

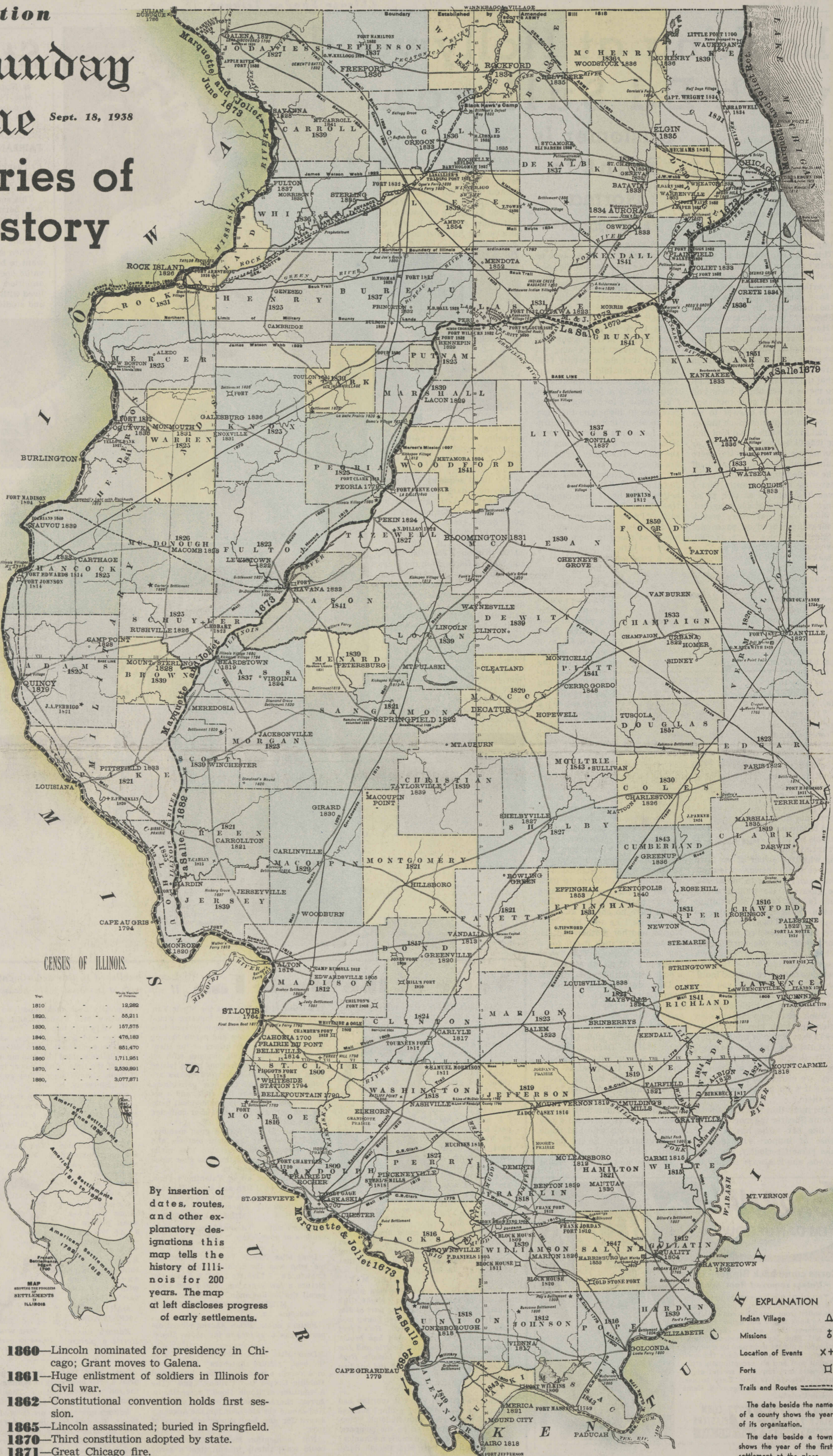
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Two Centuries of Illinois History

THE RARE and unusual historical map of Illinois which appears on this page was published in 1883 as a guide to the study of the state's settlement and growth over two centuries, beginning with the appearance of the first white explorers in 1673. Highlights of Illinois history of these 200 years are set forth in the chronology below.

- 1673**—Marquette and Joliet descend the Mississippi river.
1674—Marquette winters at Chicago.
1677—Allouez comes to Illinois.
1680—La Salle on the Illinois river.
1681—Tonty placed in command of the Illinois river region.
1685—Durantaye assumes command of Fort at Chicago.
1692—Father Rasle enters Illinois.
1693—Father Gravier comes to Illinois.
1696—Missionary stations established on the Calumet river.
1697—Marest's mission established at Peoria.
1700—Kaskaskia settled by Father Pinet.
1720—Five hundred slaves brought to Illinois country.
1721—Charlevoix enters Illinois.
1722—First grant of land in Illinois.
1734—Mississippi closed by war between English and French.
1741—River trade with New Orleans restored.
1745—Four thousand sacks of flour shipped from Illinois.
1764—St. Louis founded.
1765—English take possession of Illinois.
1766—Col. Reed is English commander of Illinois; headquarters, Fort Chartres.
1768—English courts established at Kaskaskia.
1777—Clark sends spies into Illinois.
1778—Conquest of Illinois by Clark.
1779—Clark takes Vincennes.
1780—Col. John Todd military governor of Illinois.
1781—Spaniards march across Illinois and take St. Joseph.
1782—Settlement of New Design in Illinois.
1784—Virginia cedes the Northwest (including Illinois) to the United States.
1785—Law passed authorizing survey of western lands.
1787—Northwest territory organized, slavery thereby excluded from Illinois.
1789—Illinois organized as St. Clair county.
1790—Courts reestablished at Kaskaskia.
1792—Treaty of peace with the Illinois tribes.
1798—Harrison made secretary of the Northwest territory.
1807—First statute book of laws published in Illinois.
1809—Territory of Illinois organized.
1812—Fort Dearborn massacre at Chicago.
1815—Large immigration to Illinois.
1816—Bank of Illinois chartered.
1818—Illinois admitted to Union as state; Shadrach Bond elected governor.
1820—Vandalia made state capital.
1822—Edward Coles inaugurated governor.
1825—Illinois visited by Lafayette.
1826—Ninian Edwards inaugurated governor.
1830—John Reynolds inaugurated governor; Lincoln family moves to Illinois.
1832—The Black Hawk war.
1833—Chicago organized as a town.
1834—Joseph Duncan inaugurated governor; Illinois and Michigan canal begun; Dred Scott brought to Illinois, creating famous slavery case.
1837—Chicago chartered as a city; Elijah P. Lovejoy assassinated at Alton; Springfield made state capital; Lincoln opens law office in Springfield.
1839—Mormons settle at Nauvoo; first railroad in state, Sangamon and Morgan, begins operations.
1847—Chicago Tribune founded; construction begun on Chicago and Galena railway.
1848—Second constitution adopted for state.
1855—Free school law passed.
1858—Campaign for senatorship between Lincoln and Douglas; Douglas elected.



By insertion of dates, routes, and other explanatory designations this map tells the history of Illinois for 200 years. The map at left discloses progress of early settlements.

- 1860**—Lincoln nominated for presidency in Chicago; Grant moves to Galena.
1861—Huge enlistment of soldiers in Illinois for Civil war.
1862—Constitutional convention holds first session.
1865—Lincoln assassinated; buried in Springfield.
1870—Third constitution adopted by state.
1871—Great Chicago fire.

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