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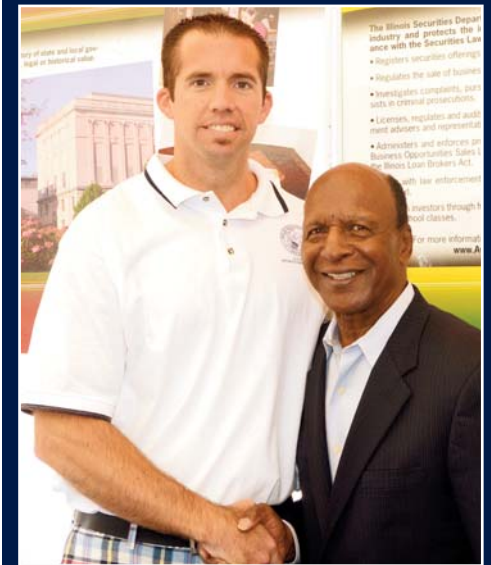
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October is Illinois Archives Month

Secretary of State and State Archivist Jesse White, the Illinois State Archives, the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board, and the Chicago Area Archivists are once again joining together to cosponsor Illinois Archives Month 2013 in October. This year's poster commemorates 100 years of women's suffrage in Illinois (see poster inside). On June 26, 1913, Illinois became the first state east of the Mississippi River to allow women the right to vote in local and presidential elections. Archives, museums, historical societies, libraries and other groups are invited to participate by hosting local events, exhibits and activities that highlight the management of 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 online as a PDF. For information on obtaining posters, showcasing your institution's collections and activities, or promoting your Archives Month activities on the Events Calendar, visit www.cyberdrive-illinois.com (Departments, Illinois State Archives, Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board) or call 217-782-2226.



ARCHIVES AT THE STATE FAIR — Archives staff member Ryan Prehn met with Secretary of State Jesse White in the Secretary of State tent at the Illinois State Fair in August. At the Archives booth, fair visitors could access various Archives databases or talk to staff about doing research at the State Archives.



75 years ago...

"The construction of the Illinois State Archives Building was a monumental achievement by the first director of the State Archives, Margaret Cross Norton. The building, now named after Ms. Norton, still serves as an impressive and completely functional repository for official state records of long-term importance." — Secretary of State Jesse White

This photo of the Illinois State Archives Building in Springfield was taken when it opened in October 1938.

The Illinois State Archives Building was formally dedicated on Oct. 26, 1938. The Society of American Archivists and the Illinois Library Association held their annual meeting in Springfield in honor of the occasion, bringing delegates from 26 states, Washington, D.C., and Canada. Speakers included Secretary of State Edward J. Hughes, U.S. Archivist Dr. Robert D. W. Connor, and Dr. A. R. Newsome, professor of history at the University of North Carolina and president of the Society of American Archivists.

Margaret Cross Norton, who served as the first superintendent of the State Archives from 1922 to 1957, was instrumental in the design and construction of the building. She is recognized as a pioneer in

the archives profession, earning a national reputation for Illinois in her 35 years as superintendent. In 1995, Norton was honored posthumously with the rededication of the Archives building in her name.

Today, the Illinois State Archives holds more than 75,000 cubic feet of records, including records series from more than 200 state government entities as well as several federal agencies. Over the years, the building has seen upgrades such as a new HVAC system to provide environmentally sound heating, venting and air-conditioning for the building's multi-layered record-storage system, security and fire alarm systems, and wiring to accommodate the electronic age of record keeping.

DATES & REMINDERS

Illinois Association of Museums

Annual Conference
October 15-18, Peoria
www.illinoismuseums.org

Illinois State Historical Society

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

Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International

14th Genealogical & Cultural Conference
October 23-26, Lombard
www.cgsi.org

Illinois State Genealogical Society

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

American Historical Association

128th Annual Meeting
"Disagreement, Debate, Discussion"
January 2-5, 2014, Washington, D.C.
historians.org/annual/2014/index.cfm

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.



2013 ISHRAB Historical Records Preservation Grants

The Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board awarded Historical Records Preservation Grants totaling \$15,839 to the following six Illinois historical records repositories. The grants will enable the institutions to develop and/or carry out projects to identify, preserve, access and use historical records in Illinois. Funding for the program was provided by a SNAP grant from the NHPRC.

McLean County Museum of History, Bloomington — *Preserve and Index Pantagraph Photo Negative Collection*: \$1,194 to purchase acid-free negative storage envelopes for the preservation of approximately 6,300 photograph negatives from the local newspaper, *The Pantagraph*, spanning the years 1934–39.

Chicago Film Archive — *Digitizing the Ruth Page Video Archive*: \$2,500 to begin digitizing the Ruth Page Video Archives, which includes 130 tapes consisting of hours of interviews with choreographer and Chicago dance giant Ruth Page; dancers Maria Tallchief, Delores Lipinski and Larry Long; and dance company performances.

Stephenson County Historical Museum, Freeport — *Rehousing and Digitizing the Taylor Family Historic Glass-Plate Negative Collection*: \$2,254 to rehouse and digitize approximately 1,150 glass-plate negatives that include images providing valuable insight into the life of a prominent local family in the late-19th and early-20th centuries.

Peoria Historical Society — *Create a Relational Database for Public Access to Peoria Historical Society Records*: \$2,500 to hire staff to create a database to provide accessibility to the Peoria Historical Society's historical records collection.

Peru Public Library — *Preserving Oral History Interviews*: \$2,500 to digitize 97 audio tapes and accompanying transcripts of Illinois Oral History Interviews that are currently inaccessible due to disintegration.

Museum Association of Douglas County, Tuscola — *Douglas County History: From Donut Boxes to Accessible Archives*: \$4,891 to properly accession, accurately catalog and correctly store Douglas County archival materials that were previously stored in donut boxes.

Professional development scholarships available

The ISHRAB is offering scholarships to Illinois archivists and archival volunteers to attend a professional 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. It is a reimbursable award.

ISHRAB and its representatives will award scholarships on a first-come, first-served basis until the funding is exhausted. More information and an application form are

available at www.cyberdriveillinois.com (Departments, Illinois State Archives, Illinois Historical Records Advisory Board). For questions, please contact:

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This archival educational opportunity is funded by a State and National Archival Partnership (SNAP) grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC).

2013-2014 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. IRAD depositories are located at seven universities throughout the state with the mission of preserving 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. The internships introduce the 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.



Below is a list of the 17 IRAD interns for the 2013-14 academic year, along with their majors. A majority of the interns

attended an intensive two-day training session in Springfield in August. The training session was funded by a State and

National Archival Partnership grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

Eastern Illinois University

Kimberly A. Lorton, History
Caitlin Smith, Historical Administration

Illinois State University

Scott Daniel Drapalik, Historical Archaeology
Mark Richard Williams, Political Science

Northeastern Illinois University

Marc Arenberg, History
Edward Byrd, History

Justin Cochran, Political Science
Crispien James Van Aelst, History

Northern Illinois University

Adam Schuster, Political Science
Victoria Stewart, History

Southern Illinois University

Tad Bratkowski, Philosophy
Jean Michael Hurst, History
Jared Kemlin, Philosophy

University of Illinois at Springfield

Codi Holst, History
Cheryl Elaine Thompson, History

Western Illinois University

Jonathan N. Bilotti, Political Science
Sergio Ivan Rodriguez, Political Science

ISAAB/ISHRAB member appointments

Secretary of State Jesse White has appointed two new members to the Illinois State Archives Advisory Board/Illinois Historical Records Advisory Board. For the 2013-16 term, Neil Dahlstrom of Deere and Company and Jenny Barker-Devine of Illinois College replace Dan Barringer and Susan Richter, respectively. Janet Olson of the Northwestern University Archives and Matthew Rutherford of the Newberry Library were reappointed to serve the 2013-16 term. For a complete listing of ISAAB/ISHRAB members and their contact information, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com (Departments, Illinois State Archives, Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board).

The ISAAB advises the State Archives on general operations. The ISHRAB is the state-level arm of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, a statutory body affiliated with the National Archives and Records Administration. The ISHRAB reviews grant proposals submitted by Illinois institutions to the NHPRC. The ISHRAB also advocates and encourages professional custodianship and cooperation in the recordkeeping community to ensure citizen access to records and the preservation of their cultural and historical heritage. The State Archives Advisory Board serves concurrently as the State Historical Records Advisory Board.



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

Abraham Lincoln in Illinois: A Selection of Documents from the Illinois State Archives (2008), teacher’s manual (87 pp.) and 35 document facsimiles with transcriptions – \$10*

Hard Times in Illinois, 1930-1940: A Selection of Documents from the Illinois State Archives (2002), teacher’s manual (119 pp.) and 50 document facsimiles – \$10*

The Illinois and Michigan Canal, 1827-1911: A Selection of Documents from the Illinois State Archives (1998), teacher’s manual (115 pp.) and 50 document facsimiles with transcriptions – \$12*

Illinois at War, 1941-1945: A Selection of Documents from the Illinois State Archives (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, Publications Unit, Norton Building, Springfield, IL 62756, 217-782-2226. Please make checks payable to Secretary of State. For a complete list of Illinois State Archives publications, please visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/publications.html.

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