

Bibliography for *Reliance, Illinois*

In the notes in the back of the book, I promised a longer list of sources. Well, here it is! A mix of primary and secondary sources. I'm a storyteller, not a scholar, but I do love to research and remain grateful to real scholars whose work inspires my own.¹

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ⁱ I also read local and national newspapers to gain insight into Mr. Dryfus's business, and because newspapers are a great way to learn about the large and small concerns of a community. Thank you to Saint Mary's College for access to the *Historic New York Times* and to the Hayner Public Library for access to the *Alton Telegraph*.

Missing from the list, too, is a battered old copy of an Old Farmers Almanac. I never made a note of it and I have no idea where I put it.