

THE NEW RICHMOND SANDSTONE OF NORTH- ERN ILLINOIS

ABSTRACT

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The New Richmond sandstone is the oldest known formation outcropping in Illinois. This sandstone is a member of the Prairie du Chien group (lower magnesian limestone.) As an aquifer it has an importance in certain parts of the state comparable to that of the St. Peter sandstone. Its distribution can be better indicated and its character better described than formerly because of recent drilling near LaSalle and because of the recent discovery near Franklin Grove of the only known outcrop in the state.