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Illinois Archives Month – October 2014



As Secretary of State and State Archivist, I am pleased to join the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board (ISHRAB), and the Chicago Area Archivists in presenting this poster announcing the celebration of the annual Illinois Archives Month in October.

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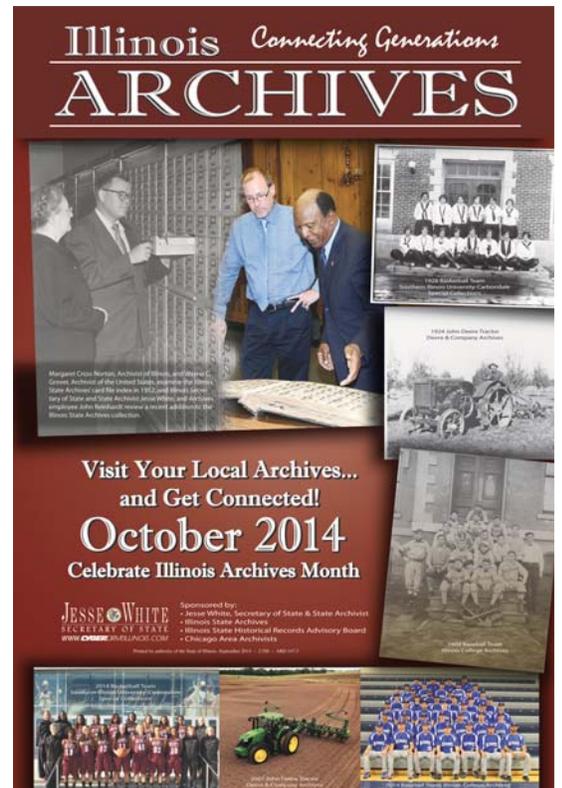
Please join us in celebrating and recognizing the many ways Illinois historical records enrich our lives by telling our story and connecting generations.

Jesse White, Secretary of State

Illinois historical documents are an important link to our past and provide a wealth of knowledge for genealogists, researchers, government employees and the general public. Preserving and maintaining these resources for future generations is a key mission of archival organizations across the state.

Archives, museums, historical societies, libraries and other groups are invited to participate in Illinois Archives Month by hosting local events, exhibits and activities that highlight the management and preservation of our documentary heritage.

To assist in publicizing Illinois Archives Month events, the ISHRAB is hosting an online Events Calendar. The Archives Month poster, funded in part by a federal State and National Archival Partnership (SNAP) Grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), is available in print or as a PDF. For information on obtaining posters, showcasing your institution's collections and activities, or promoting your institution's Archives Month activities on the Events Calendar, please visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com (click



200 Years of Illinois History



In 2018, Illinois will celebrate its 200th birthday. In anticipation of this bicentennial celebration, over the next four years *For the Record* will feature a document from the State Archives' holdings relevant to a significant event in Illinois history. The first featured document is the first page of the 1818 Illinois Constitution.

Illinois' first constitutional convention assembled in Kaskaskia on Aug. 3, 1818. After 21 days in session, the convention completed its work. On that day, August 26, the convention adopted a constitution and Kaskaskia as the first state capital. Illinois officially became the 21st state in the union on Dec. 3, 1818, when President James Monroe signed the congressional resolution admitting Illinois to the union.

Digital images of the complete 1818 Illinois Constitution can be viewed on the Illinois Digital Archives at www.idaillinois.org.

DATES & REMINDERS

Illinois Association of Museums

Annual Conference
"Museums Transform Communities"
October 22-24, Rockford
www.illinoismuseums.org

Illinois State Genealogical Society

2014 Fall Conference
"Illinois: Land of Opportunity"
October 24-25, O'Fallon
www.ilgensoc.org

Society of American Archivists

Continuing Education Program
"Managing Architectural, Design,
and Construction Records"
November 6-7, Chicago
saa.archivists.org

Downstate Local Records Commission Meeting

1st Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.
(unless otherwise noted)
Margaret Cross Norton Building, Springfield
www.cyberdriveillinois.com

Cook County Local Records Commission Meeting

2nd Tuesday of the month, 11 a.m.
Video Conference Room, 9th floor
Thompson Center, Chicago
or Capital City Center, Springfield
130 W. Mason St.
www.cyberdriveillinois.com

State Records Commission Meeting

3rd Wednesday of every month, 9:30 a.m.
Margaret Cross Norton Building, Springfield
www.cyberdriveillinois.com

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Closed state holidays.



2014 ISHRAB Historical Records Preservation Grants

The Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board has awarded Historical Records Preservation Grants totaling \$19,059 to seven Illinois historical records repositories to develop and/or carry out projects to identify, preserve, access and use historical records in Illinois. Funding for the grants was provided by a SNAP grant from the NHPRC. This is the fifth year the ISHRAB has awarded the Preservation Grants. To date, 54 grants have been awarded to Illinois institutions totaling \$142,611. This year the following organizations received grants for their historical records projects.

Chester: Randolph County Archives and Museum

Processing and Indexing the Randolph County Court Case Files, 1809-1859 — \$4,459 to process, rehouse and index the Randolph County Court Case Files, 1809-1859, which are currently folded and stored in 1860-era metal storage boxes.

Chicago: Gerber Hart Library and Archives

Outing the Archives: Increasing Public Accessibility to the LGBTQ Archive of the Midwest — \$2,515 to purchase shelving to properly house and make more accessible the archival collections.

Chicago: Pullman State Historic Site

Normalizing Data in the Pullman House History Project — \$2,642 to normalize the demographic information about residents of the planned community of Pullman, 1883-1940.

Darien: Darien Historical Society

Archival Storage of Historic Photographs — \$995 to purchase archival supplies to properly preserve the organization's photograph collection and make it more accessible to the public.

Evanston: Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Organizing and Digitizing the Lucy Rider Meyer/Chicago Training School Archives — \$4,009 to process, digitize and provide access to the archival records of the Chicago Training School for City, Home and Foreign Missions (1885-1934), and its founder and first principal, Lucy Rider Meyer.

Wheaton: Theosophical Society in America

Preserving Architectural Records — \$732 to purchase archival-quality enclosures to properly house the architectural records of the organization's headquarters building.

Winnetka: Winnetka Historical Society

Preserving and Documenting the John Ott Time-Lapse Photography Collection — \$3,707 to inventory, assess, de-duplicate, rehouse, catalog and create an online exhibition to document the John Ott Time-Lapse Photography Collection.

Scholarships available to Illinois archivists

The ISHRAB is offering professional development scholarships to Illinois archivists and archival volunteers to attend an archival workshop/seminar of their choice in Illinois (or an online professional archival development course). Awards are available for up to \$200 per applicant, per year, and may be used toward the cost of registration, housing and/or travel to the event. Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until the funding is exhausted. This

archival educational opportunity is funded by a SNAP grant from the NHPRC. For more information and an application form, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com (click Departments, Illinois State Archives, Illinois Historical Records Advisory Board), or contact:

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2014-2015 IRAD interns

The Illinois Regional Archives Depository (IRAD) system, a program of the Illinois State Archives, is dedicated to the preservation of local governmental records. The IRAD depositories, located at seven universities throughout the state, preserve the official records of local governmental agencies that have permanent legal, administrative, historical or other research values.

Each year graduate students are selected to serve as interns at the depositories. IRAD internships introduce graduate students to the functions of an archives institution and allow them to develop basic archival and research skills. Duties include arranging and processing records, preparing descriptive inventories and providing reference service to the public.

The IRAD interns for the 2014-2015 academic year attended an intensive two-day



training session in Springfield in August. The training session was funded by a SNAP grant from the NHPRC. Following are

the 17 interns along with their academic majors and the IRAD where they are serving.

Eastern Illinois University

Laura J. Russman, Historical Administration
Joseph D. Wagner, History

Illinois State University

Jayna Leipart Guttilla, English
Chamere Poole, English

Northeastern Illinois University

Marc Arenberg, History

Justin Cochran, Political Science
Joanna Nowacka, Political Science
Crispien James Van Aelst, History

Northern Illinois University

Janette Aileen Clay, History
Evan Walter, Political Science

Southern Illinois University

Emily Humbert, Philosophy

Benjamin S. Lindsley, Philosophy
James R. Podesva, History

University of Illinois at Springfield

Nathan Allen Mason, History
Eowyn Montgomery, History

Western Illinois University

Kristin Bail, Political Science
Jonathan N. Bilotti, Political Science



ARCHIVES RESTORES ALTON PLAT MAPS — The Illinois State Archives recently assisted the Madison County Recorder's Office with the restoration of two original land plats of Alton dating from 1818. Above left is one of the plats that arrived at the State Archives for restoration. Above right, Madison County Recorder Amy M. Meyer and Alton Mayor Brant Walker (right), along with State Archives Director David Joens, hold the restored plats, which were humidified, cleaned, repaired with Japanese mending tissue, de-acidified and then encapsulated.



ST. CLAIR COUNTY RECORDS AT THE STATE ARCHIVES — St. Clair County Clerk Thomas Holbrook (left) and State Archives employee Karl Moore discuss pre-statehood records kept at the States Archives in Springfield. The records, some dating as far back as the early 1700s, include documents from the St. Clair County area created during the French, British and territorial eras in Illinois. St. Clair County was the first county in Illinois. The St. Clair County Clerk's office and the State Archives are working together to make the records accessible to researchers through both the clerk's office and the IRAD at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

Archives at the Illinois State Fair

Each year at the Illinois State Fair, the State Archives maintains a presence in the Secretary of State's tent. In addition to offering brochures and other informational literature, a staff member is always available to personally answer questions. This year, long-time Archives staff member Dottie Hopkins-Rehan shows a researcher how to access and use the many research databases available on the Archives' page of the Secretary of State's website.



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