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NAVIGATION

NAVIGATION ON THE HOME PAGE

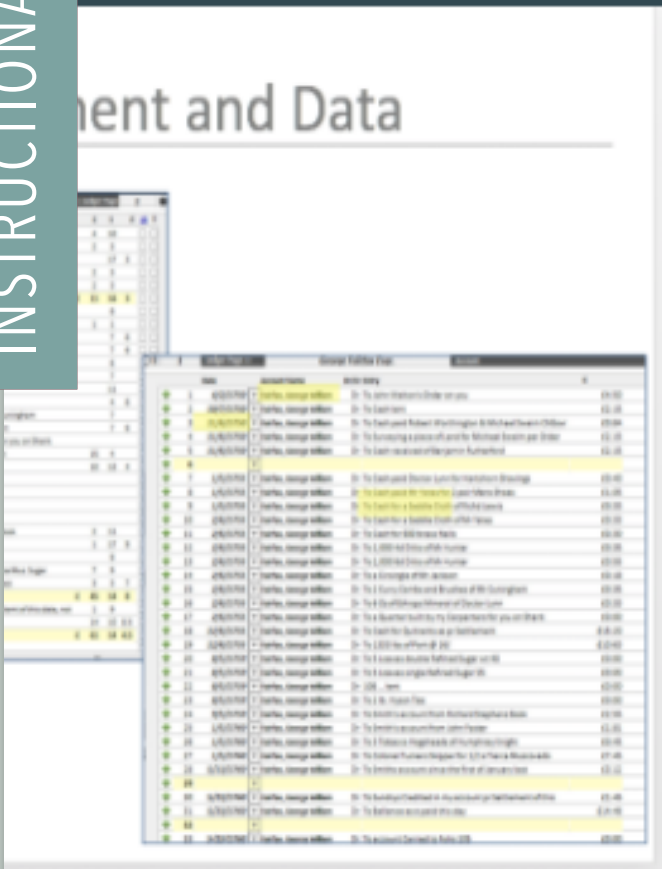
The home page for The George Washington Financial Papers Project provides a dynamic way to interact with the site's content. Clicking on any of the panels reveals the entire image in addition to details about that particular section. To see all of the panels again, click the black circle marked with an X in the top right corner. To enter the site, use any of the menu items in the topmost section.

NAVIGATION CONT...



THE MAIN NAVIGATION

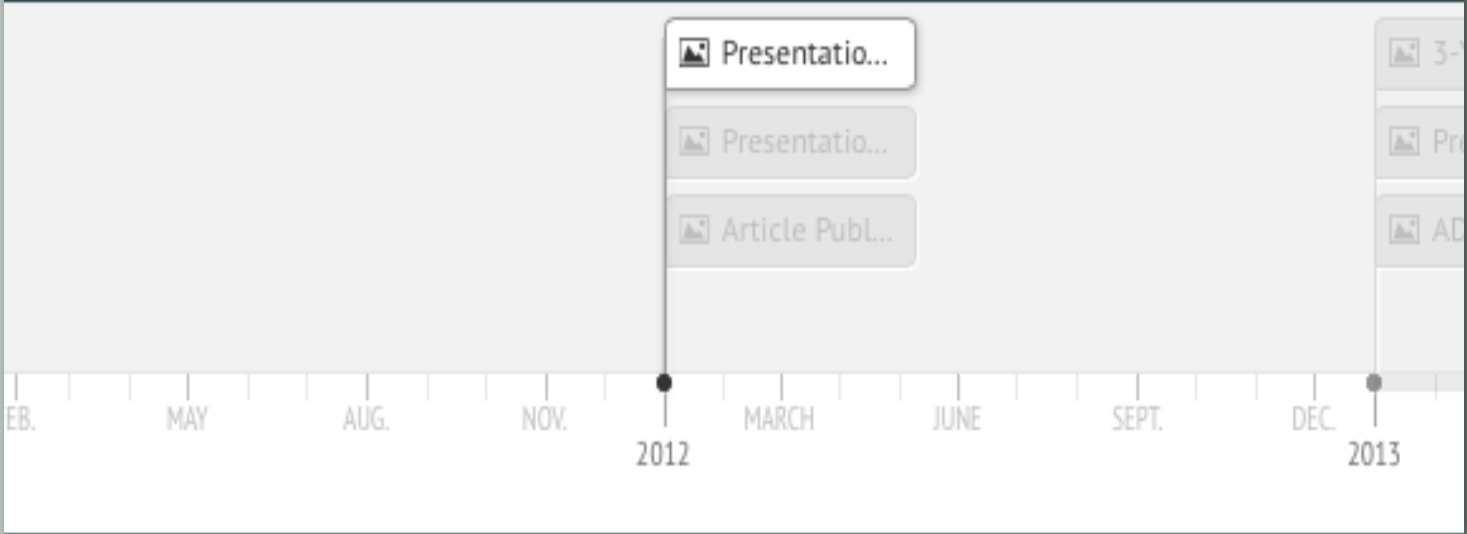
In order to navigate through the George Washington Financial Papers Project website, use the Main Menu located at the top of every page. Each menu item will be explained in full throughout this instructional book. For now, it is important to note that some menu items (About, Documents, Search, Explore, and Resources) contain additional sub-menu items, all of which lead to interesting information related to the site and its content.



2012

PRESENTATION AT THE CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR DIGITAL HUMANIT

In May of 2012, Jennifer Stertzzer presented paper "Working with the Financial Record George Washington: Data and Database" at an annual meeting of The Canadian Society for Digital Humanities in Waterloo, Canada.



ABOUT

LEARN ABOUT THE PROJECT HISTORY

The About page contains a description of the George Washington Financial Papers Project as well as information about its background and funding, from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC). Also included is a timeline illustrating the conception and development of the project and related presentations and publications. A page of acknowledgments provides a list of individuals and organizations who are currently working on or have contributed to the project, as well as a list of image credits.

Documents

AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

Currently, the George Washington Financial Papers Project has digitally published the following: Ledger A, 1750 -1772; Ledger B, 1772-1793; and Ledger C, 1790-1799. Also included in the site is a Gouverneur Morris account (Cash Book, 1811-1816) to illustrate that other accounts can be entered into this system.

George Washington’s Business and Household Records

General Ledger A, 1750 - 1772
[Washington]

General Ledger B, 1772-1793
[Washington]

1799

Gouverneur Morris’s Business and Household Records

Cash Book, 1811 - 1816 [G. Morris]

THE DOCUMENTS

General Ledger A, 1750 - 1772 [Washington]

General Ledgers A, B, & C contain the basic business accounts of George Washington's estates for forty-three years. A name index for each volume provides access to records showing receipts and expenditures in transactions with individuals (the index for Ledger Book B is a separate volume). All receipts and expenses for goods and services generated by Washington's Mount Vernon estate can be found here. Mostly in Washington's own hand, these records show the acquisition of land, the sales of farm products, the work of servants, the operation of mills, and the purchases and sales of slaves. Ledger C is at Morristown National Historical Park in Morristown, New Jersey.

There are 356 folio pages.

Washington, George. *George Washington Papers, Series 5, Financial Papers: General Ledger A, 1750 to 1772*. /1772, 1750. Manuscript/Mixed Material. Retrieved from the Library of Congress, <https://www.loc.gov/item/mgw500001/>. (Accessed February 16, 2017.)

Source/Repository:
DLC:GW: U.S. Library of Congress, George Washington Papers, Washington, D.C.

Library of Congress Link:
George Washington Papers, Series 5, Financial Papers: General Ledger A, 1750-1772
Transcription Available: Yes

Time Period: Colonial (7 July 1748 - 15 June 1775)

Related Accounts:
General Ledger B, 1772 - 1793 [Washington]
General Ledger C, 1790 - 1799 [Washington]
Document Type: Ledger Book of Accounts

Ledger A, 1750 - 1772: pg.1	Ledger A, 1750 - 1772: pg.11
Fairfax, George William	Carlyle, John
Ledger A, 1750 - 1772: pg.2	Ledger A, 1750 - 1772: pg.12
Washington, Augustine	Alton, John

Ledgers A and B are housed at the Library of Congress as part of Series 5 of the George Washington collection; Ledger C is at Morristown (N.J.) National Historical Park. Together, the three ledgers are composed of almost 800 folio pages. Each folio page includes a page of debits (the left side) and a page of credits (the right side). While the three ledgers contain a vast amount of information, there are several account books of various types not yet available on the site.

THE BOOK LAYOUT

In order to view the contents of each of these account books, go to the Documents link in the Main Menu and select the appropriate ledger. Some basic information, including a link to the Library of Congress collection, will be displayed. A list of each folio page within the selected ledger will also appear. The teal title link goes to the actual folio page where the transactions for that page can be found. Below the folio page titles is the name(s) of the account holder(s) for that page. The names are linked to biographical information, which will be discussed later.

Twenty folio page titles are listed at a time. To view additional folio pages, use the pager at the bottom of the page. When a folio page title is selected, the transactions, images, and other metadata for that page are presented.

FOLIO PAGE LAYOUT

Each folio page is composed of a debit and credit side, along with associated transaction lines, which are displayed on the right. Images of the original pages of both the debit and credit sides have also been provided, with an image viewer that allows for zooming. Links to the Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations, a calculator to add and subtract of pounds, shillings, and pence, and links to the next and previous folio pages are also provided.

On the left side of each folio page, a page overview details the account name, people, places, occupation/title, etc., mentioned on the page.

Previous Page:
Ledger A, 1750 - 1772: pg.1

Page Overview

Image 1

Image 2

Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations

Esd Calculator

Account Name:

• Washington, Augustine

People/Organizations:

• Adam, Robert

• Washington, Augustine

• Wren, James

Place:

• Mount Vernon (estate; Fairfax County, Va.)

Occupation/ Title:

• Slave

• Colonel

Services:

• Advertising

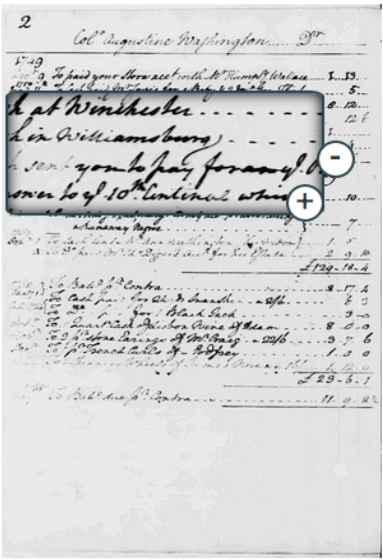
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Food and Beverage:

Page Overview

Image 1

Image 2



Next Page:
Ledger A, 1750 - 1772: pg.3

Debit

Credit

Year	Month	Day	Account Name	Entry	£	sh	d
1			Colo. Augustine Washington Dr				
2	1749	Deer	9	To paid your Store acct with Mr Humpy Wallace	1	13	
3	1750	Jany	11th	To Cash paid Mr Lewis for a Baby & 2 dozn Gun Flints		5	
4		July	8	To Cash	8	12	
5				To Ditto at Mount Vernon		12	6
6	1755	Jany		To four pair Negros Shoes @ 5/	1		

Next Page:
Ledger A, 1750 - 1772: pg.3

Debit

Credit

Year	Month	Day	Account Name	Entry	£	sh	d
1			Contra Cr				
2	1749	Deer	11	By one pair Leather Breeches	1	15	
3		June	24	By Cash	1	1	6
4			29	By Ditto	8	12	
5		July	6	By Ditto at Mr Boothes	12	6	
6				By Feathers bought for me			
7	1757	May	2	By Cash in Williamsburg £6 Ditto in Ditto £3	9		
8				By Ditto in Ditto	100		

DOCUMENT CATALOG

Document Title	Date	Repository	Link to Images
Copybook of Invoices and Letters, 1754-1766 [Washington]	1755 to 1766	DLC:GW: U.S. Library of Congress, George Washington Papers, Washington, D.C.	George Washington Papers, Series 1: Copybook of Invoices and Letters, 1766
Copybook of Letters and Invoices, 1767-1775 [Washington]	1767 to 1775	DLC:GW: U.S. Library of Congress, George Washington Papers, Washington, D.C.	George Washington Papers, Series 1: Copybook of Letters and Invoices, 1775
Cash Book, 1811 - 1816 [G. Morris]	1811 to 1816	PPAmP: American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, Pa.	
Pocket Book of Cash Expenses, August, 1772 - May, 1773 [Washington]	1772 August 9 to 1773 May 31	DLC:GW: U.S. Library of Congress, George Washington Papers, Washington, D.C.	George Washington Papers, Series 1: Pocket Book of Cash Expenses, 1772 - May, 1773
Pocket Book of Cash Expenses, May, 1773 - March, 1774 [Washington]	1773 May 29 to 1774 March 22	DLC:GW: U.S. Library of Congress, George Washington Papers, Washington, D.C.	George Washington Papers, Series 1: Pocket Book of Cash Expenses, - March, 1774
Pocket Book of Cash Expenses, October, 1774 - May, 1775 [Washington]	1774 October 26 to 1775 May 3	DLC:GW: U.S. Library of Congress, George Washington Papers, Washington, D.C.	George Washington Papers, Series 1: Pocket Book of Cash Expenses, 1774 - May, 1775
Pocket Book of Cash Expenses, May, 1775 - January, 1776; September, 1783 - December, 1784 [Washington]	1775 May 3 to 1784 December 22	DLC:GW: U.S. Library of Congress, George Washington Papers, Washington, D.C.	George Washington Papers, Series 1: Pocket Book of Cash Expenses, - January, 1776; September, 1783 - December, 1784
Pocket Book of Daily Expenses, Constitutional Convention, 1787 [Washington]	1787 May 9 to 1787 September 22	DLC:GW: U.S. Library of Congress, George Washington Papers, Washington, D.C.	George Washington Papers, Series 1: Pocket Book of Daily Expenses, Constitutional Convention, 1787

GW had several account books. Many of them are housed at the Library of Congress, and others are located at a number of other repositories. The GWFPF team has focused on GW's three main ledger books. The document catalog provides a listing of financial documents related to GW. Currently, the list includes only those at the Library of Congress, but future plans include its expansion.

Displaying 1 - 23 of 23

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Search

Book page	Date	Account Name	Entry
Ledger A, 1750 - 1772: pg.15	14 April 1756		To my Order on Mr Anthoy
Ledger A, 1750 - 1772: pg.15	10 September 1757		To my Order on Mr Bacon for proceeds of Eight Hogshead Captn Younger
Ledger A, 1750 - 1772: pg.16	1755	Anthony Bacon & Company	
Ledger A, 1750 - 1772: pg.16	1755	Anthony Bacon & Company	To two Hhds Tobo Shipd yo Thompson
Ledger A, 1750 - 1772: pg.16	1757	Anthony Bacon & Company	To Ten Ditto pr Ditto
Ledger A, 1750 - 1772: pg.16	1757	Anthony Bacon & Company	To Eight Ditto pr Captn You
Ledger A, 1750 - 1772: pg.16	1757	Anthony Bacon & Company	[Total]
Ledger A, 1750 - 1772: pg.16	1756	Anthony Bacon & Company	
Ledger A, 1750 - 1772: pg.16	1756	Anthony Bacon & Company	By my Order in favour of M

SEARCH

SEARCH THE TRANSACTIONS

A key element to the GWFPP is the ability to search through the transactions. This is possible due to the metadata that is applied to each transaction line. In order to make this resource truly beneficial, abbreviations are spelled out; references are added to dittos; missing dates are added when possible; and transactions are linked to relevant information. The basic search interface allows for text searching that finds the matching text across any field of a transaction line.

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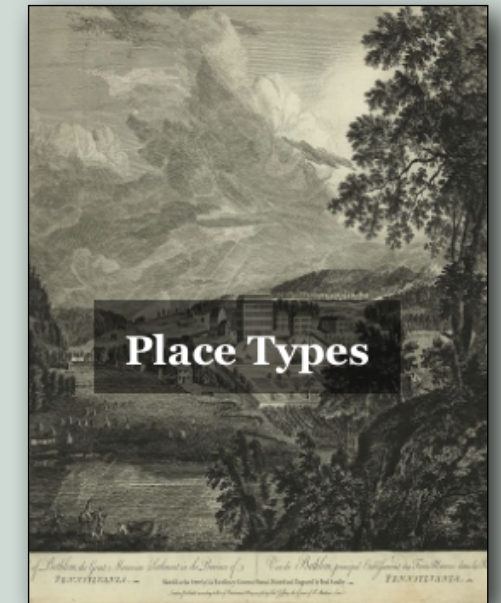
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Also available is the ability to perform advanced search queries. Combining any of the advanced filter options allows for a more granular search. These options will search only their associated fields to find matching information. More advanced search options are planned for the future, including the ability to search by pounds, shillings, and pence.

Both search options allow for the export of search results into either .csv or .xls spreadsheet formats. Exporting a large number of

transactions may take a little bit of time: a progress bar will indicate how much has been completed. Sometimes, newer versions of Microsoft Excel includes a warning message when opening the .xls file. The files are safe to open; however, some users may find this disconcerting and this issue is being addressed. The GWFPF team recommends using OpenOffice to open and work with .csv files. This software is free and can be downloaded from the software website (<https://www.openoffice.org>).

This metadata enhances the transcriptions, providing a number of ways for users to access information: people and places mentioned in the documents; what was being bought and sold; and types of work being performed. Additional lists will be included in the future.

A detailed still life painting featuring a variety of food items. In the foreground, there are several round loaves of bread, a large cantaloupe melon (one whole, one sliced), a bowl of oranges, and a small basket of grapes. In the background, a large bunch of grapes hangs from a vine, and a white cloth is draped over a basket. The scene is set against a backdrop of trees and a cloudy sky. The text "Food & Beverages" is overlaid in a dark, semi-transparent box in the center of the image.

PEOPLE CAN BE FOUND BY:

- 1. First and last name
- 2. Birth year
- 3. Death year
- 4. Occupation/Title
- 5. Gender

Any of the above options can be combined in order to create a more robust search. Additionally, an alphabetical glossary display allows alphabetical browsing. Lastly, the results of any search performed can be exported into an .xls or .csv file for download (button at bottom of page).

PEOPLE

Name

Birth

Death

Occupation

Select options

A | B | C | D | G | H | J | K | M | S | V | W | Y

Show All

Name	Birth	Death	Occupation
Abraham Hake & Company			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Firm
Acres, William			William Acres was retained by George Washington as a three Spanish dollars each f
Acton, John			
Adam, James			
Adam, Robert	1731	1789	<ul style="list-style-type: none">MerchantSheriff Robert Adam (1731–1789) w early 1750s, and settled in A including a tannery and ... R
Adams, Abednego	1721	1809	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Planter Abednego Adams (1721–180 Little Hunting Creek, Virgin
Adams, Daniel Jenifer	1751	1796	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SheriffSupercargoMilitia OfficerLieutenantMajor Daniel Jenifer Adams (1751- 1772, into a trading partners whereby flour refined at GW

PEOPLE CONT...

From the people search and interface, users can select an individual and access biographical information, including: ID, birth/death dates, occupation/title, and related names and places. This page also lists other account pages and documents in which the individual is mentioned, linking to those pages as well as to the relevant correspondence on both Founders Online and The Papers of George Washington Digital Edition on Rotunda.

In order to see other people with the same occupation, click the link. Links to other individuals with the same occupation, as well as to related individuals or places, are also provided.

James Bloxham (died c.1793) came from England in April 1786 to serve as GW's farm manager and was generally referred to by GW as "my Farmer." Before coming to the United States Bloxham worked for William Peacey of North Leach, Gloucestershire, one of England's leading gentleman farmers. Bloxham brought references both from Peacey and from GW's friend George William Fairfax who was then living in Bath. Bloxham was hired to suggest improvement for GW's farms and livestock, purchase farm supplies, keep accounts, and in general carry out his employer's directions for the management of the farms. In return GW agreed to pay him 50 guineas a year and supply him with a house and provisions. In early 1789 Bloxham was in charge of French's plantation and Ferry plantation. He apparently left GW's service before the end of 1790 or early 1791.

James Bloxham was married to Mary Bloxham.

Death: c. 1793
Gender: Male

Occupation/ Title: Overseer / Farm Manager

Related Names: Bloxham, Mary
Related Places: England
French's farm (Mount Vernon, Va.)

Citation

The Papers of George Washington Digital Edition, ed. Theodore J. Crackel. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, Rotunda, 2008.

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PGWDE Volumes:

- Confederation - Volume 4
- Diaries - Volume 4
- Presidential - Volume 1

PLACES

Place Name

County

- Any -

State

- Any -

Country

- Any -

Place Type

- Any -

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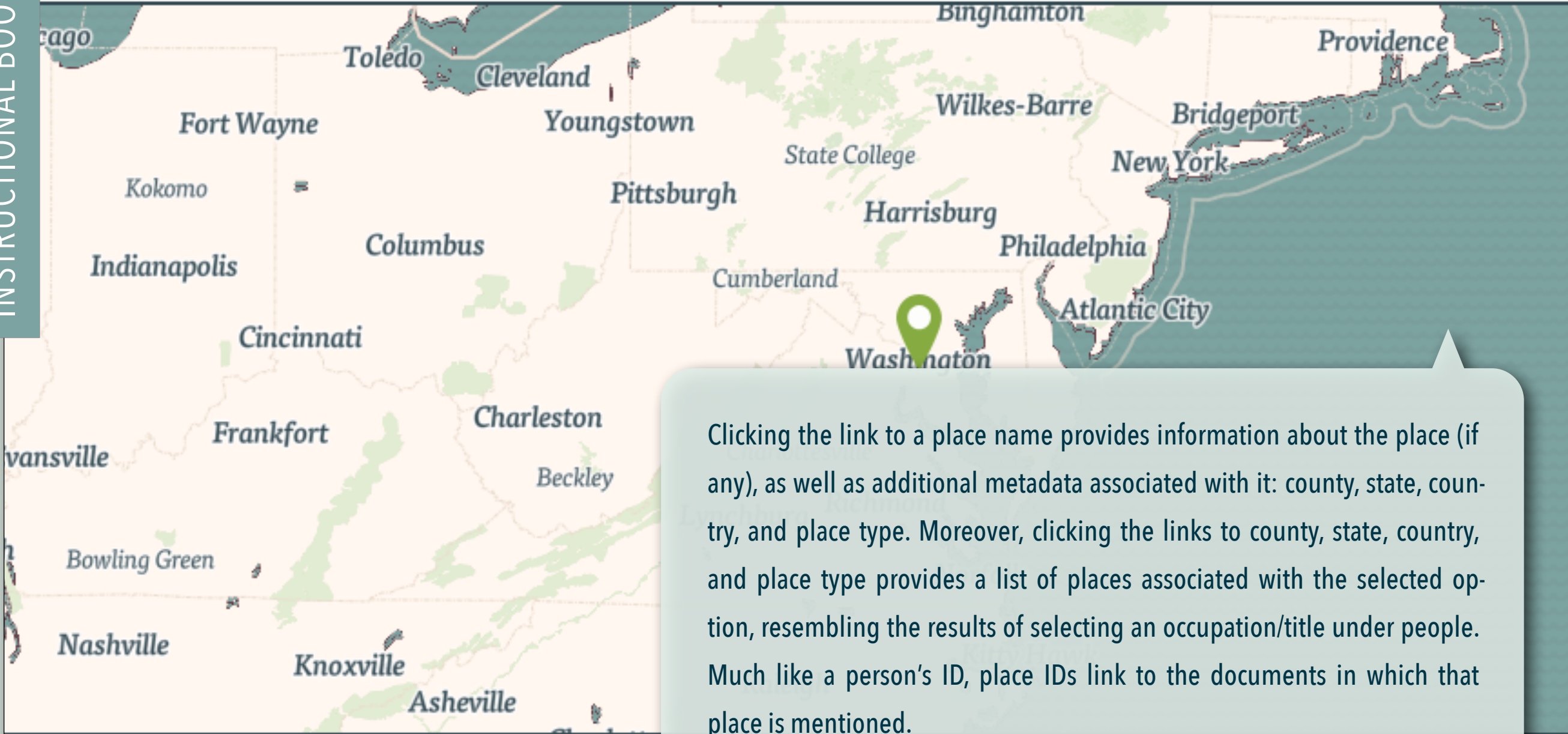
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Show All

PLACES CAN BE FOUND BY:

- 1. Place name
- 2. County
- 3. State
- 4. Country
- 5. Place type

Any of the above options can be combined in order to create a more robust search. The alphabetical glossary feature also allows for alphabetical browsing. At this time exportation into an .xls or .csv file is



Clicking the link to a place name provides information about the place (if any), as well as additional metadata associated with it: county, state, country, and place type. Moreover, clicking the links to county, state, country, and place type provides a list of places associated with the selected option, resembling the results of selecting an occupation/title under people. Much like a person's ID, place IDs link to the documents in which that place is mentioned.

An additional aspect of the place IDs is mapping. Countries, states, cities/towns, counties, and rivers have been located on the map. Other places, such as farms and estates, have been placed on the map based on the county in which they were located.

State: Virginia

Country: United States

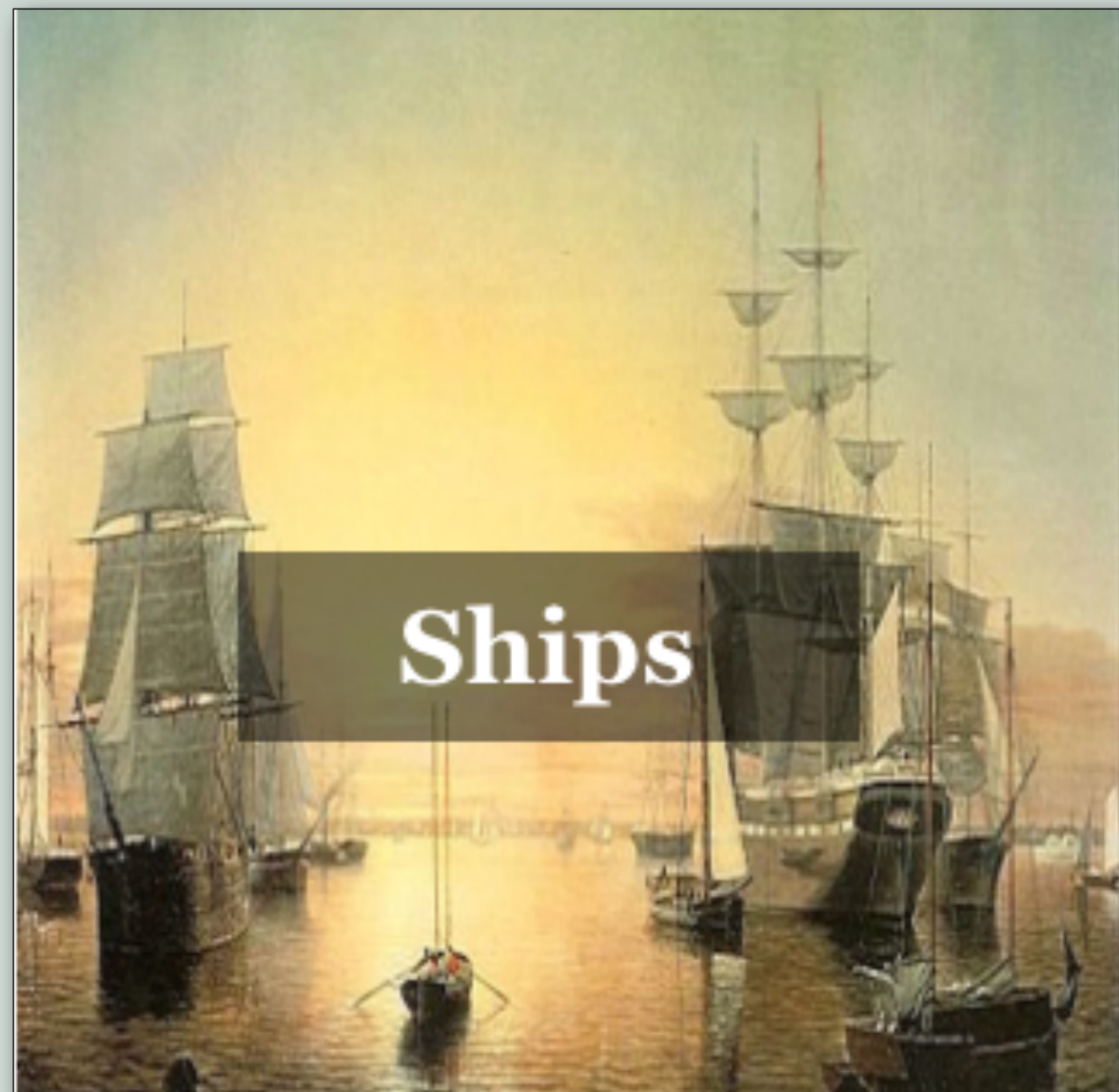
Related Documents:

SHIPS CAN BE FOUND BY:

1. Ship name
2. Text

Ships are treated similarly to people and places. Where possible, textual information is provided as well as links to related people (ship captains, ship owners, etc.). This section is still under development and was released in order to illustrate information that can be captured; new ships and related information will be added periodically.

SHIPS



CATEGORIES:

- 1. Agriculture and Horticulture
- 2. Food and Drink
- 3. Government
- 4. Health and Medicine
- 5. Horses and Livestock
- 6. Hospitality and Entertainment
- 7. Legal
- 8. Management
- 9. Masonry
- 10. Mercantile and Business
- 11. Metalwork
- 12. Military and Supporting Services
- 13. Publishing
- 14. Real Estate
- 15. Religion
- 16. Servants, Slaves, and Personal and Household Services
- 17. Teaching and Education
- 18. Textile, Leather, Clothing and Accessories
- 19. Trades
- 20. Transportation
- 21. Woodworking

OCCUPATIONS AND TITLES

Occupations & Titles			
Agriculture and Horticulture			
Cradler	Farmer	Harvester	
Ditcher	Gardener	Overseer / Farm Manager	
Food and Drink			
Baker	Butcher	Cook	Miller
Brewer			
Government			
Attorney General	Commissioner	Justice	Tax Collector
Auditor	Delegate	Mayor	Tax Commissioner
Burgess	Deputy sheriff	Sheriff	Trustee
Clerk	Governor		
Health and Medicine			
Apothecary	Doctor	Negroe Doctor	
Dentist	Midwife		
Horses and Livestock			
Farrier	Horse Breeder	Saddler	
Hospitality and Entertainment			
Fiddler	Hostler	Stabler	Tavern Keeper
Legal			
Attorney General		Lawyer	

OCCUPATIONS AND TITLES CONT...

As with people, pages regarding specific occupations will contain an assortment of information. Take, for example, the category “Health and Medicine” and the term “doctor,” depicted to the left. The category details the more specific terms related to it as “Narrow Terms”, followed by a list of the people and pages associated with the category. Using the provided examples, this would mean that all the people and pages associated with apothecary, doctor, negro doctor, dentist, and midwife would be displayed here.

This search can become more specific by looking at the narrow terms. By selecting doctor, the user is able to see the people and pages associated with just the term doctor. Furthermore, a definition of the term from the Oxford English Dictionary (and citation) is often provided.

Narrow Term(s):

Apothecary	Doctor	Negroe Doctor
Dentist	Midwife	

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Ledger A, 1750 - 1772: pg.22
Ledger A, 1750 - 1772: pg.25
Ledger A, 1750 - 1772: pg.28

Broad Term(s):

Health and Medicine

Description:

A doctor of medicine; in popular current use, applied to any medical practitioner.

Citation

- "doctor, n.". OED Online. September 2015. Oxford University Press. <http://www.oed.com/view/Entry/56298?rsk>

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Ledger A, 1750 - 1772: pg.18	Ledger A, 1750 - 1772: pg.188
Ledger A, 1750 - 1772: pg.19	Ledger A, 1750 - 1772: pg.193
Ledger A, 1750 - 1772: pg.25	Ledger A, 1750 - 1772: pg.194

SERVICES, FOOD & BEVERAGES, AGRICULTURE, AND PLACE TYPES

The other controlled vocabulary lists (Services, Food & Beverages, Agriculture, and Place Types) are structured in the same way as Occupations/Titles. The terms for these lists are organized under broad categories, with links to associated content. In some instances, terms are broken down with more granularity to give users greater insight into what information can be found. For instance, looking under "Agriculture" we have "Livestock" -> "Donkeys and Mules" -> "Knight of Malta." Knight

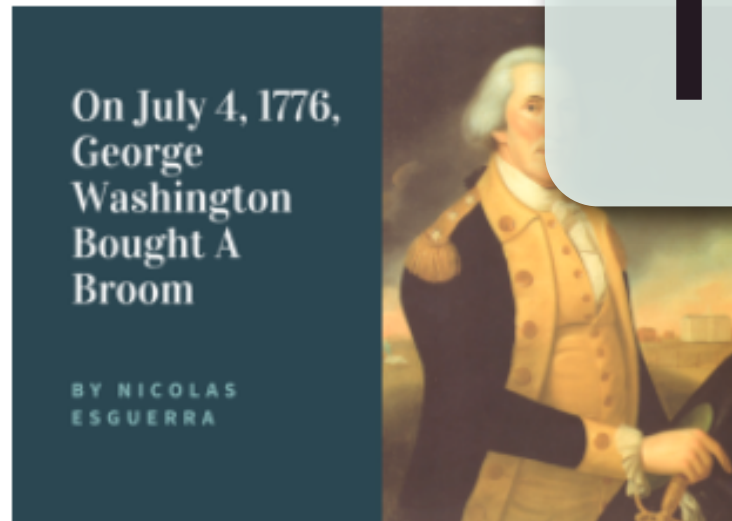
of Malta was the name of one of GW's jacks, or male donkeys. Several transactions centered on this particular jack, which is why there are these link. The same can be seen for horses.

In the future, additional vocabulary lists will cover subjects ranging from currency and textiles to household items and medical terms. For any terminology that is unfamiliar, please consult the Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations.

Articles & Blog Posts

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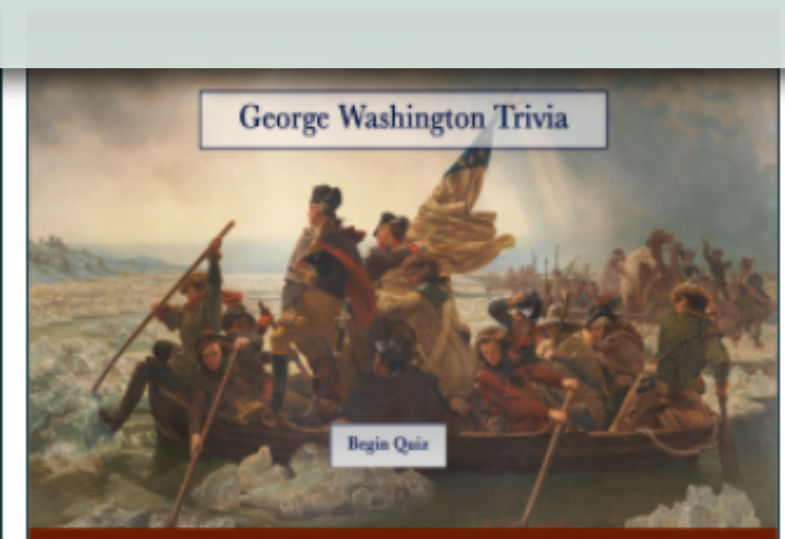
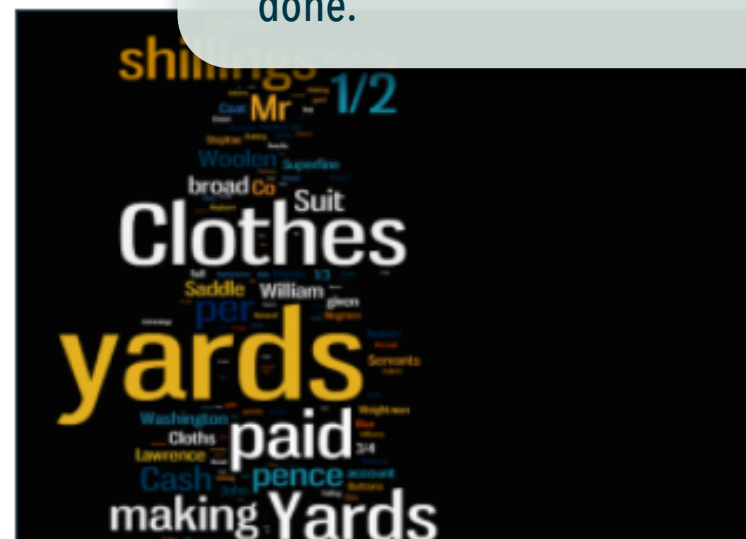
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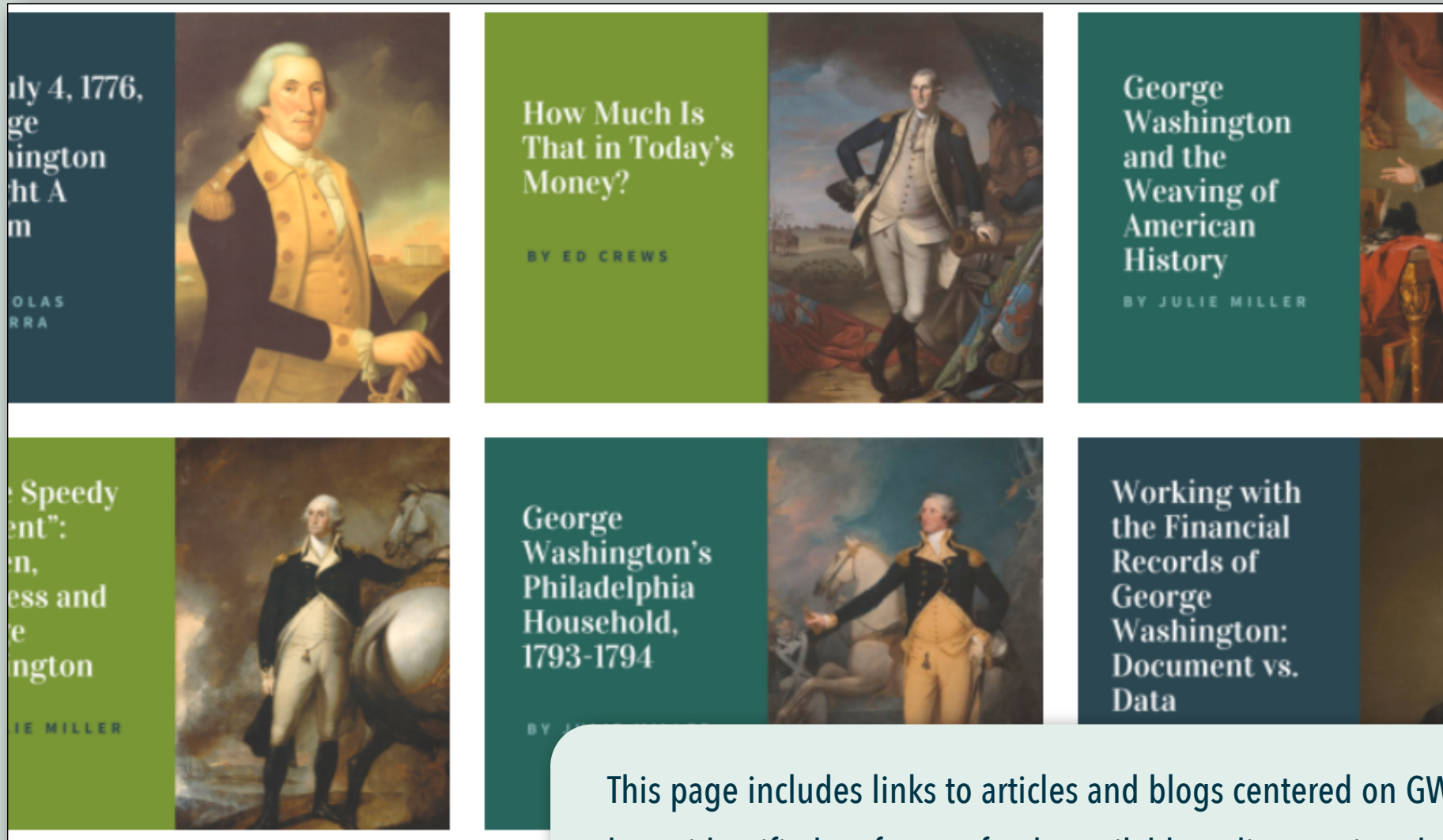
Visualizations

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Additional tools and resources include a section for articles and blog posts that are available online; visualizations created by the project team; and links to presentations and posters that the team presented at various conferences and events. These sections will continue to grow as more work is done.

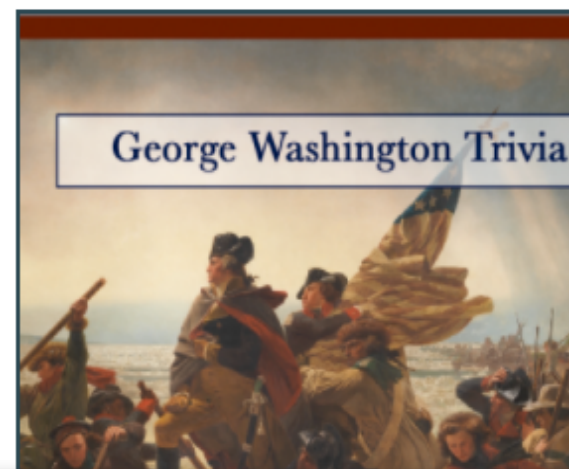
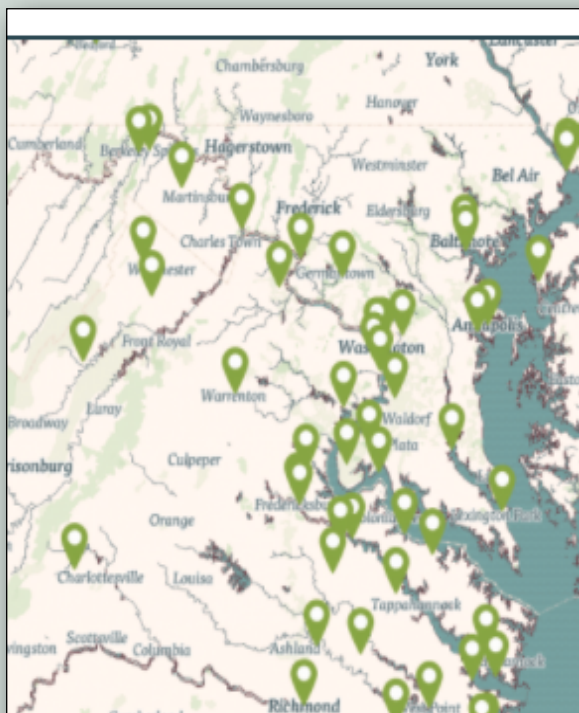


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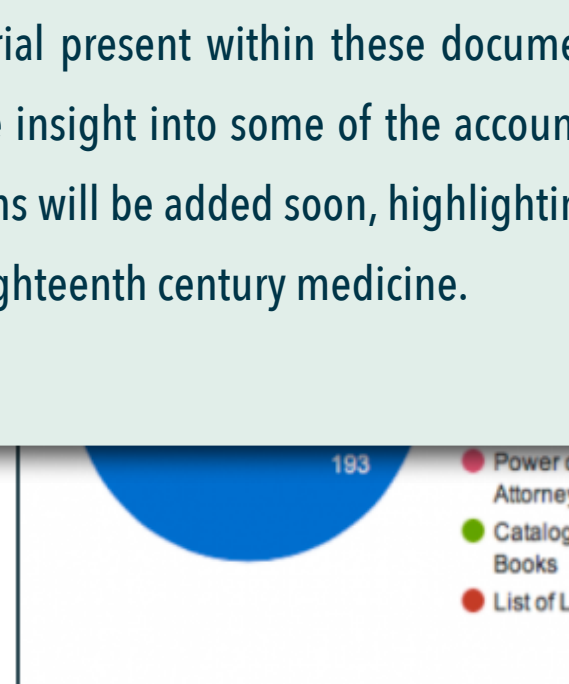
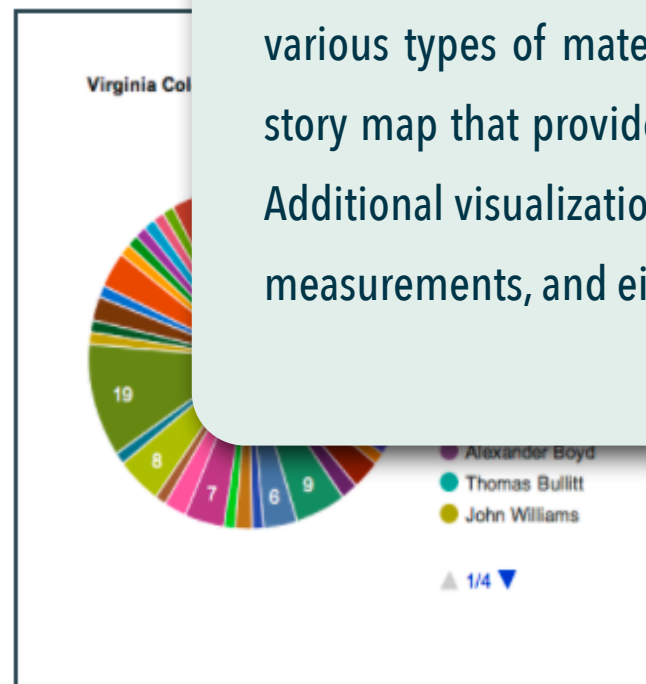
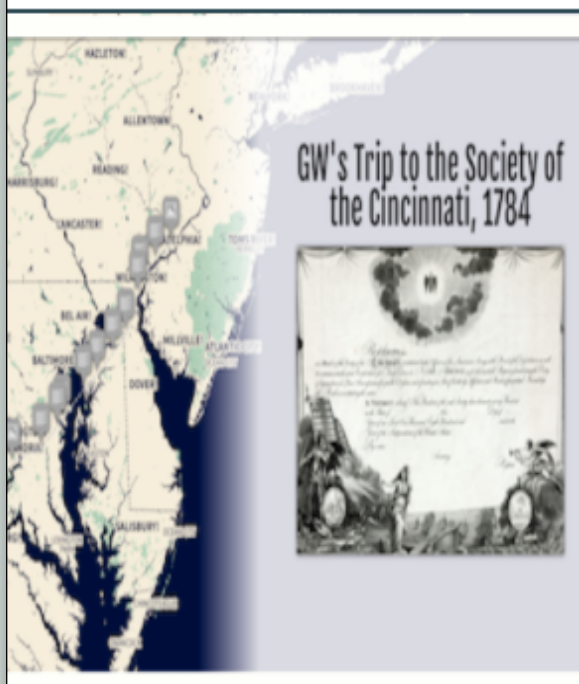


This page includes links to articles and blogs centered on GW, the entrepreneur. All that have been identified so far, are freely available online to view, but should be cited appropriately. The project team would like to continue to add more content here and would appreciate any help in identifying more relevant articles and blog posts. Use the Contact Us page to suggest additional resources.

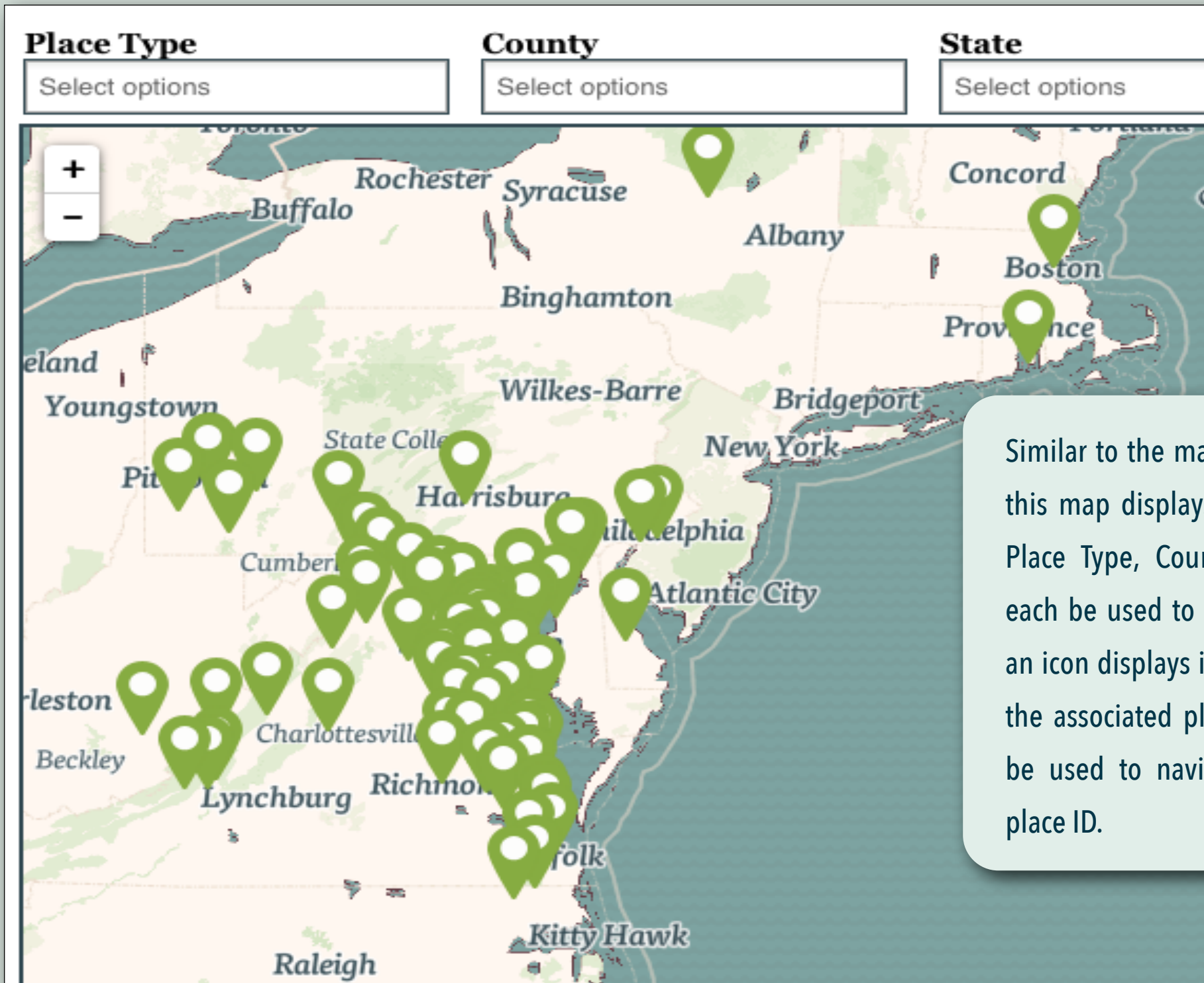
VISUALIZATIONS



The various visualizations available on the website allow users to interact with the information found within the financial papers. Visualizations include an interactive map of the places the team has identified so far; word clouds and an interactive quiz that help illuminate the various types of material present within these documents; and interactive pie charts and a story map that provide insight into some of the accounts not currently available on this site. Additional visualizations will be added soon, highlighting staple crops, dry and liquid volume measurements, and eighteenth century medicine.



MAP



Similar to the map provided on the place IDs, this map displays all places identified so far. Place Type, County, State, and Country can each be used to find similar places. Selecting an icon displays identifying information about the associated place, and the name can then be used to navigate back to the individual place ID.

Take for example "cloth." The word cloud illustrates that "yards", "making", "broad", "saddle", "clothes", and "weaving" all appear frequently with the word "cloth." From this we can gather that cloth was woven and measured in yards, that the different

While these connections may seem relatively straightforward, the word clouds also illustrate who may have been involved with cloth: merchants, weavers, and seamstresses. By presenting the document's content in this way, users can gain a better understanding of what can be found in the records and how words and themes relate.



QUESTIONS INCLUDE:

1. *Which of the following books did George Washington purchase?*
2. *Which animals could be found on his estates?*
3. *What forms of measurements are in the account books?*

Other topics center on currencies, food, beverages, horse supplies, and ingredients used by apothecaries. Take the quiz and see how many of the ten questions you can answer correctly!

TRIVIA

Question 1

Which of these were not used for horses?

- ☐ A) Curry Combs
- ☐ B) Whip Saw
- ☐ C) Cirsingle (Surcingle)
- ☐ D) Saddlecloth



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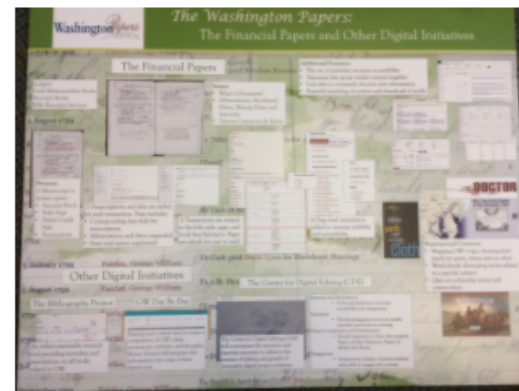
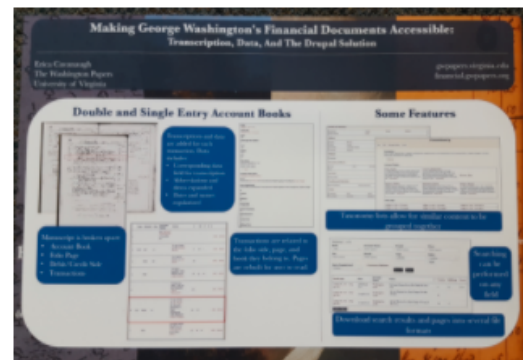
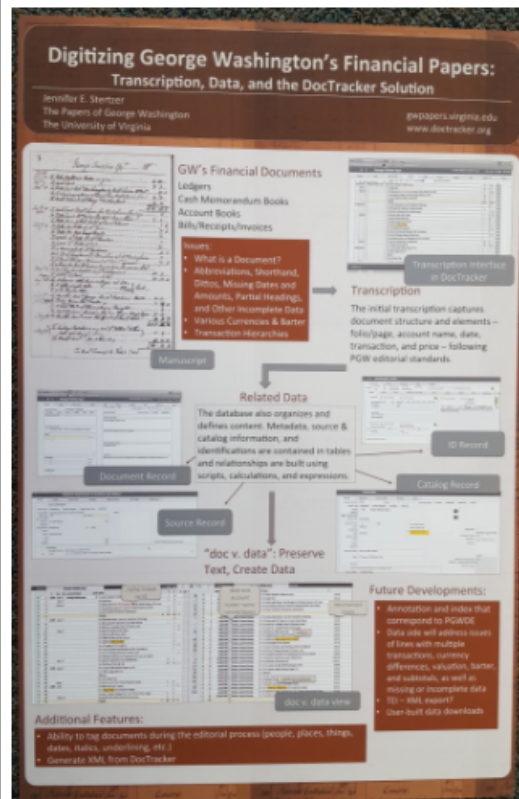
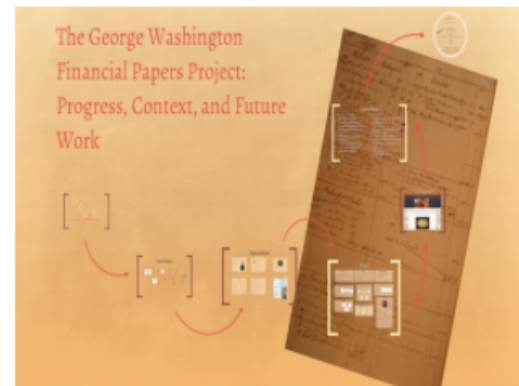
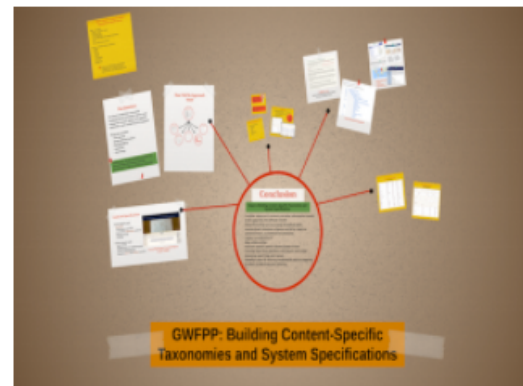
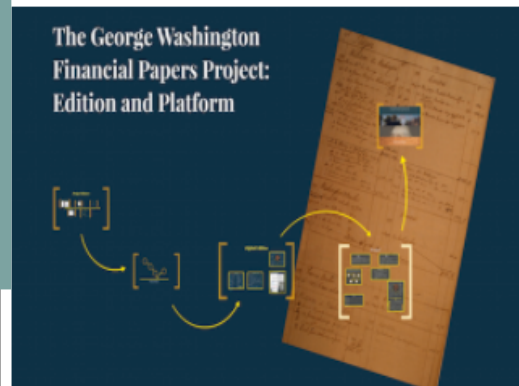
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STORY MAP

This visualization was built using StoryMap JS. It maps out GW's route to Philadelphia, his return to Mount Vernon, and it includes a transcription of the overall expense pages from the account book. Based on the "Revolutionary War Accounts, Vouchers, and Receipted Accounts 3, 1784" held by the Library of Congress, this account records GW's expenses to and from Philadelphia, a trip he took to attend a meeting of the Society of the Cincinnati. Clicking on the large arrows on the right and left sides advances and turns back the slides. For more information about a particular stop, click on the orange icon on the map.

PRESENTATIONS & POSTERS



The project team has delivered presentations on the GWFP at a number of conferences at venues across the United States, as well as at the MEDEA (Modeling semantically Enriched Digital Edition of Accounts) conference in Regensburg, Germany, and at the DH2016 (the 2016 digital humanities conference) in Krakow, Poland. Some of the presentations and posters from these events are provided here in order to share different aspects of the project.

RESOURCES

Several resources are included here to help users understand the project as a whole. The project's editorial introduction and methodology describes the types of materials included and the decisions made during the editorial process. A glossary of terms defines unfamiliar words. Finally, a list is provided of short titles, books, articles, and websites, either used on the site or that may be of use to someone else.

EDITORIAL INTRODUCTION AND METHODOLOGY



GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS



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MANUAL ON USING THE GWFPP SITE



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An overview

Developing this system has required and inspired creative solutions to various aspects of the editorial and publication process, resulting in innovative ways for users to explore, analyze, and interact with the documents. The team hopes to continue work on this project by adding more financial documents and features in an effort to make this an even greater resource.

What are Financial Documents?

An explanation of George Washington's business and household accounts.

Explore the Financial Papers

Learn how to use the search and explore features.

Dec 6	To Flour a/c for Cash paid	69	75	Dec 6	By Wheat delivered at the mill	53 ²⁶ / ₆₀	7/10	69	75
March 25	To Distilling for 28 Gallons Whiskey	15	55	March 25	By Cash paid for Whiskey			15	55
April 16	To 9000 Herrings	19	50					19	50
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