
An Annotated Bibliography of Observations on Illinois Water Resources 1673-1850. *T. P. Schlunz, R. M. Sutton, and G. W. White.* University of Illinois Water Resources Center, 3220 Civil Engineering Building, Urbana, Illinois 61803, Research Report No. 12. 1967. xiv + 77 p.

This ring-bound photocopied typewritten booklet, as the title indicates, surveys all the old literature, from 1673 to 1850, that makes any reference to water or water resources in the state of Illinois. Annotations are sometimes several paragraphs in length and in most cases are accompanied by direct quotes from the source.

The 14-page introduction is a brief, very well-written survey of the early history of Illinois. It emphasizes the various uses and meanings of water to these early peoples of that state: water supply, river transportation, fort locations, water power, water for agriculture, floods and malaria, floodplain sources of timber in this prairie land, etc.

For people outside of Illinois, this booklet will have only limited usefulness, but for anyone interested in history or the early significance of water in Illinois, this is a very valuable source of information.

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