



RE-PEOPLING
PRAIRIE
HISTORY, ECOLOGY,
+ HOW THEY CAN
BETTER INFORM
PRAIRIE SCIENCE

CURTIS PRAIRIE
1961

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SO LET'S
LOOK AT HOW MUCH
RESEARCH IT TAKES
TO MAKE SOMETHING
AS SIMPLE AS
A COMIC





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HISTORIAN, PLANT
SCIENTIST, SCIENCE
COMMUNICATOR

WHETHER YOU'RE AN
HISTORIAN, GEOGRAPHER,
ECOLOGIST, OR JUST
CURIOUS ABOUT WHERE
YOU LIVE

SITE HISTORIES
ARE VITAL TO
UNDERSTANDING ANY
CURRENT AMERICAN
LANDSCAPE

I WANNA WALK YOU
THROUGH SOME OF THE
GOOD STARTING PLACES
TO UNDERSTAND
YOUR PLACE

FOR THIS
DEMONSTRATION,
I'M GOING TO
USE ONE OF MY
RESEARCH SITES:
PAW PAW, IL



SOURCE

#1

TREATIES



DO NOT MISTAKE
THIS AS AN EMPTY
DIVERSITY + INCLUSION
GESTURE

YES,
I'M LOOKING
AT YOU,
SCIENTISTS

DON'T
SKIP
THIS

TREATY INFO WILL TELL
YOU THINGS LIKE:

WHO LIVED HERE BEFORE SETTLEMENT
WHEN SETTLEMENT REALLY HAPPENED
WHERE UNUSUAL THINGS HAPPENED
WHAT LAND WAS VALUED MOST
WHO STILL HAS LEGAL RIGHTS HERE



IN TERMS
OF NATURAL
RESOURCES



THE SUPREME COURT
HAS AFFIRMED THAT
ALL TREATIES HOLD
LEGAL WEIGHT

THIS IS ESPECIALLY KEY FOR
CURRENT LAND MANAGERS, AS IT
IS OFTEN TRUE THE TRIBAL
NATION RETAINS RIGHTS TO:

HUNTING
FISHING
GATHERING AND
SOMETIMES
THE LAND
ITSELF



THESE ARE LEGAL
OBLIGATIONS SIGNED
BETWEEN SOVEREIGN
NATIONS AND THE
UNITED STATES
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



WHICH MEANS
THEY'RE IN FEDERAL
DATABASES!

YAY!

THAT MEANS
RELATIVELY STABLE,
CONSISTANT, AND
FREE!

GENUINELY
GETS THIS
EXCITED

FIND A TREATY

GO TO NATIVE-LANDS.CA

IF YOU TYPE IN AN ADDRESS, THIS SITE WILL LIST EITHER WHOSE TERRITORY IT IS, WHAT LANGUAGES, OR WHAT TREATIES

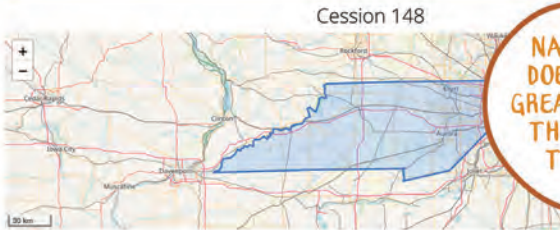
CESSION: LAND THAT HAS BEEN SURRENDERED BY TREATY UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS. NOT NECESSARILY BY CHOICE.

GO TO DIGITREATIES.ORG

The Indigenous Digital Archive

IDA Treaties Explorer

Treaties Cessions Tribes Places



Cession Number

148

NOTE - THE DATE IT'S "SUPER HELPFUL FOR FINDING THINGS"

Chippewa

Ojibwa

Potawatomi

Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians of the Bad River Reservation, WI

Bay Mills Indian Community, Michigan

Bois Forte Band (Nett Lake) of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota

Royce's Schedule of Indian Land Cessions (July 29, 1829)

Treaty entry in Charles J. Kappler Indian Affairs: Laws and Treaties (embedded)

Treaty entry in Charles J. Kappler Indian Affairs: Laws and Treaties (link)



NATIVE-LANDS DOESN'T HAVE GREAT INFO FOR THE TREATIES THEMSELVES

SO I LIKE IDA FOR TREATY OVERVIEW

THIS LINK GETS YOU TO THE REAL PAPER COPY DOC

ROYCE'S SCHEDULE OF INDIAN LAND CESSIONS

IF THE PREVIOUS SITES ARE DEAD, SEARCH FOR THIS!

[HTTPS://MEMORY.LOC.GOV/AMMEM/AMLAW/LWSS-ILC.HTML](https://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwss-ILC.html)

Chippewa,
Ottawa, and
Potawatomi
nations
of the wa-
ters of the
Illinois,
Milwaukee,
and Mani-
towoc riv-

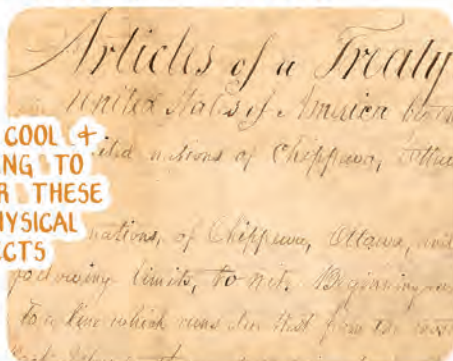
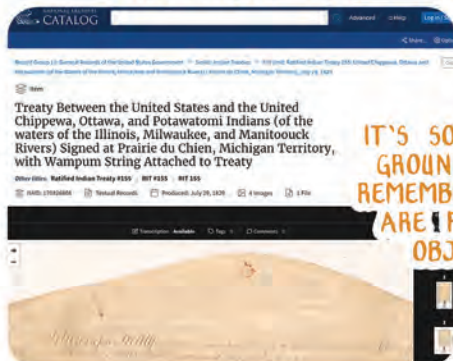
The aforesaid nations hereby cede to the U.S. all the land, comprehended within the following limits, viz: Beginning at the mouth of the Rock river, 40 miles from its mouth, on Rock river, down Rock river to a line which runs d. southern bend of Lake Michigan to the M. with that line to the Mississippi river opposite the mouth of the Onisconsin; thence with the S. and E. lines of said reservation to the Onisconsin river; thence southerly, passing the heads of the small



THIS GETS YOU THE BASIC TREATY TEXT, BUT YOU CAN SEE THE ORIGINAL PIECE OF PAPER AND VERBAGE IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

GO TO CATALOG.ARCHIVES.GOV

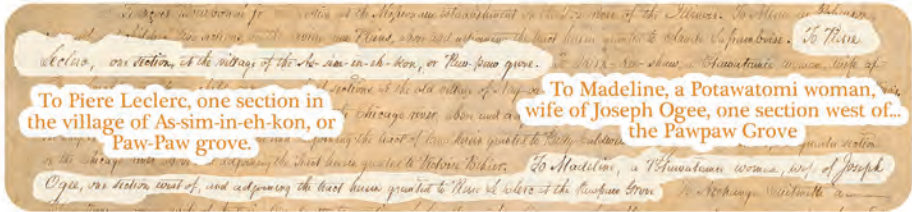
SEARCHING BY TREATY DATE SHOULD GET YOU THERE



IT'S SO COOL +
GROUNDING TO
REMEMBER THESE
ARE PHYSICAL
OBJECTS

I'M LOOKING FOR THAT PAWPAW GROVE IN THE ROYCE'S SESSIONS
IF A TOWN IS MENTIONED BY NAME IN THE MAP, IT'S PROBABLY
MENTIONED IN THE TREATY ITSELF TOO

AND IN THE TREATY TEXT, WE FIND EXACTLY THAT!



SO LET'S SEE
WHAT WE CAN
LEARN ABOUT
THIS PAW PAW
GROVE

AND
ASIMINENKON
(WHICH MEANS
PAWPAW)

ROYCE'S SCHEDULE
MAP GIVES US A
BEARING FOR ILLINOIS
SURVEY MAPS

LET'S SEE HOW
THAT RELATES TO
OTHER HISTORIC
MAPS

SOURCE

#2

LAND SURVEYS



OK, SO:

THE SHORT
VERSION OF
THE STORY
IS:

THE UNITED STATES
STOLE A LOT OF
LAND AFTER THE
REVOLUTIONARY WAR

SO THE US
SENT SURVEYORS
OUT TO MAP
THE LAND OUT

THE METHOD THEY
USED IS CALLED:

PUBLIC LAND SURVEY SYSTEM

OR USUALLY "THE PLSS"

THE PLSS FOR EACH STATE
USES ONE NORTH-SOUTH LINE
+ ONE EAST-WEST LINE

EVERYTHING IS MEASURED
RELATIVES TO THESE LINES
AND HAS A CODE BASED ON
THEM

PAW PAW GROVE IS

37N 2E SEC 10

37 BOXES
NORTH OF
THE BASE
LINE

2 BOXES
EAST OF
THE PM
LINE

SECTION
#11/36 IN
THAT BOX

SOME GUYS WALKED THESE LINES
ACROSS THE LANDSCAPE TO TURN IT
INTO PROPERTY

THE RAD NEWS: THEY TOOK NOTES





YOU MIGHT THINK
"WOW THAT LOOKS
ANNOYING TO FIND"

FEAR NOT!

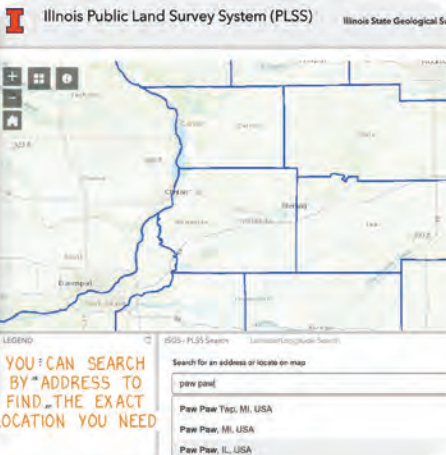
WE HAVE THE
INTERNET!

FIND YOUR PARTICULAR LOCATION ON THE PLSS

SEARCH "(YOUR STATE) PLSS"

WE STILL USE THE PLSS WHEN IT COMES TO PROPERTY OWNERSHIP
IN THE UNITED STATES, AND SO YOUR STATE LIKELY HAS
A PLSS GIS MAP ONLINE ALREADY!

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS HOSTS ILLINOIS'S MAP
PRAIRIE-RESEARCH.MAPS.ARCGIS.COM/



IL PLSS

County	Twp.	Rng.	Sec.	Mer.
Lee	37N	2E	10	3
Quadrangle	Paw Paw			
Twp./Precinct	Wyoming Township			

NO MAP SCROLLING
REQUIRED! HERE IS
THE CODE WE NEED
TO HOLD ON TO

37N 2E SEC 10
LEE COUNTY - WYOMING TOWNSHIP

THIS MAGIC CODE
WILL GET YOU THE
GOODS!

WRITE IT ON A
STICKY NOTE OR
TEXT IT TO
YOURSELF,
YOU'LL NEED IT



FINDING YOUR SPOT'S SURVEY MAPS



HOKAY SO,
WE HAVE OUR CODE:

37N 2E SEC 10

LEE COUNTY - WYOMING TOWNSHIP

LET'S FIND THOSE
HISTORIC MAPS!

ILLINOIS STATE ARCHIVES CURRENTLY HOST THE
SURVEYOR MAPS OF ILLINOIS
IDA.ILLINOIS.ORG/DIGITAL/COLLECTION/ILLINOISPLATS



PAW PAW
IS IN
LEE COUNTY
SO WE FIND
THAT BOOK



SEE FAMILIAR CODES?

Township

37th N

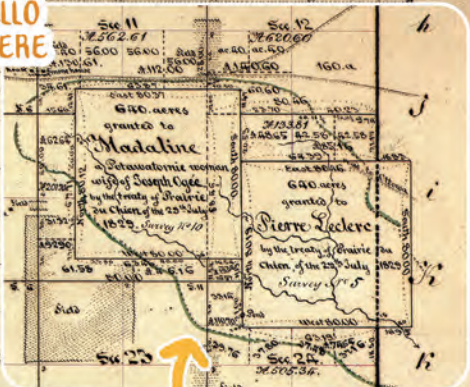
2nd E

OUR MAGIC CODE

THE ONLY TIME YOU SEE THE WORD PAWPAW

Pawpaw Grove road 160.a

HELLO THERE



GREEN LINE = WOODS

Indian grants to Madeline and Pierre Leclerc Subdivision lines

OH HEY

When surveyed

SURVEYED IN 1836

July 1836

Section	Acres	Surveyed	By	Remarks
11	640	1836	J. H. Smith	Indian grant to Madeline
12	640	1836	J. H. Smith	Indian grant to Pierre Leclerc
24	640	1836	J. H. Smith	Indian grant to Madeline
25	640	1836	J. H. Smith	Indian grant to Pierre Leclerc

Surveyor's Office
Done at New York 27th May 1836
The above plat of land is a true and correct copy of the original record in the office of the Surveyor General of the State of New York, and is a true and correct copy of the original record in the office of the Surveyor General of the State of New York.

RECOGNIZE THOSE NAMES? THEY'RE FROM THE TREATY!

To Pierre Leclerc, one section in the village of As-sim-in-eh-kon, or Paw-Paw grove.

To Madeline, a Potawatomi woman, wife of Joseph Ogee, one section west of the Pawpaw Grove.

WE CAN SEE FROM THIS MAP IT'S NOT JUST A NAME, THIS WAS A BIG FOREST OF SOME SORT, POSSIBLY PAWPAWS!

WE CAN SEE FROM THIS MAP IT'S NOT JUST A NAME, THIS WAS A BIG FOREST OF SOME SORT, POSSIBLY PAWPAWS!

WANNA SEE WHAT KIND OF TREES ARE THERE?
THERE ARE NOTES!

FINDING YOUR SPOT'S SURVEY NOTES

FOR IL IN IA KS MO OH:

SEARCH "FIELD NOTES SURVEY" AT ARCHIVES.GOV

CURRENTLY LOCATED AT:

[HTTPS://CATALOG.ARCHIVES.GOV/ID/566714](https://catalog.archives.gov/id/566714)

FOR WI:

[HTTPS://DIGICOLL.LIBRARY.WISC.EDU/SURVEYNOTES/](https://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/surveynotes/)

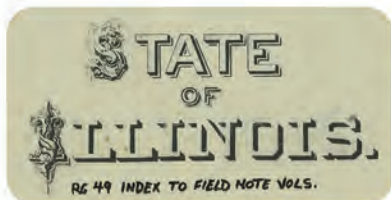
FOR MI:

[HTTPS://MICHIGANOLOGY.ORG/?S= SURVEY + NOTES](https://michiganology.org/?s=survey+notes)

FOR EACH STATE, THERE'S MANY VOLUMES OF SURVEYOR'S NOTES

ILLINOIS, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS
200+ VOLUMES.
SO HOW DO YOU KNOW WHICH
ONE TO CHECK OUT?

CHECK THE MAP THAT'S SAVED
WITH YOUR SURVEYOR'S NOTES!



FOLLOWING THE SURVEY GRID, WE
CAN FIND OUR LOCATION

37N 2E SEC 10



THE MAP
SAYS "168"
SO WE NEED
VOLUME 168
WHICH IS IN
ROLL 44:
VOL.
167-171

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Field Notes for Public Land Survey Township Plats

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ROLL 43

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Creators: Department of the Treasury, Office of the Secretary of the Treasury, 9/2/1789-; Department of the Interior, General Land Office, 1849-7/16/1946

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Series: Field Notes for Public Land Survey Township Plats



I'M GONNA
BE HONEST:

THIS PART
IS SLOW +
ANNOYING.

YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO
SCROLL FOREVER THROUGH
OBTUSE TEXT TO FIND YOUR
EXACT SPOT. THIS TAKES TIME.

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PRO-TIP: SCROLL THROUGH THUMBNAILS / LOOKING FOR SUDDEN CHANGES. * BLANK PAGES, LARGER TEXT, SIGNATURES, IMAGES

SURVEY NOTES ARE MOSTLY UNIFORM TEXT, BUT VOLUMES START WITH LARGER TEXT, PARAGRAPHS, SIGNATURES, AND SOMETIMES MAPS.

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READING SURVEYOR FIELD NOTES



THESE ARE NOTES WRITTEN AS 3-5 GUYS MAP WHAT'S CONSIDERED MOSTLY EMPTY LAND

THEIR GOAL IS TO DOCUMENT THE LAND "QUALITY", MAP IT, AND MARK THESE NEW PROPERTY LINES ON TO THE LANDSCAPE ITSELF

IN PRACTICAL TERMS, THAT MEANS MARK ON BIG, LONG-LIVED TREES

THEIR IDEAL (WOODED) SPOT LOOKS LIKE

MULTIPLE TREES LIKE OAKS AT EACH CORNER, CLOSE TO THE EXAG POINT

Get post for quarter sec. corner from which a Burr Oak, 12 in dia bears N 62 1/2° W 255 lbs & a Burr Oak, 14 inches dia bears S 50° W 190 lbs distant; have good rolling soil 2% rate, timber scattering, Burr & Black Oak.

A PRAIRIE CORNER LOOKS LIKE

NO TREES AROUND SO DIG A HOLE, POUR SOME CHARCOAL IN IT, THEN MAKE A MOUND ON TOP. MAKE A GUESS AT IF SOIL'S GOOD



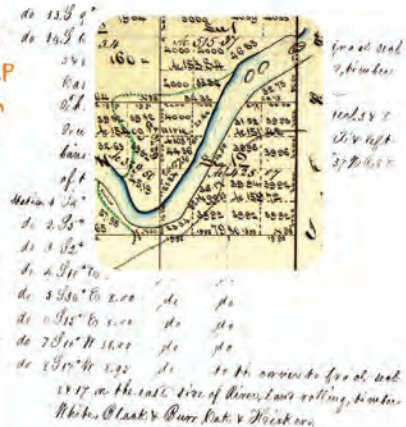
1. Clear bottom & enter prairie

2. Deposited 2 quarts of charcoal in hole below the natural surface of the earth, over said coal, erected a mound in which set as from corner, to 2nd 2, 3, 4 & 11 of the 3% P.M., land good for cult^{re} except bottom which is too wet

A BODY OF WATER LOOKS LIKE:

MEET WATER EDGE, WALK A STAIR-STEP VERSION OF THE WATER'S EDGE CURVE, REPEAT AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN

Station 1. 37° N. & 10° of the 3% P.M. measuring as follows
do 1. 37° N. 450 ft. to foot of a small stream corner
do with bench mark, then frequently in water
do 2. 37° N. 1000 ft. to 2nd
do 3. 37° N. 1000 ft. to 3rd
do 4. 37° N. 1000 ft. to 4th
do 5. 37° N. 1000 ft. to 5th
do 6. 37° N. 1000 ft. to 6th
do 7. 37° N. 1000 ft. to 7th
do 8. 37° N. 1000 ft. to 8th
do 9. 37° N. 1000 ft. to 9th
do 10. 37° N. 1000 ft. to 10th



DESCRIPTION OF PIERRE LECLERC'S TREATY RESERVATION
ILLINOIS SURVEY NOTES, VOL 168, 1848

of the 30th day of March 1848, I commenced my
survey at the N.W. corner of Pierre Leclerc's reserv-
ation in T37 N.R.2 E. of the 3^d P.M. at said corner
I find a ^{SUGAR MAPLE} Sugar tree 16 in dia bears S 65° E 14 lks distant
^{SUGAR MAPLE} Sugar tree 12 in dia bears S 11° W 50 lks distant
^{SUGAR MAPLE} Sugar tree 20 in dia bears S 42 3/4° — 55 lks distant

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this distance is marked on your diagram 59 lks
I find a ^{LINDEN} Linden tree 12 in dia bears N 87 1/2° W 36 lks distant
from said corner run East on the N boundary of Leclerc's
lot reservation
return to the S.W. corner of said Leclerc's reservation at
said corner find a ^{BLACK WALNUT} Black Walnut 15 inches dia
bears N 55 1/4° E 43 lks, ^{BUR OAK} Burr Oak 18 in dia bears S 77°
E 74 lks, an ^{ELM} Elm 8 inches dia bears N 12° E 50 1/2 lks
from this corner run E on the South boundary of Leclerc's
reservation

✓ 17 of the S.E. corner of Leclerc's reservation and at said corner
find a ^{BUTTERNUT} White Walnut 24 inches dia bears S 44° W 31
lks ^{SUGAR MAPLE} Sugar tree 30 inches dia bears S 22 1/2° E 53 lks
^{SUGAR MAPLE} Sugar tree 12 inches dia bears N 72° W 109 lks distant
having found and identified all the corners as
directed in your instruction of 30th of March, I
do not feel at liberty to proceed further
at St. Louis 1848



SOURCE
#3

LOCAL HISTORIES

NOT ALWAYS ACCURATE, BUT OFTEN EASY TO FIND, THESE CAN GIVE YOU TIDBITS THAT WILL HELP FILL IN GAPS YOU FIND IN OTHER RECORDS

PLACES TO CHECK INCLUDE:

LOC.GOV – ARCHIVES.GOV

STATE ARCHIVES – STATE UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

IDALLINOIS.ORG

DIGITAL.LIBRARY.ILLINOIS.EDU

IN THESE SOURCES, I HAVE HAD CONSISTENT LUCK FINDING
COUNTY-SPECIFIC HISTORIES FROM 1870-1950



BOOK/PRINTED MATERIAL

[Recollections of the pioneers of Lee County \[Illinois\]](#)

Compiled by the Lee County Columbian club. Errors in arrangement of text and paging, p.33-47. Also available in digital form.

Contributor: Lee County Columbian Club

Date: 1893

View with Search Result: [View 596 Pages](#)

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BOOK/PRINTED MATERIAL

[Early Lee County, being some chapters in the history of the early days in Lee County, Illinois.](#)

Also available in digital form.

Contributor: Barge, William D.

Date: 1918

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FROM THESE, WE GET RECORDS THAT:

JOSEPH OGEE, MADELINE'S
HUSBAND, WAS A
"HALF-BLOOD" TRADER +
TRANSLATOR WHO RAN A
FERRY ON THE ROCK RIVER

JOSEPH OGEE AND HIS FERRY.

It is quite common knowledge in Dixon that its first permanent white inhabitant was Joseph Ogee.

burned. Soon after John Ogee, a half-breed Indian, built a cabin and ran a ferry until the spring of 1830, when he sold it to Father Dixon. A postoffice had been established at Ogee's Ferry. Upon taking charge of it Mr. Dixon was also appointed post master, and his name given to both office and ferry. Many of the incidents of early pioneer life occurred

OGEE RAN THE FERRY
UNTIL HE SOLD IT TO
JOHN DIXON IN 1832

THE TOWN WOULD BE
NAMED "DIXON"

POTAWATOMI CHIEF WAUBANSIE + HIS BAND LIVED HERE IN OGEE'S PLOT
(HE SUPPORTED SETTLERS IN THE WAR THAT LED TO THIS PAWPAW TREATY)

Waubansie and his band came to Pawpaw Grove during the summer of 1824 and lived here until the government moved them west of the Mississippi river.

MADLINE LEFT JOSEPH
FOR WHATEVER REASON,
REMARIED AND SOLD THE
PROPERTY IN 1842

Dr. Everett told the writer that he never knew what caused the separation of the Ogees. Mrs. Ogee married Job P. Aleott on or before November 14, 1842. It is

November 14, 1842, when the Potawatomies were living on a reservation in Iowa, Mrs. Madeline Aleott, "of the territory of Iowa, upper Missouri, within the Council Bluffs sub-agency," and her husband Job, executed the first of the deeds by which she parted with her land in this county.

MEANWHILE,
LECLERC/LECLAIR
WAS ALSO A
BLACK HAWK WAR
INTERPRETER,
WORKING FOR
JOHN KINZIE

Other accounts of the surrender suggest that the interpreter, Pierre LeClair, played a more active role in the negotiations, not only translating but also advising Heald not to surrender "unless they would give pledges for the lives of the prisoners."⁶³ LeClair was in an interesting position. He was a single métis man who served in Kinzie's household and as a member of the militia. However, at the first sign of fighting, LeClair deserted the soldiers and made his way back to Chicago.

AS FOR THE WOODS THEMSELVES:

The paw paw grew luxuriantly here in early years. This tract of timber covered over two thousand acres then. Much like Palmyra Township, the grove contained thousands of black walnut trees, hard maple oak, hickory, cottonwood, butternut and sycamore, plums, blackberries and gooseberries grew plentifully. On the east side not far from the county line, was a beautiful spring of rare water. At the northwest corner was another. This latter fed Paw Paw creek which runs from the northwest corner in a south-easterly direction and joins Indian creek, which flows on into the Illinois River.



OK, WE
KNOW THE
CONTENTS OF
THE FORESTS

WE KNOW
WHO OWNED
THEM

WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THEM?

SOURCE

#4

PLAT BOOKS

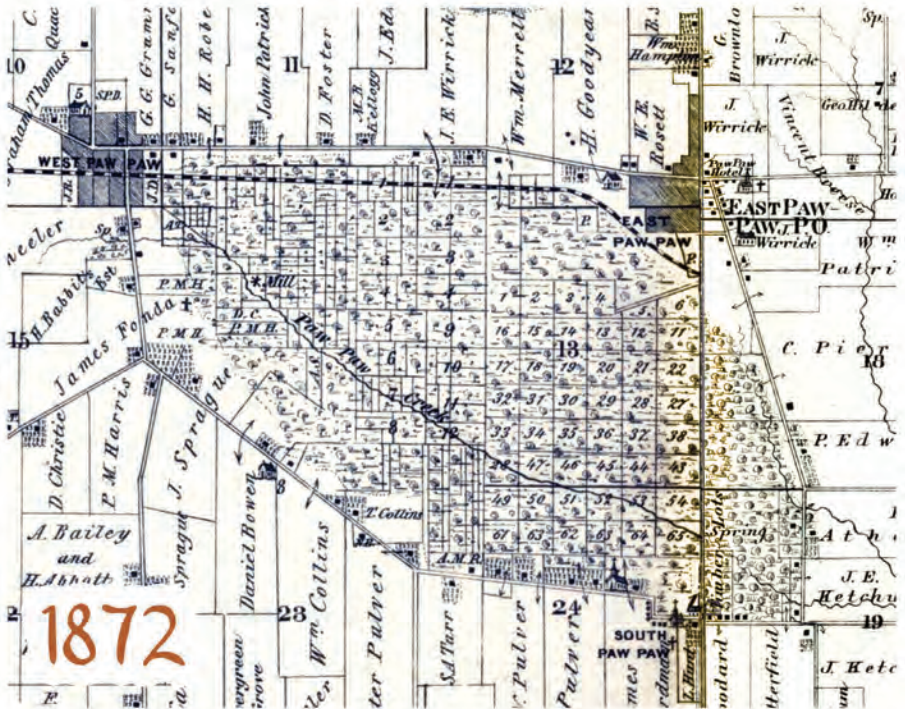
PLATS ARE MAPS DEPICTING PROPERTY LINES + OTHER LEGAL TRAITS
THEY CAN BE FOUND FROM THE EARLY 1800S TO THE PRESENT

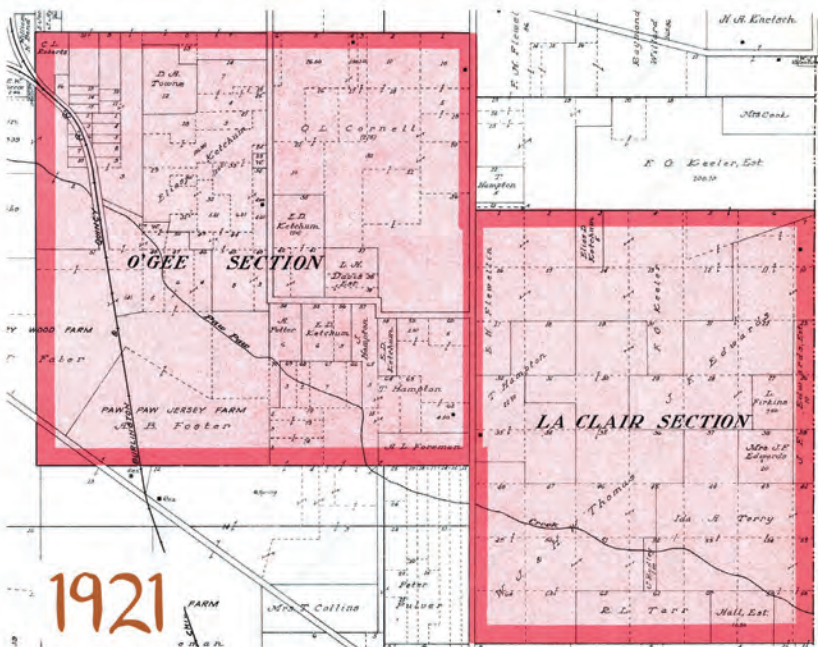
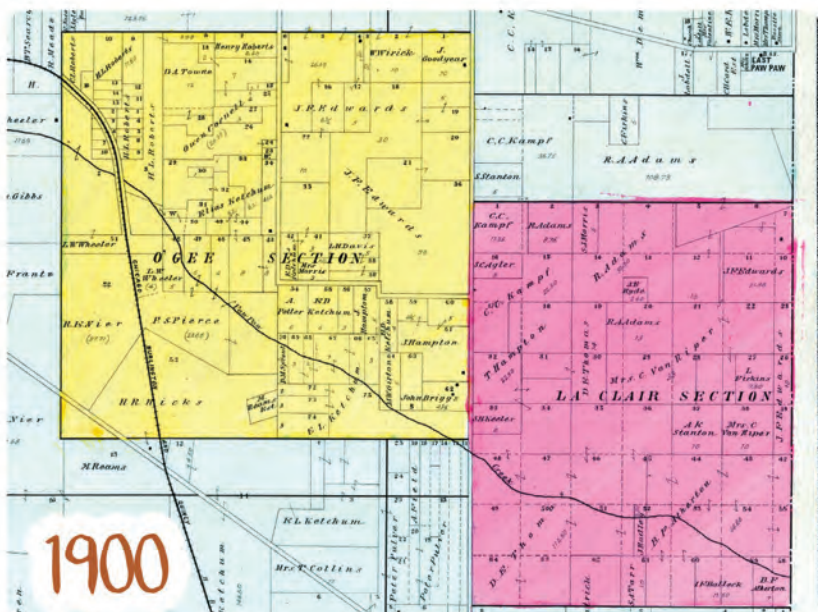
THEY TEND TO BE PUBLISHED BY COUNTY BY SEARCHING THE SAME SPOTS:

LOC.GOV - ARCHIVES.GOV

STATE ARCHIVES - STATE UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

WWW.HISTORICMAPWORKS.COM







WORLD WARS
MEANT PLANES +
PHOTOGRAPHY

SO STARTING IN
THE 1930S, MOST
PLACES HAVE
AERIAL PHOTOS!

SOURCE

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AERIAL PHOTOS

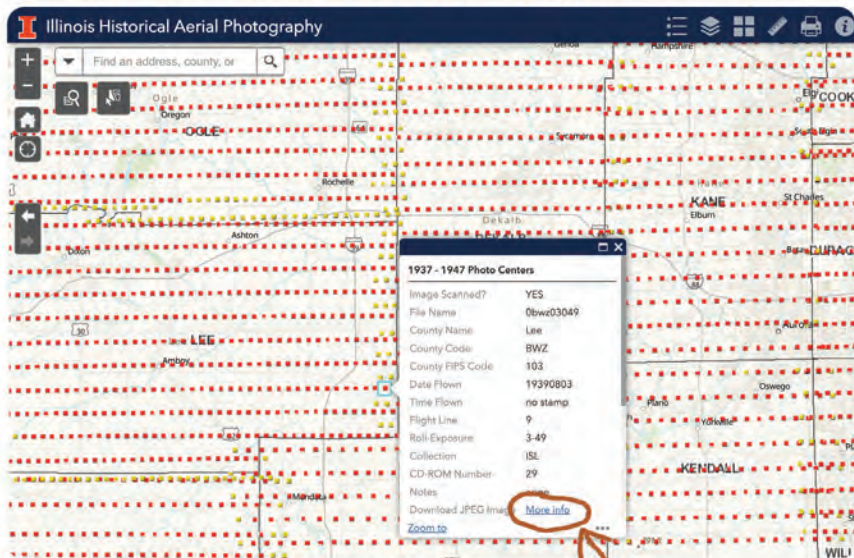
MOST GREAT LAKES STATES LET YOU SEE AERIAL PHOTOS FOR FREE

SEARCH "(STATE) AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY"

AND LOOK FOR STATE OR STATE UNIVERSITY SITES

ILLINOIS IS HOSTED BY UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

YOU'LL END UP ON A MAP THAT LOOKS SOMETHING LIKE THIS
CLICK A SQUARE NEAR YOUR SPOT TO ACCESS THE IMAGE



EACH OF THESE
DOTS IS A SINGLE
PHOTOGRAPH

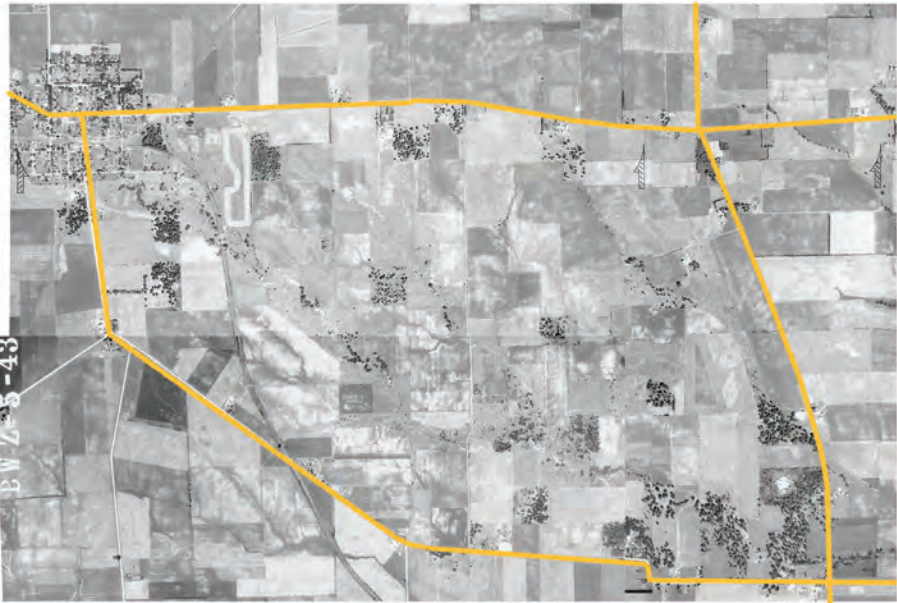
THERE WILL BE A
DOWNLOAD BUTTON
SOMEWHERE AROUND

AS THE AIRPLANE PASSED OVER, THE
SAME SPOT GOT PHOTOGRAPHED FROM
DIFFERENT ANGLES

PAWPAW IS
COVERED BY SEVEN
PHOTOS IN 1939



WE CAN SPOT THE WEIRD SHAPE OF THE LECLAIRE AND OGEE
RESERVATIONS, BUT WHERE DID ALL THOSE TREES GO?
WHERE ARE THE PAWPAWS IN PAWPAW?



500 Years Later



THE RESEARCH,
IT JUST KEEPS
GOING + GOING

Farmers' Review, 21 August 1889

The Pawpaw.

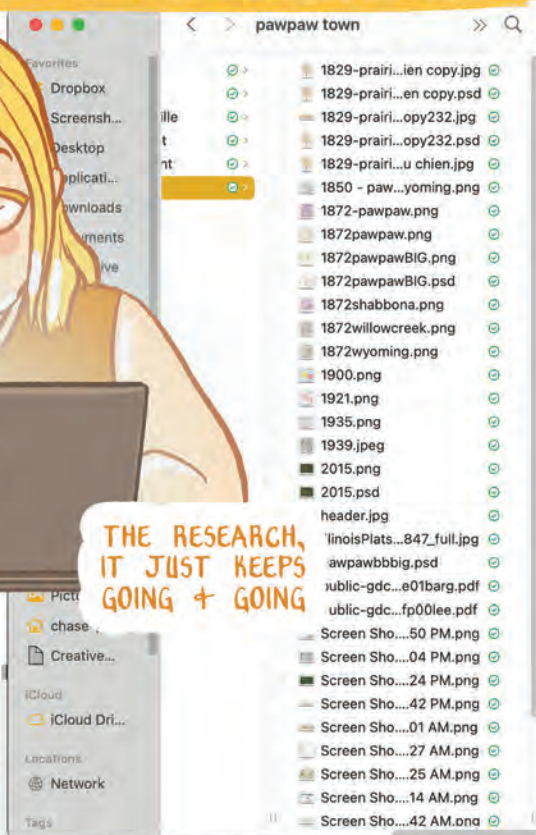
TO THE FARMERS' REVIEW: I would say in regard to the pawpaw, I was par raised on the luscious fruit. It grew abundance where I was raised, and so as large and fine as ever grew out of earth. I can now look back and see a gang of ragged way down so bottom along shrubs laden

NEWSPAPERS

how we would eat, and gath. It was half our living in the fall. It would make boys and opossums rolling f I have wondered many times if they would not thrive and do well on the rich prair of Illinois. They are worthy of a place every orchard and should be preserved. Atwood, Ill. J. W. C. G



HERBARIA



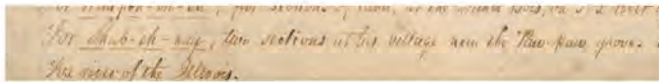
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Finding Pawpaws: A Primer on Site History Research

A town had so many pawpaws, it was named Pawpaw. I was curious what happened to that giant grove of trees, so I went digging! I figure this is a great excuse to share my archive research process.



Paw-Paw, or Pawpaw, or Paw Paw Illinois is a place on the edge of DeKalb and Lee Counties in Illinois. Historically, it was a Potawatomi home, important enough that land in that area was



PAWPAWS IN PAWPAW GROVE



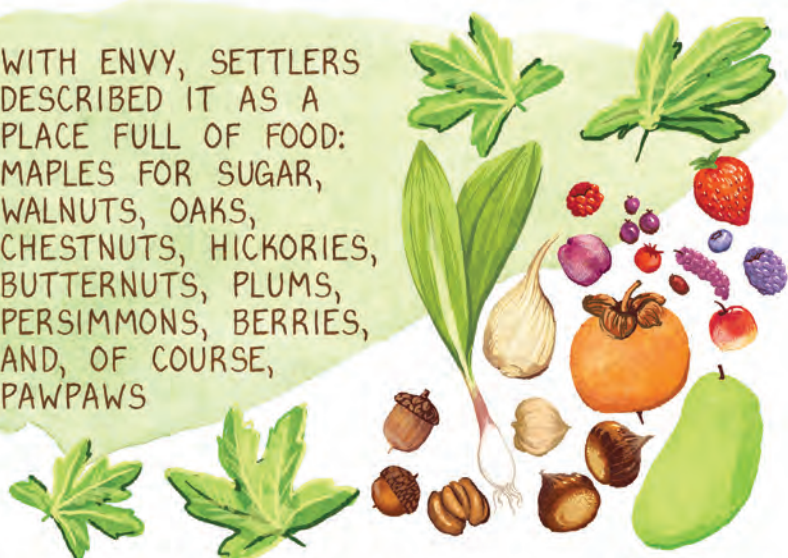
AS THANKS FOR THEIR HELP
IN THE BLACK HAWK WAR,
POTAWATOMI ALLIES TO
SETTLERS NEGOTIATED
FOR LAND IN ILLINOIS

ONE OF THE THREE
RESERVATIONS WAS
AS-SIM-IN-EH-KON
WHICH TRANSLATES
TO **PAWPAW GROVE**



IT'S AN ISLAND GROVE OF TREES IN OPEN PRAIRIE
WITH A BIG SPRING AND FLOWING STREAM

WITH ENVY, SETTLERS
DESCRIBED IT AS A
PLACE FULL OF FOOD:
MAPLES FOR SUGAR,
WALNUTS, OAKS,
CHESTNUTS, HICKORIES,
BUTTERNUTS, PLUMS,
PERSIMMONS, BERRIES,
AND, OF COURSE,
PAWPAWS



THE LAND IN AS-SIM-IN-EH-KON WAS GRANTED BY
TREATY IN 1829. THE POTAWATOMI WHO SAVED
SETTLERS IN THE WAR WERE EVICTED IN 1936.

SO WHERE ARE THE PAWPAWS
IN PAWPAW GROVE, IL?



DIGGING IN THE ARCHIVES, I CAN FIND SHE LEFT HER HUSBAND JOSEPH OGEE & MARRIED JOB ALCOTT. THEY SOLD HER LOT IN 1832 AND LEFT TO REJOIN THE POTAWATOMI WHERE THEY HAD BEEN FORCED TO MOVE. SHE ALSO OWNED LAND IN KANSAS LATER IN LIFE.

I HAVEN'T BE ABLE TO FIND ANYMORE, I WONDER WHERE SHE WENT. I WONDER IF SHE ATE PAWPAWS



WHITE IS
WHERE THERE
ARE TREES THAT
WERE ALSO PRESENT
IN THE 1936 PHOTOS

BUT DRIVING AROUND,
I ONLY FOUND FOUR
PAWPAW TREES

I WOULDN'T
CALL THEM
HAPPY TREES
AT ALL

THEY WERE
CRISPY + SAD

THEY WERE
ALL PLANTED
AT ENTRIES
TO CEMETARIES

WYOMING +
SOUTH PAWPAW
CEMETARIES

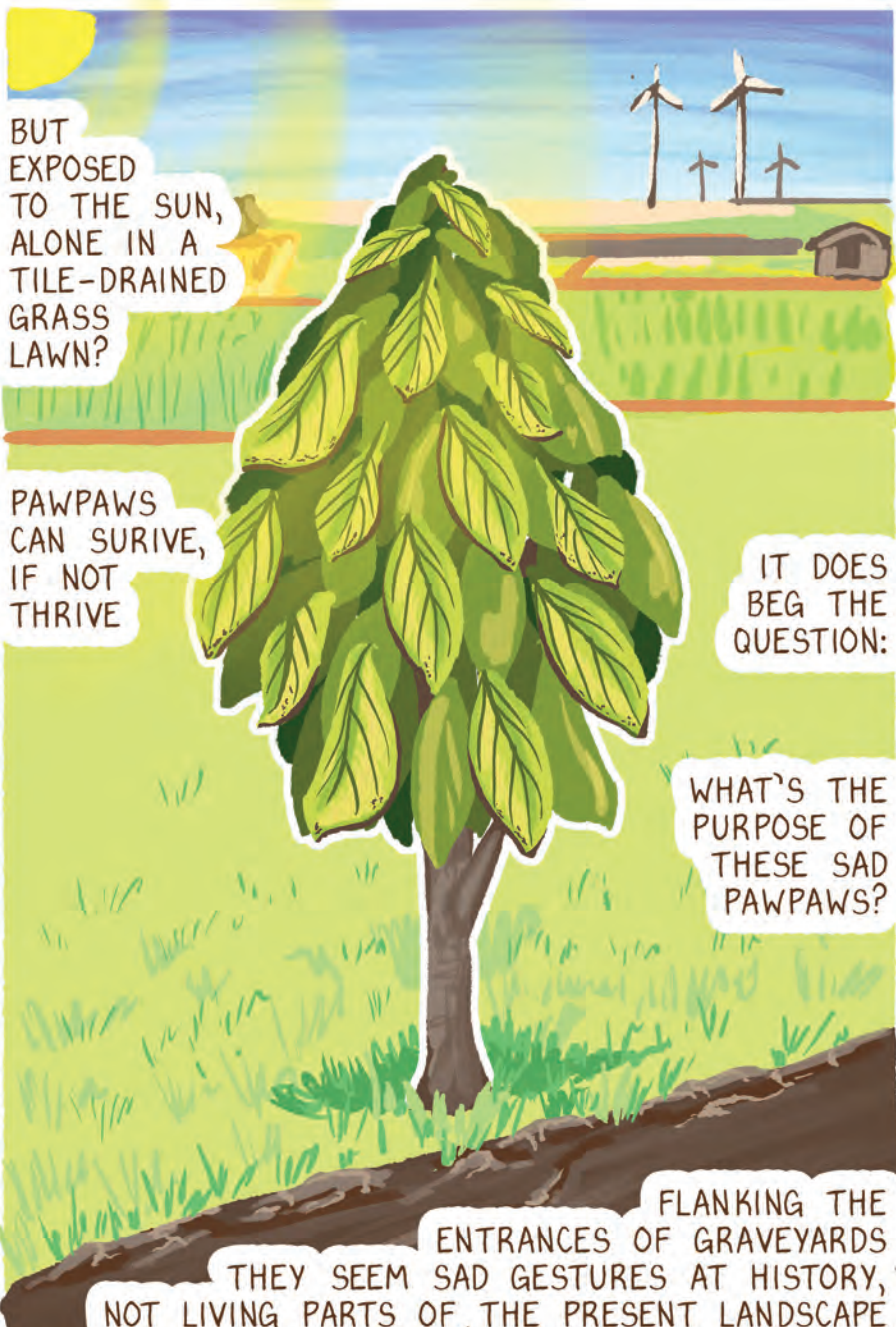


An illustration of a forest scene. In the foreground, several Pawpaw trees (Asimina speciosa) are shown with their characteristic large, alternate, ovate leaves and thin, upright stems. The ground is brown and uneven, with some small green plants. In the background, a dense canopy of taller trees with green leaves is visible. The overall style is a simple, colorful illustration.

THE THING ABOUT
PAWPAWS IS THEY
ARE GENERALLY AN
UNDERSTORY TREE,
THEY LIKE SHADE

IN
SHADY
FOREST,
THEY FORM
THICKETS

THEY ALSO
PREFER TO BE
A LITTLE DAMP,
TENDING TO FOLLOW
WATERWAYS



BUT
EXPOSED
TO THE SUN,
ALONE IN A
TILE-DRAINED
GRASS
LAWN?

PAWPAWS
CAN SURVIVE,
IF NOT
THRIVE

IT DOES
BEG THE
QUESTION:

WHAT'S THE
PURPOSE OF
THESE SAD
PAWPAWS?

FLANKING THE
ENTRANCES OF GRAVEYARDS
THEY SEEM SAD GESTURES AT HISTORY,
NOT LIVING PARTS OF THE PRESENT LANDSCAPE

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Paw Paw Trees themselves

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