A Bibliographic Note on Three Species of Ephemeroptera Described by Say

The place of publication of the original description of three species of mayflies described by Thomas Say apparently has been consistently mis-cited for more than 80 years. The species involved are Siphlonurus alternatus, Hexagenia bilineata, and Ephoron album. They were described by Say in the Appendix to Volume II of Keating's Narrative of an Expedition to the Source of St. Peters River, Lake Winnepeek, Lake of the Woods &c. &c. by order of The Hon. J. C. Calhoun, Secretary of War, under the command of Stephen H. Long Major U. S. T. E. (Cary and Lea, Philadelphia, 1824), pp. 303-305 (Reprinted by LeConte, 1859, in: The complete writings of Thomas Say, Vol. 1, pp. 203–205). An account of the swarming of Ephoron album appears on pp. 114-115 of the same volume. Correct citations were given by Hagen (1861) in his Synopsis of the Neuroptera of North America, but apparently starting with Eaton (Trans. Ent. Soc. London, 1871: 8) the citation is given as Volume 2 of the Western Quarterly Reporter, and dated variously as 1823 or 1824. Eaton (loc. cit.) indicates that he did not see the original of Say's work and apparently has made an error in reading the LeConte reprint. The error has been faithfully repeated by numerous writers since that time. -George F. Edmunds, Jr., University of Utah.