funds of the Company,
they find that from the 1st of February 1808 to the 1st
of February 1809, the Librarian had received from
annual Contributions, shares & fines, the sum of \$80.67^{1/2}
and that he has paid out for Books which he was
ordered to purchase \$80.59.5^{1/2} leaving a balance
due by him to the Company for the year 1808, 25 Cts
after his accounts herewith reported.

That the Librarian has collected
of different Share holders, since the last annual meeting
\$60, which he sent by Mr. C. Smith for the purchase
-ment of other Books - and

That there is now due by the Share
holders to the Company, the sum of "175 + Dr. M. Johnson
Vincennes -
Jan 2^d 1809. John Badollet

June 19th 1809

At a Special meeting of the Board of Directors for the Vincennes Library there was present: Benjamin Parke, president; Peter Jones, Librarian; Thomas Randolph, Robert Buntin, Samuel McKee, Charles Smith, Directors.

The Librarian under the direction of the Board having contracted with Charles Smith for the Importation of sundry Books for the use of the Library agreeably to a memorandum furnished for that purpose. Mr. Smith produced the Board this day the following Books which he had Imported from Baltimore together with the costs & Charges attendant on the Same.

Select Novels	13 Volls.	\$13.55
Marmontels Tales	3 do.	4.05
Rollins Antient History	8 Volls.	8.34
Smiths Theory of moral sentiment	2 V.	3.60
Federalist	2 do.	4.17
Memories of Pope pius 6th	2 do.	3.60
Smiths History of N. York		1.80
Blairs Sermons	3 Volls.	5.84
Barrows Travels in Southern Africa		1.88
Stephens French Wars	2 Volls.	5.00
Gillis history of Greece	4 do.	11.70
Roscoes Life of Lorenzo	3 do.	6.25
Roscoes life of Leo the 10th	4 Volls.	8.96
Plowdens History of Ireland	5 do.	11.25
1 Ream & 4 quires of Wrapping Paper to fill in a Trunk		1.35
1 new Trunk		3.50
Carriage on Books wt. 96 lb.		7.68
		<hr/> \$102.52

On motion ordered that the Librarian receive the above mentioned Books at the amount above specified and deposite them in the Library for the use of the share holders.

On motion ordered that the Librarian take immediate measures for collecting the arreareges due the Library at least sufficient to pay Mr. Smith the balance due him on the above said Importation.

On Motion ordered that Mr. Smith be permitted to retain for his own use the Trunk and wrapping paper above mentioned amounting to four Dollars Eighty five Cents the Trunk &c. being considered as of no use to the Institution.

It appears to the Board that the Book case is too small to contain the Books now belonging to the Institution and Joshua Bond having proposed to make another and larger one for the use of the Institution the cost of which should be placed to the account of the anuel [?] contributions which now are or may hereafter become due from him the said Bond untill the same shall be discharged.

Therefore Resolved that a committee of two members of the Board together with the Librarian contract with Joshua Bond for a Book case agreeably to the above proposition— Thomas Randolph & Robert Buntin was appointed that committee.

Adjourned.

June 27th 1809

At a Special meeting of the Board of Directors for the Vincennes Library there was present: Benjamin Parke, pret.; Peter Jones, Librarian; Charles Smith, Thomas Randolph, Jacob Kuykendall, Samuel McKee, Robert Buntin, Directors. Thomas Randolph put in the Library

Military Library by Duane \$2.00
Thereby making a present of five Dolls. and fifty Cents for the use of the institution.

George Wallace put in the Library the Book Collumbiad in two Volls. at four Dollars & that the Librarian pay the same to George Wallace.

Adjourned.

[February 5, 1810]

At an annual meeting of the Share holders of the Vincennes Library on Monday 5th February 1810 there was present: Wm. H. Harrison, Hy. Vanderburgh, Parmenes Beckes, John D. Hay, G. W. Johnston, Robert Baird, Joshu. Bond, Elihu Stout, John Johnston, Patk. Simpson, Nathl. Ewing, James Johnson, Peter Jones, Charles Smith, Abhm. F. Snapp, Dl. Sullivan, John Badollet, Geo. Wallace jr.

The President being absent, Charles Smith was appointed to the chair, whereupon the members proceeded to a choice of officers, and on counting the ballots, the following persons were respectively chosen Viz.—Ben Parke, Presd.;

Hy. Vanderburgh, Genl. W. Johnston, John Johnston, Thomas Randolph, Peter Jones, Jacob Kuykendall, Charles Smith, Directors; Geo. Wallace jr., Librarian.

Patrick Simpson has relinquish'd his share to the institution, & not having paid any of the annual contributions, they are remitted & the Librn. order'd to close his account.

On Motion Resolved that a committee of three members be appointed to examine the accounts of the late Librarian & the state of the books & receive & deliver them over to the present Librarian, also that they make out a catalogue of the books now in the library & have one hundred copies thereof printed— the expense whereof shall be paid upon their order by the Librarian, when so much money may be in his hands— And that report to the next meeting of the board of Directors.

Hy. Vanderburgh, John Johnson & Genl. W. Johnston are appointed, to carry the foregoing resolution into effect.

On Motion Order'd that the yearly contributions be reduced to one dollar pr. ann. for each share.

Adjourned.

April 7th 1810

At a monthly meeting of the President and Directors— present: B. Parke, Prest.; G. W. Johnston, John Johnson, Henry VanderBurgh, Thomas Randolph.

on motion ordered that the Board of Directors meet on saturday next at three oClock in the Afternoon.

Adjourned.

April 14th 1810

Special meeting of the President & Board of Directors, Present: Parke, Prest.; Johnston, VanderBurgh, Randolph.

There not being a sufficient number of members present to do business

Adjourned.

Saturday May 1810

Monthly meeting of the President and Board of Directors Present: Parke; Johnson, VanderBurgh, Jones, Randolph.

There being no business before the Board

adjourned.

Saturday 1st September 1810

At a monthly meeting of the President & Directors—
Present: B. Parke, Presd.; H. Vanderburgh, T. Randolph, C. Smith, J. Kuykendall, P. Jones, John Johnston.

Resolved that it is the opinion of this board that the annual contributions are due at the expiration of the year after subscribing the Constitution.

Resolved that it is the opinion of this board that the order for reducing the annual contributions to one dollar pass'd at the annual meeting of the present year, did not affect the contributions due from the share holders respectively for the current year.

adjd. until monday 10th Inst. 4 oClock.

10th Sepr. 1810

At a Special meeting of Directors present: Parke, Prest.; Vanderburgh, Randolph, Smith, G. W. Johnston.

On motion resolved that Vanderburgh Randolph & Genl. W. Johnston be a committee to examine & settle the accounts of the late librarian agreeably to a resolution of the last meeting of the Directors & make report to the next meeting.

on motion ordered that Mr. Randolph be a committee to wait upon Joshua Bond and ascertain from him the price of the Book Case made by him in conformity to the order of June 19th 1809.

Adjourned to Saturday next 3 oClock P. M.

Saturday 15th September 1810

Present: Parke; Johnston, VanderBurgh, Randolph.

There not being a sufficient number of Directors to form a Board

Adjourned.

Tuesday 13th Novr. 1810

at a special meeting of the Directors present: B. Parke, prest.; John Johnston, Hy. Vanderburgh, Chas. Smith, Thos. Randolph.

On motion order'd that the president of this board present a petition (which has been prepar'd & agreed to) to the Legislature of this Tery. praying that the Library Com-

pany may be authorised to raise a sum of money not exceed one thousand Dollars.¹⁵

adjour'd until 1s Saturd. Dec.

Saturday November 24th 1810

Special meeting of the Directors— present: B. Parke, Prest.; P. Jones, Jno. Johnson, H. Vanderburgh, Jc. Kuykendall, Directors.

On motion made & second'd the following scheme of a lottery, for the benefit of the library for the purchase of books, was unanimously adopted viz.

Vincennes Library Lottery.

first class

By authority of the Legislature of the Indiana Territory for raising one hundred Dollars (part of the sum of \$1000.) for the benefit of the Vincennes Library; to commence drawing on the First day of February if the tickets should be disposed of by that time.

1	prize	of	\$100	is	100	
2	"	"	30	"	60	
5	"	"	20	"	100	
10	"	"	5	"	50	Not two blanks to a prize.
20	"	"	3	"	60	
130	"	"	1	"	130	Prizes subject to a deduction
168	Prizes			500		of 20 per Cent.
332	Blanks					

500 Tickets at one Dollr. is 500

On motion orderd that B. Parke be authorised and required to contract with E. Stout on the best terms he can procure, for printing the above mention'd lottery scheme—¹⁶ Order'd that the board adjourn until wednesday next 3 oClock P.M.

¹⁵ "AN ACT authorising a Lottery for the benefit of the Vincennes Library" was approved by Governor Harrison on November 23, 1810. The law empowered the president and directors to raise a sum not exceeding a total of \$1,000, required a \$200 bond of each of the lottery managers, and permitted the managers to adopt "such scheme or schemes as they think most expedient" to raise the money. Louis B. Ewbank and Dorothy L. Riker (eds.), *The Laws of Indiana Territory, 1809-1816* (*Indiana Historical Collections*, Vol. XX; Indianapolis, 1934), 105-06.

¹⁶ The above motion describing the lottery appeared in several issues of the Vincennes *Western Sun*, beginning with that of December 8, 1810.

Wednesday 28th Nov. 1810

At a special meeting. present: Park, Presd.; Vanderburgh, Smith, Randolph, Kuykendall, Jones, G. W. Johnston.

on motion resolved that the President of this board be authorised to sign the tickets for the lottery for & on behalf of the managers & that he distribute them in such manner as is best calculated to secure their sale.

adjourned.

Saturday 1s Decr. 1810

Present: B. Parke, prest.

There not being a board—

adjnd.

Saturday 5 Jany. 1811

present: B. Park, prest.; T. Randolph.

There not being a board.

Adjourned.

[January 8, 1811]

Special meeting January 8th 1811 Present: Parke; Smith, VanderBurgh, Johnston, Randolph.

ordered that Henry Hurst be fined twelve and half cents for Damage done to the Book intituled the "Simple Story."

ordered That the Librarian retain of the money now in his hands four dollars and sixty eight cents to reimburse himself for sundries furnished the Library as per act. rendered and a ballance due him on the Columbiad purchased of him for the Library.

ordered That the Board do meet on Wednesday the 16 of this Inst. at 3 oClock in the afternoon— and then the Board

Adjourned.

[January 16, 1811]

Special meeting 16th Jany. 1811 present: Parke, Presd.; Vanderburgh, Jno. Johnson, Genl. W. Johnston, P. Jones, Directrs.

The following catalouge of Books, as proper to be purchased, was offered by the President viz.—¹⁷ Rollins history of Rome; Gibbons decline and fall of the Roman Empire; Belshams history of England from the year 1688 to 1801; Johnsons lives of the Poets; Russells ancient Europe; Popes Works; Do. [Pope's] Translation of Homer; Miltons Paradise lost; Robertson's East Indias; Life and writings of Franklin; Belknapps American biography; Washingtons letters to Arthur Young and Sir John St. Clair; Andersons Essays on agriculture; Livingston on raising sheep; Debates on the adoption of the constitution of the U. States by the Virginia convention; Schillers 30 years war in Germany; Watsons Phillip 2nd and 3d of Spain; Trumbles history, civil and Ecclesiastical of Connecticut; Hutchinsons history of Massachusetts; Brydones Tour; Cooks first and second voyages; Stauntons Embassy to China; Wraxalls history of France from the accession of Henry 3d to the death of Louis 14th; Williams Vermont; Don Ulloa's Travels; Seutonium [?] translated by Thompson; Pleasures of immigation by Akenside; Art of preserving health by Armstrong; Hawksworths translation of Fenelon's Telemachus; Mungo Parkes travels in Africa; Lindsays travels in the Brazils; Florians Gonsalvo with the conquest of Grenada and history of the Moors of Spain.

on motion ordered That Mr. Geo. Wallace be authorised and requested to purchase in Philada. the books above mentioned to the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars, beginning at the head of the list— The books to be well bound but of plain, cheap editions.

on motion ordered that the Librarian subscribe for Stodards Sketches historical and descriptive of Louisiana.

Adjourned to Saturday next.

[January 19, 1811]

Special meeting January 19th 1811 Present: Parke; Jones, Johnson, Smith, VanderBurgh.

on motion ordered that the following books be added to the catalogue of Books to be furnished Mr. Wallace for im-

¹⁷ To conserve space, this and future lists of books which the directors selected for purchase have been recorded in series rather than the columns which appear in the minutes. Semicolons indicate the ends of lines in the columns.

portation, viz., Lucians dialogues translated by Murphy; Marmontels Memoirs written by himself; Burrs trial by Robinson; Dobsons life of Petrarch; Volneys travels in Egypt and Syria; Sterns Works.

ordered that the President advertise the next annual meeting of the shareholders of the Library.

Adjourned.

[February 2, 1811]

Monthly meeting Feb. 2. 1811 present: Parke; Smith, VanderBurgh.

There not being a sufficient number present to do business—

adjourned.

Monday February 4th 1811

Annual Meeting of the shareholders of the Vincennes Library Present: Ewing, McName, Stout, [William?] Lindsay, Beches, Jordan, C. Smith, Vigo, A. Badollet, J. Badollet, Barnett, P. Jones, Harrison by P. Jones his proxy, Buntin, Hay by P. Beches his proxy, G. W. Johnston, VanderBurgh, Parke, Baird by B. Parke his proxy, Randolph by Do. [Parke, proxy], Wallace by Do. [Parke, proxy], Small.

The following amendments to the constitution were proposed, and being considered were severally adopted—viz.—

1. The price of shares shall be payable at the time of subscription.

2 Each shareholder, hereafter, for each share he may possess, shall on the first day of January, annually, pay a contribution of two dollars—provided, however, that this clause shall not be construed to effect the contributions for the current year. If a contribution shall not be paid as herein provided, a fine of twelve and half cents shall be incurred, and for a delay of every calendar month thereafter, a fine of twenty-five cents shall be exacted. Fines due for the detention of books, as also for books lost or damaged shall be paid to the Librarian on the first day of January annually.

3. The President and directors may institute suits against delinquents, for the recovery of ballances due from them, at such time or times as they may think most expedient.

4. The shareholders at their annual meetings may proceed to declare the forfeiture of a share or shares according to the provisions of the 8th article of the Constitution.

5. Shareholders may, after paying all arrearages due, surrender their shares, either to the President and Directors or to the shareholders at their annual meetings— Provided, that every relinquishment of a share shall be in writing, and signed by the Shareholders— The said relinquishment shall be preserved by the Librarian, and entered on the Journal.

6. There shall hereafter be five Directors chosen annually, three of whom, or two with the President, shall form a quorum.

7. The President may call special meetings of the Directors as he may think necessary—, and the President by order of the Directors shall call special meetings of the shareholders.

8. The President shall give to each and every shareholder, requesting it, a certificate, attested by the Librarian, of the share or shares subscribed for and holden by such share holder,—which certificate shall be in the following form, viz.,

"R. B. is intitled to one share in the			
"Vincennes Library, subscribed for by him			
"on the	day of	A. D. 18	. Given
"under my hand this	day of	18	.
"G. W. Librarian			B. P. president"

which certificate shall intitle the person to whom it is given, his assignee or legal representative to all the advantages & privileges designated in the By. Laws of the association.

In order to ascertain who may be intitled to take books out of the Library, the Librarian shall keep a transfer book,¹⁸—and no assignee, unless his name appears upon the transfer book, and to have been *bona fide* entered, shall be considered in the light of a shareholder, or suffered to take any book or books out of the Library.

9. Share holders residing in Vincennes shall be intitled to retain Duos. & Octavs. two weeks and quarts. and fols. three weeks,—and shareholders residing in the Country shall be permitted to retain books four weeks— And as a direction

¹⁸ No item titled "transfer book" has been found, but in the editor's possession is a Xerox copy of a five-page "List of share holders in the Vincennes Library," which contains the names of 97 original shareholders, dates the shares were acquired, number of shares, whether shares were forfeited or transferred, and when and to whom transferred.

to the Librarian the upper Prairie adjoining the Village of Vincennes is to be considered as comprised within the limits of the said Village.

On a motion made and seconded Resolved, that the annual contributions on the share owned by the late Doctr. Samuel McKee be from this time suspended for the term of ten years, unless the executors of the said Doctr. McKee shall sooner think proper, to allow his children to take books from the Library,—at which time the contributions shall recommence.

The Share holders then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, when upon Counting the ballots it appeared that the following persons were duly elected, Viz.—B. Parke, President; G. W. Johnston, C. Smith, H. VanderBurgh, R. Buntin, J. Badollet, Directors; G. Wallace Jr., Librarian.

Ordered that when the meeting adjourns, it adjourn to the first Monday in march next at 2 oClock P.M.—and then the meeting adjourned to the first Monday in March next at 2 oClock P. M.

Saturday March 2. 1811

Monthly meeting of the President & Directors Present: Parke; Badollet, VanderBurgh, Smith, Directors.

ordered, That the President and Directors do meet again on Thursday the 14th of this Inst. and then the Board

Adjourned.

[March 4, 1811]

Adjourned meeting of the Shareholders Monday March 4th 1811 Present: Barnet, Peter Jones, Kuykendall, Lindsay, Hurst, Beckes, Johnston, Smith, Parke, McDonald.

There not being a quorum

adjourned.

May 1811

Special Meeting of the President and Directors Present: Parke; Buntin, Johnston, Badollet.

Mr. Wallace, the Librarian, under the orders of the Board of the 16 & 19th January last, produced the following books, Viz.,

Gibbon's Rome	8 vol.	\$20.00
Johnson's lives	2 "	3.33
Russell's Antient Europe	2 "	5.00
Pope's Works	6 "	8.44
Homer's Illiad		1.35
" Oddysey		1.46
Milton's Works		.84
Robertson's Indies		1.67
Franklins life		.84
Belknaps American Biography	2 vol.	3.33
Livingston on Sheep		.57
Debates of the Virginia Convention		2.92
Schiller's 30 years War	2	6.97
Hutchinson's History of Massachusetts	2	3.33
Cook's Voyages	2	2.09
Staunton's Embassy		2.50
Wraxall's history of France	3	5.87½
William's Vermont		1.67
Thompson's Seutonius		2.70
Akenside's pleasures of the imagination		.52
Armstrong's art of preserving health		.31
Hawksworth's Telemachus	2 vol.	7.20
Park's Travels		2.50
Florian's Gonsalvo	2	1.80
Dobsons Petrarch	2	2.92
Volneys travels in Egypt	2	8.10
Lauderdales Inquiry		3.37½
		<hr/> \$101.61
Box and cooperage		.75
		<hr/> \$102.36
Cr. by box deducted		.37½
		<hr/> 101.98½
matting		.25
cash paid F. & P. Kelly for Trunk		2.00
Porterage in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Vincennes		.37½
freight of Books from Philadelphia to Vincennes		
79 lbs. @ 10 cts. per lb.		7.90
Cash paid premium at Louisville (3 Feb. 1811) on exchange of \$67.57½ at 2½ per cent		1.70
		<hr/> \$ 12.22½
		<hr/> \$114.21

ordered that the above sd. books be received & the account therefor as above stated, allowed.

ordered that the Trunk in which the above mentioned books were packed for importation be & it is here by given to Mr. Wallace.

Ordered that the Board do meet again on Saturday the 18. of this Inst.

and then the Board

Adjourned.

Saturday May 18th 1811

Special meeting of President and Directors Present: Parke; Badollet, Johnston.

The Board purchased of General Washington Johnston the following books for the prices thereto annexed Viz.

Rambler	4 vol.	\$4.00
Adventurer	4 "	4.00
Denon's Travels	2 "	5.00
Tookes Catherine	2 "	7.00
Volneys Veiw		3.50
Washingtons Monuments of patriotism		2.50
Duncans Logic		1.00
Lavater on Physiognomy		1.00
Essay on crimes		1.00
Charms of Literature		1.00
		<hr/>
		\$30.00

Ordered that the Librarian receive and Deposite the above mentioned Books in the Library.

The Board observing, that there were two sets of Pinkertons Geography, together with Morse's Geography and Guthrie's Grammar in the Library, ordered that the Librarian do sell one set of Pinkertons Geography for thirteen dollars.

G. W. Johnston proposed to take the work at that price—and the Librarian accordingly delivered it to him.

ordered that the Librarian do give G. W. Johnston a credit with the Library for the sum of Seventeen dollars the ballance due him—and that he pay the same within six months from this day.

Ordered that Joshua Bond have leave to subscribe for one share in the Library the price for which, only, shall be placed to his *Debit* in his general account with the Library.

Adjourned.

Saturday 6th July 1811

At a monthly meeting of the president & directors—
present: B. Parke, Presd.; Vanderburgh, Smith, Badollet,
Buntin.

Ordered'd that the Librarian do charge to the account
of John McDonald twelve & ½ cents for damage done to
the 1st vol. of Rollins antient History.

Order'd that Smith & Buntin be a committee to ascertain
from Mr. Bond the price of the Book case he last made for
the use of the library & report at next meeting.

Adjourned.

Saturday Jany. 4th 1812

Monthly meeting of the President and Directors Pres-
ent: Parke; Johnston.

There not being a Board

adjourned.

Wednesday Jany. 8th 1812

Special meeting of the President & Directors Present:
Parke; Johnston, Johnson.

On motion Ordered unanimously that the Librarian Do
sell the Edition of Telemachus now in the Library for Eight
Dollars.

General W. Johnston agreed to take the said work at
that price—and the Librarian delivered it to him accordingly.

Adjourned.

February 1st 1812

Monthly meeting of the President and Directors Pres-
ent: Parke; Smith, Buntin.

There not being any business before the Board

Adjourned.

Monday February 3d 1812

Annual meeting of the Vincennes Library Company Pres-
ent: Ben. Parke, Presd.; Henry Vanderburgh, Charles Smith,
E. Stout, Josha. Bond, Ben Beckes Senr., Albert Badollet,

Wm. Lindsey, John D. Hay repstd. [by] S[amuel?] Hay, Wm. H. Harrison [represented by] B. Parke, Late Thos. Jones jr. [represented by] J. McClure; Geo. Wallace jr., Libn.

The Share holders proceeded to the election of officers & upon Counting the ballots the following persons were duly elected for the ensuing year B. Parke, Presd.; G. W. Johnston, Jno. Badollet, Hy. Vanderburgh, Jno. D. Hay, Permenes Beckes; Geo. Wallace, Librarian.

On motion seconded Order'd that after the 1st day of April next each share subscribed for after that day shall be eight Dollars.

Order'd that Joshua Bond be allowed a Credit in his account of thirty five Dollars for a Walnut book case furnished some time since & that the said Bond be permitted to subscribe for two additional Shares on this Day,—the price of which to be placed to his debit.

Saturday 7th March 1812

Monthly Meeting Present: Parke.
No quorum.

April 4th 1812

Monthly meeting Present: Parke.
No quorum.

Tuesday May 26th 1812

Special meeting of the President and Directors— Present: Parke; Badollet, Beckes, Hay, Johnston.

Henry VanderBurgh one of the Directors of the Library having lately died the Directors proceeded to the election of a member to supply the vacancy occasioned by his Death—when on counting the ballots it appeared that Edward Scull was duly elected.

On motion ordered That G. W. Johnston and John D. Hay be a Committee to wait on the Rev. Mr. [Samuel Thornton] Scott & ascertain from him whether the Books belonging

to the Vincennes Library could be placed conveniently in the University building.¹⁹

ordered that the Board do meet again on Monday next at 2 o'clock P. M.

And then the Board

Adjourned.

Monday June 1st 1812

Special meeting Present: Parke; Johnston.

There not being a quorum

Adjourned.

Saturday [June] 6th 1812

Monthly meeting Present: Ben Parke.

There being no quorum.

Monday Feby. 1st 1813

Annual meeting of the share holders of the Vincennes Library Present: Parke; Smith, Beckes, Ewing, Lindsay, Kuykendall, Stout, A. Badollet.

The share holders then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, when upon counting the Ballots it appeared that persons were duly elected Viz. B. Parke, Presd.; P. Beckes, C. Smith, E. Scull, J. Kuykendall, J. Badollett, Directors; Geo. Wallace, Librarian.

On motion Resolved that the President & directors of the Vincennes Library Co. be authorised to apply to the Legislature for a renewal of the charter of incorporation of said company and to procure the passage of a Law sanctioning the proceedings of the shareholders President & Directors of the

¹⁹ Scott had been employed by the Vincennes University trustees to conduct a grammar school in the recently completed university building. The above matter may have been discussed directly with Scott since no reference to it has been found in the minutes of the University trustees. The minutes of February 11, 1837, report the appointment of a committee "to confer with the Board of Trustees and principal of the Vincennes Academy upon the subject and terms of the removal of the Library to the Academy building." Although no reference to such a conference has been found in the minutes of the Vincennes University board, satisfactory arrangements apparently were made since the library was moved in August, 1837. Minutes, February 5, 1838.

company since the forfeiture of their charter and so far to have the incorporation act altered as to authorise the choosing of five instead of seven directors to transact the business of the company.²⁰

Resolved That the Librarian be and he is hereby authorised to deliver books to the members of the Legislature during the session of that body gratis provided however that members taking books as aforesaid shall as to the time of detention, damage or loss of them, be subject to the same rules as are provided in respect to shareholders.

Adjourn'd to Wednesday 17th instant at 1 o'clock P. M.

[February 1, 1813]

Special Meeting of the President & directors Feby. 1st 1813 Present: B. Parke, Presd.; P. Beckes, C. Smith, J. Kuykendall.

It being stated by the Librarian, that the 2 vol. of the fool of Quality, taken out on Mark Barnets share had been lost— Order'd that Mark Barnet pay to the Librarian two Dollars, the price of the work he being entitled to take the remaining volumes.

The Librarian states also that Doct. E. Scull had lost the History of the court of St. Cloud a book belonging to the Library Order'd that Edw. Scull pay to the Librarian One Dollar & fifty cents that, being the value of said book.

The Librarian stating to the board the damage Currans Speeches (taken out of the Library on Henry Hursts share) had sustained. Order'd that Henry Hurst pay to the Librarian twenty five cents on acc. thereof.

The Librarian stating the damage the Charms of Literature (taken out on Tousaint Dubois share) had sustained Order'd that Tousaint Dubois pay to the Librarian fifty cents on account thereof.

The Librarian stating the damage the 6th vol. of select novels (taken out on C. Graeters share) had sustained

²⁰ An act providing for renewal of the charter and reduction of the number of directors from seven to five was approved by Governor John Gibson on February 15, 1813. Ewbank and Riker, *Laws of Indiana Territory, 1809-1816*, pp. 297-98. Apparently the original charter was considered to have been forfeited by the action of the annual meeting of February 4, 1811, when one of several amendments adopted by the shareholders reduced the number of directors to five.

Orderd that C. Graeter pay the Librarian fifty cents on account thereof.

The Librarian stating the damage the 1st vol. of Anacharsis (taken out of the Library on John F. Thompsons share) had sustaind Orderd that John F. Thompson pay to the Librarian seventy five cents on acc. thereof.

The President offerd a draft of a petition to the Legislature conformably to the resolution of the share holders of this day which being approv'd of was order'd to be presented by the President.

Adjourned untill to morrow Evening.

Tuesday Evening Feb. 2d 1813

Special meeting of the President & Directors Prest.: Parke; Kuykendall, Scull.

on motion ordered that the Librarian Contract with William Jones for the purchase of the following books, Viz., Thucydides by Smith; Demosthenes by Leland; Cicero's Orations by Guthrie; Drydens Virgil; Millo[t]'s Elements of Antient History; Rollins History of Rome—[and] if this cannot be got—Hookes Roman History; Tookes Hy. of Russia; Watsons Phillip 2d & 3d of Spain; Telemachus by Hawksworth; Lindsays travels in the Brazils; Marmontelles Memoirs by himself; Andersons Essays on agriculture; Boileaus letters & reflections on Prince De Linge; Coxes travels in switzerland; Abbe Clavigaor [?] History of Mexico; Charles 12th of Sweden; Lord Littletons Letters; Washingtons Letters to Arthur Young & Sir John St. Clair; Warrens american revolution; Tom Jones by Fielding; Tristram Shandy; Watsons answer to Gibbon; Klopstocks Messiah; Newtons History of the Bible; Coxes view of the U. States; Sully's Memoirs; Tiganmouths [?] Life of Sir Will Jones; Beunapartes campaign in Italy; Do Do [Bonaparte's Campaign] in prussia, Saxony & Poland; Caldwell's answer to the above; Stewarts elements of the Philosophy of the human mind; Wilsons Egypt; Humes Essays; Robertsons History of Scotland; Count Fathom; Lady of the Lake [and] The lay of the last minstrell by Walter Scott Esqr.; Tookes pantheon; Xenophon by Smith; Browns Dicty. of the Bible; Smiths Philospl. works; Tassos Jerusalem; Burrs trial by Robertson; Furgesons Astronomy; Belshams Hy. of England from 1688 to 1801; Brydens Tour;

Trumbles Hy. civil & Ecclesiastical of Conneticut; Don Ulloas Travels; Acerbi's Travels through Sweden Finland & Lapland to the north Cape in 1798 & 9; Hopkinsons Essays & occasional writings; Smith on the Complexions of the human species.

Adjourned.

Feb. 16th 1813

Special meeting of the President and Directors— Present: Parke; Scull, Smith.

ordered, that the President give publick notice in the Western Sun, to all persons in arrear to the Library to pay up their delinquencies on or before the fifteenth day of March next—otherwise that suit shall be instituted there for.²¹

Adjourned.

Feb. 17th 1813

Adjourned meeting of the shareholders Present: Kuykendall, P. Beckes, G. W. Johnston, Jno. Jonhson, [Samuel] Parr, Buntin, A. Badollet, Scott, McNaMee, Scull, Lindsay, P. Jones, Smith, Parke, Stout by Parke his proxy, Vigo, Ewing, Barnet, Dubois.

The President laid before the meeting a draft of the Constitution of the Vincennes Library Company as altered and amended since the adoption of the original rules for the government of the same, on the 2nd August 1806, with a view to the incorporation of the said amendments and publishing the whole for the better information of the shareholders—and the same being twice read and considered, a motion was made and seconded that the meeting do agree to and adopt the same as the "Rules for the Government of the Vincennes Library Company," and the question being put it was Resolved unanimously in the affirmative—as followeth, Viz.,

²¹ The Vincennes *Western Sun*, February 27, 1813, carried a notice over the name of "B. Parke, President of the Library," asking all persons owing money to the library company to pay the librarian the balances due, and warning that suits would be brought against those still in arrears after March 15.

Rules for the Government of the
Vincennes Library Company

1st There shall be one hundred shares @ eight dollars each payable, at the time of subscription, in specie or in such books, & at such price as the president and directors, (to be appointed as herein after mention'd) shall judge proper.

2d Each share holder, for every share he may possess, shall on the first day of Jany., annually, pay a contribution of two dollars and in default thereof a fine of twelve and an half cents, shall be incur'd—and for a delay of every callendar month thereafter, a fine of twenty five cents, shall be exacted—Fines due for the detention, damage, or loss, of books, as herein provided shall be paid to the Librarian on the first day of Jany. anually.

3d There shall be a general meeting of the shareholders on the first monday in Feby. anually, when the[y] shall take into consideration the general interests of the company and elect the necessary officers— No determinate number of shareholders shall be necessary to form a quorum, except at special or adjourn'd meetings therof, when one fourth of the whole numbers of shares shall be represented— Each shareholder shall have a vote for every Share he holds and pays for and shall have a right to vote by proxy—however no other than a written proxy shall be allowed— I[n] case a general meeting shall not be held on the day stated as aforsaid the officers then acting shall continue the excercise of their functions as, such, untill the next general anual meeting of the share holders.

4th A president & five directors and a Librarian shall be chosen anually at the general meeting. The president [and] directors shall hold a meeting on the first saturday in every month— It shall be their duty to carry into effect all such rules as may be adopted by the company—and shall have power to make from time to time bye laws for the better government of the company which shall be laid before the share holders & be in force untill the next anual meeting and afterwards, unless rejected at such meeting.

The president and directors shall judge of the fitness of books offerd in payment of shares—and shall purchase at the cheapest rates, as the funds of the company may enable them such books, maps, &c. as they may think necessary and proper for the Library— The president shall pre-

communications as may tend to throw light on the natural and civil history of the Western Country and of the aborigines thereof.

6th The Library shall be open every wednesday and saturday, from ten in the morning untill four OClock in the evening for the delivery and return of books to and from subscribers— And the librarian in discharge of the duties enjoined on him shall strictly observe the following rules Viz.

1st Each share shal entitle the share holder to one book at a time.

2d shareholders residing in Vincennes shall be entitled to retain Duos. & Octos. two weeks and quartos & folios three weeks— And share holders residing in the country shall be permitted to retain books four weeks— The upper prairie adjoining Vincennes is not to be consider'd as comprised within the limits of the said village.

3d If a book is not returnd at the times respectively before mention'd a fine of six & $\frac{1}{4}$ cents shall be incur'd by subscriber occasioning such detention and twelve & $\frac{1}{2}$ cents for duos. & octos. and twenty five cents for quarto's & folio's for every week thereafter.

4th If a book is injured the Librarian shall be careful to note it on its return and the Presd. & directors shall assess the fine to remunerate such damage.

5th If a book be lost, or so injur'd, as, in the opinion of the president & directors, to become useless, the subscriber, losing or injuring it as aforesaid shall account for its value only, unless the book so lost or damaged shall belong to a sett, when the whole number shall be accounted for— provided however that the subscriber paying for a sett so broken, shall be entitled to the remaining volumes— The Presd. & directors shall appraise the books belonging to library at reasonable price a memo [?] whereof shall be preserv'd by the Librarian.

6th No maps or manuscripts shall be taken out of the Library but by the special permission of the President and directors—but each subscriber shall have the priviledge of perusing them during the time the Library shall be open and further that when a map forms a part of any particular book or books it may be taken in the same manner that other books are.

7th The Librarian shall keep a book for recording the transfer of shares and no person other than an original subscriber or his assignee or representative shall have the use of any of the books of the Library— Provided that the members of both houses of the Legislature during the sessions of [that] body shall be permitted to take books gratis—subject however as to the time of detention, loss, or damage of books to the foregoing rules.

7th On a failure or refusal by a subscriber in paying the annual contributions or the fine, or fines that may be assessed for the detention, loss, or damage, of books or any other fine or fines penalty or penalties on the day within the time prescribed herein, The share holders may proceed, at their annual meetings to declare the forfeiture of the share or shares which shall belong to such delinquent subscribers.

8th Share-holders may after paying all arrearages due the library company, surrender their shares either to the Presd. & directors, or to the share holders, at their annual meeting—provided that every relinquishment of a share shall be in writing and sign'd by the share holder.

The said relinquishment shall be preserved by the Librarian and entered on the Journal.

9th No share holder shall sell or transfer his share untill all arrears due on such share shall be paid & then the transfer shall become a share holder in form and fact.

10th No share holder shall lend a book to be read out of his own house under the penalty of twenty five cents for every book so lent.

11th Elections of officers shall be by ballot—all other questions shall be decided *Viva Voce*.

It was then on motion made & seconded Resolved that one hundred coppies of the aforsaid rules be printed—to be distributed among the share holders, one to each & that the President is hereby authorised to have the same printed upon the best terms he can.

Adjourned.

[May 1, 1813]

Monthly Meeting of the President & Directors—May 1.
1813 Present: Parke; Kuykendall, Scull.

adjourned.

[May 24, 1813]

Special meeting May 24th 1813 Present: Ben Parke, Presd.; Jac. Kuykendall, Edward Scull, Directrs.

The following books being Purchased at the prices annexed by Will Jones Esqr. and delivered to the Librn. Viz.

Browns Dictionary of the Bible	2 vols.	\$6.30
Robertsons Scotland		4.50
Coxes Switzerland		4.50
Millots History	4 vols.	9.
Stewarts Philosophy		2.
Smiths Essays		2.25
Littletons Letters		1.50
Fergusons Astronomy		3.25
Andersons Agriculture		1.80
Life of Sir Will Jones		2.50
Washingtons Letters	2 vols.	2.25
Coxes View		.80
Charles the twelfth		1.12
Klopstocks Messiah	2 vols.	1.80
Tookes Pantheon		1.25
Marmontels Memoirs	2 vols.	1.80
Count Fathom		1.12
Prince De Ligne		1.
Tom Jones	4 vols.	3.60
Drydens Virgil	2 vols.	2.
Rollins Ant. History	8 vols.	9.
Lady of the Lake		1.
Lay of the Last Minstrel		1.
Box & Cooperage		.75
		<hr/> \$66.09

Orderd that he receive and place the same in the Library.

Rollins Ant. history and Washingtons Letters having been purchased by mistake, there being a sett of each in the Library— Orderd that the Librarian be—& he is hereby authorised and directed to sell them for cost & carriage.

Orderd that the Librarian place to the credit of Elias McNamee \$1.50 for Rode[r]ick Random this day Purchased of him.

adjourned.

June 6th 1813

Monthly meeting of the Presd. & directors Present: B. Parke, Prest.; E. Scull, J. Kuykendall.

Ordered that the Librarian contract for the purchase, to the amount of one hundred and forty Dollars, of the following books,—taking them in the order in which they stand in the list—care will be taken to select editions the paper and printing of which are neat—and the binding good— Books in boards— hot-pressed, gilt binding will not be received— Thucydides—by Smith; Demosthenes by Leland; Cicero's orations by Guthrie; Rollins history of Rome—if this cannot be found Hookers Roman history; Belshams history of England from 1688 to 1801—if this cannot be got—Continuation of Hume by Smollet & others; Tookes History of Russia; Watsons Phillip 2nd & 3d of Spain; Brydons Tour; Trumbles history Civil & Ecclesiastical of Connecticut; Telemachus by Hawksworth; Don Ulloas travels; Lindsays travels in the Brazils; Acerbi's travels through Sweden, Findland & Lapland to the North Cape in 1798-9; Clavigeros history of Mexico; Washingtons Letters to Arthur Young & Sir Jno. St. Clair; Warrens American Revolution; Tristram Shandy; Watsons answer to Gibbon; Newtons history of the Bible; Hopkinsons Essays and occasional Writings; Sullys Memoirs; Buonapartes Campaign in Italy; Do. [Bonaparte's Campaign] in Pussia Saxony & Poland; Caldwelles answer to Smith on the complexion of the human Species; Wilsons Egypt; Humes Essays; Xenophen by Smith; J.[?] J.[?] Smiths philosophical works; Tasso's Jerusalem; Burrs trial by Robinson; Morses Universal Gazetteer; Azunis Maritime law of Europe; Adams philosophy; Adams Roman antiquities; Bartons view of the origin of the tribes & nations of N. America; Paleys Moral philosophy; Belisarius by Madame Genlis; Bloomfields poems; Dumouriers Memoirs; Ferguson on Civil Society; Debates on the repeal of the U. S. Judiary law in Senate and H. of Rep.; The political Works of Jno. Dickenson; Gallatin on finance; Malthus on population; De Lome on the British Constitution; Niebuhr travels; Life and Works of Robert Burns; Burks history of Virginia; Rhd. Cumberlands memoirs written by himself; Madame Maintenons letters; St. Pierres Studies of Nature; Marquis De Salvo's travels in 1806; Peyroses [?] voyage round the world; Blounts Impeachment; Pindars poetical works; Young on agriculture; [Young] Northern tour; [Young] Southern Do. [Tour]; [Young] Eastern Do. [Tour]; [Young] travels; [Young] Farmers guide.

Adjourned.

[July 3, 1813]

Monthly meeting Saturday July 3d 1813 Present:
Parke; Smith, Kuykendall.

ordered that the Librarian procure an account Book for
the use of the Library.

ordered, that the Librarian be and he is here by au-
thorised to purchase Sullys Memoirs, Adams Defence of the
american Constitutions, Rassellas Dinarbis & Coelebs.

The Librarian produced in conformity to the proceeding
order the following books, viz.,

Sullys memoirs	\$9.00
Adams Defence	6.00
Rassellas	0.87½
Dinarbis	0.87½
Coelebs	1.50
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	\$18.25

Ordered that the above said Books be received and by the
Librarian be placed in the Library and he have a credit there
for in his cash account.

The Librarian having procured an acct. Book for the use
of the Library ordered, that he have a credit of Two Dollars
therefor

\$ 2.

\$20.25
adjourned.

[August 7, 1813]

Monthly meeting of the President & Directors Saturday
August 7th 1813 Present: Parke; Smith, Kuykendall.

Ordered, that the Librarian have a credit of thirteen
Dollars, in his cash account, for Josephus in 4 V. and Burns
Works in 3 V., this day purchased of him and by him placed
in the Library.

The President and Directors then proceeded to value
the books belonging to the Library, as follows, Viz.,

No.			D.	Cts.
1	Lelands Phillip of Macedon			4.
2-3	Robertsons History of America	2 V.	10.	
4-5	Maimbourgh's history of Arianism	2 v.	3.	
6-10	Dictionary of Arts and Sciences	5 v.	6.	
11-13	Reids Essays	3 v.	10.	

14	Atwood on Rectilinear motion		1.
15-16	Guthrie's Grammar	2 v.	6.
17-18	Blairs Lectures	2 v.	5.
19	Vattels Law of Nations		2.
20-1	Witherspoons Works	2 v.	3.50
22-3	Millers Retrospect	2 v.	6.
24-5	Morse's Geography	2 v.	4.
26-7	Pinkertons Geography with maps	2 v.	13.50
28-35	World displayed	8 v.	16.
36-41	Humes England	6 v.	9.
42	French Revolution		1.50
43-5	Robertsons Charles 5th	3 v.	4.
46	Jefferson's Notes on Virg. with apdx.		2.
47	Ossians Poems		2.
48	Andrews Views		2.50
49	Gatteaus Sweden		2.50
50	McKenzies Voyages		2.
51-2	Politicks for the people	2 v.	2.
53-4	Julians Works	2 v.	3.
55	Miscellanies		1.
56	Hume's Dialogues		2.
57	Humphreys Works		2.
58	Spurriers Practical Farmer		1.50
59	Phylosophic Essays		.50
60	Annual Register		1.
61-2	Washingtons Letters	2 v.	2.
63-5	Hooper's Universal Erudition	3 v.	3.
66	Essays on the passions & affections		1.50
67-70	Goldsmiths Animated Nature	4 v.	8.
71-2	Varlows Husbandry	2 v.	2.
73	Priestley's Lectures		3.50
74	Ladies Companion		2.
75	Tucker on Slavery		.75
76-9	Eloisa	4 v.	4.
80	Beauties of Hervey		.75
81	Herveys Meditations		1.
82-3	Mirabeau's Gallery of Portraits	2 v.	2.50
84-7	Thompsons Works	4 v.	4.
88	Thompsons Seasons		.75
89	Confession of Faith		1.
90	Do. Do.		1.
91	Do. Do.		1.
92-4	Smiths Wealth of Nations	3 v.	3.75
95-8	Chesterfields Letters	4 v.	6.
99	Voltaires Physolophical Dictionary		1.25
100	Dr. Derhams Sermons		.75
101-'12	Shakespears Plays	12 v.	16.
113-'20	Spectator	8 v.	8.
121-2	Hapless orphan	2 v.	1.50
123-4	Essays and Letters	2 v.	1.

125-6	Adams Travels	2 v.	1.25
127	Junius		1.
128	Gaudentia De Lucco		.50
129-'30	Washingtons Letters	2 v.	1.50
131-2	Knox's Essays	2 v.	2.
133-4	Do. Do.	2 v.	2.
135	Beggar Boy		.75
136-7	Daughter of Adoption	2 v.	2.50
138-'40	Mysteries of Udolpho	3 v.	2.25
141-4	Gil Blas	4 v.	3.00
145-7	Dramatic Miscellanies	3 v.	2.25
148	Simple Story		1.
149-'51	Beggar Girl	3 v.	1.50
152-3	Beauties of History	2 v.	2.50
154	Vagabond		.75
155	Goldsmiths History of Rome		1.
156-7	Mahomet's Travels	2 v.	1.50
158	Asgills Tracts		.75
159	Carvers Travels		1.25
160	Lectures on Female Education		.75
161-3	Lockes Essays	3 v.	4.50
164	Goldsmiths England		1.
165	Scotts U. S. Gazetteer		1.50
166-7	Arabian Nights Entertainment	2 v.	1.
168-9	Marmontells Memoirs	2 v.	2.50
170	Tookes Pantheon		1.50
171-2	Plain Sense	2 v.	1.
173-5	Abbess	3 v.	2.
176-7	Edward	2 v.	1.
178	Leland on Eloquence		.87½
179	Goldsmiths Poems		1.25
180	Man of the World		1.
181	Broad Grins		.50
182	Moreau's Life		1.20
183	Blairs Lectures abridged		1.
184	Modern Chivalry		1.25
185	Charlotte Temple		.50
186	Moore's Utopia		.50
187	Joan of Arc		.50
188	Condorcets Life of Voltaire		1.
189	Robinson Crusoe		.50
190	Juvenal's Satyrs		1.50
191	Morse's Geography abridged		1.25
192-3	Drydens Poems	2 v.	1.75
194-5	Do. Do.	2	2.
196	Melmoths Essays		.50
197	Military History		1.25
198-9	Horace in French	2 v.	1.50
200-1	Literary Miscellanies	2	1.50

202-3	Introduction to the History of Denmark, in French	2 v.	1.
204-8	Principles of Literature, in french	5 v.	2.
209	Seneca's Morals		1.
210	Curran's Speeches		2.
211-12	Tookes Catherine	2 v.	7.
213-17	Russells Modern Europe	5 v.	15.
218-21	Anacharsis	4 v.	9.
222-7	Langhorn's Plutarch	6 v.	9.
228	Bruce's Travels		1.50
229	Charles 12th of Sweden		1.50
230-'42	Works of Frederick the Great	13 v.	50.
243-7	Marshal's Life of Washington	5 v.	25.
248-'51	Gillies' Greece	4 v.	15.
252-3	Smiths Theory of Moral Sentiment	2 v.	5.
254	Smiths History of New York		2.50
255-6	Federalist	2 v.	6.
257-9	Blair's Sermons	3 v.	9.
260	Barrows Travels		3.
261-2	Memoirs of Pope Pius 6th	2 v.	5.
263-5	Rosco's Life of Lorenzo	3 v.	9.
266-9	Do. Do. Leo 10th	4 v.	12.
270-4	Plowdens Ireland	5 v.	15.
275-6	Stephens French Wars	2 v.	8.
277	Stranger in Ireland		1.50
278	Charms of Literature		1.
279-'86	Rollins Ancient History	8 v.	12.
287-9	Marmontel's Tales	3 v.	5.
290	Ildegerti		.75
291-303	Select Novels	13 v.	16.25
304	Horrors of St. Domingo		1.
305-6	Columbiad	2 v.	4.
307-8	Military Library	2 v.	8.
309-16	Gibbons Rome	8 v.	25.
317-9	Wraxalls France	3 v.	9.
320-1	Russell's Antient Europe	2 v.	6.50
322-3	Hutchinsons Massachusetts	2 v.	5.
324-5	Johnson's Lives of the Poets	2 v.	5.
326	Lauderdales Enquiry		4.
327	Thompson's Seutonium		3.50
328	Stauntons Embassy		3.50
329	Virginia Debates		4.
330	Williams History of Vermont		2.50
331-2	Schillers 30 years War	2 v.	8.
333-4	Volney's Egypt	2 v.	10.
335	Robertson's E. India		2.
336-7	Priestley's Lecturs	2 v.	3.
338	Parkes Travels		3.
339-40	Belknaps Biography	2 v.	5.
341-6	Popes Works	6 v.	10.

347	Do. Odyssey		2.
348	Do. Homer		2.
349-50	Dobson's Petrarch	2 v.	4.
351-2	Gonsalvo of Cordova	2 v.	2.50
353	Franklins Works		1.25
354-5	Cook's Voyages	2 v.	3.
356	Miltonts Works		1.25
357	Akenside's pleasures of the Imagination		.75
358	Livingston on Sheep		.75
359	Armstrongs Art of Preserving Health		.50
360-3	Rambler	4 v.	4.
364-7	Adventurer	4 v.	4.
368-9	Denons Travels	2 v.	5.
370	Washingtons Monuments of Patriotism		2.50
371	Volney's View of the U. S.		3.50
372	Essay on Crimes		1.
373	Lavater		1.
374	Duncan's Logic		1.
375	Stranger in France		1.
376-80	Millots History	5 v.	12.
381-2	Robertsons Scotland	2 v.	6.
383	Stewarts Philosophy		2.50
384-5	Coxes Switzerland	2 v.	6.
386-7	Browns Dictionary of the Bible	2 v.	8.
388	Smiths Essays		3.
389	Lord Lyttletons Letters		2.
390	Fergusons Astronomy with an atlas		4.
391	Andersons Agriculture		2.50
392	Teignmouth's Life of Sir William Jones		3.
393	Coxe's View		1.25
394-5	Klopstocks Messiah	2 v.	2.50
396-9	Tom Jones	4 v.	5.
400-1	Virgil	2 v.	2.50
402	Prince De Ligne		1.25
403	Count Fathom		1.50
404	Lady of the Lake		1.50
405	Lay of the last Minstrel		1.50
406-7	Roderick Random	2 v.	1.50
408-12	Sully's Memoirs	5 v.	9.
413	Dinarbis		.87½
414	Rassellas		.87½
415-6	Coelebs		1.50
417-9	Adams Defence		6.
420-3	Josephus by Whiston	4 v.	8.
424-6	Burns Works	3 v.	5.

Ordered that the Librarian furnish Mr. Stout, the Printer with a Copy of the foregoing Catalogue & Valuation, to be printed and bound up together with the Constitution of the Vincennes Library already ordered to be printed.

Ordered, Unanimously, that John D. Hay be appointed a Director of the Vincennes Library in the place of Parmenas Beckes Decd.

Adjd.

[September 6, 1813]

Special meeting of the President & Directors Monday 6th Sepr. 1813 Present: Parke; Smith, Hay, Kuykendall.

B. Parke made a Donation of Isabinda to the Library, price one dollar and fifty cents.

ordered that when maps are bound up with Books and are liable from that circumstance to be injured from the use of the Books, that they be taken out, pasted on muslin or canvas, and rolled on sticks.

Adjd.

[November 6, 1813]

Monthly Meeting of the President & Directors Novr. 6, 1813 Prest.: Parke; Smith, Hay.

Adjourned.

[December 28, 1813]

Special Meeting of the president & directors December 28th 1813 [Present:] President Parke; Smith, Kuykendall Hay.

John F. Thompson having relinquished his share, in writing, on the 3d September last—ordered that the relinquishment of the share of the said John F. Thompson be and is hereby accepted.

ordered that the Librarian purchase Guthries Gazetteer.

The Librarian having produced Guthries Gazetteer at two Dollars—ordered that the Librarian have a credit therefor in his account with the library, for the said Book.

Adjourned.

Monday Feb. 7. 1814

Annual Meeting of the Shareholders Present: Parr, Vigo, [William H.] Dunnica, Peter Jones, Scott, McName, Graeter, Ewing, Baird, Badollet, Kuykendall, Parke, Barnet,

Lindsay, Smith, Buntin, G[eorge] R[ogers] C[lark] Sullivan, Small.

The shareholders then proceeded to the election of officers of the library; when upon counting the ballots, it appeared that the following persons were duly elected, viz., Benjamin Parke, President, Elias McName, Nath. Ewing Jacob Kuykendall, John Johnson, & John D. Hay, Directors, and Charles Smith Librarian for the ensuing year.

On motion made and seconded Resolved, That the Shares of Newton E. Westfall, the late Thomas Randolph Decd.—the late Thomas Jones Junr. Decd. and of John Rice Jones and his son Rice Decd. be and they are hereby forfeited—and that the proprietors of the same, their heirs and representatives be and they are hereby discharged from the ballances due on the said Shares.

On motion made & seconded Resolved that when the meeting adjourns it adjourn to the first monday in march, next, at twelve oClock.

and then the meeting adjourned.

March 1st 1814

Special Meeting of the President & Directors Prest.: Parke; McNamee, Hay, Kuykendall.

ordered that the Librarian purchase, for the use of the Library, the following books, viz.—[The first part of the list of books is not reproduced here since, except for minor variations in the spelling of names and titles and the omission of six items, it duplicated the purchase list recorded in the minutes of the meeting on June 6, 1813. The items omitted were Newton, Sully, Morse, St. Pierre, and the two on Bonaparte's campaigns.] Barton dissertation on the freedom of navigation & maritime commerce; Lampriere's Classical Dictionary; Seward's life of Doctor Darwin; Edwards on Liberty and necessity; Findlays history of the Western Insurrection; Meares Voyages in 1788-9; Radcliffs Tour through Holland &c. 1794; Wittmans Travels; Beattie's Essay on truth; Bacons Essays; Collins Voyages; Moores view of the society & manners in Italy &c.; Lady Montigu'[s?] Works; Langhorns letters of St. Evermond & Waller; Turnbolls voyage; Mavors Universal history; Vicar of Wakefield; Franklins works complete; Hazards State papers; Life of

William Pitt Earl of Chattam; Rumfords Essays; Volneys ruins of Empires; Publick characters or Contemporary Biography; Ordinaire's history of volcanoe's; Swintons travels into Norway &c. in 1788 to '91; Memoirs of the Bastile; Prouds history of Pennsylvania; Hamptons Polybius; The Political and confidential corespondance of Louis 16th by H.M. Williams; Priestley on Government; Memoirs of Guy Jolli, private Secy. of Cardinal De Retz; Brown on Equality; Sparks chymical catechism; Gotlens book of texts [?]; Cards reign of Charlemagne; Dows history of Hindoston; Essay on the facinating influence of Serpents by Doctor Barton; Emporium of Arts and Sciences by Cooper; The Commentaries of Casar by Bladon.

ordered that the Librarian be authorised to purchase on a credit to the amount of Eighty Dollars.

ordered that the President draw on the late Librarian for the ballance—in his hands on the first monday last, in favour of the present Librarian.

ordered that B. Parke be fined fifty cents for the damage done to the first vol. Millers retrospect.

Adjourned.

[March 7, 1814]

At an adjourned meeting of the shareholders at Jones Inn
March 7th 1814 Present: Parke; Lindsay, Vigo, Ewing,
Buntin, P. Jones, McClure, Parr, Baird, Jones & Dubois.

there not being a quorum

Adjourned.

April 2. 1814

Monthly Meeting of the President & Directors Present:
Parke; Kuykendall, Hay.

The Librarian reported that no. 81 taken out on the Share of Jacob Kuykendall had been damaged—ordered that Jacob Kuykendall be fined Twelve & half cents for the damage done to the said book.

The Librarian also reported that no. 338 taken out on the share of William Lindsay had been damaged ordered that William Lindsay be fined twenty five cents for the damage done to the said book.

The Librarian reported that no. 210 taken out on the share of G. R. C. Sullivan had been lost ordered that George R. C. Sullivan be fined Two Dollars, being the price of the said book.

Adjourned.

June 22nd 1814

Special meeting of the President & Directors Present: Parke; Hay, Ewing, Johnson.

The Librarian produced the following books, at the prices annexed, purchased under the order of the Board of the 1st March last, Viz.,

Mavors Universal history	25 vol.	\$33.00
Moores Italy	2 "	2.50
Warrens american War	3 "	7.50
Vicar of Wakefield		1.00
Wild Flowers		1.00
Chemical Catechism		3.00
Pindars Works	4 "	6.00
Beatties Works	10 "	12.50
De Salvos Travels		1.00
Life of Darwin		1.75
" " Pitt		1.00
La Perouse Voyage		1.00
Farmers Boy		1.00
Malthus on Population	2 "	6.00
Hooles Tasso		6.00
Tristram Shandy		3.00
Wittmans Travels		2.50
Wilsons Egypt		2.50
Edwards dissertation		1.50
Washingtons Letters		1.00
Publick Characters		3.00
Debates on the Judiciary		3.00
Smiths Philosophy		3.50
Classical Dictionary		4.00
Bacons Essays		1.00
Azuni's Maritime law		5.00
Count Rumfords Essays		8.00
Roman Antiquities		3.00
Cumberlands memoirs		1.00
St. Evermond &c.		1.00
Bellisarius		1.00
Collins voyage		1.00
Adams Philosophy	4 v.	14.00
Fergusons Essays		3.00

Paleys Philosophy		2.50
Dickersons Writings		5.00
History of Volcanoes		2.50
Bartons St. Pierre		9.00
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		165.25
	Dedt. 15 per ct.	24.79
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		140.46
Meares[?] voyage	2 v.	5.00
Radcliffs journey		2.25
Farmers Guide		3.00
Acerbis Travels	2 v.	12.00
Brydons tour	"	2.00
Tookes Russia	3 v.	8.50
Youngs France	2	5.00
Deloomes England		2.00
Telemachus	2 v.	6.80
Box & cooperage		1.25
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		\$188.26

ordered that they be recd. and placed in the Library.

ordered that Mr. Smith, the Librarian, be allowed fifteen Dollars and sixty cents for the costs of importation.

ordered that the Librarian be allowed a credit of Eight Dollars for Lees Memoirs this day purchased of him.

ordered that the Librarian procure a printed catalogue of the above mentioned books.

adjourned.

[July 2, 1814]

Stated meeting of the President & Directors July 2nd 1814 Present: Parke; McName, Kuykendall.

ordered that the following be the appraised value of the following books, Viz.,

430-1	Malthus on population	2 v.	\$8.00
432-3	Hooles Tasso	2 v.	8.00
434-5	Telemachus	2 v.	9.00
436	Publick Characters		4.00
437	Debates on the Judiciary		4.00
438	Wittmans Travels		3.50
439	Wilsons Egypt		3.50
440	Smiths Philosophy		4.25
441	Classical Dictionary Lamprer		5.50
442-3	Youngs France	2 v.	6.75
444-6	Rumfords Essays	3 v.	10.75
447-9	Warrens History	3 v.	10.00

450-2	Tookes Russia	3 v.	12.00
453-6	Adams Philosophy	4 v.	18.75
457-9	Bartons St. Pierre	3 v.	12.00
460	Paleys Philosophy		3.50
461	Ordinaire on Volcanoes		3.25
462	Chymical Catechism		4.00
463	Radcliffs Journey		3.00
464-5	Dickersons Writings	2 v.	6.75
466	Fergusons Essay		4.00
467	Edwards dissertation		2.00
468	Delolmes England		2.75
469	Farmers Guide		4.00
470-1	Mearse Voyages	2 v.	6.75
472	Life of Doctor Darwin		2.50
473	Roman Antiquities Adams		4.00
474-5	Lees Memoirs	2 v.	11.00
476-7	Azunis Maritime law	2 v.	6.75
478-9	Acerbis Travels	2 v.	16.00
480-504	Universal History	25 v.	44.00
505-8	Pindars Works	4 v.	8.00
509-18	Beatties Works	10 v.	16.00
519-20	Tristram Shandy	2 v.	4.00
521	St. Evremond & Waller		1.50
522-3	Brydons Tour	2 v.	2.75
524	Bacons Essays		1.50
525	Cumberlands Memoirs		1.50
526-7	Moores Italy	2 v.	3.50
528	Vicar of Wakefield		1.50
529	Wild Flowers		1.50
530	De Salvos Travels		1.50
531	Farmers boy		1.50
532	Peyrouse's Voyage		1.50
533	Collins Do.		1.50
534	Belisarius		1.50
535	Annals of Pitt		1.50
536	Washingtons letters on Agriculture		1.50
Adjourned.			

July 6th 1814

Special meeting of the President & Directors Present:
Parke; Hay, Ewing.

ordered that the Librarian pay Benjamin Parke Seven Dollars for Lewis & Clarks Expedition this day purchased of him.

No. 537 & 38—Lewis & Clarks Travels @ \$7.00

ordered that J. D. Hay purchase at Baltimore or Philadelphia the continuation of Hume by Smollett & Bissett—and

that if he cannot procure the continuation separate, then to purchase the whole work—and that the Librarian pay over to him the monies necessary for that purpose.

Adjourned.

December 4th 1815 [*sic*]

Stated Meeting of the President & Directors Present: Natl. Ewing, J. D. Hay, E. McNamee.

Ordered that Cha. Smith the Librarian be allowed one dollar & thirty seven & a half cents, for a dressed deer skin & $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.[?] glue, used to repair damaged books in the Library.

Adjourned.

Monday February 6th 1815

Annual meeting of the Shareholders Present: John Badolet, Natl. Ewing, Robt. Buntin, J. D. Hay, Peter Jones, John McDonald, Cha. Smith, E. Jourdan.

The Shareholders then proceeded to the election of officers of the Library, when upon count [*sic*] the ballots it appeared that the following person were duly elected. Viz. Benjamin Parke, President. John D. Hay John Johnson Elias McNamee John Badolet & Nathaniel Ewing Directors & Charles Smith Librarian.

On motion of John D. Hay Resolved, That the share of Waller Taylor be forfeited, and that on his paying two years—Contributions in addition to what he has paid that his account be closed on the books of the Library.

Adjourned.

[July 1, 1815]

Stated Meeting of the Directors July 1st 1815 Present: Parke; Ewing, Badolet, Hay, McNamee.

Adjourned to thursday next.

[July 6, 1815]

Special Meeting of the Directors July the 6th 1815. Present: Parke; Ewing, Badolet, Johnson & McNamee.

Ordered that the Librarian purchase for the Library the following books Viz., Rollins History of Rome, If that cant be

got Adams History of Rome; Humes History of England with continuations; Bissetts Geoge the Third; Watsons Philip Second & third of Spain; Trumbles History of Connecticut; Don Ulloas Travels; Lindsays Travels in the Brazils—and any other work touching the same Country; Abbe Clavigeroz History of Mexico; Hopkinsons Essays & occasional Writings; Caldwelles answer to Smith on the complexion of the Human Species; Barton on the Tribes & Nations of N. America; Dumouriers Memoirs; Gallatin on finance; Neibuhs Travels; Burks History of Virginia; Continuation of Ditto by Girardin; Blounts Impeachment; Young on agriculture; Ditto Northern Tour; Youngs Eastern Tour; ditto Southern do. [Tour]; Bartons dissertation on the freedom of Navigation and Maritime Commerce; Findleys History of the Western insurrection; Lady Montagu's Works; Turnbolls Voyage; Franklins Works complete; Hazards State papers; Life of Pitt Earl of Chatham; Volneys Ruins; Swintons Travels into Norway &c. in 88.' to 91.'; Memoirs of the Bastile; Prouds History of Pennsylvania; Asiatic researches; Essay on the facinating influence of Serpents by Doctr. Barton; Emporium of Arts & Science's by Cooper; Life of Bounaparte after his withdrawal to Elba; American Biographical Dictionary By W. Allen; Ditto James Harden 4 Vols.; Pikes Expedition; Lectures on Rhetoric by J. Q. Adams; Historical Account of Earthquakes &c. by N. Webster; Clarks Travels in Russia &c.; Barron Humbolts new Spain; Hearn's Voyage to the Northern Ocean; Wilsons Ornithology; Sketch of the Geography, political economy and Statistics of France; History of the campaign in Louisiana by Majr. Latour; Universal History by Ramsey; Coloquohoun's Treatise on the police of London; Dubarton on the treatment of Sheep; Bard on ditto; Nile's Weekly Register; Port folio; Thucydides by Smith; Demosthenes by Leland; Ciceros Orations by Guthrie; Xenophen by Smith; Hamptons Polybius; Humes Essays; Ceasars Commentaries by Bladen.

In the above purchases the Librarian, will commence with the List, and proceed with it as far as his funds will permit— High priced Editions, from hot pressed printing, Engravings or Gilt binding are not, with the exception of Wilsons Ornithology, to be purchasd.

Nile's register must be bound & such Volumes as may be found in that state may be purchased— The work can be subscribed for, bound as may be most convenient & forwarded.

The Same, as regards the Port folio.

The Librarian will have about \$160 cash, at his disposal—and if he can augment his purchases to \$200 by obtaining a credit of six months for the balance, upon terms equally beneficial to his cash purchases he is authorised to do it.

The Librarian will procure catalogues of the principal book Stores in Philadelphia—also a Catalogue of the Philadelphia Library.

Adjourned.

Saturday Decr. 2nd 1815

Monthly meeting of the President & Directors Present:
Parke; McNaMee, Ewing, Hay.

The Librarian produced the following Books which he had purchased for the Library, at the prices annexed, Viz.

Prouds Pensylvania	\$ 5.00
American Biography	3.00
Findleys Insurrection	2.00
Lady Montague	7.50
Turnbulls voyage	1.00
Life Napoleon	.75
Emporium of arts & sciences	12.00
History of England	37.50
Hardy's Biographical Dicy.	11.00
Police of London	2.50
Bard on Sheep	.75
Care of Sheep	1.25
Taylors Statisticks	3.00
Pikes Expeditions	3.50
Clarks Travels	4.00
	<hr/> 94.75
Dedt. of[?] 15 per cent	14.20
	<hr/> 80.55

ordered—that the said Books be received & that the Librarian be allowed therefor, a credit, in his account current with the Library, of Eighty dollars and fifty five cents.

ordered—that the Librarian be allowed as aforesaid Ten Dollars for his Expencc in importing the said Books.

Ordered that the following be the appraised value of the said Books, viz.,

560-1	Prouds Pennsylvania	\$ 6.25
559	American Biography	3.75
566	Finleys Insurrection	2.50
578-82	Lady Montague	9.25

575	Turnbulls voyage	1.25
591	Life Napoleon	1.00
555-7	Emporium of arts & Sciences	15.00
539-53	History of England	47.00
569-72	Hardys Biographical Dictionary	14.00
554	Police of London	3.25
583	Bard on Sheep	1.00
574	Care of Sheep	1.50
573	Taylors Statisticks	3.75
558	Pikes Expeditions	5.00
576-7	Clarks Travels	5.00
584-90	Niles Register ²²	

Adjourned till Friday next at 2 P.M.

Friday December 8. 1815

Adjourned meeting of the President & Directors Present: Parke; Ewing, Badollet, McNamee, Hay.

ordered that the Librarian pay G. W. Johnston nine Dollars for Humbolds Travels, & Breckenridges Tour this day purchased of him.

ordered that Isaac Blackford have leave to Subscribe for a share in the Library, for and on account of Depons Voyage this day purchased of him.

ordered that the following be the appraised value of the said Books, viz.,

No. 565	Breckenridge's Tour	\$ 3.75
567-8	Humbolds Travels	7.50
562-4	Depons Voyage	10.00

Adjourned to this day two weeks at 2 oClock P.M.

Tuesday December 26. 1815

Adjourned meeting of the President & Directors Present: Parke; Badollet, Hay, McNamee, Ewing.

ordered that the following Books be purchased for the Library— Viz., Cootes Continuation of Russells Modern Europe; Giffords History of France; Herodotus, by Beloe; Edwards West Indies; Naval History of the U. States; History of Chili; Moshieims Ecclesiastical History; Campbells

²² No appraised value for *Niles' Weekly Register* appeared in the minutes until the meeting of February 24, 1823, when these seven volumes were valued at \$26. No explanation has been found for the lack of sequence in the book numbers in this list or in the list in the minutes of December 8, 1815.

History of Virginia; Bozmans History of Maryland; Thucydides by Smith; Tacitus by Murphy; Polybius by Hampton; The last Travels of Mungo Parke; Barton on the origin of the Tribes & nations of North America; Barton on the freedom of navigation & Maritime Commerce; Oddy on Commerce; Memoirs of Prince Eugene; Caesars commentaries by Bladon; Soulavie's memoirs of the reign of Louis 16th; Rush's Essays on moral subjects; Erskine's Speeches by Ridgeway; J. Q. Adams Principles of Rhetoric; Plinys letters by Melmoth; Persian Tales; Voyage to Demerary; Goldsmiths manners and customs of Nations; Demosthenes by Leland; Horace by Smart; Orations of Cicero by Guthrie; Gurneys system of short hand improved by T. Sergeant; Birbecks journey through France; History of the Secret Societies for the distruction of the Government of Bonaparte.

Ordered, unanimously, that the Librarian pay to Benjamin Parke Seven Dollars for the Olive Branch & Porters Journal—this day purchased of him.

Ordered that the following be the appraised value of the said Books, Viz.,

No. 592	Olive Branch	\$4.50
593	Porters Journal	4.50

Ordered—that John Baddollet and B. Parke be a committee to examine the maps that may be bound up with any of the books of the Library—and report to the next meeting of the Board, *their* opinion of the most eligible mode of preserving them.

Ordered that the Librarian forward the List of Books, this day ordered to be purchased, to David Brown of Philadelphia, with a request that he will purchase and forward, for the use of the Library, to the amount of the Library collections for the current year— The purchase of books, if they can be found, to be made as they are placed on the list.

Adjourned till Saturday the 6th of January next at 2 oClock p.m.

Saturday Jany. 6th 1816

Adjourned Meeting of the President & Directors Present: B. Parke, Presdt.; Badollet, Ewing, McNamee.

Ordered that the following Books at the prices annexed to them be bought of Charles Hinckley the amount of which

to be taken out by him in a share in the Library & the residue in Contributions &c.

No. 594	Ewings Philosophy		\$ 2.75
595-6	Currens Speeches	2 Vols.	5.00
597	Allison on Taste		2.50
598	Fosters Essays		1.00
Total amot.			<u>\$11.25</u>

Ordered That the maps bound up with the Books of the Library, be taken out of the same, and arranged in Atlases, as near as may be, according to the size and subject matter of the maps—and that memorandums be entered in each containing reciprocal references to the Atlases & to the Books from which the maps may be taken, and that Benjamin Parke and John Badollet be a committee to carry the same into effect.

Adjourned till saturday next the 13th Inst. at 2 Oclock P.M.

Monday Feby. 5th 1816

Anual meeting of the Share holders Present: B. Park, presdt.; N. Ewing, J. B. McCall, R. Buntin, A. Badolet, E. Mcnamee, S. T. Scott, N. Purcell, Geo. R. C. Sullivan, Jno. Badolet, Wm. Polke, J. Kuykendall, G. W. Johnston, C. Smith, Jno. McClure Jr., Jno. Johnson.

On Motion, Resolved, that the Order of the President & directors, at their last meeting for takeing out maps bound up with the Books of the Library and arranging them in Atlases, be & the same is hereby recinded.

The Share holders then proceeded to the Election of officers of the Library for the ensuing Year, when it appeared that Benjamin Parke was elected president John Badollet Elias McNamee John Johnson Saml. T. Scott and Isaac Blackford Directors and Charles Smith Librarian.

Adjourned.

December 6th 1816

Stated meeting of the President & Directors Present: Parke; Scott, McNamee.

Ordered that John Small be charged with a fine of One dollar & fifty Cents for damage done by him to book No. 435.

Adjourned.

January 4th 1817

Stated meeting of the President & Directors Present: Parke; Scott, Badollet, McNamee.

Ordered that the following books be added to the list of the 26th Decr. 1815 for purchase as therein directed Viz. Savery's Letters on Egypt & Greece; Maurices Antiquities; Memoirs of the Bastile; Pastall's Quintillian; Correspondence of Louis 16th by H. M. Williams; Memoirs of Guy Jolli private Secy. to Cardinal De Retz; Ellicots Journal; Account of Louisiana from Documents in Depts. State & Treasury; Apendix to ditto; Draytons View of S. Carolina; Humes Essays; Dodridge's rise & progress of religion in the Soul; Life of Jonathan Edwards; Don Ulloa; American Artists Manual; Burke's Works; Swifts Works by J. Nicholls; Addisons Works by Tickell; Salmagundy; Nelsons life by Southey; Volneys Ruins; Poppular tales by Miss Edgeworth; Universal history by Ramsay; Campaign in Louisiana by Latour; Wilsons Ornithology; Essay on the fascinating influences of Serpents by Barton; Hazards State Papers; Claytons Life of Alexander the Great; Newton on the Propheesies.

Ordered that Robert Baird have credit for twelve dollars, for the Life of Philip 2nd & 3rd of Spain, this day purchased of him.

Ordered that the account of Elihu Stout of forty six dollars & fifty Cents be settled by the Librarian in the following manner Viz.—by permitting the said Stout to subscribe for two shares in the Library and the balance to be accounted for in the payment of such contributions & fines as may from time to time be due the Library from him.

Adjourned.

[February 3, 1817]

Special meeting of the President & Directors February 3d 1817 Present: Parke; Blackford, Scott.

ordered that David M. Hale have a credit with the Library for nine Dollars, for Mrs. Hays' Female Biography, this day purchased of him.

Ordered that Nathaniel Huntington have a credit with the Library for Nine Dollars and fifty cents for Biglands History of England at seven Dollars and fifty cents and Duncans Cicero at Two Dollars, this day purchased of him.

Adjourned.