

The Vincennes Library Company: A Cultural Institution in Pioneer Indiana

*Edited by J. Robert Constantine**

The two previous installments of the minutes of the Vincennes Library Company traced the history of this organization from its founding in July, 1806, through the major crises which seriously threatened its survival, the War of 1812 and the Panic of 1819. Fortunately the company did not share the destiny common to such early cultural agencies—an inability to sustain itself during crises—and the period from 1823 to 1838, covered in the following installment, was one of recovery, renewed vigor, and growth.

In part this revitalization was related to the improvement of the national economy in which Vincennes shared in a number of ways. Its population doubled between 1820 and 1840 (from 1,029 to 2,131), the steamboat made the city a mercantile center on the Wabash, and it experienced the birth pangs of industrialization by the founding of the Bonner Cotton Factory (1825) and the Eagle Glove Factory (1830). The city's economic growth had its cultural parallel in the opening of a score of parochial, private, and public academies, seminaries, and institutes, and in an abortive attempt to establish a medical school. Also during the thirties its theatre company was reorganized and the Vincennes Lyceum was founded.

Some credit is also due to the dedication and ability of certain individuals who served as company officers. One such man was John Cleves Symmes Harrison, company librarian from 1823 to 1830, whose obituary notice in the *Vincennes Gazette* (November 13, 1830) stated 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."

Whether for economic reasons or for the quality of its leadership, by the late 1830's the Vincennes Library Company had survived the early crises and had entered its period of maximum service and benefit to its members and to the community.

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Saturday January 10th 1824¹

At a special meeting of the Directors of the Vincennes Library Present: John Badollet, Elias McNamee, Jacob Kuykendall, Laurence S. Shuler.

The President being absent Docr. Kuykendall was chosen President pro tempore, Whereupon the Librarian presented the following Books which he offered to the Board, at the prices annexed, Viz.:

Ramsay's United States	3 vols.	3.75
Gillie's History of the World	3 do.	5.50
Ali Beys Travels 2 vols. & 1 vol. of plates		5.50
Delaplaine's Repository	1 vol.	4.00
Military & Naval Letters	1 do.	3.00
First Settlers of Virginia	1 do.	1.50
Life of Comodore Decatur	1 do.	1.00
		<hr/> \$24.25

Resolved unanimously, that the said books be received, and that the Librarian be allowed therefor, a credit in his Account Current with the Library, of Twenty four dolls. & twenty five cents.

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, closings of minutes, 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" when it precedes a list of members attending a meeting, after the word "viz." when it introduces a series, and occasionally where it clarifies 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. No attempt has been made to give biographical data on individuals whose names appear in these minutes.

Ordered, That the following be the appraised value of said Books:

No.		
1112-14	Ramsay's United States	\$5.75
1107-9	Gillie's History of the World	7.75
1110-11	Ali Beys Travels	7.75
1106	Delaplaine's Repository	6.00
1105	Military & Naval Letters	4.00
1104	First Settlers of Virginia	2.00
1103	Life of Comodore Decatur	1.50

And the Board adjourned.

Monday, February 2nd 1824.

Annual meeting of the Shareholders, Present: John Badollet, Elias McNamee, William Lindsay Senr., Henry D. Wheeler, John F. Snapp Admr. of Abm. F. Snapp, Jacob Kuykendall, Jacob Call, J. C. S. Harrison.

The President being absent, John Badollet was chosen President pro tempore.

On motion of Doctr. McNamee, Resolved that, the Share or Shares of the following individuals be, and they are hereby forfeited; viz.: Fisher & McGee, William Henry [Harrison?], Jones & Dubois, Edward M. Smith, William C. Vandeventer & William D. Shepherd; and that all sums appearing to their debit be, and they are hereby remitted.

On Motion of Mr. Harrison, Resolved that the annual contributions upon the Share, owned by the late Charles Smith be suspended for the term of five years, to commence from the first day of January next; unless the Executors of the said Smith, shall, sooner, think proper to allow his children to take books from the Library; at which time the contributions shall recommence.

The Shareholders, 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.: Isaac Blackford, President; John Badollet, Elias McNamee, Lawrence S. Shuler, Jacob Kuykendall, Samuel T. Scott, Directors; J. C. S. Harrison, Librarian.

On Motion, Resolved that, this meeting do now adjourn, to meet again on Monday, the 1st day of March next, at 2 O'clock P. M.

Tuesday 9th March 1824.

Special Meeting of the Directors of the Vincennes Library
Present: J. Kuykendall, J. Badollet, E. McNamee, Directors.

The President being absent, Doctr. E. McNamee was called to the chair; When, On motion, the following Resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, on the 30th of July 1820, Doctr. Robt. Allison, now decd., purchased of Noah Purcell a Share in this Library, and whereas this fact being unknown to the Librarian, the legal Representatives of the said Allison, were, for about two years, debarred the use of the said share; therefore, Resolved, that the Librarian allow a credit of four dollars, upon the Account of said Allison, it being the Contributions charged for the years 1822 & 1823; and further that the Librarian be directed to cause the suit, instituted for the recovery of the said four dollars, to be withdrawn, and pay the costs of said suit.

Resolved that the Librarian be authorised to suspend all proceedings for the recovery of sums, due by Francis Vigo and the estate of Christopher Wyant deceased, until the next meeting of the Shareholders.

John McClure presented the following books, which were received at the prices annexed; viz.:

No.			
1126-7	Federalist,	2 Vols.	\$3.00
198-9	Ossian's Poems	2 Vols.	2.50
1118	Montagu's Reflections	1 Vol.	1.50
1115	Hutcheson on Beauty &c.	1 "	1.00
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			\$8.00

Resolved that the Librarian, permit John McClure to subscribe for one Share in this Library, and credit him with Eight dollars, being the amount allowed for the above books.

G. R. C. Sullivan presented the following books, which were received at the prices annexed, viz.:

No.			
185	Resources of the British Empire	1 Vol.	\$1.00
186	Campbell's Lectures	1 "	1.00
1116-17	Cutbush's Chemistry	2 Vols.	2.00
1124-5	Memoirs of Marmontel	2 Vols.	1.50
210	Ladies' Preceptor	1 Vol.	.75
1121	Moral & Political Truth	1 Vol.	1.00

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1120	Lectures on Comets	1	"	1.00
1119	Missionary a Tale	1	"	.50
1122	Mnemonika	1	"	1.25
1123	Devout Exercises	1	"	.50
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				\$10.50

Resolved that the Librarian (at the request of Mr. Sullivan) credit the account of the late Ephraim Jourdan, with the sum of Six dollars; the account of Henry V. Sullivan with Two dollars, eighteen & $\frac{3}{4}$ cents; and that the remainder, Two dollars, thirty one & $\frac{1}{4}$ cents be entered to the credit of his own Account.

Resolved that the appraised value of the aforesaid books be the prices at which they were received.

And the Board adjourned.

J. C. S. Harrison Librarian.

Wednesday, 7th April 1824.

Special Meeting of the President & Directors, Present: Isaac Blackford, President; John Badollet, Elias McNamee, Directors.

On Motion, Resolved that the Librarian be, and he is hereby authorized to cause the execution, issued against Robert Buntin Senr. for the recovery of balances due to the institution, to be suspended, for Sixty days and no longer.

And the board adjourned.

J. C. S. Harrison Libn.

Saturday 29th May 1824.

Special meeting of the President & Directors of the Vincennes Library, Present: Isaac Blackford, Prest.; John Badollet, Elias McNamee, Directors.

Ordered that, the Librarian purchase of Samuel Tomlinson, the following Books, at the prices hereto annexed, Viz.:

No.			
1128-9	St. Ronan's Well	2 Vols.	\$1.33
1130-1	Pilot	2 "	2.34
1132-3	Shae Wife	2 "	1.33
1134-5	Knickerbockers New York	2 Vols.	3.67
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			\$8.67

Also the following books of William Burtch, at the annexed prices, Viz.:

No.			
1136-7&8	Albigenses	3 Vols.	\$2.27
1139-40	Highways & By-ways	2 "	1.30
1141-2*	Duke Christian	2 "	2.11
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			\$5.68

* Nos. 1143 & 1144 are the two vols. of "Napoleon in Exile," heretofore omitted.

And the Board adjourned.

J. C. S. Harrison Libn.

Saturday 8th January 1825

At a stated meeting of the Directors of the Vincennes Library Present: John Badollet, Jacob Kuykendall, Elias McNamee, Directors.

On Motion, Ordered that the Librarian credit the acct. of William Lindsey with the sum of two dollars; it being the contribution charged for the year 1822, during which year he was deprived of the use of his share in consequence of a resolution adopted by the Shareholders on the 4 Feby. 1822.

On Motion Resolved that the Librarian, be appointed a committee, to wait on G. R. C. Sullivan, (late Librarian) and endeavour to effect a Settlement, of the said Sullivans account, with the Library; and that said committee report to the Board at their next meeting.— & The Board adjourned.

J. C. S. Harrison Libn.

Wednesday February 2d 1825

Special meeting of the President and Directors of the Vincennes Library, Present: Isaac Blackford, Prest.; John Badollet, Jacob Kuykendall, Elias McNamee, Directors.

Ordered that the following Books be purchased for the Library: Livy translated by Baker; Polybius translated by Hampton; Caesar translated by Bladon; Botta's American Revolution; Hallam's History of the Middle Ages; Fox's History of the reign of James 2nd; Godwins History of England; Chalmer's History of Queen Mary; Blackwell's History of

Augustus; Abbe Clavigero's History of Mexico; Colden's History of the Five Nations; Buffon's Natural History; Barton, on the origin of the N. American Indians; Barton's Memoirs of Rittenhouse; Claytons Life of Alexander the Great; Memoirs of the Bastile; Las Cassas Journal; Count Bertrand's campaigns of Napoleon; Longs Expedition to the Rocky Mountains; Hobhouse's Journey through Albania, Greece &c.; An Excursion through the U. States and Canada during the years 1822 & 1823 by an English Gentleman; Griscom's tour in Europe; Parry's Voyages towards the North Pole; Hearne's Travels towards the North Pole; Silliman's Journal of travels in Europe; Adam's Narrative of his Shipwreck, and residence at Tombuctoo; Don Ulloa's Travels in South America; Schoolcraft's Works; Cuiviers Essay on the Theory of the Earth; Lord Littletons Dialogues of the Dead; Volney's Lectures on the Study of History; Patronage, by Miss Edgeworth; Hungarian Brothers; Bracebridge Hall by Washington Irvin; Moore's Lalla Rookh; Shenstone's Poems; Continuation of Niles Weekly Register from the 15th vol. inclusive to the present time, half bound &c.; Campbell's New Monthly Magazine; Life of General Lafayette by Robt. Waln Jr.; Poinsetts Notes on Mexico.

Ordered, That the Librarian furnish Mr. Samuel Tomlinson with a list of the above books, and desire him to purchase them for the Library in the Eastern Cities; and, that, for this purpose, the Librarian pay over to Mr. Tomlinson all the money he may have in his hands belonging to the Library, and take a receipt for the same.

Ordered That the Librarian be, and he is hereby authorized, to dispose of, to the Bruceville Library Company, the following books at the prices annexed, and allow a credit upon the same:

*No.			
1085	Letters from Paris	1 vol.	2.00
133 & 134	Knox's Essays	2 "	1.50
1081	Chateaubriand's Recollections		0.75
90	Confession of Faith		0.25
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			\$4.50

And the Board adjourned.

J. C. S. Harrison Libn.

[*] this number replaced by "commercial Regulations"

Monday February 7th 1825

Annual Meeting of the Share holders of the Vincennes Library Present: Isaac Blackford, President; Jacob Kuykendall, Elias McNamee, John Badollet, Samuel T. Scott, Richard P. Price, General W. Johnston, Henry D. Wheeler, Daniel Smith, John Bruner, A. Massey Admr. of Robt. Allison decd., John Law; J. C. S. Harrison, Librarian.

On motion of Mr. Law Resolved, that the Directors of the Library be and they are hereby authorized to make Sale of such books in the Library as they may deem advisable, and that the funds arising from the Sale of the same, be applied under their direction to the purchase of New books.

On Motion of Mr. Johnston Resolved that upon the receipt of the books about to be purchased, the Librarian cause the present catalogue to be corrected in print for the benefit of the shareholders.

On Motion of Mr. Law Resolved that the Directors be instructed to subscribe for the North American Review.

On Motion of Mr. Johnston, Resolved, That the contributions on all shares holden by the heirs of deceased Shareholders, be suspended until they or their legal Representatives, respectively call for and make use of the books; but that the provisions of this resolution shall only extend to such heirs, as shall either in person or by their Legal Representatives apply for the benefit of the same, and only upon payment of all arrearages shall their application be admitted.

The Shareholders 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.: Isaac Blackford, President; Jacob Kuykendall, John Badollet, Elias McNamee, Samuel Judah, L. S. Shuler, Directors; J. C. S. Harrison, Librarian.

On Motion the meeting then adjourned.

J. C. S. Harrison Libn.

May [1825]

At a special meeting of the Directors of the Library Present: Isaac Blackford, President; John Badollet, Elias McNamee, Directors.

The Librarian presented the following books, which were purchased by Mr. Tomlinson, under an order from the Board on the 2d February 1825, at the prices annexed. Viz.:

1 vol.	Hamptons Polybius	3.75
1 "	Memoirs of Rittenhouse	2.00
4 "	New Monthly Magazine	10.00
1 "	Tales of a Traveller	4.40
2 "	Hallams Middle Ages	3.25
2 "	Longs Expedition	7.00
2 "	Longs Second Expedition	5.00
1 "	Notes on Mexico	2.12½
4 "	Las Cases Journal	6.00
1 "	Adams Narative	1.25
1 "	Parrys Journal	2.00
3 vols.	Bottas American Revolution	7.00
6 "	Bakers Livy	9.00
1 "	Cuviers Theory of the Earth	2.25
3 "	Clavigero's History of Mexico	4.50
1 "	Fox's History of James 2d	1.50
2 "	Hobhouse's Albania &c. with an Atlas	5.00
2 "	Griscoms Year in Europe	2.80
3 "	Sillimans Journal	3.00
2 "	Bracebridge Hall	2.75
1 "	Belzoni in Egypt	1.00
1 "	Lalla Rookh	.75
2 "	Lionel Lincoln	1.75
2 "	Rothelan	.88
2 "	Marriage	.87
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		\$89.82½

Proportion of box containing books \$1.00. carriage \$10

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Total amount of Mr. Tomlinson's Bill

\$100.82½

Ordered That the above Books be received, and that they be numbered and appraised as follows, Viz.:

No.		
1145	Hamptons Polybius	5.00
1146	Memoirs of Rittenhouse	3.00
1147-50	New Monthly Magazine	12.00
1151	Tales of a Traveller	5.00
1152-53	Hallams Middle Ages	5.00
1154-55	Longs Expedition	8.00
1156-57	Longs Second Expedition	6.00
1158	Notes on Mexico	2.50

1159-62	Las Cases Journal	8.00
1163	Adams Narrative	1.25
1164	Life of General Harrison	2.00
1165	Parrys Journal	3.00
1166-68	Botta's American Revolution	9.00
1169-74	Bakers Livy	12.00
1175	Cuviers Theory of the Earth	2.50
1176-78	Clavigero's History of Mexico	5.00
1179	Fox's History of James 2d	2.00
1180-81	Hobhouse's Albania	6.00
1182-83	Griscoms Year in Europe	3.00
1184-86	Sillimans Journal	3.50
1187-88	Bracebridge Hall	3.00
1189	Belzoni in Egypt	1.25
1190	Lala Rookh	1.00
1191-92	Lionel Lincoln	2.00
1193-94	Rothelan	1.00
1195-96	Marriage	1.00

Tuesday 24th January 1826

Special Meeting of the Directors Present: Badollet, Kuykendall, & Judah.

Ordered that the following Books be purchased for the Library, and that the Librarian pay over to Mr. Saml. Tomlinson, the money in his hands, for that purpose: Caesar, translated by Bladon; Godwins History of England; Chalmers History of Queen Mary; Blackwell's History of Augustus; Buffons Natural History; Barton on the origin of the N. American Indians; Clayton's Alexander the Great; Count Bertrands Campaigns of Napoleon; An Excursion through the U. States & Canada in 1822 & 1823 by an English gentleman; Lord Lyttleton's Dialogues of the Dead; Volneys Lectures on the Study of History; Shenstone's Poems; Waln's Life of Genl. Lafayette; Report of the Debates and proceedings of the New York Convention in 1821; Miss Maria Edgeworths works (6 vols.); Wheaton's Life of William Pinkney; Lectures on the Adulteration of food and culinary poisons, in general, by James Cutbush; Rawle's view of the Constitution of the U. States; De Ponceau's Dissertation on the jurisdiction of the U. S. Courts; Hearn's Travels to the North Pole; Capt. Franklins travels to Do.; Parry's 1st and 3d Voyage to the North; Morier's Journey through Persia Armenia &c.; Salt's voyage to Abyssinia; Koster's Travels in Brazil; Brown on

the Mind; Memoirs of Capt. Rock; Hungarian Brothers; Continuation of Nile's Register from the 15th Vol. inclusive, to the present time, half bound &c.; Subscribe for the North American Review.

There being no more business, the Board adjd.

[February 6, 1826]

Annual meeting of the Shareholders, February 6th 1826
Present: Isaac Blackford, President; John Badollet, Albert Badollet, Samuel Hill, Jacob Kuykendall, G. W. Johnston, D. C. Johnson, Moses Tabbs, Saml. T. Scott, James T. Moffatt, John Moore, John Law, Christian Graeter, R. P. Price, G. R. C. Sullivan by Hill as proxy, J. C. S. Harrison.

The Meeting being called to order by the President, When the Librarian exhibited an Account Current exhibiting a statement of the moneys received and expended by him, since the last meeting of the Shareholders, shewing a balce. in his hands on the 5th inst. of \$1.68¾.

On Motion It was Resolved; that said Account be received, and approved of my [by?] this meeting.

On Motion of Mr. Harrison Resolved, that all arrearages due upon the share of J. Doty decd. be remitted and that said Share be forfeited to the Library.

On Motion of Mr. Tabbs Resolved, unanimously, that J. C. S. Harrison be discharged from the payment of all contributions, to the Company from the time of his appointment as Librarian, and so long as he may continue to occupy that office.

On Motion of Mr. J. Badollet, Resolved that the thanks of this meeting be tendered to J. C. S. Harrison, for his zeal in promoting the interests of this institution and for the manner in which he has discharged the duties of Librarian.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers to serve the current year, when upon counting the ballots, the following persons were declared to be duly elected. Viz.: Isaac Blackford, President; John Badollet, Jacob Kuykendall, Saml. Judah, Saml. Hill, G. W. Johnson, Directors; & J. C. S. Harrison, Librarian.

On motion the meeting then adjourned.

Vincennes July 13th 1826

Special meeting of the President & Directors, Present: Isaac Blackford, Prest.; Jacob Kuykendall, General W. Johnston, Samuel Hill, Samuel Judah, Directors.

On Motion It was resolved—that the Librarian write to Messrs. Carey & Lea Booksellers in Philadelphia and ascertain at what prices the following books can be obtained from them, Viz.: Bacons Works; Burneys History of Buccaneers; Wilkinsons's Memoirs; Comines (Philip de) Memoirs; Currans Life by his son; Lord Kaimes Sketches of man; Heckewelder's Narrative; Volneys lectures upon History; Count Bertrand's Campaigns of Napoleon; Waln's Life of Lafayette; Hearnes Travels to North Pole; Wheaton's Life of Pinckney; Parry's 1st & 3d voyages; Salts voyage to Abyssinia; Moriers Journey through Persia &c.; Westminster Hall or Professional Relics & anecdotes; De Israeli's Curiosities of Literature; Rabelais Works, translated; Moore's Zeluco; Burton's Anatomy of Melancholy; Life of Genl. Andrew Jackson; Duane's Visit to Columbia; Koster's Travels in Brazil; Journey of Major Denham & Capt. Clapperton into the Interior of Africa; Lelands Demosthenes; Woodstock by the Author of Waverly; Prairie by Cooper; Drunkards Looking glass by Weems.

Resolved that the balance of cash remaining on hands after the purchase of the books already ordered (including the income for the year 1827) be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purchase of Reis's American Cyclopedia and that the Librarian be requested to ascertain the cost &c.

The Librarian then presented the following Books purchased by Mr. Tomlinson by order of the Board:

Secret Debates	1.50
Franklin's Narrative	2.00
Duponceau's Dissertation	1.87
Rawle on the Constitution	2.75
Memoirs of Capt. Rock	.62½
Accums Treatise	.62½
Miss Edgeworth's Works	12.00
Browns Philosophy	5.00
1 Number N. American Review	1.20
Last of the Mohicans	1.7[?]
Carriage & expences to Vincennes	4.4[?]
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	\$33.75

Ordered that the above books be received and that they be numbered and appraised as follow[s]:

No.		
1198-99	Last of the Mohicans	2.00
1200	Memoirs of Capt. Rock	1.00
1201	Accum's Treatise	1.00
1202-7	Miss Edgeworths Works	18.00
1208-10	Brown Philosophy	7.50
1211	Franklin's Narrative	3.00
1212	Duponceau's Dissertation	2.50
1213	Secret Debates	2.00
1214	Rawle on the Constitution	3.00

The Librarian also presented the following books which he had purchased for the Library:

No.		
1215	Moore's Life of Sheridan	3.00
1197	The Koran	.87½
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		\$3.87½

Ordered that they be recd. and that the Librarian receive a credit for three dollars & 87½ cents.

There being no further business the Board adjourned.

J. C. S. Harrison Libn.

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Special Meeting of the Directors Present: Badollet, Hill, Judah.

The Librarian presented the following books, purchased by Majr. Lagow under an order from the Board:

Bacons Works	10 vols.	\$22.50
Philip de Comines	1 vol.	4.28
Hearnes Journies	1 do.	7.00
Kosters Travels in Brazil	2 vols.	3.00
Drunkards Looking Glass	1 do.	0.12
Woodstock	2 do.	1.00
Duane's Visit to Columbia	1 do.	3.50
Burney's Buckaneers	1 do.	5.75
Wilkinson's Memoirs & atlas	3 do.	11.00
Life of Curran	1 do.	2.25
Heckewelder's Narrative	1 do.	1.75
Waln's Life of Lafayette	1 do.	3.00
Wheaton's Life of Pinckney	1 do.	2.50
Lelands Demosthenes	1 do.	2.50

Life of Genl. Jackson	1 do.	1.75
Salt's Abyssinia	1 vol.	2.50
Morier's Persia	1 do.	2.50
Moore's Zeluco	1 do.	2.00
Continuation of Nile's Register	14 vols.	42.00
Tour around Hawaii		1.12
Box &c.		.75
Carriage &c.		

Ordered that the above books be received and that they be numbered and appraised as follows—Viz.:

No.		
1216	Philip de Comines	4.75
1217-19	Wilkinson's Memoirs	16.50
1220	Lelands Demosthenes	2.50
1221	Wheaton's Life of Pinkney	2.00
1222	Zeluco	2.00
1223-32	Bacon's Works	25.00
1233	Life of Lafayette	3.00
1234	Heckawelder's Narrative	1.75
1235	Duane's Visit to Columbia	3.50
1236	Morier's Persia	2.50
1237	Hearne's Journey	7.00
1238	Burney's Buccaneers	5.75
1239-52	Continuation of Niles Register	42.00
1253	Salts Abyssinia	2.50
1254	Life of Curran	2.25
1255-56	Koster's Travels in Brazil	3.00
1257	Life of Genl. Jackson	3.50
1258	Tour around Hawaii	1.12
1259-60	Woodstock	2.50

Monday February 5th 1827

Annual meeting of the shareholders, Present: Isaac Blackford, President; John Badollet, Saml. T. Scott, Saml. Judah, Daniel Smith, R. P. Price, Henry D. Wheeler, Jacob Kuykendall, John Bruner, J. C. S. Harrison.

The meeting being called to order by the President when the Librarian laid before the meeting an account current exhibiting the amt. of moneys recd. & expended by him since the last meeting of the Shareholders, shewing a balance in his hands on the 4th inst. of \$19.70½, whereupon It was Resolved, that said account be received and approved of by this meeting.

On motion of Mr. Harrison, Resolved, that all arrearages due upon the Share of John McGiffin be remitted and that the said share be forfeited.

On motion of Mr. Smith, Resolved, that all arrearages due upon the share of the late John Johnson, be remitted, and that said share be forfeited.

On motion of Mr. Judah, Resolved, that in future shareholders may take two books at the same time, instead of one as heretofore; provided that this resolution shall not apply to cases where a shareholder lends his share to any person.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers, and upon counting the votes, the following persons were declared to be duly elected, viz.: Isaac Blackford, President; John Badollet, Jacob Kuykendall, Saml. Hill, Saml. Judah, & Saml. T. Scott, Directors; & J. C. S. Harrison, Librarian.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

J. C. S. Harrison Libn.

June 15th 1827

Special Meeting of the Directors Present: Bdollet, Kuykendall, Hill.

The Librarian presented the following books which had been purchased by Mr. Tomlinson under an order of the Board, viz.:

Denham & Clapperton's Journal	\$4.00
Parry's 3d voyage	2.25
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	6.25
Discount	1.25
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	5.00
Almacks	1.50
Wise men of Gotham	1.50
carriage &c.	.50
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total	\$8.50

Ordered that the above books be recd. & numbered and appraised as follows:

No.		
1261	Denham & Clapperton	\$4.00
1262	Parrys 3d voyage	2.25
1263-4	Almacks	2.00
1265	Wise men of Gotham	1.50

Ordered, that the following works be purchased for the Library, and that the Librarian pay over to Mr. Saml. Smith, the money in his hands for this purpose: Walter Scott's Life of Napoleon; Prairie by Cooper; Parry's 1st voyage; Ross's voyage of Discovery; American Mechanic & British Machineist; Biography of the Signers of the Declaration of American Independence; Skinner's American Farmer; Kelly's Reminiscences; Sismondi's Works.

and the Board adjourned.

J. C. S. Harrison Libn.

August 24th 1827

Special meeting of the Directors. Present: Badollet, Hill, Judah.

The Librarian presented the following books which had been purchased by Mr. Saml. Smith under an order from the Board, viz.:

Vivian Grey	3 vols.	\$2.00
Prairie by Cooper	2 vols.	2.00
American Biography (Signers to the Declaration of Ind.)	9 vols.	21.50
Sismondi's Literature	2 "	3.00
Nicholson's operative Mechanic	2 vols.	5.00
American Mechanics Magazine	2 "	2.00
Kelly's Reminiscences	1 "	1.50
Military Sketch Book \$1.12½ Subaltern	.62½	1.75
Carriage		3.25

Ordered, that the above books be received & that they be numbered and appraised as follows:

Number	Valuation
1266-68 Vivian Grey	2.50
1269-70 Prairie	2.50
1271-79 Signers to the Declaration &c.	26.00
1280-81 Sismondi's Literature	4.00
1282-83 Nicholson's Operative Mechanic	6.00
1284-85 American Mechanics Magazine	3.00
1286 Kellys Reminiscences	2.50
1287-88 Military Sketch Book	1.50
1289 Subaltern	1.00

and the Board Adjourned.

J. C. S. Harrison Libn.

[November 13, 1827]

Special meeting of the Directors Novr. 13th 1827
Present: Badollet, Kuykendall, Hill.

On motion of Mr. Badollet Resolved that the Librarian be and he is hereby authorized to advance to Mr. Dardenes the Sum of twenty dollars to purchase the implements necessary for carrying on the Book binding business, the same to be repaid in such work as the Library may require and the balance if any, in cash at the expiration of Six months, if required by this Board.

The Librarian presented the following books which he had purchased in Louisville for the Library at the prices annexed, Ordered, that they be received and that the Librarian have a credit of eight dollars being the cost of the same:

No.		
1290	Clay's Speeches	\$2.00
1291	McKenneys tour to the Lakes	4.00
1292-93	Francis Berrian (2 vols.)	2.00
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		\$8.00

And the Board Adjourned.

J. C. S. Harrison Libn.

Monday February 4th 1828

Annual meeting of the Shareholders, Present: Isaac Blackford, President; John Badollet, Elias McNamee, Samuel Hill, Daniel Smith, Henry D. Wheeler, D. C. Johnson; & J. C. S. Harrison, Librarian.

The meeting being called to order by the President and the minuits of the last meeting having been read, the Librarian presented an Account Current exhibiting the moneys recd. and expended, since the last meeting of the Shareholders; which account exhibited a balance in favour of the Library on the 3d inst. of seventeen dollars & forty one cents.

On Motion of Mr. Hill Resolved that the account of the Librarian be received & approved of by the meeting.

On Motion of Mr. Harrison Resolved that all arrearages due upon the Share of Col. Francis Vigo be remitted.

The meetings then proceeded to the election of officers to serve the current [year], when the following gentlemen

were declared duly elected: Isaac Blackford, President; John Badollet, Jacob Kuykendall, Elias McNamee, Samuel Hill, & Samuel Judah, Directors; J. C. S. Harrison, Librarian.
and the meeting adjourned, sine die.

April 10th 1828

Special meeting of the Directors, Present: John Badollet, Elias McNamee, Samuel Hill.

On Motion It was, Ordered that the Librarian purchase of Moses Tabbs the Edinburgh Review in 29 volumes at 2 dollars per volume, amounting to \$58; and that it be Settled as follows, viz., the Sum of \$2.87½ be placed to the credit of Mr. Tabbs share in the Library, the further Sum of \$11.06¼ be placed to the credit of the Share owned by William T. Carroll; and that for the remainder, (being \$44.06¼) the President is hereby authorized to give Mr. Tabbs the obligation of the Company, payable in One year from this date.

The Librarian presented "Scotts life of Napoleon," which he had purchased under an order from the Board for the price of \$4— Ordered that said work be received & that the Librarian have a credit for \$4.00.

Ordered That the above mentioned works be numbered and appraised as follows, viz.:

No.	
1294-96	Scotts Life of Napoleon
1297-1325	Edinburgh Review

Monday February 2d 1829.

Annual Meeting of the Shareholders, Present: Isaac Blackford, President; John Badollet, John D. Hay, Henry D. Wheeler, Samuel Judah, Jacob Kuykendall, John Bruner, J. C. S. Harrison.

The meeting having been called to order by the president, and the minuets of the last meeting being read, the Librarian presented an account Current exhibiting the amt. of money recd. and expended by him since the last meeting, shewing a balance in his hands on the 31st of January of Fifty nine dollars & 16½ cents; which acct. was on motion received.

On motion of Mr. Judah Resolved, that whenever the owner of any share shall be in such circumstances, as to render it inexpedient for the Librarian to bring suit for the amt. due on such share, or if suit may have been brought, and the said owner proves insolvent, and that amount shall exceed the sum of eight dollars, it shall be the duty of the Librarian to enter such share as forfeited, and thereby such share shall become forfeited, and the amt. due thereon be remitted.

On Motion Resolved, That one half of the Library funds are hereby set apart, and appropriated for the purchase of a Cyclopedia.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of Officers to serve the Current Year, when on counting the ballots the following gentlemen were declared duly elected: Isaac Blackford, President; John Badollet, Jacob Kuykendall, Saml. Judah, Saml. Hill, & John D. Hay, Directors; J. C. S. Harrison, Librarian.

And the Meeting adjourned.

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Special meeting of the Directors. Present: Judah, Hill, Hay.

The Librarian presented the following books which had been purchased by him at the prices annexed which books on motion were received:

No.		
1326-28	Irvings life of Columbus	\$7.25
1329	Anecdotes of the Court of Napoleon	2.00
1330	Spanish Inquisition	2.00
1332-33	Barringtons Sketches	1.50
1331	Franklin's 2d Expedition	2.00
1334-35	Red Rover	2.12½
1336-37	Chronicles of the Canongate	1.00
1338	Devil on two Sticks	.50
1339-40	Fair Maid of Perth	1.00
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		\$19.37½

And the Board adjourned.

Monday 1 February 1830

Annual meeting of the Shareholders Present: Isaac Blackford, Prest.; J. C. S. Harrison, Saml. Hill, R. P. Price, J. B. Martin, Nick. Smith, Wm. Burtch, Jno. Law, John Bruner, Jacob Kuykendall, John Badollet, Saml. Smith.

On motion it was order'd That as a tribute of respect to Mr. John Reed for his attention to the Library the Librarian permit him to subscribe for one share in the Library which the shareholders hereby present to him.

The Librarian presented the following Books which were purchased by him at the prices annexed which were rec'd. and numbered as follows:

No.			
1341-2	Pellham	2 Vols.	2.00
1343-4	Tales Great St. Bernard	2 V.	2.00
1345-6	Ann of Greistien	2 Vols.	2.00
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On motion it was Resolved That the Librarian be authorised to pay the rent of the Room wherein the Library is kept out of the Library funds provided the same does not exceed One Dollar pr. month.

On motion it was Resolved unanimously That the than[k]s of the Shareholders be presented to J. C. S. Harrison Esqr. for his long and gratuitous services as Librarian.

The Librarian presented his a/cs which were examined and found correct.

On motion it was ordered That a fine standing on the Books against R. P. Price amounting to \$5.37½ be and is hereby remitted.

On motion the resolution passed at the annual meeting in February last for the purchase of the Cyclopedia was reconsidered—and it was resolved that it was inexpedient to set apart a fund for the purchase of said work at the present time. The meeting then proceeded to the choice of Officers to serve the ensuing year when on counting the ballots the following gentlemen were declared duly elected viz.: Isaac Blackford, President; John Badollet, Jacob Kuykendall, J. C. S. Harrison, John Law, Samuel Smith, Directors; and Samuel Hill, Librarian.

and the meeting was adjourned.

Saml. Hill Libraria[n].

[February 6, 1830]

Special Meeting of the Directors Saturday 6 February
1830 Present: Blackford Law & Smith.

On motion it was Resolved that Mr. Tomlinson purchase the following Books and that he be furnished by the Librarian with the funds now in his hand to enable him to effect said purchase viz.: The Edinburgh Review from Aug. 1817; Niles Register from Aug. 27. 1825; Jeffersons Works; Irvings Orations; Library of Useful Knowledge; Hebers travels in India; Basil Halls travels in the U. S.; Wept of the Wish ton Wish; Pilot; Malte Bruns Geography; Book of the Boudier by Lady Morgan; Memoirs of a Kings Page by the Author of Almack; Life in India; Pitkins History of the U. S.; Spy by Cooper.

[May 11, 1830]

Special Meeting of the Directors 11 May 1830 Present:
Jacob Kuykendall J. Badollet Directors.

The Librarian presented the following Books viz.: N. American Review Vol. 17 & 18 Bound. also a treatise on the Cultivation of Silk presented by himself—and Van Halens Narritive which were rec'd. and number'd as follows:

1347-8	N. American Review Vol. 17&18	6.00
1349	Treatise on the Silk Worm	1.00
1350	Van Halens Narritive	1.00

also the following purchased by Mr. Tomlinson by order of the Directors which were rec'd. and numbered as follows:

1351-4	Malte Bruns Geography	4 V.	8.00
1355-6	Pitkins United States	2 V.	4.25
1357-60	Jeffersons Memoirs	4 V.	11.25
1361	Irvings Oracles		1.25
1362-3	Hebers Narrative	2 V.	2.25
1364-5	Wept of Wish ton Wish	2 V.	2.00
1366-7	Book of the Boudier	2 V.	1.30
1368-9	Pilot	2 V.	1.37½
1370-1	Kings Page	2 V.	1.30
1372-3	Halls Travels	2 V.	1.60
1374-5	Spy	2 V.	1.30
1376-90	Edinburgh Review	15 Vols.	30.00
1391-2	Darnley		1.50

[February 7, 1831]

Annual meeting of the Shareholders February 7th 1831.

On motion E. McNamee was appointed President pro tem and John Law Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Judah it was Resolved that the Librarian give notice, that all dues not paid on the 1st April be sued for immediately and that he be instructed to enter as forfeited the shares of all those persons, from whom in his judgment in consequence of being nonresidents or insolvency it is not possible any collection can be made.

The following named Books purchased by the Librarian at J. C. S. Harrison's sale were rec'd. and numbered as follows, they were valued at 7.00 and the Librarian was credit with the Amt.:

1393	Walsh's Appeal		2.00
1394-5	Harriotts Struggles	2 V.	1.50
1396-7	Ivanhoe	2 V.	1.37½
1398	Cottage Sketches		.25
1399	Glovers Leonidas		.37½
1400-1	Letters from the South		.50
1402-3	Arthur Clenning	2 V.	1.00
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			\$7.00

The Shareholders then proceeded to the choice of Officers for the ensuing year, when on counting the votes the following named gentlemen were declared duly elected viz.: E. McNamee, President, Saml. Hill Librarian and Saml. Judah Saml. Smith, Jno. Law R. P. Price and J. D. Woolverton Directors.

The meeting was then adjourned.

[February 12, 1831]

Special meeting of the Directors February 12 1831
Present: E. McNamee, President and John Law, Saml. Judah Saml. Smith and R. P. Price Directors.

The a/c of Solomon Rathbone was presented for binding 32 Vols. of Books On motion it was ordered that he be allowed 37½ cents for each volume bound or to be allowed the Indianapolis price for the same kind of work.

On motion it was Ordered that John Law be allowed Two Dollars for Paul Clifford and Walter Colyton and that Jno. Bruner be allowed 1.50 for the Greek Revolution which books were rec'd., valued and numbered as follows viz.:

1404-5	Walter Colyton	2 Vols.	1.00
1406-7	Paul Clifford	2 V.	1.00
1408	Greek Revolution		1.50
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			3.50

On motion it was Ordered That the Librarian subscribe for the Encyclopedia Americana and write to Carter and Hendee for the ballance of the Books and have the same numbered.

Ordered that the Edinburgh Review and Niles Register be continued and that the Librarian send for the Skimmer of the Sea's by Cooper.

Ordered That the Librarian subscribe for the Library of Entertaining Knowledge and write to W. W. Worsly Louisville and get the back numbers.

Ordered That the Librarian report to next meeting the 2d Saturday in March the state of our finances.

The Board then adjourned.

E. McNamee.

Saturday 3d September 1831

Special meeting of Directors Present: The President Dr. McNamee Saml. Smith John D. Woolverton R. P. Price Jno. Law.

Ordered that the former order making an allowance of 37½ cents to S. Rathbone for binding books made at the last session be and the same is hereby repealed.

Ordered That The Treasurer be authorised to allow to S. Rathbone fifty cents for each volume bound by him and to settle said Rathbones acct.

The Board adjourned.

E. McNamee.

Monday 6 Feby. 1832

Annual Meeting of the Shareholders Present: E. McNamee, Jacob Kuykendall John D. Hay Jno. Badollet Jno.

Bruner S. Smith Wm. Burtch, J. K. Dubois, Saml. Hill J. B. Martin, Archd. Simpson & J. D. Woolverton—Doct. McNamee Chairman.

On motion Messrs. Saml. Smith J. B. Martin and J. D. Woolverton were appointed a Committee to examine the a/cs of the Librarian and to report on Saturday next.

The following named Books were purchased for the Library by the Librarian were received numbered and valued as follows:

1409-10	Peace Campaings of a Cornet	1.25
1411	Joseph Andrews	.75
1412-13	Tales of a Grandfather	1.25
1414-15	Water Witch	1.75
1416-26	Niles' Register	35.25
1427-34	Edinburgh Review	25.55
1435-36	Young Duke	1.50

On motion it was ordered that the Librarian credit Saml. Smith for Tales of a Grandfather 1.25, Water Witch 1.75 making in the whole Three Dolls.

On motion it was Resolved That the Librarian forthwith make out the a/cs of delinquent shareholders to this date and deposit them in the hands of a collecting officer, giving notice however through the columns of the Vincennes Gasette that they are with such officer deposited for collection by law unless payment be made by the first day of April next.

On motion it was Resolved That the Librarian be allowed hereafter to let out Books to citisens not having shares and to transient persons, on the responsibility of a share holder under the following rules:

A Book per month	50 Cents
A per Week	25 Cents

to be paid in advance and that the money so accruing shall form part of the Library fund. The meeting then proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year when on counting the votes the following gentlemen were declared duly elected vis.: Elias McNamee, President; Samuel Smith, John Law, Samuel Judah, Jacob Kuykendall, and John Badollet, Directors; Samuel Hill, Librarian.

A Meeting of the Directors having been agreed on to take place on Saturday the 19th Inst. the meeting then adjourned.

Saml. Hill Libn.

February 18 1832

Present: E. McNamee President Kuykendall Judah and Smith Directors.

Genl. W. Johnston's proposition for paying the amt. of his dues \$10.00 was rec'd. Mr. Smith appointed a Committee to make selections The follow[ing] list of Books was adopted for our next purchases: Encyclopedia Americana, Moores Life Bryon, Pollocks Course of Time, Complete Sett Scotts Novels, History of Chivalry and the Crusades, Diary of a Physician, Bravo by Cooper, Complete sett American Farmer, 5 Vol. Malte Bruns Geography, Stewarts visit to the South Sea's, Journal of a cruise of U. S. Schooner Dolpin in the Pacific.

On motion it was ordered That a Committee be appointed whose duty it shall be to select all works of which we have duplicate copies, and all such works as it may be expedient by the decay of the binding to sell, and sell the same at auction on a credit of one year with security Mess. Jno. Badollet and S. Judah said committee who selected the subjoined Books which were sold at Auction on the tenth march at the prices annexed:

*Robertson's America	2 V.	2.62 $\frac{1}{2}$
Dicty. Arts and Science	5	3.31 $\frac{1}{4}$
Guthries Geography	2	1.18 $\frac{3}{4}$
Morses Do.	2	1.06 $\frac{1}{4}$
Pinkerton Do.	2	1.00
Humes England	6	5.08
French Revolution	1	1.00
Practical Farmer	1	.50
Philosophic Essays	1	.25
Universal Erudition	3	1.06 $\frac{1}{4}$
Essays on the Passions	1	.25
*Goldsmith A Nature	3	1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ladie's Companion	1	.50
Priestlys History	1	.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Beauties of Hervey	1 Vol.	.25
Thompsons Season	1 "	.25
Confession Faith	1 "	.25
Physico Theology	1 "	.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Shakspeare	11 "	3.06 $\frac{1}{4}$
Hapless Orphan	1 "	.31 $\frac{1}{4}$
Essays & Letters	2 "	.31 $\frac{1}{4}$
Washingtons Letters	2 "	1.00
Mysteries Udolpho	2 "	.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Dramatic Miscellanies	3 "	.75
Beggar Girl	1 "	.12 $\frac{1}{2}$

Asgills Tracts	1	"	.121½
Vagabond	1	"	.18¾
Goldsmiths Rome	1	"	.311¼
Do. England	1	"	.561¼
Gasetteer	1	"	.75
Abbess	3	"	.69
*Arabian Nights	2	"	.371½
Plain Sense	1	"	.61¼
Leland on Eloquence	1		.121½
Blairs Rhetoric	1		.61¼
*Modern Chivalry	1		.561¼
Joan of Arc	1		.25
Morses Geography	1		.25
Drydens Poems	2		1.19
Melmoths Essays	1		.19
Ossian's Poems	2		.69
Miscellanies	2		.69
*Bruces Travels	1		.66
Federalist	2		3.25
Do.	2		3.121½
Charms Literature	1		.121½
*Rollins Ancient Hist.	8		3.871½
*Marmontels Tales	3		.621½
Ildegerte	1		.25
Horrors St. Domingo	1		.311¼
Johnsons Lives	2		1.811¼
*Miltens Works	1	Vol.	.45
Franklins Do.	1	"	.311¼
Rambler	4	"	1.371½
Duncans Logic	1	"	.121½
*Lay Last Minstrel	1		.311¼
*Lady of the Lake	1		.19
Guthres Geography	1		.311¼
Isabinda	2		.25
Azunis Maratime Law	2		.871½
*Telemachus	2		2.061¼
Tristram Shandy	1		.621½
Wild Flowers	1		.121½
Popular Tales	2		.69
*Manners & Customs	2		.621½
Citisen of the World	2		.311¼
Rambler	4		1.33
Belinda	2		.561¼
*Byrons Poems	2		.42
*Thaddeus Warsaw	2		.25
Owenson's Sketches	1		.25
Crutwells Gaseeteer	1		2.00
The Book	1		.75
Heart Mid Lothair	2		.371½
Rob Roy	1		.18¾
R. D. Tracy	3		.50

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Henry Beauvais	2	.25
Laura	1	.18 $\frac{3}{4}$
Progress Love	2	.31 $\frac{1}{4}$
Whelplys [?] Compend	1	.20
Peveril of the Peak	2	.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Greens Poems	1	.19
St. Romans Well	2	.25
Albigenses	3	.62 $\frac{1}{2}$
Hutcheson on Beauty	1	.31 $\frac{1}{4}$
Duke Christian	1	.25
Ivanhoe	2	.37 $\frac{1}{2}$
Spae Wife	2	.37 $\frac{1}{2}$
Marmontels Memoirs	2	.37 $\frac{1}{2}$

Those marked thus * are to be replaced in the Library.

Samuel Smith was allowed \$1.75 for Clays Life which was numbered.

March 31 1832

A meeting of the Directors. Present: Judah Badollet, Kuykendall and McNamee President.

On motion G. W. Johnston was allowed \$13.50 for Mitfords Greece and the Librarian was directed to credit his a/c with the amt. the said work was numbered and valued as follows viz.:

Nos.	to	Mitfords Greece	13.50
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On motion it was ordered that the Library be closed three weeks from this date and the Librarian give notice that all Books now out be returned forthwith.

The following named Books purchased by the Librarian were rec'd. numbered & valued as follows and he was credited with the amt.:

No.			
	Chastelleux's Travels		.87 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Hebers Poems		.25
	Shipwreck		.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Thaddeus of Warsaw	2 V.	.62 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Arabian Nights	2 V.	.62 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Lights & Shadows Scottish Life		.31 $\frac{1}{4}$
	Romance of Histy.	2 V.	.66

On motion S. Judah & J. Kuykendall were appd. a Committee to class the [books] number them and make a new Catalogue.

February 4th 1833

At the annual Meeting of the Share holders of the Vincennes Library this day held, agreeable to their Charter—there was present: Elias McNamee, John B. Martin, Samuel Smith, John F. Snapp, John Law, Thomas C. Bailey, Richard P. Price, Elihu Stout, Archibald Simpson, Wm. Burtch, Henry D. Wheeler, Genl. W. Johnston, John D. Woolverton.

Which said meeting was organized by the appointment of Elias McNamee President—Chairman of the meeting It was then resolved that this meeting proceed to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, whereupon after counting the votes, it appeared that Elias McNamee was chosen President; Samuel Smith, John Law, Thoms. C. Bailey, John Badollet, Genl. W. Johnston, Directors; and George W. Ewing, Librarian.

On motion Resolved that the Librarian cause to be printed one hundred copies of the Catalogue complete up to this date, on fine letter paper, leaving a blank of two pages at the end of each different description of books, and that he furnish each subscriber, with one copy so soon as they are finished.

On further motion Resolved that a committee of three be appointed by the Chairman, whose duty it shall be, to call upon Samuel Hill the former Librarian, and make a full and final settlements of accounts with him as such Librarian and that they report to the first monthly meetings of the Directors, the result of the same,—Whereupon Genl. W. Johnson Saml. Smith and John B. Martin was nominated by the Chairman as such Committee.

Ordered that this meeting do now adjourn.

February 9th 1833

Special Meeting of the Directors of the Vincennes Library. Present: Elias McNamee, President; John Law, Saml. Smith, G. W. Johnston, Directors.

On motion Ordered that the Librarian receive from Dr. Elias McNamee the Memoirs of De Wit Clinton for which sd. McNamee is to receive a credit of two dollars, on ac't. of his yearly contributions.

On motion Ordered that the Librarian cause suits to be instituted for all sums due the Vincennes Library, if not paid by the first day of March next.

On Motion Ordered that the contributions for the years 1831 & 1832 due from Saml. Hill amounting to four dollars, be and the same are hereby remitted.

On Motion Ordered that the account of Mr. Saml. Hill & Messrs. Hill & Cadington for printing amounting to fifteen dollars & forty cents, be and the same are hereby allowed, for which the Librarian is authorized to credit the acct. of Saml. Hill.

Adjourned.

Geo. W. Ewing Librarian.

[October 15, 1833]

At a Special Meeting of the Directors held this day October 15th 1833 present: Elias McNamee President, John Badollett, & John Law.

Ordered That the Librarian pay the balance due for subscription to the North American Review, and have the work discontinued.

Ordered That the Librarian procure for the Library the following works— Continuation of Malte Brun's Geography—the remaining volumes of the Encyclopedia Americana—the additional Volumes of Niles Register for 1832 & 1833—A full sett of Scotts Novels; And Landers expedition to Africa.

Ordered That John Badollet & John Law or either of them be appointed a Committee to select such other works as they may think proper to the amt. of funds on hand.

Ordered That the Board do now Adjourn.

Geo. W. Ewing Librarian.

February 3d 1834

At a meeting of the shareholders of the Vincennes Library this day held, agreeable to the Charter of said Vincennes Library there was present: Richard P. Price, John B. Martin, A. T. Ellis, William Burtch, John Law, Samuel Judah, Elihu Stout, John Moore, John Badollett.

On motion of John Law Richard P. Price was nominated as Chairman of this meeting in the absence of E. McNamee President—who took the Chair— whereupon George W. Ewing Librarian submitted his Annual Report of the receipts and disbursements of the Library Company—which Report was accepted, and ordered to be filed.

On motion of Mr. Judah Resolved That the following shares in the Vincennes Library be forfeited for nonpayment of their yearly contributions towit: J. C. S. Harrison, John McClure, Peter Jones, D. C. Johnson.

On Motion of Mr. Ellis Resolved that the Librarian be authorized and empowered to dispose of a Book press some time previous, conditionally sold to John A. Dardenne.

On motion This meeting proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year and after counting the votes, the Chairman pro. tem. declared John Law, Saml. Judah, Abner T. Ellis, William Burtch and John Moore duly elected Directors for the ensuing year, George W. Ewing Librarian and Richard P. Price President.

On motion Ordered that this meeting do now adjourn.

Geo. W. Ewing Librarian.

February 2nd 1835

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Vincennes Library this day held, agreeable to the charter of said Vincennes Library Company there was present: Elihu Stout, John B. Martin, Joseph B. Somes, John Moore, John Badollet, Wm. J. Heberd, Wm. Burtch, Henry M. Gilham.

On motion Elihu Stout was nominated Chairman pro tem of this meeting in the absence of R. P. Price Prest. Decd. who took the chair.

Whereupon on motion This meeting proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, and after counting the votes, the Chairman pro. tem. declared John Law duly elected President—Joseph Somes John Badollet, Wm. Burtch, A. T. Ellis and John Moore Directors; and George W. Ewing Librarian for the ensuing year.

On further motion Ordered that this meeting do now adjourn.

Geo. W. Ewing Librarian.

[June 17, 1835]

Meeting of the Directors this 17th day of June A. D. 1835 Present: John Badollet, Wm. Burtch, & Abner T. Ellis.

On motion of A. T. Ellis Esqr. Ordered that the following Books which were purchased by Messrs. Burtch & Heberd

for the Vincennes Library be received; as per Bill of the same filed.

On further motion Ordered that the Librarian cause to be purchased for the Vincennes Library the 5th volume of Malte Brun's Universal Geography.

And on further motion Ordered that the Librarian sell and dispose of all copies of works, of which there are duplicate Copies in the Library, as also the copy of Byrons Works.

A list of the Books which were purchased by Messrs. Burtch & Heberd for the Vincennes Library Company, & recd. of them by order of the Board of Directors this day made:

1261-87	Waverly Novels	27	Volumes	22.00
1314-7	Cuviers Animal Kingdom	4	"	9.00
1288-90	Peter Simple	3	"	1.75
1291-2	Tom Cringles Log	3	"	1.75
1294-5	Pacha	2	"	1.13
	John Marsten Hall			1.
	Combe on Health			.45
	Anastasius			.90
	Last days of Pompei			.45
1296-7	Cruise of Midge	2	"	1.25
	Lander's Niger	2	"	.90
	Smiths Thucidides	2	"	3.00
	Abercrombie on the Intellectual powers			.45
	History of the Jews	3	"	1.25
	History of Insects	1	"	.45
	Demonology	1	"	.45
	Polar Seas	1	"	.45
1318-22	Curiosities of Literature	5	"	4.50
	Helen	1	"	.65
1298-9	Burn's Travels	2	"	1.50
	Malte Brun's Un. Geogr.	1	"	2.00
	Says Political Economy	1	"	1.75
	Two Old Mens Tales			.90
	Scotts Scotland	2	"	1.25
	Dunglisons Hygeine	1	"	3.00
	Chitty Med. Juris	1	"	3.25
1301-13	Encyclopedia Americana	13	"	26.00
	Cavendish			.85
	Byrons Works	8	"	2.50
	Ross first voyage of Discovery	1	"	10.00
	Niles Register vol. 40-1-2-3-4-5-6 & 7			25.00

And the Board adjourned.

Geo. W. Ewing Librarian.

February 1st 1836

At the annual meeting of the Shareholders of the Vincennes Library Company held on this day agreeably to the rules for the government of said Company, there were present: John Badollet, William Burtch, Jesse K. Dubois, Nicholas Smith, Henry D. Wheeler, William J. Heberd, Abner T. Ellis, Thomas C. Baily, & Joseph Somes.

Whereupon on motion and by consent of all present Dr. Joseph Somes was nominated as Chairman pro. tem. of this meeting in the absence of John Law the President of the Board of Directors who took the Chair and called the meeting to order— Whereupon the Librarian submitted his account current, exhibiting a statement of the monies received, and expended by him since his last report to the shareholders, shewing a Balance in his hands, this 1st day of Feby. 1836 of \$40.79, which was approved of and On motion, Ordered to be received and filed.

The Librarian Reported to this meeting the sale which he had made of the Copy of Byrons Works to Henry D. Wheeler for two dollars & fifty cents, agreeable to an order of the Board of Directors made the 17 June 1835, which was approved of.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers for the current year, when upon counting the ballots the following persons were declared to be duly elected, viz.: John Law, President; Geo. W. Ewing, Librarian; John Badollet, Abner T. Ellis, H. D. Wheeler, Joseph Somes, & John B. Martin, Directors.

And on motion the meeting then adjourned.

Geo. W. Ewing Librarian.

February 6th 1837

At an annual meeting of the Share holders of the Vincennes Library Company held on this day agreeable to the rules for the government of said Company there were present: John Law, Henry D. Wheeler, Joseph Somes, Elihu Stout, Nicholas Smith, William Burtch, & William J. Heberd.

Whereupon John Law President of the Board of Directors took the chair and organized the meeting.

George W. Ewing Librarian submitted his account current, exhibiting a statement of the monies received and expended by him since his last annual report, shewing a balance in his hands of \$53.91½ which was approved of and ordered to be filed.

On motion of Joseph Somes—Resolved, that all accounts due the Library be forthwith placed with an officer for immediate collection.

On further motion of J. Somes Resolved, that the following share holders in the Vincennes Library Company be forfeited for the non payment of their yearly contributions to wit: Henry M. Gilham, Hyacinthe Lasselle, William E. Breeding, Abraham F. Snapp and Samuel Smith.

Whereupon on motion This meeting then proceeded to the election of a President, Five Directors and a Librarian for the ensuing year, and after counting the votes, the chairman declared the result as follows, to wit: John Law, President; A. T. Ellis, Joseph Somes, H. D. Wheeler, John Badollet, & John B. Martin, Directors; George W. Ewing, Librarian.

And on motion this meeting then adjourned sine die.

Geo. W. Ewing Librarian.

[February 11, 1837]

Special meeting of the Board of Directors held at the Library Room February 11th A. D. 1837 Present: John Law, Prest.; John Badollet, Joseph Somes, H. D. Wheeler, Abner T. Ellis, Directors.

On motion A. T. Ellis was chosen Secretary pro. tem.

On motion of Mr. Wheeler it was ordered that Joseph Somes be allowed the sum of *two dollars and fifty cents* to be credited on his a/c for the "*Memoirs of Vidocque*" 2 vols.—& "*Hunch back*—" 2 vols.

On further motion Resolved That Joseph Somes and H. D. Wheeler be appointed a committee to procure such specimens of natural history—and minerals—embracing every variety of Iron lead silver copper, & lead coal and other ores and all other specimens calculated to throw light upon the natural and geological history and particularly of this state as they can procure by donation or otherwise and place the same in the Library as the foundation of a cabinet of natural

history and that it be recommended to the share holders to aid them in this object each specimen to be marked with the name of the Donor.

Resolved—that John Badollet Esq.—open a communication with Mr. Le Seur relative to his proposition in regard to the Fossil Bones now in the Library, and allow him to take a copy of the same, and also request of him any duplicate specimens he may have of minerals or objects of natural [history] for the Library—the same to be marked as presented by Mr. Le Seur should the donation be made.

Resolved further that John Law, John Badollet and Abner T. Ellis be appointed a committee with authority for the present year to select and order such books and periodicals as they shall think proper taking into consideration the financial concerns of the Library.

Resolved further that Joseph Somes, H. D. Wheeler and Abner T. Ellis be appointed 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 and its regulation in the same with authority to conclude such an arrangement as they shall think for the interest of the Library—and to report their doings therein.

adjourned—to meet on the call of the Prest. or in pursuance of the bye Laws.

Vincennes Feb. 11th 1837

A. T. Ellis Secy.—pro tem

John Law President.

Novr. 27th 1837

At a meeting of Board of Directors this day held, present: John B. Martin, Pres. pro tem; Jos. Somes, A. T. Ellis.

Resolved That George R. Gibson be appointed to fill the vacancy in the Directory occasioned by the decease of John Badollet Esqr.

Resolved That Jos. Somes, John B. Martin & Geo. R. Gibson be appointed a committee to procure a table, chairs & such other furniture as they may think proper for the Library.

Resolved, That Geo. W. Ewing Librarian pay over to A. T. Ellis for the purpose of purchasing Books the sum of One Hundred dollars.

And Resolved further that John B. Martin Geo. R. Gibson and Jos. Somes be appointed a Committee to review and report a Code of By Laws for the regulation of the Library.

Geo. W. Ewing Librarian.

February 5th 1838

At an annual meeting of the Share holders of the Vincennes Library Company this day held agreeably to the rules for the Government of said Company, there was present: John D. Hay, Wm. Burtch, A. Badollet, Saml. Hill, Jos. Somes, John B. Martin, John Moore, Wm. J. Heberd, Geo. R. Gibson, H. D. Wheeler.

Which was organized by choosing John D. Hay Chairman of this meeting, and Geo. W. Ewing secretary.

Whereupon George W. [Ewing] Librarian submitted his account current, of the monies received and expended since his last annual report, shewing a balance in his hands of \$18.20—which on motion, was approved of, and ordered to be filed.

On motion of Mr. Martin—It was resolved That the Directors be instructed to employ some suitable person, to prepare a full catalogue of all the books now belonging to this company, and cause a suitable number of copies to be printed for the use of the Share holders—said books to be arranged a new if necessary.

On motion of S. Hill Esq.—It was resolved—That George W. Ewing our late Librarian be presented with a Share in the Library for his services to this Company; and also that the Thanks of the Share holders be presented to him for his attention to their interest.

On motion, This meeting proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year—(and) after counting the votes the Chairman pro tem declared the result as follows, to wit: Saml. Hill, President; Reed Wilkison, Librarian; A. T. Ellis, Geo. R. Gibson, Jos. Somes, J. B. Martin, Geo. W. Ewing, Directors.

whereupon, this meeting adjourned.

Geo. W. Ewing Secretary

Samuel Hill Prest.

Feb. 6. 1838

At a meeting of the President & Directors present: Samuel Hill, President; Reed Wilkinson, Secretary; A. T. Ellis, J. B. Martin, G. W. Ewing, Joseph Somes, & G. R. Gibson, Directors.

John Moore's a/c for furnishing table for use of Library \$8.00 allowed.

Jona. Smiley's a/c for chairs \$10.00 allowed.

A. T. Ellis from the committee to purchase Books reported as follows,

"The Committee to whom had been referred the selecting and purchasing of books for the Library report the following list which have been purchased—and of which with the expences of the removal of the Library A. T. Ellis has rendered an a/c from which it appears there is a balance in his hands of the \$100, paid him by the Treasurer of \$21.77.

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On motion of G. W. Ewing it was

"Resolved, That a Treasurer be appointed whose duty it shall be to demand and receive all monies due for annual contributions, fines assessed, or shares sold belonging to or due the Library Company and pay the same on an order of the President and Directors—who shall keep a regular account of his receipts & disbursements and shall lay the same before the Shareholders at their annual meeting.

And resolved further, That the Librarian be relieved from such duty as is by the forgoing resolutions given to the Treasurer.

Resolved further—That it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to procure a book to enter all Shareholders, and the several transfers that may be made from time to time."

On motion the Directors proceeded to the choice of a Treasurer when G. W. Ewing was duly elected.

On motion of A. T. Ellis it was Resolved—"That a Committee be appointed to ascertain the names of the present shareholders and report the same to the next meeting.

Resolved further—That a committee of two be appointed with the assistance of the President and Librarian to make or procure to be made a Catalogue of the Library for publication—to which is to be prefixed the Charter and Amendments with the Bye Laws.

Resolved further—That said Committee be authorized and empowered to contract for the printing of Nos. for the books—as also for the printing of Catalogues to the number of 200 on good foolscap paper with blank leaves for the addition of new books to each department. Resolved further—that none of said Catalogues be delivered to shareholders, or otherwise except on the payment of 25 cents.

Resolved further—That said Committee select and set aside for sale all duplicate books in the Library, and such others as are not fit for use and report a list of the same.”

The Chair appointed A. T. Ellis & G. W. Ewing.

Account reported by the committee on the purchase of books, mentioned two pages back.

“Vincennes Library

In a/c with A. T. Ellis Dr.

1838 [i.e., 1837]

Aug. 30.	To am't. paid Jona. Taylor for self & boy in removing Library to the Academy	\$ 1.50
Sep. 16.	To am't. paid P. M. Donnilly about the same	3.00
1838.	Bill of Books purchased of Burgess & Crane &C.	71.63
Jany. 6	Freight on same	1.50
"	Balance due Vin. Library	22.37
1837. Cr.		\$100.00
Nov. 28.	By am't. recd. of G. W. Ewing	100.00

The following is a list of the Books mentioned in the above Bill:

1 Sett Pickwick		\$2.00
1 Liebur Letters		1.50
1 Stuart's Travels		1.00
1 Colovar [?]		1.25
1 Horse Shoe Robinson		1.25
1 Fielding		1.75
1 Venitia		1.50
3 Vol's. Plays		1.50
1 Hawks of H. Hollow		1.25
1 Coleridge's Works	3 vol's.	2.75
1 Nick of the Woods	2 vol's.	1.63
1 Life of Jefferson	2 "	6.00
1 Gall's Works	6 "	5.50
1 Sett F. Library	82 " 50 cts.	41.00

\$70.38

Samuel Hill Prest.

April 17th 1838.

At a meeting of the Directors this day held present:
Saml. Hill, Prest.; J. B. Martin, Joseph Somes, A. T. Ellis,
Geo. R. Gibson, Directors.

On motion Geo. R. Gibson was appointed Secretary pro.
Tem.

Joseph Somes, from the Committee appointed to revise
and report a code of By-Laws, for the regulation of the
Library, at the Novr. Session 1837—made a Report which
was Read, approved of and ordered to be printed with the
Catalogue.

On motion of A. T. Ellis the following amendment was
made thereto—

Sec. 14— The following standing committees of Three each
shall be annually appointed by the President viz.:

- a Committee on finance
- a Committee on Books.
- a Committee on Library room and furniture.

Saml. Hill reported a Catalogue of the Books belonging to
the Company—which was accepted and ordered to be printed.
whereupon this meeting adjourned.

Geo. R. Gibson Secy.

Samuel Hill Prest.

June 28. 1838.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of Vincennes
Library Company, Present: Samuel Hill, Prest.; Joseph
Somes, A. T. Ellis, J. B. Martin, Geo. R. Gibson, Directors.

Ordered that the following books be received and num-
bered as follows:

		No.	price
Life of Aaron Burr	2 Vols.	1535-6	\$5.00
The Robber	2 Vols.	1537-8	1.25
The Pickwick Club	5th. Vol.		.75
Alice, by Bulwer	2 Vols.	1539-40	.75
Lelia	1 Vol.		.75
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			8.50

Ordered that A. T. Ellis be credited with the price of the
above books in his a/c with the Company. (See No. 6.)

Whereupon the Board adjourned.

R. Wilkinson—Sec'y.

Samuel Hill Prest.

Vincennes Oct. 6 1838

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vincennes Library Co. held this day Present: Samuel Hill, President; A. T. Ellis, J. B. Martin, G. R. Gibson, Directors.

On motion the Board proceeded to fill the vacancy therein caused by the death of George W. Ewing Esqr. when Jno. Law was declared duly elected a Director.

The Board then proceeded to the choice of a Treasurer in place of George W. Ewing Esqr. deceased, when Jn. B. Martin was declared duly elected Treasurer.

On Motion of Mr. Law. It was Resolved That all the Books Papers and other Documents, connected with the financial concerns of the Library be handed over to J. B. Martin our Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Law. It was Resolved that the Treasurer be requested to make out a list of *all* the Stockholders, the amount due from each—and the names of those whose shares it would be good policy to forfeit.

On motion of Mr. Gibson. Resolved that the Treasurer pay to R. Y. Caddington the sum of Thirty Dollars for printing the Catalogue of Books in the Library out of the first monies in his hands.

On motion of S. Hill Resolved That the Catalogues be deposited with the Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Hill. Resolved. That this association regret the decease of their late venerable and worthy President Jn. Badollet Esqr. and that a list of the Books bequeathed by him to this institution be registered on the minute book and numbered with the Books of the Library and that all contributions due from the deceased be remitted to this date.

Donation from Jn. Badollet Esqr.

1541
to 1556 Les Oeuvres De Rosseau Vols. 1. 2. 7. 9.
10. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23
1557 Rosseau's Letters
1558
to 1560 L'Hermite de La Chaussee A'Antin
1561
to 1564 Romans et Contes De Voltaire
1565-6 La Religieuse
1567-70 Le Compere Mathieu
1571 Voltaire's Epistres Stances et Odes

- 1572
to 1574 Recherches sur Nature et Les Causes de la
Richesse 2. 3 & 5 Vol.
1575 Oeuvres de Bolieu Vol. 74 [?]
1576 Oeuvres Diverses du D'Espreux [?]
1577 Tables Portatives of Logarithmes
1578 Le Guide Des Seunes [?] Mathematiciens
1579 La Trigonometrie Rectiligne & Spherique
1580 La Science Des Ombres
1581 L'An Deux Mille quartre cent quarante
1582
to 1586 Cours de Mathematiques
1587 Essai d'une methode pour apprendre a jouer de la
Flute traversiere
1588
to 1594 Histoire Universelle Vols. 1 2 3 4 5
6-8
1595 Voyages en France
1596-7 L'Hermite De La Guiane
1598 Lettres sur le etat presant du Christianisme
1599 Recherches sur les Principes de la Morale
1600-1 Theorie des Peines et des Recompenses
1602 Lecons elementaires D'Optique
1603 Lecons elementaires De Mathematiques
1604-5 Etas Unis D' L'Amerique
1606 Historie Philosophique et Politique
1607 Dialogues of Lucian

Samuel Hill President.

Vincennes 3 Nov. 1838

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vincennes Library Company this day present: Samuel Hill, President; Abner T. Ellis, Joseph Somes, John Law, J. B. Martin, G. R. Gibson, Directors.

On motion it was resolved That Stephen's incident of travel in Egypt Syria &c. be received from Revd. Mr. Crosby for his annual Subscription the present year and that they to be delivered to the Librar[ian] and number'd:

1608-9 Stephens Incidents of travel in Egypt Syria &c. 2 v.

On motion it was resolved That Stephen's Incidents of Travel in Greece Russia and Poland 2 Vols. be accepted & received from John Law Esqr. for his annual subscription for the present year and that they be delivered the Librarian numbered:

1610-11 Stephen's Incidents of Travel in Greece Russia & Poland

Samuel Hill Prest.