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Box 1

September 1934

1. Abraham Lincoln, the Inventor
2. When the Foxes Fought at Detroit
3. The Story of a Trainload of Vegetables (1863)
4. In Single Combat, An Incident of the Mexican War
5. How Springfield Became the Capital of Illinois
6. First Railroad in Illinois
7. Lewis and Clark in Illinois
8. A Case of Pioneer Justice [pre-1860?]
9. The Illinoisan Who Was the West's Greatest Gunfighter
10. Illinois Gives the West a Celebrated "Bad Man" (J. Slade)
11. The Illinoisan Who Saved the Buffalo ("Buffalo" Jones)
12. How Black Partridge Saved Mrs. Helm
13. The Winnebago War
14. A Negro Cook Outwits the River Pirates
15. Courts of Illinois
16. The Illinoisan Who Became a Famous Hunter and Trapper
17. The Expedition of Sieur de Noyelles

October 1934

18. The Lost Survivor of the Fort Survivor Massacre
19. How the Indian Would Write Illinois History
20. "Farewell to Black Hawk"
21. Illinoisan Who Was Custer's Favorite Scout (Reynolds)
22. The Fighting Family of Whitesides
23. Fort Chartres, the Gibraltar of America
24. How the Illinois Pioneers Got Their Daily Bread
25. The Story of a Famous Illinois Woman Madame La Flamme
26. Captain Charles de Langlade, the Noted Partisan Leader
27. When Langlade, the Noted Partisan, Fought in Illinois
28. An Illinois Ulysses (a settler, Lindley)
29. In Honor of a Great Illinoisan (Ulysses S. Grant)

November 1934

30. Story of a Forgotten Campaign I. Unprotected Frontier
31. Story of a Forgotten Campaign II. The March of Edwards' Army
32. Story of a Forgotten Campaign III. General Hopkins' Failure
33. Story of a Forgotten Campaign V. The First Success
34. The Great Conspiracy (Sons of Liberty, 1864)
35. The Life of the Voyageur
36. The Historic Name of Duquoin
37. Metea, a Great Illinois Orator
38. How Sauganash Saved the Kinzies
39. Sauganash, the Half-Breed Chieftain
40. The Story of Santa Anna's Wooden Leg

41. He "Poured" at the Boston Tea Party (D. Kinnison)
42. A Story of Lincoln (Devil Dick's clothes, 1840)

December 1934

43. "Black Hawk Never Forgets!"
44. Cave-in-the-Rock: The Robbers Roost of Illinois
45. The White Princess of the Kickapoos
46. The Tragedy of Maramech
47. Punishment of Crime in the Pioneer Days of Illinois
48. Daniel Maurice Godfrey de Linctot...
49. Simon Pokagon, Last Great Chief of Pottawatomies
50. The Story of the Cannon Named "Mary Lincoln"
51. When an Earthquake Shook Illinois
52. The Story of Two Famous (18th Century) Illinois Land Grants
53. Governor Matteson and the Canal Scrip Fraud
54. Tecumseh's Threat
55. The Foulest Plot in History (Lincoln's tomb)

January 1935

56. The Chief Called "Watchful Fox"
57. An Indian's View of the White Man's Education
58. The Year of the Plague (1832)
59. Black Partridge's Romance
60. Captain Moredock's Fatal Mistake
61. The Poet Laureate (John G. Neihardt of Nebraska, born Illinois)
62. When Legislators Were "Greased and Swallowed"
63. Some Early Day Legislators
64. Some Curious Pioneer Legislation
65. The Governor Who Served Only 15 Days (Ewing, 1834)
66. The "Winter of the Deep Snow" (1830-1831)

February 1935

67. The Winter of the "Sudden Change" (1836)
68. Captain John Whistler, Founder of Fort Dearborn
69. The Lone Defender...Battle of Bad Ax
70. The Story of "Hubbard's Usurpation"
71. When Buffalo Roamed the Illinois Prairies
72. Captain William Wells, the Hero of Ft. Dearborn
73. When Lafayette Visited Illinois
74. How Nathaniel Pope Made Illinois a "Keystone" State
75. The Indian Code of Honor
76. Historic Names in the Black Hawk War
77. The Story of a Famous Lawsuit (Jeffry Nash 1813)
78. Baptiste Point du Sable, First Am. Resident of Chicago
79. A Story of Indian Courtesy (Shabbona 1857)
80. The Story of a Famous Steamboat Race (1854)
81. Why Illinoisans are Called "Suckers"

March 1935

82. Illinois 130 Years Ago (N. Mitchell letter)
83. Homes of the Illinois Pioneers

84. The Battle of Sycamore Creek
85. Shabbona's Choice
86. How Pontiac Made the English "Look Foolish"
87. The Boldness of George Rogers Clark
88. The Story of a Famous Footrace and its Sequel (circa 1812)
89. Captain William Wells, "Mad Anthony's" Favorite Scout
90. The Heroism of Mrs. Simmons (1812)
91. The Vengeance of the Miamis
92. When the Spanish and British Fought at St. Louis
93. The Story of the Oatman Family
94. The Tale of Two Men and Two Forts (1832)
95. When the "Messiah" Came to Illinois (1890)
96. Dueling in Illinois
97. The Great Cahokia Mound
98. Abraham Lincoln Comes Home (1865)
99. The End of a Great Chieftain (Pontiac)
100. How an Illinoisan Started the Santa Fe Trade (Morriso)
101. Games the Indians of Illinois Played
102. Father Pinet and His Mission of the Guardian Angel
103. The "Hero" of Stillman's Run
104. The Haymarket Riot

April 1935

105. The Story of Forgotten Fort Shelby
106. Jean Baptiste Beaubien and his Famous Land Claim
107. "The Prairie Car," the First Automobile (Semple, 1846)
108. The Story of a Famous Romance (Jefferson Davis 1835)
109. When They Tried to Keep Grant Out of War
110. The Story of a Bluff That Worked (1778)
111. The Paul Revere of Illinois (James Watson Webb)
112. The Exploit of "Monsieur Tom" Brady
113. Girty the Renegade
114. An Illinois Governor in Gold Lace (N. Edwards)
115. Pierre Menard, the First Lt. Governor
116. How a Get-Rick-Quick Scheme Brought Settlers (J. Law)
117. When Communism Failed in Illinois (Icarians)
118. When the Spaniards Invaded Illinois
119. Illinois' Greatest Indian Fighter (Tom Higgins 1812)
120. Abraham Lincoln's "Duel"
121. The Hero of Campbell's Island (1814)
122. The Illinois Mothers' Wartime Message (Civil War)

May 1935

123. The Story of Fort Dearborn I. The Founding
124. The Story of Fort Dearborn II. The Lonely Outpost
125. The Story of Fort Dearborn III. One Red August Day
126. The Story of Fort Dearborn IV. The Rebuilding of the Fort
127. The Story of Fort Dearborn V. The Fur Trade at the Fort
128. The Story of Fort Dearborn VI. Indian Alarms and Re-occupation

129. The Story of Fort Dearborn VII. The War Drum's Last Beat at Dearborn
130. Simon Kenton at the Capture of Kaskaskia
131. I. How the Counties of Illinois Got Their Names
132. II. How the Counties of Illinois Got Their Names
133. III. How the Counties of Illinois Got Their Names
134. IV. How the Counties of Illinois Got Their Names
135. How James Curry Defeated the Piankeshaws
136. The Bones of Black Hawk and Keokuk
137. Some Incidents of "Stillman's Run"
138. For the Freedom of the Press (Lovejoy)
139. The "Bad Medicine" of Premoattam
140. When Lincoln was an Army Captain
141. How a Bourgeois Tricked His Voyageurs
142. Farming in Illinois Two Hundred Years Ago
143. The Story of Two Famous Fence Rails
144. The First Meeting of Two Great Illinoisans (Abraham Lincoln/Ulysses S. Grant)

June 1935

145. Sturdevant, the Counterfeiter
146. Neapope, a Warrior of the Sacs
147. "Aye, the Corn, the Royal Corn---"
148. The Story of a Terrible March (1779)
149. The Heroic Defense of Fort Jefferson (1781)
150. Bat Masterson, Buffalo Hunter, Indian Scout, Sheriff
151. The Wood River Massacre
152. Political Campaigns ('butcher boys')
153. Shabbona, "White Man's Friend"
154. The Molly Pitcher of Illinois (1862)
155. When Aaron Burr Plotted Treason in Illinois
156. When the Fur Trade Flourished in Illinois
157. The Piasa Gods
158. Songs They Sang in the Sixties
159. Mrs. O'Leary's Cow Kicks the Lantern
160. When They Trailed Texas Longhorns Through Illinois
161. Neopope's Revenge

Undated Scripts

1. How Illinois Got Her Name
2. The Curse of Kaskaskia (circa 1705)
3. Pierre d'Artaguette, Knight Errant
4. Witchcraft in Illinois (1779)
5. When Jack Dempsey Fought in Illinois (1789-1793)
6. When the Militia "Mustered" in Illinois
7. "The Old-Time Religion"
8. Marriage and Divorce in the Early Days of Illinois
9. Chief Nawkaw of the Winnebagoes
10. Kannekuk, the Prophet, and his Prayer Stick
11. The Indian Lovers' Duel (1833)

Writings on Chanute Field, Rantoul (3 pages)

Writings on Octave Chanute (3 pages)

Letter addressed to WILL from a press officer at the field, 1947