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new madrid compendium

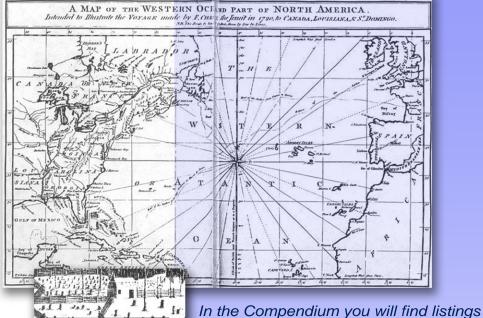
Continental North America's greatest earthquake sequence struck on the western frontier of the United States.

The frontier was not then California but the valley of the Mississippi River, and the sequence was the New Madrid earthquakes of 1811-1812.

Their described impacts on the land and river were so dramatic as to produce widespread modem disbelief.

However, geological, geophysical, and historical research has verified much in the historic accounts.

... it is a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma.--Winston Churchill.



of over 600 references related to the New Madrid earthquakes. These references include newspaper articles, scientific articles, folklore, maps, and

eyewitness accounts.

8 February 1812

"If we do not get away from here the ground is going to eat us alive.

We had another one of them earth quakes yesterdy and today the ground still shakes at times. We are all about to go crazy from pain and fright. We can not do anything until we can find our animals or get some more. We have not found enough to pull thewagons. " George Heinrich Crist

Narrative of a Journey Down the Ohio and Mississippi in 1789-90

Samuel S. Forman