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Historical Formations of Champaign/Urbana

- I. Early Years up to 1860's
 - A. Native American Tribes
 1. Illinois, Cahokia, Kaskakia, Peoria etc..
 2. Key battles and treaties affecting Native Americans
 - B. Other Early Settlers of the Area
 1. French, hunters, traders
 - C. Important Dates in Early History
 1. 1763 France ceded prairies of Champaign to English
 2. 1783 England ceded prairies of Champaign to U.S.
 3. 1818 Boundaries of state of IL established by act of congress
 4. 1832 Black Hawk War led to demise of Native Americans east of the Mississippi
 5. 1833 Champaign County organized
 6. 1857 West Urbana officially incorporated as a village
 7. 1860 Name of West Urbana changed to Champaign
- II. Growth of Champaign Urbana 1860's – 1920's
 - A. Growth of Two Towns
 1. Important firsts
 - 1863 1ST rail car from Champaign to Urbana
 - 1867 first fire company in Champaign
 - 1868 gas 1st used for illumination in the city
 - 1885 electric lights came into use
 2. Importance of the railroad
 3. Other economic forces in Champaign Urbana
 4. Population Growth (causes)
 - B. The University of Illinois
 1. Affects of growth on Champaign/Urbana
 2. History and formation of University
 3. Growth of University and its effects
 4. Partnerships between University and cities
- III. Modern Champaign Urbana 1920-Present
 - A. Basis of Wealth in area
 1. University
 2. Railroads
 3. Agriculture
 - B. Formation and Importance of Public Services
 1. City Hall
 2. Police
 3. Fire Department

4. Public Works
5. Public Cities
- C. Importance of Crash and Depression of 1929
- D. Downtown's Growth
- E. Growth of Campustown
- F. Oral Histories
 1. Champaign County Archives oral history project
 - Interviews with Bruce Nesbitt, John Lee Johnson, Mattie Tinsley
 2. Oral Histories collected by Brandon, John, and Meghan
 - Tom Buker, Mr. Buttita, Mr. Glass etc...
 3. Analysis of oral histories discussing why people moved to Champaign/Urbana, opinions of growth, segregation,

V. Conclusion

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