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Publications (Selected):
A glimpse of old Bridgeport and its environs in the Bluegrass of Kentucky, 1774-1899.
Abraham Lincoln in Kentucky literature, 1859-1949; an annotated bibliography for students and collectors of Lincolniana.
An historical bibliography of Lexington, Kentucky: 1774-1946 (with annotations).
Early Clark County, Kentucky: a history, 1674-1824.
Early Frankfort and Franklin County, Kentucky: a chronology of historical sketches covering the century 1750-1850.
Early Kentucky distillers, 1783-1800.
Early Kentucky literature, 1750-1840.
Early times: the story of Westley Hardin, with some account of his taverns on the Big Road in Franklin and Shelby Counties, Kentucky, 1788-1821.
First American gusher: notes on the history, geology and production of the Stockton oil well drilled in Cumberland County, Kentucky, in 1829.
In those days: a retrospective glance across the vanished years of the Class of 1912 at Syracuse University.
Kentucky history: a check and finding list of the principal published and manuscript sources of the general, regional, and county history of the commonwealth, 1729-1936.
Kentucky literature: a retrospective glance across half a century, 1900-1950.
Lincoln back home: two episodes in the career of the great Civil War president mirrored in the daily Kentucky press, 1860-1865.
Literary haunts and personalities of old Frankfort, 1791-1941.
Old Kentucky entries and deeds: a complete index to all of the earliest land entries, military warrants, deeds and wills of the commonwealth of Kentucky.

Paul Sawyier: American artist (1865-1917) a brief biographical sketch.

Pioneer Kentucky: an outline of its exploration and settlement, its early cartography and primitive geography, coupled with a brief presentation of the principal trails, traces, forts, stations, springs, licks, fords and ferries used prior to the year 1800.

Rambo Flats: a sketch of the life, military service, and literary achievements of James Tandy Ellis (1868-1942).

Rare Kentucky books: 1776 – 1926, a check and finding list of scarce, fugitive, curious and interesting books and pamphlets with annotations and price current appended.

Tales of the dark and bloody ground; a group of fifteen original papers on the early history of Kentucky.

The Big Sandy Valley: a regional history prior to the year 1850.

The first landowners of Frankfort, Kentucky, 1774-1790.

The first printing in Kentucky; some account of Thomas Parvin and John Bradford and the establishment of the Kentucky gazette in Lexington in the year 1787, with a bibliography of seventy titles.

The flowering of Kentucky history; a chronology of the life and times of Reuben Thomas Durrett, 1824-1913.

The great flood of 1937 in Louisville, Kentucky.

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The land adventures of George Washington.

The memoirs of Willard Rouse Jillson.

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