

Preparing Our Past for the Future

Newspaper Preservation and Digitization at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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Illinois Newspaper Project

Preserving Illinois Heritage as part of the U.S. Newspaper Program

Cataloging Illinois Newspapers



One of the major goals of the Illinois Newspaper Project (INP) includes locating and inventorying Illinois newspapers. The INP has been striving to complete this goal since 1989, when work began at the Illinois State Historical Library and the Chicago Historical Society. We seek out libraries and genealogical and historical societies that own Illinois newspapers as part of their permanent collections. After locating eligible newspapers, we work toward our second major goal of cataloging the newspapers in WorldCat.

INP adheres to newspaper cataloging practices that have been developed since the start of the U.S. Newspaper Program in the early 1980s. With the help of Illinois institutions and citizens, we have uncovered many newspapers that would have otherwise remained unknown to historians, genealogists, and newspaper enthusiasts around the world.

The Statewide Illinois Library Catalog (SILC), which integrates WorldCat and the Illinois Library Systems' local consortial OPACs, is made available to Illinois citizens through **Find-It! Illinois**.

SILC can be found at <http://finditillinois.org/OCLC/>.

Illinois Digital Newspaper Collection

The **Illinois Digital Newspaper Collection (IDNC)** is an initiative of the History, Philosophy and Newspaper Library at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. This free resource contains digital facsimiles of historic Illinois newspapers.

Equipped with Olive Software's Active Paper Archive platform, users can:

- Browse the newspapers by date
- Search by keyword across articles, advertisements, and photo captions
- Print, download, or e-mail individual issues and articles

Future Digitization

More newspaper digitization projects in the works:

- **Farm, Field and Fireside**
This digital collection of historical farm weeklies published in Illinois and the Midwest will be launched in 2009.
- **National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP)**
Funded by NEH and supported by the Library of Congress, the NDNP is the successor program to the USNP project. The U of I is applying for a 2009 project. If funded, an advisory board will select Illinois newspapers on microfilm for digitization and inclusion in the Library of Congress free newspaper resource, *Chronicling America*.



<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/idnc/>

Preservation Microfilming

Preservation microfilm is the result of a proven technology that is governed by carefully crafted national standards, such as those adhered to by the **U.S. Newspaper Program**. When created and stored according to these standards, preservation microfilm has a life expectancy of 500+ years.

These preservation microfilming guidelines are based on a three-generation system.

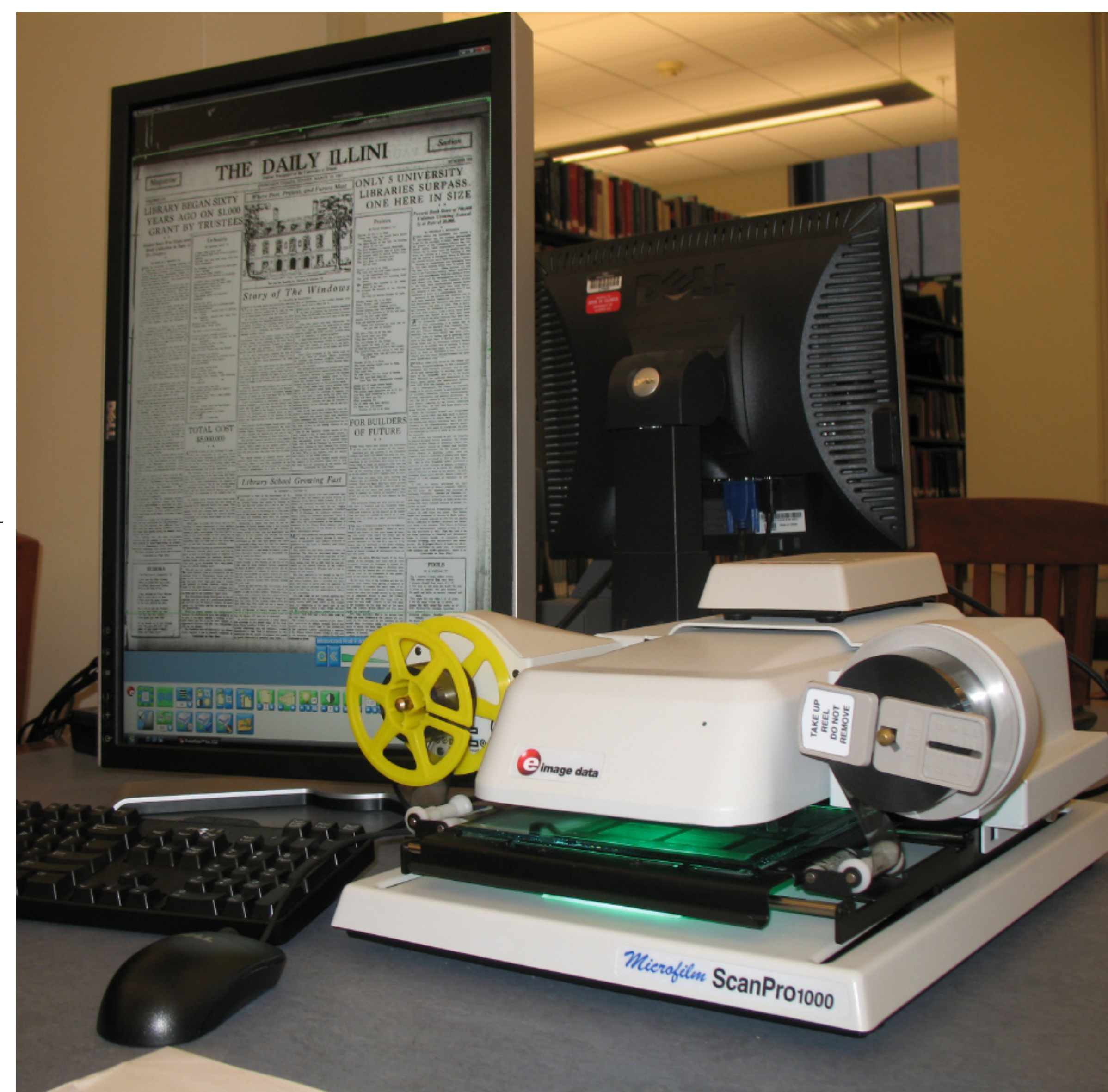
GENERATION	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
TITLE	camera master	print master	service copy
POLARITY	negative	negative	positive
PURPOSE	for archival storage	for duplication	for patron use
LOCATION	stored at Iron Mountain	stored at vendor	stored at UIUC Library

All microfilm created by the INP is available to borrow or purchase by contacting interlibrary loan at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Library.

<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/irrc/>

For a complete list of all titles filmed, please see the INP website.

<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/inp/microfilm.php>



INP Database

The objective of the **Illinois Newspaper Project (INP) Database** is to make all the information that we have discovered about Illinois newspapers available to the public worldwide.

Newspapers can be searched by:

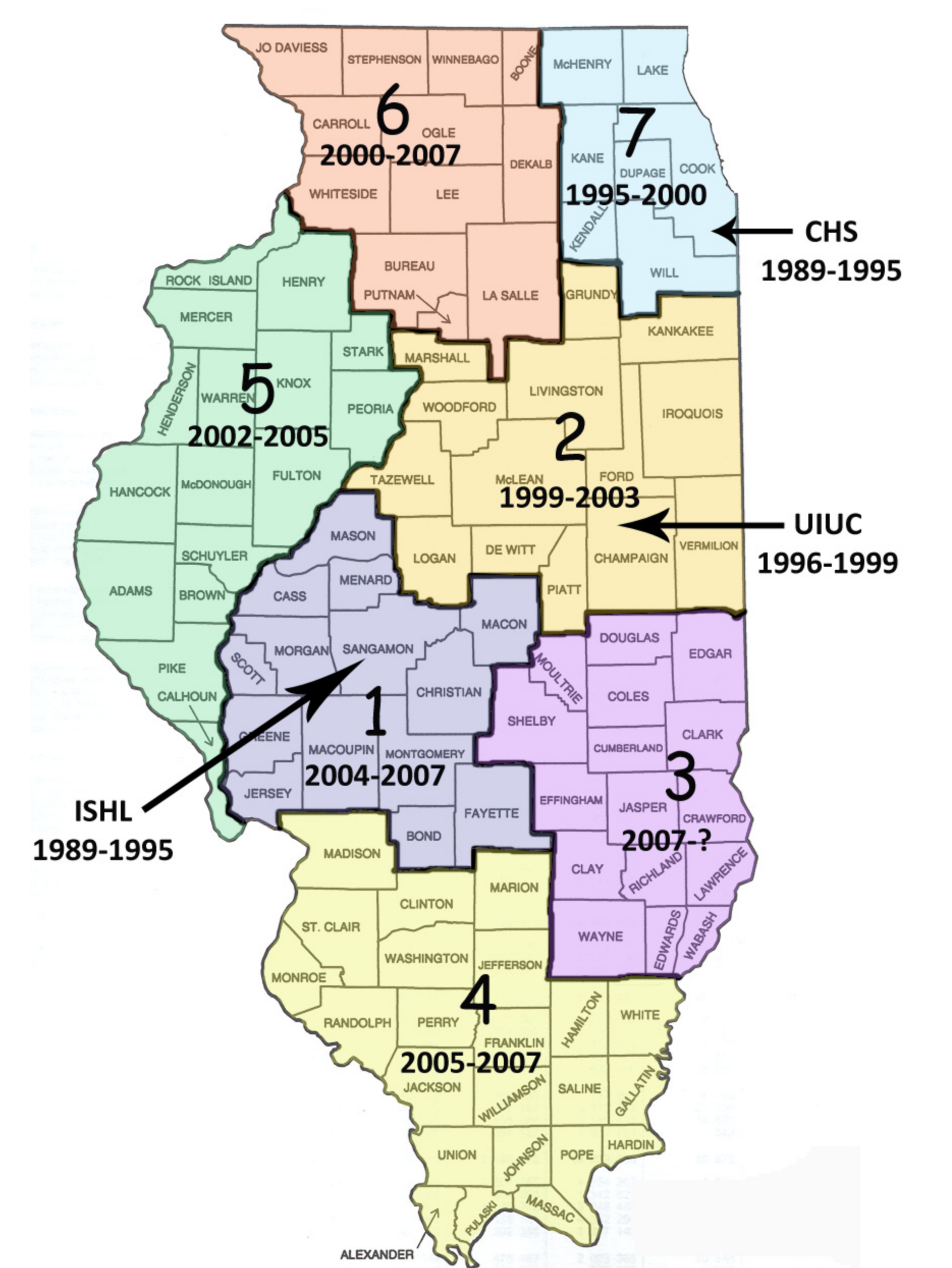
- Title
- City of publication
- County
- State
- Years of publication
- OCLC Number

The INP Database also includes:

- A list of the titles that we've microfilmed (186, to date)
- A comprehensive list of participating institutions
- Information on how to obtain microfilm through interlibrary loan
- An interactive map of Illinois that can be used to explore holdings and participating institutions by county

Though the database does not contain newspaper articles or digital newspaper content, it is a great tool for finding where current and historical newspapers are located.

<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/inp/>



INP Cataloging Regions