

The Busey Family
Contributions made to the Development of the City of Champaign Urbana
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Lesson 4: (1-3 days)

Students will read and understand the reasons why Busey Woods has remained a wooded preservation park in Urbana. Who were Elizabeth and Catherine Jane who donated the land? Where do they fit in the family lineage?

Procedures:

- Pass out the article, BuseyWoodsPreservation.
- While reading this article discuss with the classroom what did Mrs. Klassen first intend to do with the forest? [Last sentence in the article].
- Pass out the editorial, BuseyWoodsNeeded.
- What did the community do to help keep Busey Woods a wooded area?
- Pass out the article, BuseyWoodsWildlifeHaven.
- Discuss why hunting and trapping are prohibited at Busey Woods.
- Pass out the article, BuseyWoodsDonation.
- Who finally got Busey Woods? Why do you think this is the case and not some other institution?
- Pass out the newspaper article, BuseyWoodsParkDist.
- Why did Mrs. Klassen not give Busey Woods to the Park District?
- Who owns Busey Woods today? More research is needed here. Where does one go to find this information?
- Ask: Are National Parks like Busey Woods?
- Finally, discuss why some of the articles would be considered primary sources and others secondary.
- If you have time, you might want to look at a sketch of the grounds at Busey Woods. BuseyWoodsMapSketch.

Attachment: none

Analysis of Local Primary Sources:

- BuseyWoodsMapSketch Source available from the Early American Museum, 600 N Lombard St, Mahomet, Il. Hand drawn map of Busey Woods.
- BuseyWoodsNeeded Source available from Champaign County Historical Archives, Urbana Free Library, 210 West Green St. Urbana, Il. Ms. Drury was a Champaign Science Middle School teacher. Her obituary comes up in a Google search.

Analysis of Local Secondary Sources:

- BuseyWoodsPreservation Source available from the Early American Museum, 600 N Lombard St, Mahomet, Il.

- BuseyWoodsWildlifeHaven. Source available from the Champaign County Historical Archives, Urbana Free Library, 210 West Green St. Urbana, Il.
- BuseyWoodsDonation Source available from the Champaign County Historical Archives, Urbana Free Library, 210 West Green St. Urbana, Il.
- BuseyWoodsParkDist. Source available from the Champaign County Historical Archives, Urbana Free Library, 210 West Green St. Urbana, Il.

Ties to a National Primary Source:

- Show pictures of any national parks in the US. A good source for this can be found at: <http://www.nps.gov/>, a website which locates national parks in the US by state.