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## Scope and Contents

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Papers regarding Vandalia include manuscripts of chapters one and two from Bond's Vandalia book project, and biographies of those involved in the venture to found the new colony; there are also files of repositories visited by Bond, research correspondence, indexes and files of research sources and notes, photocopies of original 18th century documents (originals held by the former Public Record Office of the UK and Stafford County Record Office), and a working bibliography.

Papers regarding forts in western Virginia include research notes and correspondence, maps, and manuscripts of historical narratives by Bond.

There are also miscellaneous materials such as notes, manuscripts, and correspondence regarding the history of newspapers in Morgantown, the formation of a Monongalia County in Minnesota, Mills and Milling, Viking Ships, and the Melungeon people in West Virginia.

There are three rolls of microfilm containing:

- 1.) Correspondence of British Crown Governor Jeffery Amherst (1754-1764) with Virginia Lieutenant Governors John Blair and Francis Fauquier, among other colonial officials, regarding defensive frontier forts and other matters relating to the war with the French and Indians, and Pontiac's Rebellion (120 feet).
- 2.) Correspondence of Benjamin Franklin (1768-1772) regarding the proposed Vandalia Colony.
- 3.) The 1772 Report of the Council of Trade and Plantations pertaining to the petition of Robert Walpole,

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