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Rare Book Discovered

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LANSING — A book that's nearly 200 years old turned up recently in a stack of books donated to the Lansing Library.

Mrs. Joanne Jensen, head librarian, said the book was in with a stack of outdated books not nearly as old.

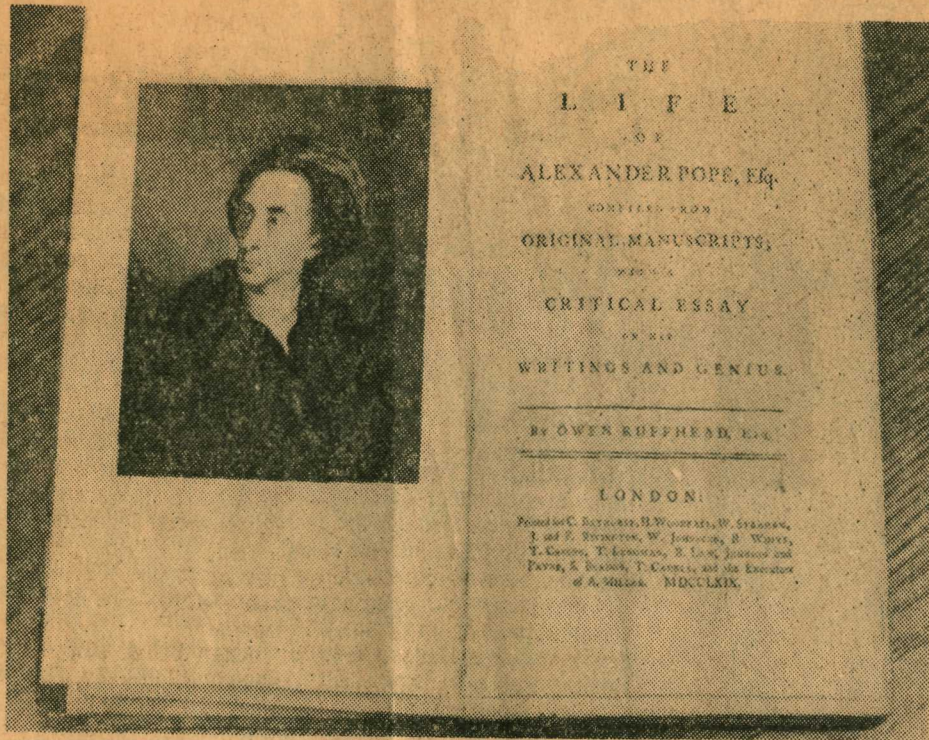
The book is titled "The Life of Alexander Pope." It was published in 1769, and was written by Owen Ruffhead. It is quite well preserved and one reason

for this, according to Mrs. Jensen, is that the paper is the old rag linen type, which is very sturdy.

Another sign of its age is the f's used instead of s and l, which makes words like soft and letter come out foft and fetter.

Mrs. Jensen estimated the worth of the book at \$20.

Since a new book is worth between \$15 and \$17, it isn't that valuable in terms of money, she said, but it will be displayed in the library because of its interest value.



Edition of 'Life of Alexander Pope' is 200 years old.



Mrs. Joann Jensen looks over old book.