Peter Kalm's Travels in North America, even though his itinerary did not touch Western Pennsylvania, presents a picture and much data concerning life in mid-eighteenth century America and is therefore a valuable accession to the library of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania.

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Mr. Guthorn has produced a work of some usefulness for military historians of the American Revolution. His book contains short biographies of 49 American or foreign map makers serving with the American Army and lists of their published or manuscript maps. The work is well indexed and the researcher can easily locate maps of particular locations or military actions. Despite these strong points the book is not a total success. It is not a complete bibliography of maps published about the Revolution since it does not include maps drawn by British, Tory, or French army cartographers. Perhaps the author will continue his research and present future volumes on English, Tory, and French map makers which will provide a complete bibliography of Revolutionary maps. The second major weakness is the author's failure to place the work of these men in perspective. He makes no effort to relate it to the development of surveying, cartography, and other technical skills during the Revolutionary period. He mentions that many were members of the American Philosophical Society but he fails to show other relationships among them which could be of value to American social or scientific historians. The biographical data he presents reflect the fact that many of these cartographers were foreign born but he makes no effort to show how this influx aided the development of American surveying and cartography. Thus the book fails to be either a complete bibliography or an account of American map making during the Revolution. Yet despite these important faults the book is a useful tool for all scholars interested in the military or social history of the Revolutionary War.

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