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Of the following photographs of maps of American Rivers all but one are from the Crown Collection of Manuscripts in the British Museum. Each map bears the description given it in the Catalogue of Maps and Drawings in the British Museum (London, 1861), with some slight bracketed interpolations by the editor.

Ten photographs are of the Hudson-Mohawk-Lake Oneida route from New York to the Great Lakes; four are of Niagara River; five cover the upper Ohio and its tributaries, the Allegheny and Monongahela; ten are of the Hudson and Connecticut routes to the St. Lawrence; three maps show the Passcatway, Kennebec, and Penobscot; one the James and York rivers, and one the Albemarle; and fourteen are of the Mississippi.

Each map title bears the official press-mark of the Crown Collection of British Museum. One photograph, No. 45, of the upper Ohio, is from the British Public Record Office.

As far as possible the terminology in the List of Maps which follows is that employed in the Catalogue of Maps and Drawings referred to, although this and their authors are given when known; in a few cases a missing date is suggested in brackets.

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L I S T O F M A P S

1. A "new mappe of part of Hutson's, or the North River, Rareton River, which have their aiet lett into the sea by Sandy Hoocke, where the coming in is from sea to go up to New Yorck, north throu the narrows betwin Staaten Island and Long Island, and west up towards Amboye; surveyed in the yare 1700, by Col. W. W. Romer;" drawn on a scale of 2 miles to an inch. Size, 1 ft. 10 in. x 1 ft. 5 1/2 in. [cxxi. 27.]
2. A "Plan of the Great Falls on Hudson's River;" shewing the position of the camp and redoubts; drawn about 1758, on a scale of 200 feet to an inch. Size 2 ft. 4 in. x 1 ft. 8 in. [Crown cxxi. 32.]
3. A colored "map of the county of Albany;" with a continuation of the Mohawk River, Wood Creek, etc., down to Oswego; drawn on a scale of 4 English miles to an inch. Size, 2 ft. 7 in. x 2 ft. 6 in. [cxxi. g. 2.]
4. Same continued--Mohawk Valley.
5. Same continued--"Onnide Lake" and "Onondague River."
6. A colored plan of the "course of the Wood Creek from the Mowhock river at the Onoida, or great carrying place, to the Onoida Lake; representing the forts built on the carrying place by order of General Shirley, and afterwards destroyed by Major-General Webb;" drawn about 1758, on a scale of 3 1/3 miles to an inch. Size, 2 ft. 7 in. x 11 1/2 in. [cxxi. 29.]
7. Same continued.
8. A colored chart of the south coast of "Lake Ontario, between Oswego and Niagara, and from thence up the river to the upper end of the carrying place: taken by George Dember, acting engineer;" drawn on a scale of 10 miles to an inch. Size, 1 ft. 8 in. x 7 1/2 in. [Crown cxxi. 15. 1.]
9. A colored "view of the Lesser Fall at Niagara, from the opposite bank of the river, July, 1765." Size, 11 in. x 7 in. [cxxi. 118. c.]
10. A colored "view of the Great Fall at Niagara, 140 feet high, and 800 feet over, July 1765." Size, 11 in. x 7 in. [cxxi. 118. b.]
11. A colored "plan of (Fort) Niagara, with an explanation of its present state;" drawn by Francis Piister, at Niagara, 23 September, 1773, on a scale of 100 feet to an inch, with a plan of one of the stone redoubts at Niagara, built in 1770, on a scale of 15 feet to an inch; and a "sketch of the communication between Lake Ontario and Lake Erie;" on a scale of 100 feet to an inch. Size, 1 ft. 8 1/2 in. x 1 ft. 4 in. [cxxi. 76.]

12. A colored "plan of a survey from Lake Ontario to Lake Erie;" with a "plan of Fort Niagara, with its outworks and buildings;" on a scale of 100 yards to an inch. Size, 1 ft. 6 in. x 8 1/2 in. [cxxi. 73.]
13. A colored chart of Lake Erie, with the route southward, from Fort Presqu'ile, by Fort Le Beuf, Fort Venango, Fort Pitt, (on the Ohio) to Fort Cumberland on the Potomac, shewing General Braddock's march, in 1755; drawn on a scale of 5 miles to an inch, with plans of Fort Pitt, on a scale of 200 feet to an inch; and of Fort Venango, Fort Le Beuf, and Fort Presqu'ile, on a scale of 100 feet to an inch. Size, 4 ft. 10 in. x 4 ft. 2 in. [cxxi. 15. 2.]
14. Same continued--Monongahela and Youghiogheny rivers.
15. A map of part of New York, comprehending the country between New York and Quebec, the river Connecticut, &c., to shew "the way from Albany to Canada . . . part by land and part by water;" drawn about 1720, on a scale of 31 miles to an inch. Size, 1 ft. 11 in. x 1 ft. 6 in. [cxxi. 11.]
16. A "French draught of Lake Champlain and Lake George; with the remarks of an English prisoner, who returned from Quebec to Fort Edward on Hudson's River, by the River St. Lawrence, river Sorrelle, and these Lakes; touched at Fort Chamblay, Fort St. Johns, Crown Point, and Ticonderogo;" drawn on a scale of 3 English miles to an inch; with a plan of Fort Frederic, on Lake Champlain, on a scale of 60 feet to an inch. Size, 5 ft. 10 in. x 1 ft. 4 in. [cxxi. 16.]
17. Same continued--Lake Champlain.
18. Same continued--Richelieu and St. Lawrence rivers.
19. A colored "sketch of Lake George;" drawn by Capt. Abercrombie, about 1756, on a scale of 2 1/8 miles to an inch. Size, 1 ft. 8 in. x 1 ft. 1 in. [Crown cxxi. 23.]
20. A "plan of part of Lake Champlain, with the communication down to St. John's;" drawn by Gather Mann, Capt. commanding Royal Engineers: dated Quebec, 13 June, 1791; on a scale of 1 mile to an inch. Size, 3 ft. 10 in. x 1 ft. 7 in. [Crown cxix. 43. 2.]
21. Same continued--Richelieu River.
22. A "plan of the province of New Hampshire, together with part of Hudson's River, from Albany to Lake George, and from thence through Lake Champlain to Mont Real; taken from a great number of exact attested plans of particular parts of the country, and accurate observations on the sea coast; also a general view of the River St. Lawrence from Mont Real to Quebec, June, 1756;" drawn on a scale of 10 miles to an inch. Size, 2 ft. 4 in. x 1 ft. 8 in. [cxx. 24.]

23. A colored map of "Pascatway River, in New England, by I. S.;" drawn on vellum, on a scale of 1 inch to a mile; dedicated to James, Duke of York, in an acrostick, signed "J. S. Americanus." Size, 2 ft. 4 in. x 1 ft. 6 in. [cxx. 27.]
24. A plan of Kennebec River and the forts thereon, built by the forces raised for the defence of the eastern frontiers of the province of Massachusetts Bay; drawn and inscribed to Major-Gen. John Winslow, Commander-in-chief there, by John Indicott: dated Boston, Nov. 12, 1754; drawn on a scale of 2 miles to an inch; with plans of Fort Western and Fort Hallifax, on a scale of 60 feet to an inch. Size, 3 ft. 8 in. x 1 ft. 5 in. [cxx. 23.]
25. Same continued.
26. A plan of the bay and part of the river Penobscot, or Penobsceag; surveyed by order of Governor Pownall, by -- Jones, Capt. North, of George's Fort, in 1758, and Lieut. Jo. Small, of Scarborough; drawn on a scale of 2 1/4 miles to an inch; with a survey and section of the neck in Wasaumskeag, in Colvell harbour, by Lieut. Small, on a scale of 31 rods to an inch. Size, 2 ft. 2 in. x 1 ft. 7 in. [cxx. 22.]
27. A colored chart of the entrance of Chesapeake bay, with King James' River, Prince Henry's River (York River), and the Rappahannoc River; it is inscribed, "the draught by Robarte Tindall of Virginia, anno 1608;" drawn on vellum, on a scale of 2 4/5 English miles to an inch. Size, 2 ft. 8 in. x 1 ft. 6 in. [Cott. Ang. I. ii. 46.]
28. Same continued.
29. A large colored chart of Albemarle River [drawn by W. Hack about 1684], on a scale of 4 1/2 miles to an inch; on vellum. Size, 2 ft. x 18 in. [Add. 5415. G. 6.]
30. A map of the route from "Fort Cumberland, formerly Wills Creek," through "Fort Duquoin" (Pittsburgh) to Fort Erie [1755]. Size, 1 ft. 6 in. x 11 in. [Add. 15,563. a.] [The faded lines probably read as follows: N. B. The red lines show where the English Troops [Braddock's army] passed and repassed the Monongahela according to the best account (?) received on the 25th August, 1755."]
31. A colored "Carte du cours du fleuve Mississippi, ou de St. Louis, depuis la Nouvelle Orleans jusqu' au Natchez, leve en 1731;" drawn by the Sr. Gonichon, on a scale of 1100 toises to an inch. Size, 11 ft. 6 in. x 2 ft. 8 in. [cxxxii. 91.]
32. Same continued.
33. Same continued.
34. Same continued.

35. Same continued.
36. "A draught of the river Mississippi, from its entrance to the river Iberville;" drawn on a scale of 2 miles to an inch. Size, 6 ft. 9 in. x 1 ft. 4 in. [Add. 15,495. f.]
37. Same continued.
38. Same continued.
39. Same continued.
40. "Carte du cours du fleuve St. Louis, depuis dix lieues au-dessus de la Nouvelle Orleans, jusqu' a son embouchure, ou sont marquées les habitations formées et les terrains concédés, auxquels on n'a pas travaillé;" drawn about 1740, on a scale of 1.066 inch to a league (of 22,882 toises). Size, 2 ft. 3 in. x 10 1/2 in. [Add. 15,332. k. 1.]
41. Same continued.
42. A colored "Plan of the rivers Mississippi, Iberville, Mobile, and Bay of Pensacola, in the province of West Florida; showing the situation of the lands granted by the English thereon;" with the names of all the possessors; drawn, from the surveys of Elias Durnford, surveyor-general of West Florida, in Sept., 1772, on a scale of 4 English miles to an inch: with a "plan of the proposed new town (between Baston Rouge and Iberville), also the proposed cut from the Mississippi to the Iberville," on a scale of 1 furlong to an inch. Size, 6 ft. x 5 ft. 6 in. [cxxii. 90.]
43. Same continued.
44. Same continued.
45. Map of Ohio Company's Lands--1753 (?) showing upper Ohio River and tributaries. A shows proposed site of town which George Washington criticised after his return from the French forts near Lake Erie, 1753. [Public Record Office, Case 11, No. 20.]
46. A colored "Map of the Grand Pass from New York to Montreal, done from actual survey (except where otherwise expressed) by Thos. Pownall . . . N.B. This is in no other hands except one copy at the Board of Trade;" drawn about 1756. on a scale of 10 English miles to an inch. Size, 3 ft. x 2 ft. 4 in. [cxxi. 12.]
47. Same continued.
48. [Part of] a colored map of the route between Albany and Oswego; [showing upper Mohawk and Wood Creek] drawn about 1756, on a scale of 2 miles to an inch. Size, 7 ft. 8 in. x 1 ft. 7 in. [cxxi. 13.]
49. Same continued.
50. Same continued.