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www.illinoisma.org

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October 18-19, Decatur
217-525-2781
www.historyillinois.org

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October 23-26, Lombard
www.csgsi.org

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2013 Fall Conference — “The Way They Were”
October 25-26, Sandwich
www.ilgensoc.org

American Historical Association
128th Annual Meeting
“Disagreement, Debate, Discussion”
historians.org/annual/2014/index.cfm

Downstate Local Records Commission Meeting
1st Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.
Margaret Cross Norton Building, Springfield
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Video Conference Room, 8th floor
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