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## Alexander Lawson scrapbooks

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Alexander Lawson scrapbooks
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.lawsalex
<b>Date:</b>	[ca. 1846]
<b>Creator:</b>	Lawson, Alexander, 1773-1846
<b>Extent:</b>	2 Volumes ((on 1 partial microfilm reel))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Scrapbooks donated to the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia by Malvina and Mary Lawson. Lent to the Archives of American Art for microfilming, 1955.

### Location of Originals

Originals in the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Penn.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel P2 (fr. 816-1085) available for use at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

### Restrictions

The Archives of American art does not own the original papers. Use is limited to the microfilm copy.

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## Biographical / Historical

Engraver; Philadelphia, PA. Born 1773, Lanarkshire, Scotland. Died 1846, Philadelphia. Came to the U.S. in 1794 and went to work for Thackara & Valance of Philadelphia engraving plates for Dobson's ENCYCLOPAEDIA. He also did engravings for the supplemental (1803) volumes of the ENCYCLOPAEDIA, Wilson's AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGY, (1808-1814), and Charles Lucien Bonaparte's AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGY; OR THE NATURAL HISTORY OF BIRDS INHABITING THE UNITED STATES NOT GIVEN BY WILSON, (1825-1833).

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## Scope and Contents

A short manuscript biography of Lawson, signed "L"; a table of contents with a colored miniature of Lawson, drawn by T. Birch; and engravings by Lawson of birds, mammals, sea shells, human anatomy, scientific machines, instruments and book illustrations.

## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Engraving -- 19th century -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia  
Illustration of books  
Nature-printing and nature-prints

Occupations:

Engravers -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia