

## The Grand Tour of Europe

- Taking a “Grand Tour of Europe” was common practice for young, wealthy men, and even some women, during the 17<sup>th</sup> century until the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century.
- Such travel excursions sometimes even included areas in the Middle East, Africa, or the Far East.
- Many “Grand Tour” travelers kept records of their trips in journals or diaries noting their experiences seeing new things or meeting new people.

### **Primary Sources:**

#### *Atherton Blight papers*

Atherton Blight attended school in Philadelphia, graduated from Harvard and admitted to the Pennsylvania bar, and spent much of his adult life in Newport, R.I., and in Europe. His papers comprise a book of travel expenses, 1849, 1856-1858, and a travel diary, 1855-1856, of a Grand Tour to the Continent, Egypt, Palestine, Syria, Turkey, Crimea, and Greece. In Jerusalem, he visited Warder Cresson, a former Quaker from Philadelphia who had converted to Judaism and was an early Zionist. Blight also describes the battlefields and veterans of the Crimean War.

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*The traveller's tour through Europe: a pleasing and instructive pastime, performed with a tototum and travellers, with their servants..*

Published 1822

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*Travels through Germany, Bohemia, Hungary, Switzerland, Italy, and Lorrain : giving a true and just..*

by Keyssler, Johann Georg, 1693-1743.

Published 1756

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*Memoirs of William Sampson: including particulars of his adventures in various parts of Europe ; his confinement in the dungeons of the inquisition in Lisbon, &c., &c. Several original letters ; being his correspondence with the ministers of state in Great-Britain and Portugal ; a short sketch of the history of Ireland, particularly as it respects the spirit of British domination in that country ; and a few observations on the state of manners &c., in America.*

by Sampson, William, 1764-1836.

Published 1807

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*Walker's new geographical game exhibiting a tour through Europe* [map]  
by J. & C. Walker  
Published 1810  
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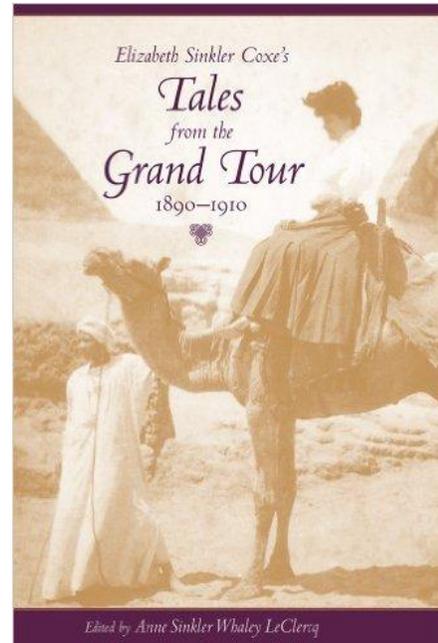
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