

**A short account of the situation, soil,
production, etc. of the state of Tennessee, 1797**

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Summary Information

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Abstract	This account is dated 19 January 1797, and was read at an APS meeting on 17 February 1797. Included in the volume is a plan of a settlement near the Natches Indians, by William Dunbar (1803?).

Background note

John Newman was a physician of Salisbury, N.C. He was elected to the American Philosophical Society in 1797.

Administrative Information

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Only map is noted.

Indexing Terms

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- Manuscript Essays
- Maps and Surveys

Geographic Name(s)

- Tennessee.

Personal Name(s)

- Dunbar, William, 1749-1810

Subject(s)

- Agriculture -- Tennessee.
- Crops and soils.
- Exploration.
- Land and Speculation
- Natchez Indians
- Plant growing media -- Tennessee.
- Surveying and Maps

Other Descriptive Information

Written in 1797, this essay discusses Tennessee's soil, climate, and environment. The tract appears to be promotional – noting that “no other milk or butter has such flavor and richness as that afforded from the cows that feed” in the state – but also reflects the enthusiasm many Americans held for the opportunity these western lands afforded them. The essay includes a map of settlements near William Dunbar on the Natchez River as well, providing a snapshot of a recently settled frontier community.

Collection Inventory

Newman, John.	1797	1 map, 23.5 x
Plan of settlements near the Natches [Trace, Tennessee], particularly Mr. William Dunbars		37.5 cm

Other Finding Aids

Realms of Gold, 36 (1).
