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NHPRC Grant Application Deadlines

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) has two deadlines for specified categories of grant applications. The Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board serves the commission at the state level by reviewing Illinois applications made to the NHPRC. Individual board member evaluations, along with a combined board review, are forwarded to the NHPRC in Washington D.C. Typically, applicants simultaneously are required to file grant proposals with the NHPRC and the Illinois board ahead of the specified deadline. The state board does not review grant proposals whose scopes are focused well beyond the boundaries of Illinois.

Following are the two NHPRC grant deadlines and criteria:

June 1 Grant Proposals

In line with its strategic plan, the NHPRC is concentrating its resources on three strategic goals within its broader mission.

Goal #1

The NHPRC will provide the American public with widespread access to the papers of the founders of our democratic republic and its institutions by ensuring the timely completion of eight projects now in progress to publish the papers of George Washington, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and papers that document the ratification of the U.S. Constitution, the First Federal Congress and the early Supreme Court.

Goal #2

The NHPRC will promote broad public participation in historical documentation by collaborating with state historical records advisory boards to plan and carry out jointly funded programs to strengthen the nation's archival infrastructure and expand the range of records that are protected and accessible.

Goal #3

The NHPRC will enable the nation's archivists, records managers and documentary editors to take advantage of opportunities posed by electronic technologies by continuing to provide leadership in funding research and development on appraising, preserving,

disseminating and providing access to important documentary sources in electronic form.

Proposals for grant projects addressing one of these three NHPRC goals must be postmarked no later than June 1, 2004, and will be considered at the commission's November meeting.

October 1 Grant Proposals

For all other projects, including publication projects other than the eight founding era editions, projects in archival preservation, processing and description, and projects to develop archival tools and techniques, applications must be submitted no later than Oct. 1, 2004, to be considered at NHPRC's May meeting.

Grant projects may include:

- Collecting, describing, preserving, compiling and publishing (including microfilming and other forms of reproduction) of documentary sources significant to the history of the United States.
- Conducting institutes, training and educational programs, and fellowships related to the activities of the NHPRC.
- Disseminating information about documentary sources through guides, directories and other technical publications.
- Documentary editing and publishing (other than those editions funded against the June 1 deadline); archival preservation and processing of records for access; developing or updating descriptive systems; creation and development of archival and records management programs; development of standards, tools, and techniques to advance the work of archivists, records managers, and documentary editors; and promotion of the use of records by teachers, students, and the public.

For more information, please contact:

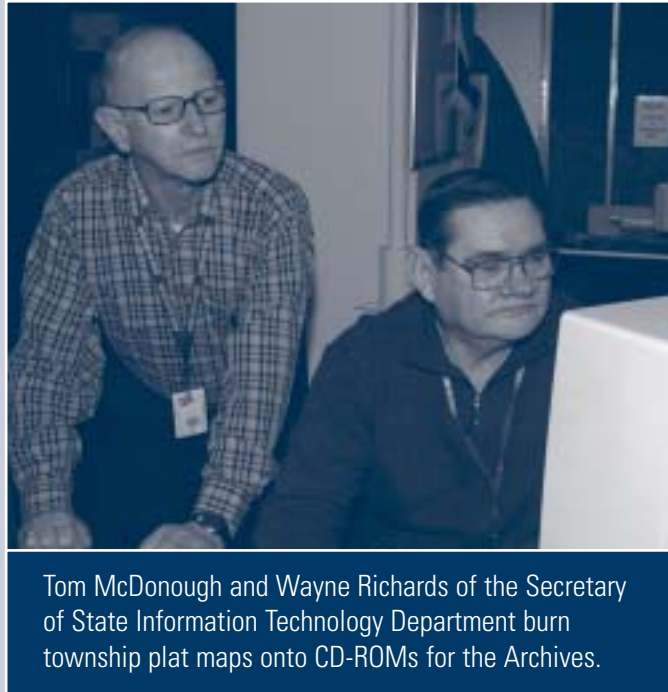
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202-501-5610 (phone)
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www.archives.gov/grants/index

Illinois federal township plat maps available on CD-ROM

The original federal township plat maps of the Illinois public domain (1804-1891) are now available for purchase on CD-ROM. The digitized plat images are arranged by county, with individual CD-ROMs containing those township plats that make up any given Illinois county. The 3,457 federal township plats capture the surveyed images of all 102 Illinois counties.

The original township plat maps were scanned at a high resolution and show geographical and man-made features as they were before Illinois became widely settled. Geographical coordinates provide specific land tract locations. A standard geographical township measures 36 square miles. Today, these original plats remain a valuable resource for legal, historical and scientific research.

A federal Library Services and Technology Act grant in 2002 allowed the Archives to contract with a vendor to digitize and index the plats. The Secretary of State's Department of Information Technology in turn loaded the images onto the



Tom McDonough and Wayne Richards of the Secretary of State Information Technology Department burn township plat maps onto CD-ROMs for the Archives.

Archives server for Internet access in early 2003. From January through December 2003, the township plats portion of the Archives Web page alone received more than 2 million hits.

As popular as this Internet site has proven to be, demand has remained for a "portable" version of the digitized plats. With these images now available on CD-ROM, they can readily be taken into the field or home for further examination. The CDs also provide the user with MrSID files, which enable the production of original-size plat printouts not possible from Internet images.

Ordering Information

Individual county CD-ROMs may be purchased for \$20 each. Please specify the county(s) being purchased. Shipping and handling charges are included. Orders must be pre-paid. Please make checks payable to Secretary of State.

Send orders to:

Illinois State Archives

Publications Unit
Margaret Cross Norton Building
Springfield, IL 62756

ISAAB members announced

The Illinois State Archives Advisory Board serves concurrently as Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board (ISHRAB), and in that capacity acts as an arm of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), a statutory body affiliated with the National Archives and Records Administration. The ISHRAB reviews records program grant proposals submitted by Illinois institutions to the NHPRC. Through strategic planning, the ISHRAB has established an agenda for historical records statewide.

Since the ISAAB members last were itemized in the Winter 2003 issue of *For the Record*, several changes have taken place. Tom Cavanagh, Stephen Kerber and David Koch have left the board. Following are the new board members with their respective terms and contact information:

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2003 Accessions of the Illinois State Archives

Office of Banks and Real Estate

- Corporate Files, 1993-2000, 10 cu. ft.
- Legislative Research and Analyses Files, 1978-1992, 4 cu. ft.
- Reports of Examinations and Supervisory Letters, 1998-2000, 45 cu. ft.

Department of Children and Family Services

- Licensing Files, 1985, 5 cu. ft.

Illinois Criminal Code Rewrite and Reform Commission

- Administrative Files, May 4, 2000-Jan. 1, 2003, 3 cu. ft.

State Board of Elections

- Election Returns, Petitions, and Papers, 1988-2002, 30 cu. ft.
- Third and Independent Parties Nominating Petitions, 1986-2002, 40 cu. ft.

General Assembly

- Bills, Resolutions and Related General Assembly Records, 1997-2002, 192 cu. ft.

Governor

- Daily Scheduling Files, 1999-2002, 42 cu. ft.
- Proposed Amendments to the State Constitution and Related Materials, 1990-1998, 5 cu. ft.
- Legal Counsel
Administrative Files, 1987-2001, 23 cu. ft.
- Legislative Affairs
Administrative Files, 1982-1998, 5 cu. ft.
Bill Analyses Files, 1995, 1 cu. ft.
- Programs and Policy Office
Administrative Files, 1999-2002, 3 cu. ft.

Governor's Commission on Capital Punishment

- Death Row Inmate Case Files, 1981-2003, 27.5 cu. ft.
- Research Files, 1977-2002, 10.5 cu. ft.

Department of Insurance

- Director's Subject Files, 1957-2002, 1.33 cu. ft.

Lt. Governor

- Administrative Files, 1999-2003, 33 cu. ft.

Liquor Control Commission

- Case Files of Commission Hearings, 1999-2000, 28 cu. ft.

Department of Natural Resources

- Director's Administrative Files, 1996-2002, 5 cu. ft.

Department of Nuclear Safety

- Director's Administrative Files, 1984-1999, 5 cu. ft.

Department of Public Health

- 125th Anniversary Celebration Files, 2002-2003, 1 cu. ft.
- Closed Case Files, 1983-1997, 18 cu. ft.
- General Assembly Bill Analyses Files, 1997-1998, 9 cu. ft.

Secretary of State

- Index Department
Deeds to State-Owned Real Estate, 2003, 1 cu. ft.
Enrolled Acts of the General Assembly, 2001, 8 cu. ft.
Executive Section. Executive Files, 2000, 1 cu. ft.
Executive Section. Proclamations of the Governor, 2001, 1 cu. ft.
State Land Acquisition and Conveyance Files, 2002-2003, 1 cu. ft.

Department of Transportation

- Aeronautics Division
Airport Construction Files, 1988-1999, 154 cu. ft.
- Highway Division
Highway Construction Monthly Reports, 2001, 1 cu. ft.
Highway Jurisdiction Files, 2001, 1 cu. ft.
- Public Affairs
Road Construction Photographs, 1930-1969, 8 cu. ft.

2003-2004 Illinois Blue Books available

Communications Department

217-785-8234

217-524-1796 (fax)

www.cyberdriveillinois.com

Federal Township Plats, 1804–1891 (2002), 102 Illinois counties with each county on a single CD-ROM. — \$20 per county

A Summary Guide to Local Governmental Records in the Illinois Regional Archives, second edition (1999), 265 pp. — \$6

Descriptive Inventory of the Archives of the State of Illinois, second edition (1997), 940 pp.; or CD ROM — \$20

Chicago City Council Proceedings Files, 1833-1871: An Inventory (1987), 989 pp., and Chicago City Council Proceedings Files, 1833-1871: An Index (1987), 93 microfiche (18,714 pp.) — \$35

Illinois Public Domain Land Sales (2001), explanatory booklet (7 pp.), and CD-ROM (538,750 entries) — \$25

The Margaret Cross Norton Working Papers, 1924-1958 (1993), 8 - 35 mm microfilm rolls with An Inventory and Index (1993), 7 microfiche (1,055 pages) — \$60

Hard Times in Illinois, 1930-1940 (2002), teacher's manual (119 pp.) and 50 document facsimiles — \$10*

The Illinois and Michigan Canal, 1827-1911 (1998), teacher's manual (115 pp.) and 50 document facsimiles with transcriptions — \$12*

Illinois at War, 1941-1945 (1994), teacher's manual (119 pp.) and 50 document facsimiles — \$12*

From the Ashes, 1872-1900: A Selection of Documents from the Proceedings Files of the Chicago City Council (1990), teacher's manual (123 pp.) and 50 document facsimiles with transcriptions. — \$10*

Early Chicago, 1833-1871: A Selection of City Council Proceedings Files from the Illinois State Archives (1986, 1999), teacher's manual (115 pp.) and 50 document facsimiles with transcriptions — \$14*

*** Teaching packets are available FREE to Illinois educational institutions by submitting a request on letterhead stationery. All other requests are filled for the fee listed. To order publications, please contact: Illinois State Archives, Norton Building, Publications Unit, Springfield, IL 62756, 217-782-2226. Please make checks payable to Secretary of State.**