Historic Maps in K-12 Classrooms The Geography of American Communities – Map 16 A Farm in Menard County, Illinois, 1874

Why Athens, Illinois, Mr. Miller?

When Jonathan Miller came to Illinois, he had to choose a place to live. On the chart below, list features of each location that Jonathan Miller may have liked when choosing to live in Athens, Illinois. For example, as a family man:

Why would he have chosen to live in Illinois instead of other states?

What did he like about Menard County?

Why would he have chosen Athens rather than a different city in Menard?

	City of Athens	Menard County	Illinois
As a family man			
As a farmer			
As a tanner			