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Elmo Scott Watson  
WILL-AM Scripts on Illinois History, 1934-35.

Sept. 1934

1. Abraham Lincoln, the Inventor
2. When the Foxes Fought at Detroit
3. The Story of a Trainload of Vegetables [1863]
4. In Single Combat, An Incident of the Mexican War
5. How Springfield Became the Capital of Illinois
6. First Railroad in Illinois
7. Lewis and Clark in Illinois
8. A Case of Pioneer Justice [pre-1860?]
9. The Illinoian Who Was the West's Greatest Gunfighter
10. Illinois Gives the West a Celebrated "Bad Man" [J. Slade]
11. The Illinoian Who Saved the Buffalo ['Buffalo' Jones]
12. How Black Partridge Saved Mrs. Helm
13. The Winnebago War
14. A Negro Cook Outwits the River Pirates
15. Courts of Illinois
16. The Illinoian Who Became a Famous Hunter and Trapper
17. The Expedition of Sieur de Noyelles

Oct. 1934

18. The Lost Survivor of the Fort Survivor Massacre
19. How the Indian Would Write Illinois History
20. "Farewell to Black Hawk"
21. Illinoian Who Was Custer's Favorite Scout [Reynolds]
22. The Fighting Family of Whitesides
23. Fort Chartres, the Gibraltar of America
24. How the Illinois Pioneers Got Their Daily Bread
25. The Story of a Famous Illinois Woman [Mme. La Flamme]
26. Captain Charles de Langlade, the Noted Partisan Leader
27. When Langlade, the Noted Partisan, Fought in Illinois
28. An Illinois Ulysses [a settler, Lindley]
29. In Honor of a Great Illinoian [U.S. Grant]

Nov. 1934

30. Story of a Forgotten Campaign: I. Unprotected Frontier
31. II. The March of Edwards' Army
32. III. General Hopkins' Failure
33. V. The First Success
34. The Great Conspiracy [Sons of Liberty, 1864]
35. The Life of the Voyageur
36. The Historic Name of Duquoin
37. Metea, a Great Illinois Orator
38. How Sauganash Saved the Kinzies
39. Sauganash, the Half-Breed Chieftain

- 40. The Story of Santa Anna's Wooden Leg
- 41. He "Poured" at the Boston Tea Party [D. Kinnison]
- 42. A Story of Lincoln [Devil Dick's clothes, 1840]

Dec. 1934

- 43. "Black Hawk Never Forgets!"
- 44. Cave-in-the-Rock: The Robbers Roost of Illinois
- 45. The White Princess of the Kickapoos
- 46. The Tragedy of Maramech
- 47. Punishment of Crime in the Pioneer Days of Illinois
- 48. Daniel Maurice Godfrey de Linctot ...
- 49. Simon Pokagon, Last Great Chief of Pottawatomies
- 50. The Story of the Cannon Named "Mary Lincoln"
- 51. When an Earthquake Shook Illinois
- 52. The Story of Two Famous [18C.] Illinois Land Grants
- 53. Governor Matteson and the Canal Scrip Fraud
- 54. Tecumseh's Threat
- 55. The Foulest Plot in History [Lincoln's tomb]

Jan. 1935

- 56. The Chief Called "Watchful Fox"
- 57. An Indian's View of the White Man's Education
- 58. The Year of the Plague [1832]
- 59. Black Partridge's Romance
- 60. Captain Moredock's Fatal Mistake
- 61. The Poet Laureate [John G. Neihardt of Nebr., b. Ills.]
- 62. When Legislators Were "Greased and Swallowed"
- 63. Some Early Day Legislators
- 64. Some Curious Pioneer Legislation
- 65. The Governor Who Served Only 15 Days [Ewing, 1834]
- 66. The "Winter of the Deep Snow" [1830-31]

Feb. 1935

- 67. The Winter of the "Sudden Change" [1836]
- 68. Capt. John Whistler, Founder of Fort Dearborn
- 69. The Lone Defender ... Battle of Bad Ax
- 70. The Story of "Hubbard's Usurpation"
- 71. When Buffalo Roamed the Illinois Prairies
- 72. Capt. William Wells, the Hero of Ft. Dearborn
- 73. When Lafayette Visited Illinois
- 74. How Nathaniel Pope Made Illinois a "Keystone" State
- 75. The Indian Code of Honor
- 76. Historic Names in the Black Hawk War
- 77. The Story of a Famous Lawsuit [Jeffry Nash 1813]
- 78. Baptiste Point du Sable, First Am. Resident of Chicago
- 79. A Story of Indian Courtesy [Shabbona 1857]
- 80. The Story of a Famous Steamboat Race [1854]

## 81. Why Illinoisans are Called "Suckers"

Mar. 1935

- 82. Illinois 130 Years Ago [N. Mitchell letter]
- 83. Homes of the Illinois Pioneers
- 84. The Battle of Sycamore Creek
- 85. Shabbona's Choice
- 86. How Pontiac Made the English "Look Foolish"
- 87. The Boldness of George Rogers Clark
- 88. The Story of a Famous Footrace and its Sequel [c.1812]
- 89. Captain William Wells, "Mad Anthony's" Favorite Scout
- 90. The Heroism of Mrs. Simmons [1812]
- 91. The Vengeance of the Miamis
- 92. When the Spanish and British Fought at St. Louis
- 93. The Story of the Oatman Family
- 94. The Tale of Two Men and Two Forts [1832]
- 95. When the "Messiah" Came to Illinois [1890]
- 96. Dueling in Illinois
- 97. The Great Cahokia Mound
- 98. Abraham Lincoln Comes Home [1865]
- 99. The End of a Great Chieftain [Pontiac]
- 100. How an Illinoisan Started the Santa Fe Trade [Morrison]
- 101. Games the Indians of Illinois Played
- 102. Father Pinet and His Mission of the Guardian Angel
- 103. The "Hero" of Stillman's Run
- 104. The Haymarket Riot

Apr. 1935

- 105. The Story of Forgotten Fort Shelby
- 106. Jean Baptiste Beaubien and his Famous Land Claim
- 107. "The Prairie Car," the First Automobile [Semple, 1846]
- 108. The Story of a Famous Romance [Jeff. Davis 1835]
- 109. When They Tried to Keep Grant Out of War
- 110. The Story of a Bluff That Worked [1778]
- 111. The Paul Revere of Illinois [James Watson Webb]
- 112. The Exploit of "Monsieur Tom" Brady
- 113. Girty the Renegade
- 114. An Illinois Governor in Gold Lace [N. Edwards]
- 115. Pierre Menard, the First Lt. Governor
- 116. How a Get-Rick-Quick Scheme Brought Settlers [J. Law]
- 117. When Communism Failed in Illinois [Icarians]
- 118. When the Spaniards Invaded Illinois
- 119. Illinois' Greatest Indian Fighter [Tom Higgins 1812]
- 120. Abraham Lincoln's "Duel"
- 121. The Hero of Campbell's Island [1814]
- 122. The Illinois Mothers' Wartime Message [Civil War]

May 1935

123. The Story of Fort Dearborn I. The Founding
124. II. The Lonely Outpost
125. III. One Red August Day
126. IV. The Rebuilding of the Fort
127. V. The Fur Trade at the Fort
128. VI. Indian Alarms and Re-occupation
129. VII. The War Drum's Last Beat at Dearborn
130. Simon Kenton at the Capture of Kaskaskia
131. I. How the Counties of Illinois Got Their Names
132. II. " " " "
133. III. " " " "
134. IV. " " " "
135. How James Curry Defeated the Piankeshaws
136. The Bones of Black Hawk and Keokuk
137. Some Incidents of "Stillman's Run"
138. For the Freedom of the Press [Lovejoy]
139. The "Bad Medicine" of Premoattam
140. When Lincoln was an Army Captain
141. How a Bourgeois Tricked His Voyageurs
142. Farming in Illinois Two Hundred Years Ago
143. The Story of Two Famous Fence Rails
144. The First Meeting of Two Great Illinoisans [AL/USG]

June 1935

145. Sturdevant, the Counterfeiter
146. Neapope, a Warrior of the Sacs
147. "Aye, the Corn, the Royal Corn---"
148. The Story of a Terrible March [1779]
149. The Heroic Defense of Fort Jefferson [1781]
150. Bat Masterson, Buffalo Hunter, Indian Scout, Sheriff
151. The Wood River Massacre
152. Political Campaigns ['butcher boys']
153. Shabbona, "White Man's Friend"
154. The Molly Pitcher of Illinois [1862]
155. When Aaron Burr Plotted Treason in Illinois
156. When the Fur Trade Flourished in Illinois
157. The Piasa Gods
158. Songs They Sang in the Sixties
159. Mrs. O'Leary's Cow Kicks the Lantern
160. When They Tailed Texas Longhorns Through Illinois
161. Neopope's Revenge

Scripts not dated

1. How Illinois Got Her Name
2. The Curse of Kaskaskia [c. 1705]
3. Pierre d'Artaguette, Knight Errant

4. Witchcraft in Illinois [1779]
5. When Jack Dempsey Fought in Illinois [1789-93]
6. When the Militia "Mustered" in Illinois
7. "The Old-Time Religion"
8. Marriage and Divorce in the Early Days of Illinois
9. Chief Nawkaw of the Winnebagoes
10. Kannekuk, the Prophet, and his Prayer Stick
11. The Indian Lovers' Duel [1833]

Three pages on Chanute Field, Rantoul, and 3 on Octave Chanute are included, though they seem to have been written later and for another purpose; attached is a 1947 letter addressed to WILL, from a press officer at the field. Possibly Watson wrote these histories, too.