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Illinois Archives Month



As Secretary of State and State Archivist, I am pleased to present this poster announcing the celebration of the annual Illinois Archives Month in October.

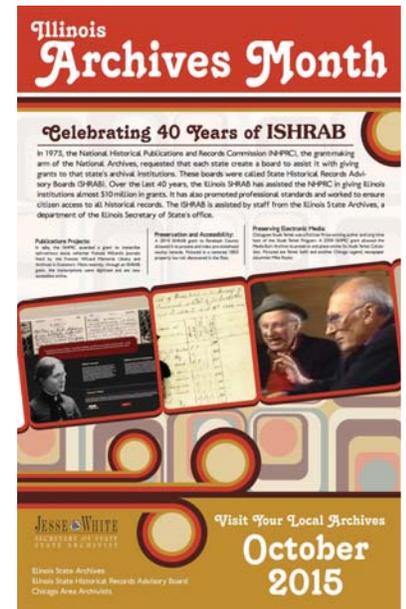
This year's poster commemorates the 40th anniversary of the establishment of State Historical Records Advisory Boards (SHRABs). In 1975, the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), the grant-making arm of the National Archives, requested that each state create an advisory board to assist it with giving grants to that state's archival institutions. Over the past 40 years, the Illinois SHRAB has assisted the NHPRC in awarding almost \$10 million in grants to Illinois archival institutions. The Illinois SHRAB also advocates and encourages professional custodianship and cooperation in the record-keeping community to ensure citizen access to records and the preserva-

tion of their cultural and historical heritage.

Illinois historical documents are an important link to our past and provide a wealth of knowledge for genealogists, researchers, government employees and the general public. The Office of the Secretary of State, the Illinois State Archives, the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board and the Chicago Area Archivists are once again joining together to promote the importance of archives by celebrating Illinois Archives Month, an event done in conjunction with the Society of American Archivists' National Archives Month.

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 (click on Departments, Illinois State Archives, Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board).



"Who Do You Think You Are" films at Archives

Award-winning actor Bryan Cranston was the featured celebrity in a recent episode of the TLC network's popular genealogy show, *Who Do You Think You Are*. In tracing his family roots, Mr. Cranston is led to the Illinois State Archives where he uses his grandfather's World War I bonus application to learn more about the paternal side of his family. His research also included a visit to the Illinois Regional Archives Depository at Northeastern Illinois University and the Cook County Circuit Clerk's office. The episode featuring Cranston first aired on the TLC network on August 23.



Actor Bryan Cranston (right) discusses his grandfather's World War I bonus application with historian Christopher Capozzola (left) in the Illinois State Archives' reference room.

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217-782-4682 • Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. • Closed state holidays

DATES & REMINDERS

Chicago Open Archives: Collecting and Connecting

Multi-cultural institution event

October 8-10, Chicago

<http://chicagoareaarchivists.wildapricot.org/>

Chicago-Open-Archives

Illinois State Genealogical Society

2015 Fall Conference

"Second City: Was it Your Ancestors' First City?"

October 23-24, Oak Lawn

<http://www.ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=439>

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



The Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board has awarded Historical Records Preservation Grants totaling \$15,750 to six Illinois historical records repositories to develop and/or carry out projects that will lead to enhanced online access. Funding for the grants was provided by a State Board Programming Grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC). The following organizations received grants for their historical records projects.

Rock Island: Augustana College, Special Collections

Digitizing Glass Plate Images from the John Henry Hauberg Papers — \$3,094 to digitize approximately 1,500 glass plate images that represent unique, valuable and largely inaccessible pieces of Illinois and Quad Cities history. Subjects include Native American culture, the development of state parks and the growth of the Rock Island Arsenal.

Mundelein: University of Saint Mary of the Lake

Saint Mary of the Lake Collection Assessment and Plan — \$2,650 to create a comprehensive plan to identify, preserve and facilitate online discovery of the SML Collection. The collection contains manuscripts, printed works and media that uniquely document the history and character of the university as well as regional,

American and European history.

Batavia: Batavia Public Library

Civil War Letters and Diaries Digitization Project — \$1,420 to transcribe, digitize and place online original Civil war letters and diaries (1861–1865) of soldiers from the 52nd and 124th Illinois Infantry Regiments.

Evanston: Evanston History Center

Digitizing Diversity: Preserving and Providing Access to EHC's Oral History Collection — \$1,500 to digitize 288 oral history cassette tapes (1970–mid-1990) that document Evanston's African-American, Caribbean, Jewish, Swedish and World War II veteran communities (among others).

Peoria: Peoria Historical Society

Enhancing the Database for Online Access to the Peoria History Society Collection — \$4,586 to identify, organize, describe and input the records of items in the Peoria Historical Society Collection into a relational database and place on the Peoria Historical Society website for public access.

Cherry Valley: Cherry Valley Public Library District

Cherry Valley Historical Photograph Digitization for Keyword Searchable Catalog Access Project — \$2,500 to describe, catalog and upload into the Illinois Digital Archives and NIC Libraries catalog 300 digitized photographs depicting small-town, rural life in northern Illinois.

200 years of Illinois history (1818–2018)

In 2018, Illinois will celebrate its 200th birthday. In anticipation of this bicentennial celebration, *For the Record* is featuring in each issue a document from the State Archives' holdings relevant to a significant event in Illinois history. The fourth featured document concerns the passage of the Illinois Factory Inspection Law.

On June 17, 1893, the Illinois legislature passed the Illinois Factory Inspection Law. Governor John P. Altgeld signed the bill into law on July 7, 1893. The law created an eight-hour workday for working women and children; prohibited the employment of children under the age of 14 in industrial work; required employers to provide lists of those working in any manufacturing establishment, fac-

tory or workshop; provided for the appointment of a Chief Factory Inspector; and authorized inspectors to search tenement houses for disease. The driving force behind the passage of this legislation was Florence Kelley and after its passage, Gov. Altgeld appointed her as the first Chief Factory Inspector.

This law was passed during the Progressive Era, a period of time that saw many economic, social and moral reforms within Illinois and the United States. As soon as this law was enacted, it was challenged. The Illinois Supreme Court found that the limitation of women's workdays to eight hours a day to be unconstitutional. Finally, in 1908 the U.S. Supreme Court upheld an Oregon law limiting

women's workdays to 10 hours a day. Other states, including Illinois, would soon agree to a 10-hour workday for women and children and eventually all workers.



Archives staff attends NAGARA/CoSA Conference

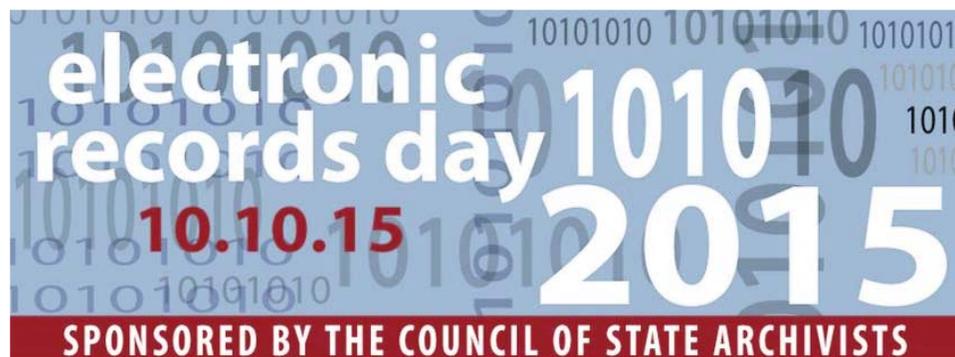
In July, Illinois State Archives' staff members Kristopher Stenson and Elaine Shemoney Evans attended the joint annual meeting of the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators (NAGARA) and the Council of State Archivists (CoSA) in Austin, Texas.

CoSA is a national organization comprising representatives from the principal government archives of each state and territory. Under regulations of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, these representatives also serve as the State Historical Records Coordinators who chair their respective State Historical Records Advisory Boards (SHRABs).

NAGARA is a professional association dedicated to the improvement of federal, state, and local government records and information management and the professional development of government records administrators and archivists.



Left: Kristopher Stenson of the Illinois State Archives receives the Council of State Archivists' Victoria Irons Walch Leadership Travel Stipend award in recognition of his leadership in crafting electronic records policy in Illinois and his work with CoSA's State Electronic Records Initiative (SERI). Right: Elaine Shemoney Evans (right), deputy coordinator of the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board, meets with Daniel Stokes, NHPRC state programs director, and Kathleen Williams, NHPRC executive director, at the annual Council of State Archivists' meeting in Austin, Texas.



E-records Day is a day to raise awareness among government agencies, archives, related professional organizations, the general public and other stakeholders about the crucial role electronic records play in our world.

With the increasing reliance on information technology, the challenge to manage, preserve and provide access to digital records and information continues to grow. Electronic records require proactive management. The best time to plan for electronic records preservation is at the time records are created, rather than when software is being replaced or a project is ending.

Archivists can help tackle the difficult problems associated with electronic record keeping. Contact your state, local or college archives staff members to find out what they are working toward and what you need in order to make sure that electronic records remain accessible for generations to come. For more in-depth information on sustainable file formats and reliable storage media for electronic records, visit: https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/records_management/home.html.

2015–2016 IRAD interns selected

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.

The 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 following graduate students were selected to staff the IRAD depositories for the 2015–16 academic year:

Eastern Illinois University

Colleen Filipek, Historical Administration
Nathaniel Rees, History

Illinois State University

Ryan J. Melson, History
Chamere Poole, English

Northeastern Illinois University

Justin Cochran, Political Science
Rene Delgado, History
Paul M. Hughes, History
Martha Pack, Political Science

Northern Illinois University

Janette Aileen Clay, History
James Godowic, 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

Jonathan Schulze, History
Jillien A. Zudell, History

Professional development 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. It is a reimbursable award. Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until the funding is exhausted. Complete information and an application form can be found at www.cyberdriveillinois.com (click on Departments, Illinois State Archives, Illinois Historical Records Advisory Board).

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Archivist of the United States visits Archives



David Ferriero, archivist of the United States, visited the Illinois State Archives in May and spoke to staff about the importance of governmental archives. Mr. Ferriero was the first U. S. Archivist to visit the Illinois State Archives since Wayne Grover visited in 1952. Above, on the left, is Mr. Grover at the Archives with Illinois Archives Director Margaret Cross Norton. In the right photo, Mr. Ferriero (right) recreates that photo with current Illinois State Archives' Director David Joens.

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