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Description of Materials to be Digitized

Our project would draw from our library's Finley Collection on the Northwest Territory and our other rare and general book collections to digitize approximately 75 titles on both the initial European exploration of what later was identified as the Illinois Military Tract and the antebellum settlement of the Military Tract. We plan to digitize both a wide variety of representative primary and secondary resources that would become the core of a growing collection (early regional almanacs and periodicals, settlers' guides and memoirs, agricultural manuals, documents of early 19th century land companies, etc.) and imprints and government publications focused on more specific historical topics (the earliest proposals to link the Illinois River and Lake Michigan, the first railroads in western Illinois, the debate over slavery in Illinois, etc.).

Addressing Illinois Culture and Heritage

Originally created to award western land grants to veterans of the war of 1812, the Military Tract was later divided into all or part of 18 western Illinois counties between the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers. While the counties formed from the military tract became politically and geographically disadvantaged in various ways in the 20th century, their terrain and their location between two major rivers were extremely attractive advantages during the second quarter of the 19th century, when Illinois emerged as a booming center of American agriculture and transport. In retrospect, the military tract is an instructive microcosm of the American west at a transformative period of American history. The military tract presents an opportunity on an intermediate scale to superimpose the dizzying array of social movements and political controversies of this distinctive era of social and political ferment upon the simultaneous development of a set of infrastructures – including governmental units, school districts, and transportation networks – that still define Illinois today. Our collection would gather documents chosen to facilitate the multidisciplinary study of this region of Illinois in the early 19th century.

Appendix: Title List

Title	Pub date	# of vols.	Edition	Publisher	OCLC	in OCA
Mormonism: embracing the origin, rise and progress of the sect, with an examination of the book of Mormon, also their troubles in Missouri, and final expulsion from the state. With an appendix, giving an account of the late disturbances in Illinois, which	1844.	1		Ustick,	03595805	no
Description of the canals and rail roads of the United States, comprehending notices of all the works of internal improvement throughout the several states / by H.S. Tanner.	1840.	1		Tanner & J. Disturnell,	07361038	no
Memoir on the recent surveys, observations, and internal improvements, in the United States : with brief notices of the new counties, towns, villages, canals, and railroads, never before delineated / by H.S. Tanner ; intended to accompany his new map of t	1829.	1		The author,	01524765	yes: no call #
Proceedings of the Ill. anti-slavery convention : held at Upper Alton on the twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh, and twenty-eighth October, 1837.	1838.	1		Parks and Breath,	09781924	no
History of the war between the United States and the Sac and Fox nations of Indians : and parts of other disaffected tribes of Indians, in the years eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, thirty-one, and thirty-two / by John A. Wakefield.	1834.	1		Printed by C. Goudy,	09430925	no
Life of Ma-ka-tai-me-she-kia-kiak, or Black Hawk, embracing the tradition of his nation--Indian wars in which he has been engaged--cause of joining the British in their late war with America, and its history--description of the Rock-River village--manners	1833.	1			06748060	no
Western gazetteer; or, emigrant's directory, containing a geographical description of the western states and territories, viz. the states of Kentucky, Indiana, Louisiana, Ohio, Tennessee and Mississippi: and the territories of Illinois, Missouri, Alabama,	1817.	1		Printed by H.C. Southwick,	10530489	no
Geographical sketches on the western country :	1819.	1		Looker, Reynolds &	01594464	no

designed for emigrants and settlers ; being the result of extensive researches and remarks ; to which is added, a summary of all the most interesting matters on the subject, including a particular description				Co. Printers,		
Guide for emigrants, containing sketches of Illinois, Missouri, and the adjacent parts. By J.M. Peck.	1831.		1	Lincoln and Edmands,	03028432	no
Report of the Committee on Public Lands, on the memorial of the United Illinois and Wabash Land Companies. January 30, 1811.	1811.		1	A. and G. Way, Printers,	10316944	no
Gazetteer of the states of Illinois and Missouri : containing a general view of each state, a general view of their counties, and a particular description of their towns, villages, rivers, &c., &c. : with a map, and other engravings / by Lewis C. Beck.	1823.		1	Printed by C.R. and G. Webster,	09464142	no
Gazetteer of Illinois : in three parts, containing a general view of the state, a general view of each county, and a particular description of each town, settlement, stream, prairie, bottom, bluff, etc.-- alphabetically arranged / by J.M. Peck.	1834.		1	R. Goudy,	03354307	yes: 4032053
Traveller's directory for Illinois : containing accurate sketches of the state ... list of the principal roads, stage and steamboat routes ... rivers ... internal improvements .. with much other information : the whole is intended as a companion to the ne	1839.		1	J.H. Colton,	29129415	no
Address, delivered by Ninian Edwards, governor of the state of Illinois, to both houses of the legislature. December 7, 1830. ...	1830.		1	Printed by Robert Blackwell, public printer.	01730291	no
Memorial of the United Illinois and Wabash Land Companies, to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.	1816.		1	Printed by Joseph Robinson,	41230111	no
Illinois and the West; with a township map, containing the latest surveys and improvements. By A.D. Jones.	1838.		1	Weeks, Jordan and Co.; W. Marshall and Co.,	03497780	yes: 1436821
Description of the bounty lands in the state of Illinois: also, the principal roads and routes, by land and water, through the territory of the United	1819.		1	Looker, Reynolds & Co., printers,	02694331	no

States; extending from the province of New-Brunswic, in Nova Scotia to the Pacific Ocean ... By E. Dana.						
Full description of the soil, water, timber, and prairies of each lot, or quarter section of the military lands between the Mississippi and Illinois rivers.	1818.		1		Printed by P. Force,	02024213 no
Memoir of the Rev. Elijah P. Lovejoy; who was murdered in defence of the liberty of the press, at Alton, Illinois, Nov. 7, 1837. By Joseph C. and Owen Lovejoy. With an introduction by John Quincy Adams.	1838.		1		J.S. Taylor,	02774352 yes: 4032048
Descriptive account of the city of Peoria, combining a sketch of its early history, together with a view of its present business, manufactories, &c., &c., &c. Compiled from the Peoria transcript.	1859.		1		Transcript book and job printing establishment,	3142610 no
Drown's record, and historical view of Peoria : from the discovery by the French Jesuit Missionaries, in the seventeenth century, to the present time ; also, an almanac for 1851 ; to which is added a business directory of the city with business cards / by	1850.		1		Printed by E.O. Woodcock,	13709041 no
Constitution of the State of Illinois. November 16, 1818, read and ordered to lie upon the table. Printed by order of the House of Representatives.	1818.		1		Printed by E. De Krafft,	04077104 no
Charless' Missouri & Illinois almanac, for the year of our Lord 1833 ... Number XIII.	1833.		1		Charless & Paschall,	no
Illinois farmers almanac and repository of useful knowledge for the year 1840.	1839		1		R. Goudy Jr.	78387632 no
Report from the Commissioners of Public Works, in reply to resolutions of the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Illinois, transmitting abstracts of disbursements in each circuit.	1839.		1		William Walters,	67314716 no
Illinois Central Rail-Road Company offers for sale over 2,000,000 acres selected farming and wood lands, in tracts of forty acres and upwards, to suit purchasers, on long credits, and at low	1856.		1		John W. Amerman, printer,	34230692 yes: 1122124

rates of interest, situated on each side of their rail-road, ext						
Chief engineer's Report of the Peoria and Hannibal Railroad : containing the charter, ordinances, estimates and condition of the road, the statistics of the country and a map showing its location and connections : October, 1858.	1858.	1		Benjamin Foster, printer and bookbinder,	54138287	no
Memorial of the Congregational ministers and churches of the Illinois Association, on completing a quarter of a century of its history, consisting of a commemorative discourse, by William Carter, delivered at Quincy, Oct. 26, 1860; and an historical appen	1863.	1		Whig and Republican Steam Power Press,	1278490	1150279
Index of the Illinois military patent book / by G.C. Bestor.	1853	1		The Office,	09554353	no
Index to the Illinois military patent book / compiled by E.S. Green and S.P. Kirkbride, Quincy, Ill.	1855.	1		F. & J.B. Ferguson,	10400229	no
Lands in Illinois to soldiers of late war : Letter from the Commissioner of General Land Office, transmitting the information required by a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 6th of April last, respecting patents for lands in the military b	1840.	1		Government Printing Office]	10399107	no
Injurious effects of slave labour: an impartial appeal to the reason, justice, and patriotism of the people of Illinois on the injurious effects of slave labour.	1824.	1		Re-printed by Ellerton and Henderson, for the Society for the Mitigation and Gradual Abolition of Slavery Throughout the British Dominions,	08210946	523290
Life and adventures of Black Hawk : with sketches of Keokuk, the Sac and Fox Indians, and the late Black Hawk war / by Benjamin Drake.	1838.	1		G. Conclin,	06611857	yes: gutenbergetext# 18290
Great Indian chief of the West, or, life and adventures of Black Hawk.	1856.	1		H.M. Rulison,	04911801	yes: gutenbergetext#18290

Geographical, historical and statistical view of the central or middle United States; containing accounts of their early settlement; natural features; progress of improvement; form of government; civil divisions and internal improvements... By H. S. Tanne	1841.	1		H. Tanner, jr.; T. R. Tanner,	01525712	no
History and geography of the Mississippi valley : to which is appended a condensed physical geography of the Atlantic United States, and the whole American continent / by Timothy Flint.	1832.	1	2d ed.	E.H. Flint and L.R. Lincoln,	00477808	yes: 4225552
Statistics of the West, at the close of the year 1836. By James Hall.	1836.	1		J. A. James & co.,	02905330	yes: 4225845
History of the Ordinance of 1787 / by Edward Coles.	1856	1		Press of the Society,	02915476	no
History of the Illinois River Baptist Association, and of its churches. By Gilbert S. Bailey. ...	1857.	1		Sheldon, Blakeman & Co.	06997924	no
Life in prairie land / by Eliza W. Farnham.	1846.	1		Harper & Bros.,	00485763	no
Illinois as it is; its history, geography, statistics, constitution, laws, government ... By Fred. Gerhard. With a prairie and wood map, a geological map, a population map, and other illustrations.	1857.	1		Keen and Lee; C. Desilver,	00781016	no
Illinois central rail-road company offer for sale over 2,400,000 acres selected prairie, farm and wood lands, in tracts of any size, to suit purchasers, on long credits ... situated on each side of their rail-road extending all the way from the extreme no	1855.	1		J.W. Amerman, printer,	06872373	no
Illinois Central Railroad Company offers for sale over 1,500,000 acres selected farming and wood lands, in tracts of forty acres and upwards, to suit purchasers, on long credits and at low rates of interest, situated on each side of their railroad, extend	1857.	1		G. C. Rand & Avery, Printers,	04094076	yes/no two titles bound as one; second title is in OCA (1122124)
Guide to the Illinois central railroad lands. The Illinois central railroad company, offer for sale over 1,400,00 acres of selected prairie and wood lands, in tracts of forty acres and upwards, suitable for farms, on long credits and low prices,	1859.	1		Illinois central railroad office,	3641179	yes: 4184315

situated						
Illinois in 1837 : a sketch descriptive of the situation, boundaries, face of the country, prominent districts, prairies, rivers, minerals, animals, agricultural productions, public lands, plans of internal improvement, manufacturers, &c., of the state of	1837.	1		S. Augustus Mitchell, and Grigg and Elliot ;	13851700	yes: 3886503
Report / of the Joint Select Committee of Investigation appointed to examine the offices of the Fund Commissioners and Board of Public Works of the State of Illinois.	1839	1		The Committee]	07138541	no
Letter to Robert Schuyler, esq., president of the Illinois central railroad, on the value of the public lands of Illinois. By Robert Rantoul, Jr. ...	1851.	1		Press of Damrell & Moore,	08705682	yes: 1122140
Letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting topographical reports, made with a view to ascertain the practicability of uniting the waters of Illinois River, with those of Lake Michigan. December 28, 1819 ...	1819.	1		Printed by Gales & Seaton,	13684547	no
Narrative of riots at Alton: in connection with the death of Rev. Elijah P. Lovejoy. By Red. Edward Beecher ...	1838.	1		G. Holton,	02003603	yes: 1157571
Martyr : a discourse, in commemoration of the martyrdom of the Rev. Elijah P. Lovejoy, delivered in Broadway Tabernacle, New York, and in the Bleecker Street Church, Utica / by Beriah Green.	1838.	1		American Anti-Slavery Society,	13660244	no
Alton trials: of Winthrop S. Gilman, who was indicted with Enoch Long, Amos B. Roff, George H. Walworth, George H. Whitney, William Harned, John S. Noble, James Morss, Jr., Henry Tanner, Royal Weller, Reuban Gerry, and Thaddeus B. Hurlbut; for the crime o	1838.	1		J.F. Trow,	01668048	no
Act to incorporate the city of Galesburg in Knox County / Samuel Holmes, Speaker of the House ; John Wood, Speaker of the Senate.	1857.	1		Secretary of State,	08175606	no
Review of the commerce, manufactures, and the public & private improvements of Galesburg : containing a brief history of Knox college and	1857.	1		J. Sherman,	10070254	no

sketches of the first settlement of the town / compiled and written by C.J. Sellon.						
Report of the Secretary of the Treasury, in conformity to the provisions of the act of fifteenth May, 1820, for the relief of the inhabitants of the village of Peoria, in the state of Illinois.	1821	1		U.S. Senate,	06076779	no
Assassination of Joseph and Hyrum Smith, the prophet and the patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day saints. Also a condensed history of the expulsion of the saints from Nauvoo. By Elder John S. Fullmer ...	1855.	1		F.D. Richards; [etc., etc.]	04969351	no
Report intended to illustrate a map of the hydrographical basin of the upper Mississippi river, made by I. N. Nicollet, while in employ under the Bureau of the Corps of Topographical Engineers ...	1845.	1		Blair and Rives, printers,	09522988	no
Report from the Secretary of War, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 25th instant, in relation to the Rock river and Des Moines rapids of the Mississippi river.	1838.	1			05887237	no
Report from the Secretary of War, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 5th instant, transmitting a report of the survey of the Kaskaskia and Illinois rivers.	1838	1			15160844	no
Report to the president and directors of the Peoria and Oquawka Railroad Compnay	1852	1		Morgan & McKenny	62889893	no
Report of the directors of the Central Military Tract Railway Company to the stockholders.	1856.	1		Scripps, Bross & Spears,	07017859	no
Report of the directors of the Central Military Tract Railway Company to the stockholders, April 2, 1855.	1855.	1		J.H. Eastburn's Press,	35820534	no
Annual report of the president and directors, to the stockholders of the Chicago & Rock Island Railroad Co. at the annual meeting at Chicago, Dec. 18, 1854, together with the reports of the treasurer and chief engineer.	1855.	1		Wm. C. Bryant and Co., Printers,	15061438	no
Documents relating to the organization of the Illinois Central Rail-road Company.	1852.	1	2nd ed.	Geo. Scott Roe, printer,	11462773	yes: 1655392
Memorial of the General Assembly of the state of	1826.	1		Printed by Gales &	13682865	no

Illinois, on the construction of a canal, to unite the waters of Lake Michigan with the Illinois River. February 23, 1826. Printed by order of the Senate of the United States.				Seaton,		
Voyage en Icarie : roman philosophique et social / par M. Cabet.	1842.	1	2nd ed.	J. Mallet,	03956044	no
Revised laws of Illinois, containing all laws of a general and public nature passed by the Eighth general assembly, at their session held at Vandalia, commencing on the third day of december, 1832, and ending the second day of March, 1833, together with a	1833.	1		Printed by Greiner & Sherman,	03108255	no
Journal of the Convention, assembled at Springfield, June 7, 1847 : in pursuance of an act of the General Assembly of the state of Illinois ... approved February 20, 1847, for the purpose of altering, amending, or revising the Constitution of the state of	1847.	1		Lanphier & Walker, printers,	04377250	yes: nrif_ucbGLAD- 33593234
Colleges essential to the church of God : plain letters addressed to a parishioner in behalf of the Society for the promotion of collegiate and theological education at the West / by John Todd, D.D.	1847.	1			06263407	no
Ma-ka-tai-me-she-kia-kiak; or, Black Hawk, and scenes in the West. A national poem: in six cantos. By a western tourist.	1848.	1		E. Kearney,	03092044	yes: 50366551
Report upon the mineral resources of the Illinois Central Railroad / made at the request of the president by J.W. Foster.	1856	1		The Author,	07727740	no
Abstract of a report on Illinois coals; with descriptions and analyses, and a general notice of the coal fields ... By J. G. Norwood ... State Geologist.	1857.	1		Chicago Daily Press Steam Printing House,	09770955	yes: 3742752
Message from the President of the United States, transmitting a report of the commissioners appointed under the act of the third of March, 1823, to establish a national armory on the western waters.	1825.	1		Printed by Gales & Seaton,	81855645	no
An account of the great earthquakes, in the western states, particularly on the Mississippi	1812	1				no

River, December 16-23, 1811						
Proceedings of the Harbor and River Convention, held at Chicago, July fifth, 1847: together with full list of names of delegates in attendance; letters read at the convention, and a detailed appendix. Published by order of the convention.	1847.	1			10622752	yes: 1122647
Injurious effects of slave labour: an impartial appeal to the reason, justice, and patriotism of the people of Illinois on the injurious effects of slave labour	1824	1			08210946	yes: 523290
Documents in relation to internal improvements in the State of Illinois	1838	1			32900996	no
Lands in Illinois to soldiers of late war	1840	1			10399107	no
Illinois, an address [Military tract papers,no.1]	1906	1			6872444	no
Pioneers of civilization in Illinois	1907	1			6808937	no
Illinois Military Tract: A study of land occupation, utilization and tenure	1951	1			3405758	no
Condensed geography and history of the western states, or the Mississippi valley. By Timothy Flint.	1828.	2			1164284	no