

Township Offices

- ▶ Annual Tax Assessments
- ▶ Treasurer Receipt Books
- ▶ Road and Bridge Books
- ▶ Justice of the Peace Records

Probate/Chancery Records

- ▶ Will/Probate Files often include:
 - ▶ Real Estate Holdings
 - ▶ Personal Inventories
 - ▶ Heirs, Debtors and Creditors
- ▶ Chancery Records (equity)
 - ▶ Family Disputes

Tax Assessments/IRS Filings

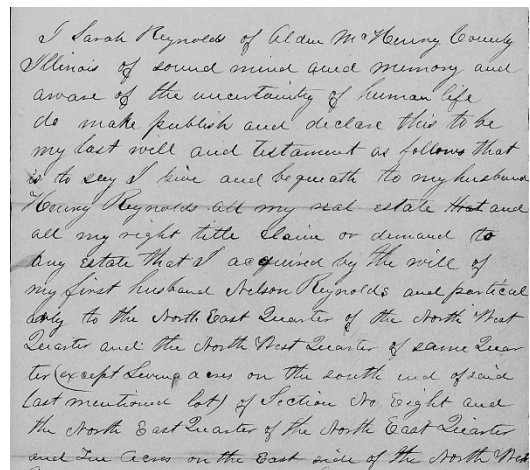
- ▶ Annual Tax Receipts
- ▶ County/Township Tax Assessment Books
- ▶ Online Access to Modern Records
- ▶ IRS Filings may be found in family papers

National Archives has digitized federal tax lists for the 1860s (available on Ancestry)

Newspapers

Sales & foreclosures are listed by address, PIN, or surname

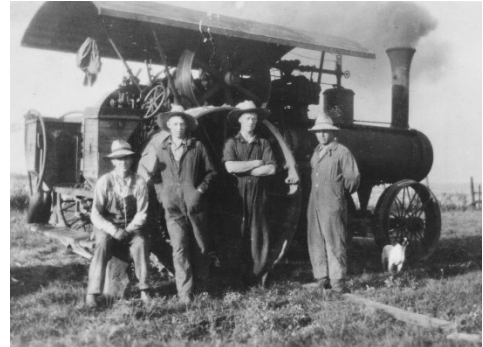
- ▶ "Moving days" often between February 1st and March 1st
- ▶ New construction, renovations, & fires



- Obituaries

Miscellaneous Farm Records

- County Atlas/Plat Books & Histories
- Farm/City Directories
- Rural Surveys/Landmark Applications



Where to Look:

County Courthouse & Township Offices

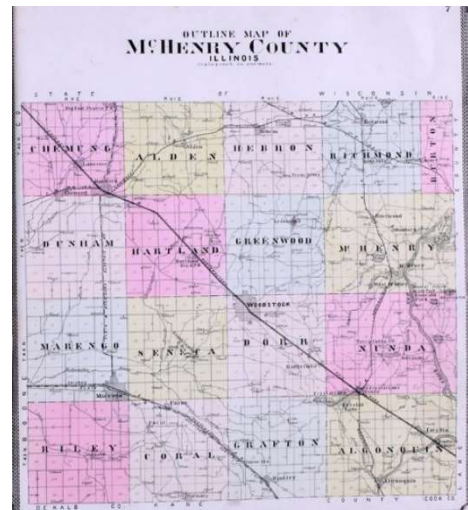
- See earlier examples

Historical Societies/Archives/Libraries

- Photos, Letters, Diaries, Interviews
- City/Farmer Directories
- Newspapers
- County Histories/Atlases

Print Resources

- Rural Structures Guides/Landmark Applications
- "This is" Farm Series by John Drury 1955
- Prairie Farmer Magazine Directories
- Tax Assessments/Land Sales/Mortgages
- Plat Books/Gazetteers/County Histories



Digital Resources

- Archivegrid: <https://researchworks.oclc.org/archivegrid>
- FamilySearch www.familysearch.org
- Illinois Digital Archives www.idaillinois.org
- Illinois State Archives <http://ilsos.libraryhost.com>
- ★ Internet Archive www.archive.org
- Library of Congress www.loc.gov
- National Archives www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/charts-forms

Book Collections

- Digital Public Library <http://dp.la/bookshelf>
- FamilySearch <https://books.familysearch.org>
- Google Books <https://books.google.com>
- Hathi Trust www.hathitrust.org/digital_library

Newspaper Collections

- Advantage Newspaper Collections: <https://bit.ly/2ni9oTd>
- Chronicling America www.chroniclingamerica.loc.gov
- Elephind www.Elephind.com
- Genealogybank www.genealogybank.com
- Google News Archive <https://bit.ly/1En90RP>
- Illinois Digital Newspaper Project <https://idnc.library.illinois.edu>
- Newspaper Archive www.newspaperarchive.com
- Newspapers.com www.newspapers.com

Turkey red table linen, 19 cents a yard, at Hill & Ballard's. 7313

A farmer came in town yesterday with a load of cabbages and failing to find a ready market for them went into a saloon to drown his disappointment in a glass or two of beer. He succeeded grandly in smothering his chag-in at his loss and drove up Broadway throwing his cabbages at every one on the street and appeared to enjoy the sport greatly, until a policeman gathered him in and requested him to take lodgings in Hotel Walker for the night. A number of boys gathered up his garden fruit and doubtless had cold slaw for supper. He was fined \$10.00 and costs this morning.

Standard sheeting, 4½ cents a yard, at

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