

## For Current and Prospective Contributors: Update to Conform with Current Practice

How long should an article be? A good average is 7,000 words, but we are elastic. This issue contains an article that, with annotation, is over 12,000 words, and another around 5,000. Length should be dictated by content. Very long articles may be published in installments; we did this recently with Robert Eckley's work on Leonard Swett of Bloomington.

Please use endnotes, not footnotes, and follow a standard form, as described in *The Chicago Manual of Style*, or its thrifty cousin by Kate Turabian. Or simply imitate what you see in our *Journal*.

Submissions: please send three hard copies. If we accept your work, we will also require an electronic copy on a 3 1/2 disk. The Editor currently uses Microsoft Word for MacIntosh 6.0, but has so far been able to convert anything sent by contributors. Contributors may also send a single copy as first submission; the editor sometimes asks for changes before engaging the valuable time of other professionals.

Authors who wish to use illustrations should supply them.

We welcome articles that deal with all kinds of history, so long as the focus is on Illinois, or the larger central midwest region of which Illinois is a part. Historical studies that deal with literary, artistic, technological, legal, or other matters are also encouraged so long as there is more factual content than theoretical. Please note: this does not exclude the theoretical! Most of our submissions explore old subjects in new ways, or develop new subjects. We hope contributors will also supply articles that discuss major books and articles on important subjects. Such "review essays" are especially helpful in this age of proliferating publications.

Research notes and documents are welcome, as always.

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