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Unit ID

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Unit Date

1782 May 11 (Original)

Unit Date

1978 and 2011 (Reproductions)

Language

French.

Language

English.

Extent

0.3 Linear Feet 1 original map and 4 reproductions Image portion of the original map measures 25" (w) x 16" (h). With frame, the dimensions are 33" (w) x 24" (h).

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Scope and Contents

Original 1782 map (Mss. Acc. 2013.184): The Plan de la ville et environs de Williamsburg en Virginie, America (a 11 mai 1782, levé au pas), also known as the Frenchman's Map is a map of Williamsburg dated May 11, 1782. It was drafted by an unknown Frenchman probably stationed with Rochambeau's army. Its detail suggests perhaps a billeting map for the French army following the battle of Yorktown. It has been called the "Bible of the Restoration of Williamsburg" because of the detail of the original buildings shown. It has also been used to illustrate town planning in eighteenth century America. Relief shown by hachures.

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Facsimiles

Description of Subordinate Components

Map

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Unit Date 1782 May 11

Mixed materials 1 (Frame)

Language English

Extent 1 Item1 framed map.

Maps [reproductions]

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Unit Date 1978 and 2011

Mixed materials 2 (Oversize Folder)

Language English

Extent 1 Folder4 map reproductions.