

AN ICE AGE ENVIRONMENT IN  
WEST-CENTRAL ILLINOIS

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#### ABSTRACT

An attempt is made to establish a Pleistocene age local environment and place the established environment in a regional setting. The stratigraphic and ecological analyses of a molluscan assemblage from Warren County, Illinois yields an early Illinoian stage local environment of a mature deciduous forest in a regional environment somewhat cooler than today. The Pleistocene record of Vertigo ovata, Vertigo milium, and Strobulops aenea is extended back to the Illinoian Stage.