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ISGS Angel Project benefits regional archives

The Illinois State Archives and the Illinois State Genealogical Society (ISGS) have enjoyed a long and beneficial relationship. In May 2004, the ISGS established the Angel Project to assist the State Archives in making more local government records accessible to the public. Through the project, the ISGS accepts donations and uses the funds to purchase Illinois county records on microfilm from the Genealogical Society of Utah. The microfilmed records are then deposited into the Illinois Regional Archives Depository (IRAD) system.

Records targeted for purchase include vital records of births, deaths and marriages. To date, the ISGS has purchased more than 1,000 reels of microfilm containing vital records for nearly all 102 counties in Illinois. The records are available for use at the seven IRAD facilities housed at state universities across the state. The regional depositories maintain and preserve local government records that have permanent administra-

tive, legal or historical research value and have been transferred to the Archives' custody. Anyone can donate to the ISGS Angel Project. For more information, visit www.rootsweb.com.



Secretary of State Jesse White (right) recently met with Illinois State Genealogical Society President Robert Tenuta to thank the society for its help in purchasing microfilm of local records for the Illinois Regional Archives Depository system.



Illinois Archives Month October 2007



The Society of American Archivists designated October as American Archives Month. As part of the national celebration, Secretary of State and State Archivist Jesse White and the Illinois State Archives, together with the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board and the Chicago Area Archivists, are promoting Illinois Archives Month throughout October

Posters featuring photographs and documents from various Illinois archives were sent to archival institutions throughout the state. For additional posters, please call 217-782-2226.

For a calendar of events through the end of the month, go to www.cyberdriveillinois.com.





2007-08 IRAD interns

The Illinois Regional Archives
Depository system began its
32nd year this fall with the
appointment of 17 graduate students to intern at the seven IRAD
centers at Illinois universities
across the state. The interns and
their majors are:

Eastern Illinois University

Krystal Rose, History Laurie Stein, Historical Administration

Illinois State University

Matthew Cox, Historical Archeology Bradley Phillippi, Historical Archeology

Northeastern Illinois University

Joanne Cartalino, Communications Roberto Rincon, Political Science Jeffrey Wade, History

Northern Illinois University

John Duerk, Political Science Katie Sutrina, History

University of Illinois at Springfield

Matthew Etzel, History Rochelle Joseph, Political Studies

Southern Illinois University

Maureen Mohan, Political Science Jason Hills, Philosophy Angela Jordan, Philosophy Kevin Taylor, Philosophy

Western Illinois University

Adam Carey, History Brianna Kraus, Political Science

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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.

As Secretary of State and State Archivist, I am pleased to be a part of the first annual Illinois Archives Month in October. The Office of the Secretary of State, the Illinois State Archives, the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board and the Chicago Area Archivists have joined together to promote this event here in Illinois as part of a nationwide celebration.

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. For information on ways you can showcase your agency's collections and activities, please visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

Please join us in celebrating and recognizing the many ways Illinois historical records enrich our lives. With your support, we can ensure that Illinois Archives Month will be an annual event for years to come.



Jesse White Secretary of State & State Archivist



Illinois Archival Repositories Directory

In conjunction with Illinois Archives Month in October, the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board (ISHRAB) is compiling information for an Illinois Archival Repositories Directory to be available online early next year. In addition to information collected from a 1996 survey, ISHRAB is using a variety of other sources for the directory, including the Chicago Area Archivists Repository Guide.

When completed, the online directory will be searchable by name of repository, region number, or name of county or city. While this will be a large directory of Illinois archival repositories, it will by no means be comprehensive, but rather an ongoing project as new listings, corrections and/or updates are added. To submit an entry for inclusion in the directory, please visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com.



2007-08 IRAD Interns

Front row, left to right:
Rochelle Joseph,
Maureen Mohan,
Angela Jordan, Laurie
Stein, Brianna Kraus,
Matthew Etzel, Brad
Phillippi and Jeff Wade;
back row left to right:
Kevin Taylor, Jason
Hills, Matthew Cox,
Adam Carey and
Joanne Cartalino.

ISAAB/ISHRAB — serving the State Archives

The Illinois State Archives Advisory Board (ISAAB) and the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board (ISHRAB) serve as advisory bodies to the Illinois State Archives. The two boards are composed of the same membership but serve different functions.

The ISAAB, authorized by the State Records Act, makes recommendations to State Archivist Jesse White on policies regarding the general operation of the State Archives. It also provides advice and assistance to the Illinois State Archives staff.

The ISHRAB is the state-level arm of the National Historical Publications & Records Commission (NHPRC), a statutory body affiliated with the National Archives & Records Administration. The commission supports initiatives to preserve, publish and encourage the use of documentary sources relating to the history of the United States. The ISHRAB supports NHPRC goals and objectives by promoting the identification, preservation, access to and use of historical records in Illinois.

The ISAAB/ISHRAB is made up of 12 voting members and two nonvoting members who meet three times a year. Voting members are appointed by Secretary of State Jesse White and must include a member of the State Records Commission, a member of a Local Records Commission, a member of a local historical society or museum, a university archivist, a person in the field of education specializing in either history or political science, a genealogist, a research or reference librarian, a business archivist and public members. Non-voting members are the Illinois State Library Director and the Illinois State Historian.



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DATES & REMINDERS

28th Annual Illinois History Symposium "Legacies of Abraham Lincoln"

March 6-8, 2008, Springfield 217-525-2781, www.historyillinois.org

Downstate Local Records Commission Meeting

PUBLICATIONS

ARCHIVES

1st Tuesday of every month 10 a.m. (unless otherwise noted) State Archives Conference Room Margaret Cross Norton Building, Springfield www.cyberdriveillinois.com

Cook County Local Records Commission Meeting

2nd Tuesday of every month, 11 a.m. Video Conference Room, 9th floor Thompson Center, Chicago

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130 W. Mason St., Capital City Center, Springfield www.cyberdriveillinois.com

State Records Commission Meeting

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

Early Chicago, 1833-1871, teaching packet available online

Illinois State Archivist Jesse White announced that the teaching packet, *Early Chicago*, *1833-1871*, is now available online at www.cyberdriveillinois.com. The teaching packet is one of five produced by the State Archives in an effort to bring primary source materials to the classroom. The use of primary documents in the classroom offers an excellent opportunity to make the study of history real and meaningful because the actual participants in history produced the documents.

The online teaching packet follows the same format as the printed version, including an introduction, objectives of the teaching packet, nature of the documents, a brief historical background, and a bibliography and chronological listing of the documents.

Early Chicago is the second teaching packet to be made available online; the first was *The Illinois and Michigan Canal, 1827-1911*. Three other teaching packets will be available online soon: From the Ashes, 1871-1900; Illinois at War, 1941-1945; and Hard Times in Illinois, 1930-1940.

Printed versions of all the teaching packets are still available free to Illinois educational institutions by submitting a request on letterhead to: Illinois State Archives, Margaret Cross Norton Building, Publications Unit, Springfield, IL 62756.

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