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## Summary Information

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<b>Abstract</b>	<p>This work was translated by Peter S. Du Ponceau from Vater's "Untersuchungen über Amerikas Bevölkerung aus dem alten Kontinente" (Leipzig, 1810). It was Du Ponceau's opinion that Vater was moved to write this book by Benjamin Smith Barton's "New Views of the Origin of the Tribes and Nations of America," which Vater often quoted. Contains bibliographical notes.</p>

## **Background note**

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Johann Severin Vater was a German theologian and philologist.

## Administrative Information

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### Acquisition Information

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## Related Materials

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### Related Material

A copy of Vater's 1810 German text may also be found in the American Philosophical Society Library (572.97/V45).

## Indexing Terms

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### **Personal Name(s)**

- Barton, Benjamin Smith, 1766-1815
- Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844

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- Native America
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### **Other Descriptive Information**

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This volume contains Peter DuPonceau's translation of Johann Vater's analysis of the origins of Amerindians.