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Box 1

Research Materials

Natural Science

This series contains information, resources, and research materials Elisabeth Hanson used when researching the natural science aspects of her book, including prehistoric Ice Age history, prairie ecology, and flora and fauna materials.

A Guide to the Big Vermilion River System, 1982
 American Scientist, Prehistoric Great Lakes of North
 America, 1963
 Archer Hulbert Book Pages, undated
 Beringia, 1993 and undated
 The Bering Strait, undated
 Botanical Review, 1985
 "Climatic Changes on the Great Plains" Wendland, Benn,
 Semken, undated
 Ecology Chronologies, undated
 Elizabeth Hanson Essay on Micro Prairie, 1994

"Finding Nature in East-Central Illinois" Gary L. Jackson, 2007
 Glacial Geology of Champaign County, 1979
 Greenhead Fly, 1983 and undated
 Illinois Geographical Society, 1979
 Illinois State Museum booklets, 1972, 1983, 1994
 Illinois Vegetation History, 1964, 1981, and undated
 Indiana Nature Preserves, undated
 Mud Swamps, undated
 North American Prairie Conference Abstracts, 1978
 "Pioneer Dredging in the Midwestern Wet Prairies" essay by John Thompson, 2003
 Prairie Flora Materials, undated (2 folders)
 Prairie Grass as Forage, 1953, 1982, 1983, and undated
 Prairie Plants, undated
 Prairie Research Materials, 1996 and undated
 Prairie Research Notes, undated
 Prehistoric Ecology Timeline, undated
 Prehistoric Environment, undated
 Robert Warren Essay, 1996
 Sand and Gravel Resource, 1960, 1970, 1988, and undated
 Surface Processes and Cold Regions, 2009
 Swampland Maps, undated
 "The Early Evolution of the Domestic Dog," Morey, 1994
 Timelines and Maps, undated
 "Vegetational History of the Eastern U.S." W.A. Watts, undated
 "Weeds of the North Central States," 1960
 "Wetland Settlement and Environmental," Robert Warren, 1995
 Woodfordian Lobes, 1986 and undated

Pioneer Life

This series consists of research materials regarding the history of pioneering in the area, including copies of essays and books, research notes, and other materials.

Clarence Walworth Alvord, *The Illinois Country*, undated
 Drainage, 1999 and undated
 Farmer Autobiography: *Boy Life on the Prairie*, undated
 Farmer Autobiography: *Hamlin Garland*, undated
 Farmer Autobiography: *Isaac Philip Roberts*, undated
 "First Cabins" copies and notes, undated
 Information on Old Kaskaskia
 Mills, 2000 and undated
 Malaria, undated
 Pioneer Autobiography: Jane Patton, undated
 Pioneer Life Research Materials, 1969, 1976, and undated
 Pioneer Life Research Notes, undated
 Pioneer Marketing Notes, undated
 "The Making of Fort Wayne," undated
 Timber Edge Community, undated

Water, 2001 and undated
Weed Control, undated

Soil

This series contains information about soil in Elisabeth Hanson's East-Central Illinois area of study. It includes soil reports, maps, and other materials.

Champaign County Soil Map, 1966
Champaign County Soil Survey, 1974
County Soil Reports, 1947, 1949, 1951, and undated
DeWitt County Soil Reports, 1940, 1954
Douglas County Soil Map, undated
Douglas County Soil Reports, 1929, 1972
McLean County Soil Report, 1915
Mid Continent Soils, undated
Missouri Soil Conservation, 1949, 1951
Oldest Champaign Count Soil Map, undated

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Piatt County Soil Map, undated

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Piatt County Soil Report, 1930
Piatt County Soil Survey, 1991 and undated (2 folders)
Prairie Soils, undated
Vermillion County Soil Survey Map, undated

County Histories

This series contains information about the history of the different counties within the East Central Illinois area studied in Elisabeth Hanson's book.

Allerton Park, Piatt County, 1968, 1976-1977, and undated
Allerton Park, Section 29, Peck's spring, 1937 and undated
Champaign County History, 1963 and undated
Champaign County Newspaper Clippings, 1975, 2000, and undated
DeWitt County Entry Plats, undated
DeWitt County History, undated
Douglas County History, 1978
Edger and Coles County, undated
First Entry Plats, Champaign, undated (3 folders)
Koster Site, undated
Land Summary, Piatt County, undated

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McLean County History, 1976-1977, and undated
Memory Bank, Champaign County, 1985
Notes on Piatt County, undated
Piatt County First Registrants, undated (2 folders)
Piatt County Study, undated
Piatt People History, undated

Pioneer Demorest History, undated
 Vermilion County History, 1994 and undated

Transportation

This series contains research materials regarding methods of transportation throughout Illinois history. The materials in this series were all labeled "Access" by Elizabeth Hanson.

"Champaign: The Creation of a City," 1988
 Copy of "A Journey on Horseback," 1890
 Early Roads Research Material, undated
 "Indian Thoroughfares of Ohio," Archer Hulbert, undated
 Plank Roads Research Notes, undated
 Railroads Research Materials, 1972, 1983, 2004 and undated
 Shelbyville-Chicago Road Research Material, undated
 Stagecoach and Post Roads, 1989 and undated
 State Road Survey, copy, 1841
 State and National Roads Research Material, 1972 and undated
 Travel and Access References, undated
 Waterways, undated

First Registrants of Public Land in East-Central Illinois

This series contains information on the first registrants of public land in the East-Central Illinois Study Area through 1850 using data from local land office tract books. The information in this series are organized in two sets of materials, one set is organized alphabetically and the other is organized by land location.

Alphabetically Arranged folder 1 of 6, undated
 Alphabetically Arranged folder 2 of 6, undated
 Alphabetically Arranged folder 3 of 6, undated
 Alphabetically Arranged folder 4 of 6, undated
 Alphabetically Arranged folder 5 of 6, undated
 Alphabetically Arranged folder 6 of 6, undated
 Arranged by Land, T 23 N, undated
 Arranged by Land, T 22 N, undated
 Arranged by Land, T 21 N, undated
 Arranged by Land, T 20 N, undated
 Arranged by Land, T 19 N, undated
 Arranged by Land, T 18 N, undated
 Arranged by Land, T 17 N, undated
 Arranged by Land, T 16 N, undated
 Arranged by Land, T 15 N, undated
 Arranged by Land, T 14 N, undated

Landownership Maps

This series contains maps made by Elizabeth Hanson to indicate who purchased which piece of land when. These papers were in a

separate case labeled "very important project papers." The numbers indicate the townships and ranges of each map. This series is undated.

T 18 N, R 5 E
 T 18 N, R 5 E checked for lots
 T 18 N, R 6 E
 T 18 N, R 6 E checked for lots
 T 16 N, R 4 E
 T 16 N, R 4 E checked for lots
 T 16 N, R 5 E
 T 17 N, R 4 E
 T 17 N, R 4 E checked for lots
 T 18 N, R 4 E
 T 18 N, R 4 E checked for lots
 T 19 N, R 4 E checked for lots
 T 17 N, R 5 E
 T 17 N, R 5 E checked for lots
 T 19 N, R 5 E
 T 19 N, R 5 E checked for lots
 T 21 N, R 5 E
 T 21 N, R 5 E no lots
 T 16 N, R 6 E
 T 17 N, R 6 E
 T 17 N, R 6 E checked with auditors
 T 19 N, R 6 E
 T 20 N, R 6 E checked for lots
 T 20 N, R 6 E
 T 21 N, R 6 E checked for lots
 T 19 N, R 6 E
 T 19 N, R 6 E checked for lots

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Copies of section plats for 19, 6
 T 20 N, R 5 E checked for lots
 T 16 N, R 6 E checked for lots
 Form for first registrants in one section (Piatt County)
 Township Summaries
 Color keys (for Piatt County)
 Blank Grid Sheets

Land Sales

This series contains research materials related to the history of land purchases in East-Central Illinois, including landownership maps, graphs, information on Native American land cessions, and other materials.

Chronology of Native American Land cessions, undated
 General Land Office, undated
 Index to Native American Land Cessions, undated
 Land Entries R 1E-R5E, undated
 Land Entries R6E-R14W, undated

Land Entries R12W-R10W, undated
 Land Ordinance of 1785, lecture notes and symposium materials, 1985
 Land Purchases and Distribution of Native Tribes Maps, undated
 Land Purchases Graphics and Maps, undated
 Land Purchases Research Materials, undated
 Land Sales Graphics, undated
 Land Sales Research Material, undated
 Native American Land Cessions, 1981
 Palestine Land Office, undated

Speculators

They contain information on speculators who purchased land in East-Central Illinois between 1835 and 1836.

Bannister, undated
 Elihu and Isaac Chauncey, undated
 John Grigg, undated
 Naudain, Tatnall, and Canby, undated
 Philo Hale, undated
 Preston Samuel Loughborough, undated
 Ramsay McHenry, undated
 Robert and David Watkinson, undated
 William Stage, undated
 Land tract record listing, undated
 Purchasers of 360-640 acres, undated
 Purchasers of 1000-2000 acres, undated

Vermilion Salt Springs Article

This series contains the first draft of an article Elizabeth Hanson wrote about the Vermilion Salt Springs and related materials.

Article, undated
 Correspondence Regarding Salinities, 1998
 Correspondence Regarding Salt Springs Piece, 1998-2002
 Correspondence with Jon Muller, 1999
 Correspondence with Phil Reed, 1997
 Edited Drafts, 1998-1999
 Geology References, 1969 and undated
 Salt Springs References, undated (2 folders)
 Miscellaneous Research Materials, undated

Publication Materials

This series contains materials related to the publication of the book *East-Central Illinois: Exploring the Beginnings*, including manuscript drafts, graphics, and presentation materials.

Allerton Park Graphics, undated

Bookmarks, undated

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Book Outline and Notes, undated

Book Pages and Maps, undated

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Book 4 Materials, undated

Drafts of Book Pages and Graphics, 1997, 2000 and undated

Hey and Associates Papers, undated

"Land for Revenue" Chapter Draft, undated

"Local Land Office" Chapter Drafts, undated (2 folders)

Office Copies and Notes on Drafts, 1997

Prairie Quotations for Book, undated

Presentation Slides, undated

Prospectus and Author Qualifications, undated

Reference Page Copy, undated

Source and Contacts, undated

"The Diary Keepers" Chapter Draft, 1998

"The Diary Keepers" Graphics, undated

"Vermilion Salt Springs" Chapter Draft, 1997

Maps

Base Maps, undated

Base Map Reference Materials, undated

Big Grove, 1986

Champaign County Maps, undated

Copy of 1834 Map, undated

Data Grids, undated

Demorest Pioneer Family Maps, undated

General Maps, undated

Macon County Map, 1970

Map of Southern Illinois, undated

Map Overlays, undated

Notes for Making Piatt County Maps, undated

Piatt County Maps, undated

Plat Grids, undated

Pre Settlement Landscape Map, undated

Road Atlas Pages, undated

R11E, undated

R10W, R11W, undated

T18N, R5E, Piatt, undated

Unmatched Map Overlays, undated

1818 Prairie Map, undated

1865 Sangamon Township Map Copy, undated

Box 5

Geological Map, Danville, 1966

Oversized Maps, undated

Prairie Maps with Data, undated

Pre-settlement Surveyor Maps, undated

U.S. Geological Survey Maps, 1953

Box 3 (cont.)**Correspondence**

This series is arranged by topic in the same way as they were originally arranged by Elizabeth Hanson.

Correspondence, Permissions, 1971-2011
 Correspondence Regarding Archive Possibilities, 2009, 2013
 Correspondence Regarding Editing, 1996-2008
 General Correspondence, 1988, 2001, 2002
 Illinois Nature Preserve Correspondence, 1985-1986
 Prairie Research Correspondence, 1991-1997
 Publication Correspondence, 1997-2015
 Research Correspondence, 1971-2011
 Research Correspondence, Demorest Pioneer Family, 1969-1977
 Richard Cannon Essay and Correspondence, 1988

Mixed Materials

This series is separated into two parts. Part 1 contains items donated by Ardith Hanson in 2017. Part 2 contains items donated to the Library before Elisabeth Hanson's death.

Mixed Materials Part 1

Articles about Elizabeth Hanson, 2000, 2010
 Brochures, undated
 Civil Boundaries, 1968, 1975

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Coal in Vermilion County, undated

Box 3 (cont.)

Copies of Historical Documents, undated
 Copy of General Instructions to Deputy Surveyors, undated
 Elizabeth Hanson Essay on Land Survey, 1981
 History Timetables, undated
 Illinois History Research Materials, undated
 Items from and regarding Bruce Hannon

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"The Last of the Virgin Sod" Poem, undated

Box 4

Newspaper Clippings, 1960-2008
 Newsweek Article on the Columbian Exchange, 1999
 Notes form Hutchins, Hulbert, and Heckwelder, undated
 Paper and Presentation: Sharon, undated
 Photos, undated
 Post Cards, undated
 Research Notes, undated (2 folders)
 Research References, undated
 Tall Grasses of East-Central Illinois, undated

"The Diary Keepers" Data and Maps, undated

Mixed Materials Part 2

"Pioneer Dredging in the Midwestern Wet Prairies," John Thompson,
2003

Letters and Materials sent to Bruce Hannon, 1991, 2003, 2004

Digital Materials

Interview with Elisabeth Hanson, 2002

Correspondence, Research Materials, and Other Writings, 1991-1998

PDF of *East-Central Illinois: Exploring the Beginnings*, 2014