

*History of St. Joseph County From Its Organization*, by JOHN B. STOLL, Dayton, O., 1923, pp. 565.

This volume follows the conventional lines of the county history. Geology, Topography, Early Settlement, Organization, County and City Government, Transportation, Banks and Banking, Physicians and Public Health, Education, Churches, Military, Press, Manufacturing and Commerce are taken up in order. There follow 390 pages of personal biographies. Those acquainted with this line of historical work know about what to expect in a county history. Its editorship by John B. Stoll is a guaranty of its workmanship. The editor is perhaps the best known newspaper man in Indiana at present. A number of full page illustrations are included. The manager of the publishing company, Selwyn Brant, began the work in Indiana over 30 years ago and some of our best county histories, written in the late eighties, bear his signature.

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*The Real Lincoln, a Portrait* by JESSE W. WEIK. Houghton-Mifflin Co., Boston and New York, 1922, pp. 314.

In *The Real Lincoln* the author has laboriously and conscientiously endeavored to present the human side of Lincoln, to show the incidents of his domestic and home life, and especially to present his activities as a lawyer, being of the opinion that the public should know more of his Springfield environment; thoroughly convinced that such a work would give a clearer and more definite portrait of one of the greatest characters of history. Mr. Weik is well fitted for such a work. He assisted Herndon in the writing of his book upon Lincoln, and as a result grew so enthusiastic over the subject that it became the all absorbing interest of his life. He has drawn largely upon old records wherever available, consulted acquaintances of Lincoln, and visiting the various places where the Lincolns lived; in fact he has exhausted all of the known sources of information in his search for the truth. As a result he has produced a book that is authentic and uncolored by any prejudices of the writer. The book covers the period from Lincoln's boyhood until his departure for Washington to become president. It is well written, and con-