Local History Collection Indexes


2. Index to the 1835 Putnam County Census. Pages in a white binder.

3. "Illinois 1840 Census Index, Volume I: Adams – Dupage." Stapled book with yellow cover. (Please note that this is the volume that includes Bureau County.)

4. "Illinois 1840 Census Index, Volume IV: Counties McDonough – Rock Island. Compiled by Maxine E. Wormer." Stapled book with yellow cover. (Please note that this is the volume that includes Putnam County.)


7. "Illinois Mortality Schedule 1860, Volume I Counties: Adams through Effingham." Stapled book with light yellow cover. (Please note that this is the volume that includes Bureau County.)

8. "Subject Classifications, Volume I. For use with manual of Bureau County Newspaper Index; June 1, 1940." Stapled book with light brown cover.


16. "1930 Federal Population Census: Catalog of National Archives Microfilm." This index appears to be a guide to choose the type/edition/portion of microfilm that an organization might consider purchasing from the 1930 Federal Census. (Also has loose papers concerning the rental of microfilm rolls.) Magazine-style binding with a portrait image of a group of people on the front cover.

17. "Federal Population Censuses 1790-1890: A catalog of microfilm copies of the schedules." This index appears to be a guide to choose the type/edition/portion of microfilm that an organization might consider purchasing from the Federal Census. Magazine-style binding with green paperback cover.

18. "Federal Population Censuses 1790-1890: A catalog of microfilm copies of the schedules." This index appears to be a guide to choose the type/edition/portion of microfilm that an organization might consider purchasing from the Federal Census. Magazine-style binding with blue paperback cover.

19. "1900 Federal Population Census: A catalog of microfilm copies of the schedules." This index appears to be a guide to choose the type/edition/portion of microfilm that an organization might consider purchasing from the 1900 Federal Census. Magazine-style binding with beige paperback cover with grid images of houses on the front cover.

20. "The 1910 Federal Population Census: A catalog of microfilm copies of the schedules." This index appears to be a guide to choose the type/edition/portion of microfilm that an organization might consider purchasing from the 1910 Federal Census. Magazine-style binding with faded green paperback cover with an image of passengers on a ship.


23. “Name Index for the History of De Pue, IL 1976. Donated by the Bureau County Genealogical Society on June 13, 1994.” Typed pages are bound in a blue folder with a label on the front cover. This item already has a Matson Public Library barcode (3-7358-00038-99774) on the inside page, and the spine notation is “Archives, 977.337, HIS, INDEX.”

24. “Index to Map and Sketches of Bureau County, III, by N. Matson.” Small green hardcover book with “Index of Bureau County, Illinois,” written on the spine. This item already has a Matson Public Library barcode (3-7358-00046-0849) on the inside page, and the spine notation is “Archives, 977.337, MAT.”

25. “Index to Map and Sketches of Bureau County, III, by N. Matson.” Small green hardcover book with “Index of Bureau County, Illinois,” written on the spine. This item already has a Matson Public Library barcode (3-7358-00046-0856) on the inside page, and the spine notation is “Archives, 977.337, MAT.” [This item is identical to the preceding item (Item 24), except that the barcodes differ.]

26. “Index to A History of Princeton by George Owen Smith c. 1966; Index compiled by Helen Webber for Matson Public Library.” Blue hardcover book with “Index to a History of Princeton – Smith” written on the spine. This item already has a Matson Public Library barcode (3-7358-00033-5868) on the inside page, and the spine notation is “977.337, IND.”


28. “City of Spring Valley. Spring Valley, Illinois: An Ethnic Heritage Built from Coal. 1886 – 1986.” This book is not an index as much as it is a resource and record of the history of Spring Valley. With a large section devoted to local families, this is a genealogical resource with significant potential. Navy blue hardcover book with a town seal from 1986 and the title on the cover, with “1886. Spring Valley, Illinois. 1986” written on the spine. This item already has a Matson Public Library barcode (3-7358-00038-9402) and a spine notation of “Archives, 977.337, SPR.”

29. “The Cherry Mine Disaster.” White binder filled with laminated photocopies of the pages of F. P. Buck’s book, The Cherry Mine Disaster. In the front pocket is a photo of the mine surface during the disaster, as well as a photocopy of the Coroner’s Inquest on the body of Alex Norberg. Binder already has a Matson Public Library barcode (3-7358-00041-7336) and spine notation of “Archives, 977.337, BUC.”

30. “Index to A History of Princeton by George Owen Smith, c. 1966. Index compiled by Helen Webber for Matson Public Library.” Loose index pages are in a plastic folder inside of a beige file folder. [Please note that this item has contents identical to that of item 26.]

31. “Surname Index for Fire Below.” Loose pages are in a plastic report folder with a blue spine.

32. “Index to Simpson History.” Legal-size laminated pages are inside of a legal-size beige file folder with a label on the front.

33. “Index to A History of Princeton by George Owen Smith, c. 1966. Index compiled by Helen Webber for Matson Public Library.” Loose pages in a plastic report folder with a brown spine. [Please note that this item has contents identical to that of both item 26 and item 30.]

34. “Index for Barns of Bureau County.” Loose beige pages in a gray file folder.

35. “Index to Map and Sketches of Bureau County, III, by N. Matson.” Small green hardcover book with “Index of Bureau County, Illinois,” written on the spine. This item already has a Matson Public Library barcode (3-7358-00046-0849) on the inside page, and the spine notation is “Archives, 977.337, MAT.” [Please note that this item has contents identical to that of both item 24 and item 25.]

36. “Surname Index and Table of Contents to Reminiscences of Bureau County by N. Matson. Published by Republican Book and Job Office; Princeton, Illinois 1872. Published by Yakima Valley Genealogical Society, 1979.” Red laminated cover with laminated pages stapled inside. Item already has a Matson Public Library barcode (3-7358-00038-9543) and a spine notation of “Archives, 977.337, MAT.”

37. “A complete index to Past and Present of Bureau County.” A large square-shaped thin cardboard folder with laminated pages bound inside. [Please note that this item is not as thorough of an index for Past and Present as item 45 is.]

38. “Index of Names from the book Records of the Olden Times or Fifty Years on the Prairies by Spencer Ellsworth.” Gray bound paperback book. Book already has a Matson Public Library barcode (3-7358-00038-9949) and a spine notation of “Archives, 977.337, ELL, INDEX.”

39. “Public Libraries of the U.S.A. and Elsewhere.” This is not an index so much as a scrapbook of
public library postcards and photographs, most of which were mailed to the Matson Public Library. Black scrapbook with gold lettering on the spine and front. Please note that some of the postcards have fallen loose from the corner tab-holders on the pages; these postcards are currently resting between the pages.


41. "Index Bureau Cty. Directory 1897-98. Name index for the Bureau County Directory, 1897-1898, by J. C. Kelly and Co. Prepared by the Bureau County Genealogical Society, 2007." This large white binder contains both the typed name index and a photocopied version of the 1897-1898 Bureau County Directory.


43. "Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society." This binder contains several volumes of small bound indexes for the publication articles of the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society in the given year. It is important to note that midway through 1984 (Vol. LXXVII), the name of the journal changed from "Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society" to "Illinois Historical Journal." Binder already has a Matson Public Library barcode (3-7358-00038-9807) and a notation (which is on the inside front page) of REF, 977.3, JOU.

44. This white binder is blank on the spine and the cover, but the first item inside of it is a letter from Carol McGee (of the Bureau County Genealogical Society) to the library advising that this binder contains a revised and more accurate version of the index to the 1897-1898 Bureau County Directory name index than the Genealogical Society initially provided. There is a name index and a photocopied directory, as well.

45. "Past and Present of B. Cty. Index. Index to Past and Present of Bureau County, Illinois by George B. Harrington, A.M. Compiled by Jacquelyn Gee Glavinick, 1986." Several pages in a white binder. Binder already has a Matson Public Library barcode (3-7358-00038-9725) and a spine notation of "Archives, 977.337, HAR, INDEX." [Please note that this is a more thorough index than the Past and Present index of item 37.]

ALL OF THE ABOVE INDEXES ARE LOCATED IN THE STEVENS-LAWTON LOCAL HISTORY ROOM ON THE SHELF UNDER THE STAIN-GLASS WINDOW.