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Constitutions

Illinois. Constitutional Convention (1847). *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 Illinois / published by authority of the Convention.* **Call #: J 4896 .431**

Journal of the Constitutional Convention, of the state of Illinois: convened at Springfield, December 13, 1869. **Call #: J 4896 .435**

The Constitution of the state of Illinois, as adopted in convention, May 13, 1870, and submitted to the people for adoption or rejection at an election to be held July 2d, A.D. 1870, and the Address of the convention accompanying the same. **Call #: Case H 668 .715**

Illinois. *The new constitution of the State of Illinois: adopted in convention, May 13, 1870.* Chicago: E.B. Myers and Co., 1871. **Call #: J 4896 .43**

History

Davidson, Alexander. *A complete history of Illinois from 1673 to 1884: embracing the physical features of the country, its early explorations, aboriginal inhabitants, French and British occupation, conquest by Virginia, territorial condition, and subsequent civil, military and political events of the state.* Springfield, IL: H. W. Rokker, 1884. **Call #: F541 .D26**

Kofoed, Carrie Prudence. "Puritan influences in the formative years of Illinois history." Master's thesis, University of Illinois, 1906. **Call #: D 2896 .46**

Lusk, D. W., ed. *Eighty years of Illinois. Politics and politicians, anecdotes and incidents. A succinct history of the state. 1809-1889.* Springfield, Ill.: [H. W. Rokker], 1889. **Call #: F 896 .515**

Lusk, D.W. *Politics and politicians; a succinct history of the politics of Illinois from 1856 to 1884, with anecdotes and incidents, and appendix from 1809-1856.* Springfield, Ill.: [H.W. Rokker, printer], 1884. **Call #: J 5896 .528**

Morrissey, Robert Michael. *Empire by collaboration: Indians, colonists, and governments in colonial Illinois country.* Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015. **Call #: F544 .M875 2015**

United States politics; [a collection of 234 pamphlets published between the years 1852 and 1870] **Call #: J 583 .926**

Browne, Cynthia E. *State constitutional conventions from independence to the completion of the present Union, 1776-1959: a bibliography*. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1973. **Call #: Ref KF 4501 .B76**

Ford, Thomas, 1800-1850. *A history of Illinois: from its commencement as a state in 1818 to 1847*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1995.
Call #: Local History Ref F545 .F7 1995

Cartographic Material

Partie occidentale de la Virginie, [cartographic material] Pensylvanie, Maryland, et Caroline Septle. la rivière d'Ohio, et toutes celles qui s'y jettent, partie de la Rivière Mississippi . . . An early view of the Illinois Territory.
Call #: Ayer 133 .H974 1781

New map of part of the United States of North America, exhibiting the Western Territory, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia &c. also the Lakes Superior;

Michigan, Huron, Ontario & Erie: with Upper and Lower Canada &c. Atlas, p.56. Hand colored, nice detail. **Call #: oversize Ayer 135 .C3 1811**

Middle states and western territories of the United States including the seat of the Western War. 1812. 1814.

Call #: Ayer 135 .C27 1814

Map in an atlas showing Illinois before annexation of the northern territory.

Manuscript Material

Edwards, Ninian, 1775-1833: Ninian Edwards letters, 1813-1814. Six letters, Mar. 7, 1813 - Apr. 4, 1814, from Ninian Edwards to Kentucky governor and soldier Isaac Shelby, regarding War of 1812-related Indian attacks in the Illinois Territory and the state of defenses there.

Wilkinson, James, 1757-1825: James Wilkinson letters, 1792-1818. Small collection of correspondence and orders written by James Wilkinson, military officer, western land speculator, and governor of Louisiana, between 1792 and 1818.

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