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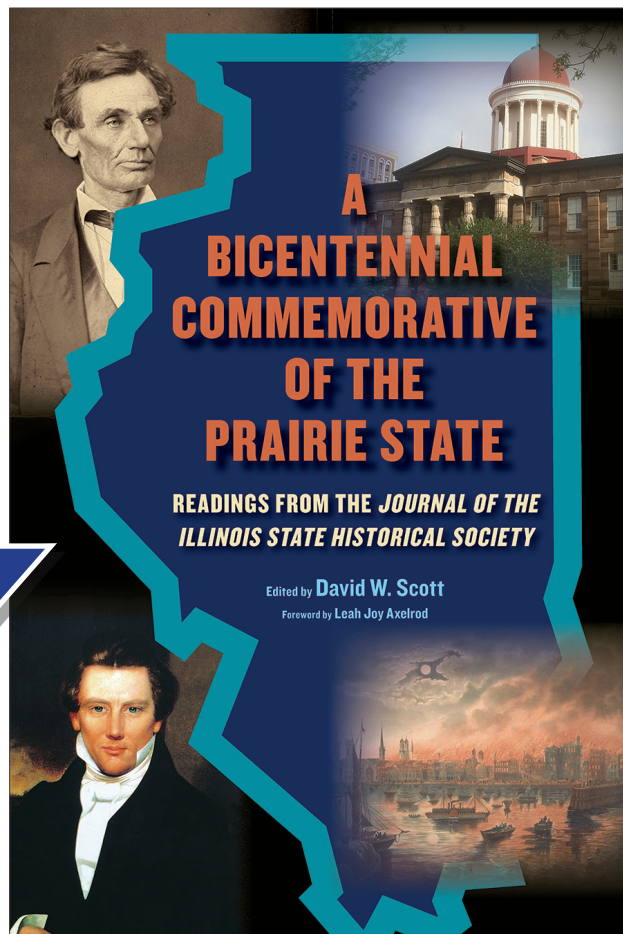
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“As Illinois celebrates its bicentennial in 2018, it is important to know our history. The Illinois State Historical Society is to be commended for putting together this selection of articles from its 110-year-old *Journal* to help tell the story of Illinois. This state has a great history filled with fascinating people, ideas, places, and events, and this book provides a wonderful starting point for exploring them all.”—Jesse White, Illinois secretary of state and state archivist

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