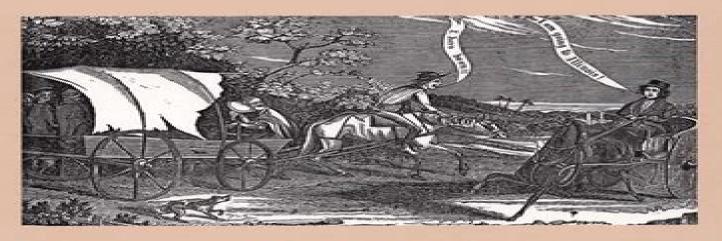
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An English Settlement in Pioneer Illinois

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<u>Prairie Albion</u> Charles E. Boewe,1999 Originally published in 1962 this story of the English Settlement in pioneer Illinois is compiled from the eyewitness accounts of the participants The founders Morris Birkbeck and George Flower as well as their associates and the many visitors to their prairie settlement wrote mainly for immediate and sometimes controversial ends Charles Boewe has selected excerpts from letters descriptions diaries histories and periodicals within a chronological framework to emphasize the implicit drama of the settlers deeds as they searched for a suitable site founded their colony and augmented their forces with new arrivals from England No less dramatic is the subsequent estrangement of the two founders the disillusionment of many of the English settlers the untimely death of Birkbeck and the financial ruin of Flower

Legends and Lore of Southern Illinois John W. Allen, 2010-02-24 In the 1950s and 60s John W Allen told the people of southern Illinois about themselves about their region its history and its folkways in his series of newspaper articles It Happened in Southern Illinois Each installment of the series depicted a single item of interest a town a building an enterprise a person an event a custom Originally published in 1963 Legends Lore of Southern Illinois brings together a selection of these articles preserving a valuable body of significant local history and cultural lore During territorial times and early statehood southern Illinois was the most populous and most influential part of the state But the advent of the steamboat and the building of the National Road made the lands to the west and north more easily accessible and the later settlers struck out for the more expansive and fertile prairies The effect of this movement was to isolate that section of the state known as Egypt and halt its development creating what Allen termed an historical eddy Bypassed as it was by the main current of westward expansion and economic growth its culture changed very slowly Methods practices and the tools of the pioneer continued in use for a long time The improved highways and better means of communication of the twentieth century brought a marked change upon the region and daily life no longer differed materially from that of other areas Against such a cultural and historical backdrop Mr Allen wrote these sketches of the people of southern Illinois of their folkways and beliefs their endeavors successes failures and tragedies and of the land to which they came There are stories here of slaves and their masters criminals wandering peddlers politicians law courts and vigilantes and of boat races on the rivers Allen also looks at the region s earlier history describing American Indian ruins monuments and artifacts as well as the native population's encounters with European settlers Many of the vestiges of the region's past culture have all but disappeared surviving only in museums and in the written record This new paperback edition of Legends Lore of Southern Illinois brings that past culture to life again in Allen's descriptive engaging style Illinois Encyclopedia Caryn Hannan, 2008-01-01 ILLINOIS ENCYCLOPEDIA is the definitive reference work on Illinois ever published The noted Illinois historian Michael Meagher has written articles on Introduction to Illinois History Early History of Illinois and Illinois History These articles cover the history of Illinois from the early explorers to twenty first century events Other major sections in this reference work

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indeed a minor classic
The Boy of Battle Ford and the Man W. S. Blackman, 2012-03-08 A classic story of a young man s journey to adulthood The Boy of Battle Ford covers Blackman s years growing up in early post settlement Illinois where he gave in to temptations such as drinking gambling and the lure of prostitutes before joining the army finding God and becoming a preacher Blackman who notes that he is determined to write facts in this book peppers his story with the sordid details of the sinful times of his life as well as with discussions of faith and of struggling to understand his God and his beliefs

The Conquest of the Illinois George Rogers Clark, 2001 The conquest of Illinois which was wrested from the British in 1770 was recorded by Clark the campaign s leader ten years later This volume reprints the 1920 edition published by Milo Milton Quaife with its index and standardized spelling Rand Burnette history MacMurray College Jacksonville Illinois has written an introduction Clark's narrative is a significant historical document and its reprinting will be welcome to historians and students alike c Book News Inc It Happened in Southern Illinois John W. Allen, 2010-02-23 In this collection of articles describing the people places and folkways of southern Illinois John W Allen provides entertaining and informative glimpses into the region s past Included here are sketches of the early pioneering days when wolves were literally chased from the door stories about the many Indian artifacts discovered among the rolling hills and valleys of the area and articles pertaining to the strategic role the region played during the Civil War Allen also describes the activities of such infamous outlaws as Samuel Mason and the Harpe brothers as well as the famous Illinois born heroes Bat Masterson Wild Bill Hickok and Wyatt Earp In his warm and friendly style Allen reminisces about the self sufficient and satisfying rural life of a previous generation with its oxcarts pie suppers threshing machines kerosene lamps and blacksmith shops Any reader interested in southern Illinois and its history will delight in this collection of stories from John W Allen's popular newspaper column It Happened in Southern Illinois John A. Logan James Pickett Jones, 2001-03-15 James P Jones uses newspaper accounts private letters and the records of Congress to examine Major General John A Logan's return to his political and legislative career after the Civil War Logan emerged from the national conflict a military hero and uncommitted to any political party By 1884 his personality and fiercely defended principles had earned him the vice presidential nomination on the ill fated Republican ticket Many writers on this period have portrayed Logan as a corrupt politician but Jones successfully clears the Illinoisan's record Description of previous edition Growing Up with Southern Illinois, 1820 to 1861 Daniel Harmon Brush, 2016-10-05 Daniel Harmon Brush came to southern Illinois from Vermont with his parents in the 1820s and found a frontier region radically different from his native New England In this memoir Brush the eventual founder of Carbondale Illinois describes his early life in the northeast his pioneer family s move west and their settlement near the Illinois River in Greene County Illinois Beginning as a store clerk Brush worked hard and became very successful serving in a number of public offices before founding the town of Carbondale in the 1850s commanding a regiment in the Civil War and practicing law among other pursuits Brush never let go of his pious New England roots which often put him at odds with most other

citizens in the region many of whose families emigrated from the southern states and thus had different cultural and religious values The memoir ends in 1861 as the Civil War starts and Brush describes the growing unrest of Southern sympathizers in southern Illinois Brush's story shows how an outsider achieved success through hard work and perseverance and provides a valuable look at life on the western frontier Tales and Songs of Southern Illinois Charles Neely, 1998-05-28 First published in 1938 this lively collection of over 150 tales and songs runs the gamut from joy to woe from horror to humor In forming the collection Charles Neely required only that the tales and songs whether home grown or transplanted from the great body of world lore had taken root somehow in the area of southern Illinois known as Egypt Notable tales include Bones in the Well A Visit from Jesse James The Flight of the Naked Teamsters The Dug Hill Boger and How Death Came to Ireland among the songs and ballads are Barbara Allen Hog and Hominy The Drunkard's Lone Child The Belleville Convent Fire Shawneetown Flood and The Death of Charlie Burger *Autobiography of Silas Thompson Trowbridge M.D.* Silas Thompson Trowbridge, 2004-11-01 Autobiography of Silas Thompson Trowbridge M D is a remarkable account of nineteenth century medicine politics and personal life that recovers the captivating experiences of a Civil War era regimental surgeon who was also a president of the Illinois State Medical Society and a United States consul in Mexico First published in 1872 by Trowbridge's family and even printed on a family owned press only a handful of copies of the initial publication survive In this first paperback edition Trowbridge's memoirs are reprinted as they originally appeared Indiana born Trowbridge moved to Illinois in his early twenties A teacher by trade he continued that career while he began the study of medicine eventually starting a medical practice near New Castle which he later moved to Decatur Though respected by the community Trowbridge lacked an authentic medical degree so he enrolled in a four month course of medical lectures at Rush Medical College in Chicago Autobiography describes the atmosphere of the medical school and delineates Trowbridge's opinions on the lack of quality control in medical colleges of the day Although three years of study and two annual terms of sixteen weeks were the actual requirements for the degree Trowbridge was allowed to graduate after a single course of lectures and completion of a twenty page thesis due to his previous experience He then married a young widow and returned to Decatur where he began a partnership with two local physicians and inaugurated a county medical society In addition to practicing medicine he was known and respected for regulating it too having supported legislation that would legalize dissection and prohibit incompetent persons from practicing medicine In 1861 Trowbridge began service as a surgeon of the 8th Illinois Volunteer Infantry commanded by Colonel Richard J Oglesby Autobiography describes his experiences beginning in Cairo Illinois where the infantry was involved in several expeditions and where Trowbridge made his debut at the operating table Revealing a litary of surgical duties replete with gruesome details these war time recollections provide a unique perspective on medical practices of the day Likewise his commentaries on political issues and his descriptions of combat serve to correct some of the early written histories of the war s great battles After receiving an honorable discharge in 1864 Trowbridge

returned to Decatur to resume his partnership with Dr W J Chenoweth and devote himself to surgery His reminiscences recount several difficult surgeries his efforts to reorganize the county medical society which had collapsed during the war and his communications to the Illinois legislature to set higher qualifications for practicing physicians He was later elected president of the Illinois State Medical Society and appointed by President Grant United States Consul to Vera Cruz on the eastern coast of Mexico where he studied and challenged the treatment of yellow fever The autobiography ends in 1874 with a six day family vacation and the marriage of his daughter to a merchant of Vera Cruz When Lincoln Came to Egypt George W. Smith,2016-09-08 In When Lincoln Came to Egypt George W Smith discusses Lincoln s various trips to southern Illinois focusing mainly on Lincoln s most prominent visit when he came to debate Stephen A Douglas in Jonesboro in 1858

Eight Months in Illinois William Oliver, 2002 The Illinois frontier offered abundant opportunity noted English traveler William Oliver after his journey to America in 1841 42 but life there was hard Accordingly Oliver advised the wealthy and comfortable to remain in England and counseled the unprosperous to seek their fortunes in America Written for the poor who would migrate and published in 1843 his Eight Months in Illinois With Information to Immigrants sought only to provide pertinent valid and practical information about what people might encounter in the frontier state What Oliver actually accomplished however was to impart invaluable insights into and analyses of American life during an era of sweeping social and political change In his new foreword to this edition James E Davis stresses Oliver's sincere desire to help British immigrants succeed in America Oliver Davis notes devoted dozens of pages of advice on numerous matters various routes to Illinois and their advantages and disadvantages processes of settling qualities of western houses costs of obtaining a new farm As a document covering the Middle West in the 1840s Eight Months in Illinois With Information to Immigrants has few equals Its portrayal of farming and trade in relatively primitive times is historically accurate It paints a plain picture laying out the essential facts and presenting the typical incidents that enable us to trace the course of a settler's simple diligent laborious day to day life And he did so without a trace of anti American bias Eight Months in Illinois With Information to Immigrants is reprinted from the 1924 Walter Hill edition Behind the Guns Thaddeus C Brown, Samuel J Murphy, William G Putney, 2000-09-13 Much has been written of the infantry and the cavalry during the Civil War but little attention has been paid the artillery Through the battles of Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge in 1863 and the Atlanta Campaign of 1864 and with General Sherman's forces on the famous March to the Sea the acts of a courageous fighting group are vividly recounted in Behind the Guns The History of Battery I 2nd Regiment Illinois Light Artillery Originally published in 1965 in a limited edition this regimental history of a light artillery unit was written by three of its soldiers including the bugler Battery I was formed in 1861 by Charles W Keith of Joliet and Henry B Plant of Peoria More than a hundred men were mustered into service in December near Springfield and left for Cairo in February 1862 The battery trained at Camp Paine across the Ohio River in Kentucky until March when the men were dispatched to the South During the

war the Battery was attached to three different armies the Army of the Mississippi the Army of the Ohio and the Army of the Cumberland Clyde C Walton's foreword and the narrative discuss the variety of weapons used by the unit including James Parrott and Rodman guns and the bronze muzzle loading Napoleons that fired twelve pound projectiles The book also includes an account of the prisoner of war experience of Battery I lieutenant Charles McDonald biographical sketches of the battery soldiers and eighteen maps and five line drawings **The Flag on the Hilltop** Mary Tracy Earle, 2013-01-16 Early in the Civil War two young brothers boldly flew the Union flag from a tree atop a hill between Makanda and Cobden This was a towering act of courage in an area teeming with Copperheads Theodore and Al Thompson 18 and 20 years old at the time raised the flag in defiance of the Knights of the Golden Circle a secessionist group that operated throughout the Midwest Controlling its membership through terror this secret society condemned betrayers to death by torture The Knights whose goals included capturing a Union prison and liberating the rebels triggered the Civil War riot in Charleston instigated anti draft movements and aided Northern deserters Theodore Thompson who later owned much of Makanda Giant City and the land that became Southern Illinois University describes the tree as a tall tulip poplar between 3 and 4 feet in diameter at the trunk and some 60 feet to the first limbs This noted tree could be seen in some directions 15 or 20 miles away Letters of General W. H. L. Wallace Isabel Wallace, 2000-09-29 Originally published in 1909 this biography by Isabel Wallace recounts the life of her adoptive father the little recognized William Hervy Lamme Wallace the highest ranking Union officer to fall at the battle of Shiloh Born in 1821 in Ohio Wallace and his family moved to Illinois in 1834 where he was educated at Rock Springs Seminary in Mount Morris On his way to study law with Abraham Lincoln in Springfield in 1844 Wallace was persuaded by local attorney T Lyle Dickey a close friend of Lincoln to join his practice in Ottawa instead Wallace eventually married Dickey's daughter Martha Ann in 1851 When the Civil War broke out both Wallace and Dickey immediately volunteered for service with the Eleventh Illinois which assembled in Springfield Wallace was elected as the unit s colonel a successful lawyer a friend of President Lincoln a generation older than most privates and an officer with Mexican War experience he was entirely suited for such command Wallace was appointed brigadier general for his performance at Fort Donelson the first notable Union victory in the Civil War Wallace's troops had saved the day although the Eleventh Illinois had lost nearly two thirds of its men He then moved with his troops to Pittsburg Landing Tennessee where Confederates launched a surprise attack on the forces of Major General Ulysses S Grant at Shiloh Church on Sunday April 6 1862 Wallace who held only temporary command of one of Grant s six divisions fought bravely but was mortally wounded as he began to withdraw his men on the afternoon of the battle His wife who had arrived at Pittsburg Landing by steamer on the day of the battle was at his side when he died three days later Grant praised Wallace in 1868 as the equal of the best if not the very best of the Volunteer Generals with me at the date of his death Isabel Wallace traces her father s life from his upbringing in Ottawa through his education his service in the Mexican War his law practice his courtship of and marriage to her mother

and his service in the Eleventh Illinois until his mortal injury at Shiloh She also details his funeral and her and her mother s life in the postwar years Based on the copious letters and family papers of the general and his wife the biography also provides historical information on federal politics of the period including commentary on Lincoln's campaign and election and on state politics especially regarding T Lyle Dickey Wallace's father in law and law partner prominent Illinois politician and associate of Lincoln It is illustrated with fifteen black and white halftones Black Jack James Pickett Jones, 2016-09-06 John A Logan called Black Jack by the men he led in Civil War battles from the Henry Donelson campaign to Vicksburg Chattanooga and on to Atlanta was one of the Union Army's most colorful generals James Pickett Jones places Logan in his southern Illinois surroundings as he examines the role of the political soldier in the Civil War When Logan altered his stance on national issues so did the southern part of the state Although secession civil strife Copperheadism and the new attitudes created by the war contributed to this change of position in southern Illinois Logan's role as political and military leader was important in the region s swing to strong support of the war against the Confederacy to the policies of Lincoln and eventually to the Republican party American Book Publishing Record R.R. Bowker Company, 1978 Two Years' Residence on the English Prairie of Illinois John Woods, 1968

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