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Illinois Geography

Proposal: This project will digitize three books that record the geography, geology and the environment of the Illinois River valley. Two of the books were issued by the Illinois Geographical Society; the other by the Geographic Society of Chicago. All books contain many photographs, maps, and illustrations. If digitized, many more people would have access to these wonderful images.

Meeting the Theme: These materials offer a snapshot of the geology, geography, botany and zoology of these areas. These books also explain how human activity has shaped the natural landscape of Illinois. The early 20th century, when these books were published, saw tremendous economic trade, agriculture and movement of goods in the Illinois River - Great Lakes corridor. These materials will be helpful for geographers, geologists, historians, labor economists and naturalists alike. Further, these materials note in the introductions that they were written “for the teachers and high-school students...who may wish to read the story that is written in rocks and soils of their home.” As this project will digitize only 2 bulletins of the State Geological Survey, this project can be expanded to include other bulletins.

Appendix

Items:

Geography of the Upper Illinois Valley and History of Land Development. (State of Illinois State Geological Survey – Bulletin no. 27). 1916. 1 volume. 1st Edition. University of Illinois. 1113883. Yes.

Geography of the Middle Illinois Valley. (State of Illinois Department of Registration and Education – a division of the State of Illinois State Geological Survey – Bulletin no. 15). 1910. 1 volume. University of Illinois. 492424. Yes

Starved Rock State Park and Its Environs. 1918. 1 volume. 1st Edition. For the Geographic Society of Chicago by the University of Chicago Press. 2001177. Yes.