

## **FINAL REPORT**



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**ACCESSION #:** 22.222.14  
**OWNER'S #:** EHF Lib-150

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**TITLE/CREATOR:** First Lessons in Geography, belonged to Lizzie G. Smith  
(EH mother)/James Montieith  
**PLACE/DATE:** 1861  
**BINDING:** Quarter leather/paper over rigid paperboards  
**SEWING:** Stab structure with cloth tapes  
**TEXT:** Black printing ink on wove paper; dark blue and brown manuscript inks; graphite and colored pencil inscriptions and marks; hand-applied colorants  
**SIZE (H x W x D):** 6 3/4 x 5 x 1/4 in.  
**COLLATION:** [1]-62

## **DOCUMENTATION**

For CCAHA's records, the condition of the object was selectively documented photographically prior to and following treatment.

## **TREATMENT**

1. The cover and leaves were lightly surface cleaned with polyurethane cosmetic sponges and a soft brush, avoiding sensitive media.
2. Vulnerable tears and losses to the leaves were mended with acrylic-toned mulberry paper and a mixture of wheat starch paste and methyl cellulose. Media was avoided, and the loss to pp. 25/26 was retained.
3. Worn and delaminating edges of the cover boards were consolidated with a mixture of wheat starch paste and methyl cellulose. Acrylic-toned mulberry paper was laid over the consolidated corners and edges of the boards with wheat starch paste.
4. The tear and lifting area at the top spine edge of the front pastedown was re-adhered to the board with a mixture of wheat starch paste and methyl cellulose.
5. Some leaf mends were locally toned using color pencils.

## HOUSING

1. The enclosed volume was placed in a custom-sized clamshell box constructed out of alkaline corrugated paperboard with a spacer constructed out of alkaline corrugated paperboard to compensate for the thinness of the volume.
2. A spine label printed on alkaline paper was adhered to the box. Content was confirmed by the client.

## HANDLING RECOMMENDATIONS

- The volume should be supported in a cradle when in use.
- The volume can be safely accessed at an opening of 120 degrees.
- Use plain, lightweight, alkaline paper flags if bookmarking pages is necessary. (The paper flags that have been found scattered throughout the collection are too thick and could cause breaking edges.)

**Treatment and Report by Brittany Murray**