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## 2018 historical records grants

### Application deadline March 9

The Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board (ISHRAB) is pleased to announce the 2018 Historical Records Preservation Grant program. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to Illinois historical records repositories with funds provided by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC). This is the 9th year the ISHRAB has awarded these grants.

Grants will be awarded to institutions that demonstrate need, both

financially and programmatically, and show commitment to developing and/or implementing projects that will lead to enhanced online access to their holdings. These projects include: creating online finding aids; digitizing records and placing the content online; making an inventory of records; properly storing the records with the goal of preparing them for future online access; or placing information about the records on a blog, wiki page or Facebook. Eligible institutions may be public or private. Although any size institution may apply, preference will be given

to those with archival holdings of 500 cubic feet or less and/or two or fewer professional staff.

The ISHRAB will begin accepting grant proposals on Jan. 29, 2018, with a deadline for submission of March 9. Grant award winners will be announced in May. For additional information, application instructions and a list of previous grant funded projects, visit [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com) (click Departments, Illinois State Archives, Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board) or call 217-782-3492.

## ISAAB/ISHRAB member appointments



Secretary of State and State Archivist Jesse White met with the ISAAB/ISHRAB at its October 2017 meeting. Pictured are (front row, l-r): Johanna Russ, Dana Lamparello, Jenny Barker-Devine, Tina Beard and Pamela Hackbart-Dean. Back row (l-r): David Joens, Skyla Hearn, Catherlyne Popovitch, Cecilia Salvatore, Secretary White, Peggy Glowacki, Laura Alagna, Ian Hunt and Neil Dahlstrom.

Secretary of State Jesse White recently appointed three new board members to the Illinois State Archives Advisory Board/Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board. Dana Lamparello of the Chicago History Museum, Skyla Hearn of the DuSable Museum of African-American History and Peggy Glowacki of the University of Illinois at Chicago will serve for the 2017-2020 term. The new members replace Alison Eisendrath of the Chicago History Museum,

Martin Tuohy of the National Museum of the American Sailor and Valerie Harris of the University of Illinois at Chicago. Secretary White re-appointed Johanna Russ of the Chicago Public Library to serve for the 2017-2020 term as well. For a complete listing of the ISAAB/ISHRAB members and their contact information, visit [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com) (Departments, Illinois State Archives, Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board).

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## DATES & REMINDERS

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### Illinois Bicentennial events

The Illinois Bicentennial will be celebrated from Dec. 3, 2017, to Dec. 3, 2018. If you or your organization is sponsoring an event for the Bicentennial and would like it to be posted on the state's Bicentennial events calendar or would like to receive an Illinois Bicentennial Commission endorsement for the event, please visit: <https://illinois200.com/celebrate/events/>.

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### Midwest Archives Conference

2018 Annual Meeting  
"Blurring Boundaries, Crossing Lines"  
March 21-24, Chicago  
<http://www.midwestarchives.org/2018-annual-meeting>

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### Society of American Archivists Workshops

<http://www2.archivists.org/>  
"Appraisal of Digital Records"  
March 21, Chicago

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"Managing Digital Records in  
Archives and Special Collections"  
April 6, Chicago

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### Downstate Local Records Commission Meeting

1st Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.  
(unless otherwise noted)  
Margaret Cross Norton Building, Springfield  
[www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com)

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### 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](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com)

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### State Records Commission Meeting

3rd Wednesday of every month, 9:30 a.m.  
Margaret Cross Norton Building, Springfield  
[www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com)

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## 200 years of Illinois history (1818-2018)

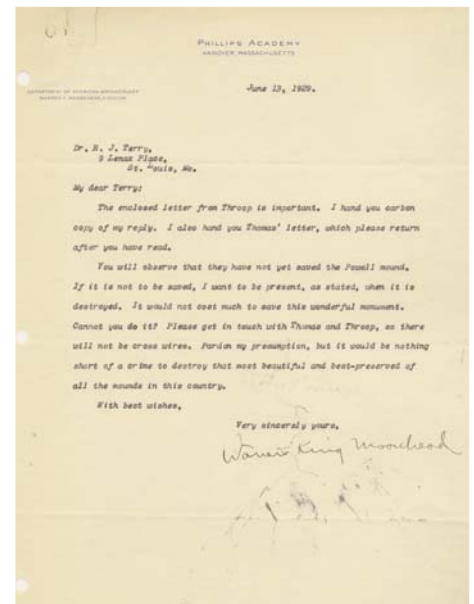
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This year Illinois is celebrating its 200th birthday. *For the Record* is featuring a document from the State Archives' holdings relevant to a significant event in Illinois history in each issue. The 11th featured document concerns the Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site and is from the Department of Conservation's Park Land Acquisition and Improvement Files, 1890-1980.

The Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site is the site of a pre-Columbian native civilization located a few miles west of Collinsville, across the Mississippi River from present-day St. Louis. Cahokia was the largest urban settlement of the Mississippian peoples and is the largest pre-Columbian archaeological site north of Mexico. At its height in 1200, Cahokia encompassed approximately six square miles and included an estimated 120 man-made mounds; however, by the late 1300s, Cahokia was abandoned.

The State of Illinois obtained 145 acres of the site in 1925, and the grounds operated as a state park held by the Department of Public Works and Buildings. During the 1960s and 1970s, the state acquired several more tracts of land. It was designated a state historic site in the early 1980s. Presently, the park covers 2,200 acres and protects 72 whole or partial mounds. Cahokia Mounds was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1966 and in 1983 was designated a World Heritage Site by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

The featured document is a 1929 letter from Warren King Moorehead, then director of the Department of American Archaeology at Phillips Academy in Andover, Maine. Moorehead was considered the "Dean of American Archaeology" and worked at Cahokia from 1921 to 1927. He played a significant role in persuading the Illinois Legislature to make the original purchase of a portion of the Cahokia site. Moorehead writes to Dr. Robert J. Terry, head of the Anatomy Department at Washington University Medical School, who undertook a study of the skeletal material at Cahokia. In this letter, Moorehead pleads



In this letter, dated June 13, 1929, archaeologist Warren King Moorehead implores Dr. R.J. Terry to do what he can to save Powell Mound from destruction. He opines, "...it would be nothing short of a crime to destroy that most beautiful and best-preserved of all the mounds in this country."

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with Terry to save Mound 86 from destruction.

The mound, known as Powell Mound, was located on land that was owned at the time by the Powell family. The Powells were farmers and offered to pay archaeologists \$3,000 and give them three years to excavate the mound. At the time, this excavation would have been too big of an undertaking for archaeologists. The state offered to purchase the part of the property with the mound and an access road, but the Powells did not want to have a section taken out of their field and the state was not willing to purchase the whole property. Fearing that the state would invoke eminent domain, the Powell family began removal of the mound in 1931 and used the excavated soil as fill.

Fortunately, archaeologists were allowed to observe the destruction of the mound, discovering evidence that it was initially built as a platform mound. It later was modified to a ridgetop mound, with burial deposits made on the platform surface. In 2006, the Archaeological Conservancy purchased the land where remnants of Powell Mound are located.

# 2017 Accessions of the Illinois State Archives

## State Government Records

### Board of State House Commissioners (Second Springfield State House)

*(Deed of Gift from Sangamon Valley Collection,  
Lincoln Library, Springfield)*

State House Architectural and Engineering Plans,  
ca. 1870-1888; 6 vols.

### Department of Children and Family Services

*Director's Office/Office of Inspector General*

Directors' Administrative Files, ca. July 2003-  
2013; 22 cu. ft.

### Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

*Illinois Workforce Investment Board*

Meeting Files, 2005-2008; 1 cu. ft.

*Office of Regional Economic Development (Main  
Street Program)*

Main Street Program Files, ca. 1990-2013;  
8 cu. ft.

### Illinois Community College Board

*Finance Compliance and Program Accountability  
Division*

Construction Project Files, ca. 2001-2015;  
5 cu. ft.

### General Assembly

Bills, Resolutions, and Related General Assembly  
Records, January 9, 2013-January 10, 2017  
(98th-99th bienniums); 213 cu. ft.

### Governor

*Deputy Chief of Staff*

Patrick Quinn Deputy Chief of Staff's

Administrative Files, ca. 2010-2013; 1 cu. ft.

Patrick Quinn Deputy Chief of Staff's Senior

Health Policy Advisor's Administrative Files,  
2009-2013; 3 cu. ft.

*Legal Counsel*

Patrick Quinn Legal Counsel's Administrative  
Files, ca. 2010-2013; 1 cu. ft.

*Programs and Policies Staff (Director)*

Jim Edgar Transition Team Administrative Files,  
1990-1991; 1 cu. ft.

*Programs and Policies Staff (Human Services)*

Patrick Quinn "Governor's Office of New  
Americans" Administrative Files, ca. 2010-  
2013; 5 cu. ft.

### Department of Human Rights

*Legal Division*

Agency Annual Affirmative Action Plans, July  
2008-June 2015; 6 cu. ft.

### Department of Insurance

*Executive Office (Legislative Affairs Section)*

Legislative Bill Analyses Files, 1976-2002;  
143 cu. ft.

### Illinois Legislative Investigating Commission

Administrative Files, 1963-1984; 12 cu. ft.

Commission Photographs, ca. 1963-1984; 1 cu. ft.

Minutes of Commission Meetings, 1963-1984;  
6 cu. ft.

Public Hearing Transcript and Book Files, ca.  
1963-1984; 15 cu. ft.

### Legislative Research Unit

*Illinois General Assembly Legislative Research Unit*

Research Memoranda, 1989-2009; 14 cu. ft.

### Military and Naval Department

*Adjutant General*

Administrative Files on Civil War Companies and  
Regiments, February 28, 1862-April 30, 1862;  
0.02 cu. ft.

### Illinois Department of Public Health

*Division of Administrative Hearing Review*

Nursing Home Involuntary Transfer and

Discharge Final Orders Files, 2009, 2011-  
2013; 8 cu. ft.

### Department of Revenue

*Legal Services Division*

Legal Files, 1988-1996; 33 cu. ft.

### Secretary of State

*Executive Office*

Capitol Building Murals, 1989; 2 cu. ft.

Electoral College Ballot Boxes, 2008, 2012, 2016;  
2 cu. ft.

*Index Department*

Deeds to State-Owned Real Estate, 1958,

December 2010, December 2016-January  
2017, March 2017-June 2017, October 2017-  
November 2017; 0.3 cu. ft.

Enterprise Zone Registration and Certification  
Files, 2012-2014; 1 cu. ft.

Executive Section. Executive Files, February  
1969-December 1969, 2006-2014; 3.01 cu. ft.

Executive Section. Extradition Papers, 2014;  
1.2 cu. ft.

Executive Section. Proclamations of the  
Governor, January 7, 2015-January 19, 2016;  
2 cu. ft.

Lease and Contracts Files, 1955-1956; 0.05 cu. ft.

### Illinois Department of Transportation

*Division of Aeronautics (Bureau of Aviation Safety)*

Children's Memorial Hospital of Chicago Heliport  
Hearing Files, 2006-2011; 7.5 cu. ft.



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## Free webinar on NHPRC grant funding

The State Historical Records Advisory boards from Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois have teamed up to sponsor a free, one hour webinar about grant opportunities offered by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, the granting arm of the National Archives and Records Administration. Join Dan Stokes, director of State Programs at the NHPRC, on Feb. 14 at noon for a presentation about the Access to Historical Records and the Public Engagement with Historical Records grant categories. In addition to Stokes' presentation, Rick Pifer and Menzi Behrnd-Klodt, members of the Wisconsin Historical Records Advisory Board, will describe elements of a strong grant application and common grant-writing pitfalls. They will provide tips on developing an effective narrative, creating a budget and assembling supporting materials. The program will include an opportunity for Q & A.

Webinar login:

[https://nara.webex.com/  
meet/daniel.stokes](https://nara.webex.com/meet/daniel.stokes)

Call the toll-free number:

**1-888-331-6674**

and enter access code:

**4603403**



## Bicentennial flags raised at the Capitol Complex



Secretary of State Security Guard Tony Kersey raises the Illinois Bicentennial flag in front of the Illinois State Library on Dec. 4, 2017, as part of the kickoff to the yearlong celebration of the 200th birthday of Illinois. Illinois became a state on Dec. 3, 1818.

## Secretary of State service awards



Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White honored three employees for years of service to the State Archives. Micrographic equipment operator Della Kay Castiglione (above) received a 35-year service award. Jane Roberts (below), an administrative assistant II, received a 40-year service award. Lead computer output microfilm operator Steve Rebbe (not pictured) also received a 35-year service award.



## Basics of Archives scholarships for Illinois archivists

The Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board (ISHRAB) is offering scholarships to Illinois archivists and archival volunteers to take the American Association for State and Local History's online "Basics of Archives" course. This online course, available Feb. 26 through March 30, 2018, provides an introduction to the management and protection of historical records for staff and volunteers who have little to no experience with archival materials. Complete information and an application form can be found at [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com) (click on Departments, Illinois State Archives, Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board). Funds for this opportunity are provided by a State Board Programming Grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

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