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PROJECT NAME: History of Pike County Illinois, 1880

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Description of materials to be digitized

This book is an exhaustive history of Pike County, beginning with the Illinois Confederacy and descriptions of “single-handed combat with Indians” up through the Great Chicago Fire and how it affected commerce in this Southwestern county bordered by the Mississippi and Illinois rivers. This volume is approximately 1000 pages, including a digest of state laws and an index of names and townships. It is a 1974 reproduction by Unigraphic of the original 1880 work, bound in library buckram, but there are no evident changes to the original state.

“Illinois Culture and Heritage” theme

This book fits the “Illinois Culture and Heritage” theme because it gives specific historical information about Pike County, and is an excellent candidate for digitization because there is little historic information to be found on Pike County in the Internet Archive. This book has not yet been digitized; however, there are similar works from the same original publisher (Chapman & Co., Chicago) on other Illinois counties, including the counties of DeKalb, Warren, McLean, Morgan, and Scott. This work on Pike County would complement these already-digitized works.

