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Archives loans plat book for display at Field Museum

Maps: Finding Our Place in the World, an exhibit of more than 100 of the world's greatest maps, ran from November 2 to January 27 at The Field Museum in Chicago. From clay tablets to sea charts, and satellite navigation systems to sketches of worlds real and imagined, the exhibit showed how early maps were made, how the technology changed over centuries, and how digital map-making is changing the ways we use and visualize maps. The exhibit included original works by Ptolemy, Leonardo da Vinci, Abraham Lincoln and others.

The State Archives participated in the exhibit by loaning an original land plat book, *Federal Township Plats*, Vol. 14, which contains the original survey plat of the City of Chicago.

"The Illinois State Archives was honored to participate in this world-class exhibit," said Secretary of State Jesse White, who also serves as State Archivist. "The exhibit demonstrates the importance of maintaining and preserving historical documents, which is something my office does every day through the State Archives."

This volume, along with 52 other volumes comprising *Federal Township Plats*, Record Series 953.012, was transferred in 1865 from the U.S. Surveyor General to the Illinois Governor's office. In 1957, the plats were turned over to the Secretary of State for deposit in the State Archives. The record series, consisting of 3,457 original survey plats of the state of Illinois, were drawn



Photo courtesy of Sean O. Bober, The Field Museum

Federal Township Plats, Vol. 14, Record Series 953.012, containing an original survey plat of the City of Chicago, was on display recently at The Field Museum in Chicago.

by the U.S. Surveyor General and his deputy surveyors in preparation for the federal government's sale of public lands. The hand-drawn plats show Illinois' landscape with natural and man-made features and vegetation.

In 2002, the State Archives digitally scanned all the original plats and loaded the compressed, digital images onto the Archives' server at <http://land.plats.ilsos.net/Flash/Welcome.html>. The plats also are available on CD-ROM. For ordering information, please contact: Publications, Illinois State Archives, Margaret Cross Norton Building, Springfield, IL 62756, 217-782-2226.

"Basics of Archives" workshop

The Illinois Association of Museums will offer the "Basics of Archives" at three workshops in April. Workshops will be held Thursday, April 10, in Springfield; Wednesday, April 16, in Geneva; and April 22 in Carterville.

The workshops are designed to introduce individuals responsible for archival collections, who may never have received formal archival training, to the basics of archives. Two archivists from the State Archives will conduct the workshops. Participants will get practical advice, sample forms and policies, and learn

basic practices in collecting and protecting archival documents, and assisting people using the archival records at their institutions. Workshops will be divided into two sections: the first one focusing on collections accessioning, organization and storage, and the second on protecting and preserving historical collections.

For more information, please contact: Karen Everingham, Illinois Association of Museums, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, 217-524-6977, 217-558-1512 (fax), karen.everingham@illinois.gov, www.illinoismuseums.org.

DATES & REMINDERS

Illinois State Historical Society

28th Annual Illinois History Symposium
"Legacies of Abraham Lincoln"
March 13-15, Millikin University, Decatur
www.historyillinois.org

Illinois State Genealogical Society

Spring Tours in Illinois
"Illinois State Archives Tours and Death Certificate Assistance Program"
"Genealogy at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library"
April 18-19, Springfield
www.rootsweb.com/~ilsgs

Midwest Archives Conference

April 17-19, Louisville, KY
www.midwestarchives.org/2008Spring/index.html

Illinois Association of Museums

"Basics of Archives" Workshops
April 10, Springfield
April 16, Geneva
April 23, Carterville
www.illinoismuseums.org

Downstate Local Records Commission Meeting

1st Tuesday of every month
10 a.m. (unless otherwise noted)
Illinois 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
or
Capital City Center,
130 W. Mason St., 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

Pearl Harbor Day at the Archives

Every December 7, the State Archives observes Pearl Harbor Day by displaying one of the first posters issued by the federal government's Office of War Information. Allen Saalburg, who was born in Rochelle, IL, designed the poster in 1942. The stark, colorful graphic of a tattered U.S. flag flying at half-staff as dark smoke billows in the background features a quote from Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address: "... we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain" The poster is from the Illinois War Council, Record Group 518.000, and has undergone conservation/ preservation treatment.



Chief Deputy Director of the State Archives and World War II veteran Wayne C. Temple (left) and Archives staff (left to right) Debbie Stewart, Sabrina Holmes and Jim Ladd observe an original poster commemorating the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

New facility for IRAD-ISU

The Illinois Regional Archives Depository at Illinois State University has moved to 2016 Warehouse Road in Normal. The regional depository was previously located on campus in Williams Hall, formerly the old Milner Library Building.

Prior to the move, IRAD interns conducted a comprehensive inventory of all the depository's holdings. In September, IRAD staff and interns began preparing the collection for the move by wrapping in brown Kraft paper, labeling all the volumes and securing labels on all boxed records. The move was complete by mid-November. The new facility provides better storage for the records by using more accessible shelving, enhanced lighting and improved environmental methods. The depository also provides researchers an attractive and inviting reference room. Parking at the new facility also is more accessible than at the previous location.

IRAD-ISU holds local government records for Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Grundy, Iroquois, Kankakee, Livingston, Logan, Marshall, McLean, Piatt, Tazewell, Vermilion and Woodford counties. For a list of records from a specific county, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/irad/iradhome.html, or contact:

Illinois Regional Archives Depository, Illinois State University, 2016 Warehouse Rd.,
Campus Box 1520, Normal, IL 61790-1520, 309-452-6027.

IRAD-ISU is open Monday through Friday (except state holidays) from 9 a.m. to noon and from

1 to 4 p.m. The regional depository is staffed by graduate student interns. Because of class scheduling conflicts, hours may vary. Researchers are urged to call before planning a visit.



Total holdings at the records storage area at the new IRAD-ISU facility consist of 287.5 linear feet (volumes), 1,034.6 cubic feet (boxes) and 1,026 microfilm reels.

2007 Accessions of the Illinois Archives

State Government Records

Illinois Civil Service Commission

Hearing Decisions, 1970-1989, 39 cu. ft.

Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

Equal Employment /Affirmative Action Status Reports, 1984-2002, 1 cu. ft.

East St. Louis Financial Advisory Authority

Meeting Minutes, 1994-1997, 2 cu. ft.
Subject Files, 1991-2004, 9 cu. ft.

Illinois State Board of Education

Private Business and Vocational Education Institution Approval Files, 1980-1990; 2000-2004, 17 cu. ft.

State Board of Elections

Third and Independent Parties Nomination Petitions, 1996; 2002; 2004; 2006, 4 cu. ft.

Illinois Emergency Management Agency

Administrative Files, 1974-1999, 10 cu. ft.

Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

Banking

Corporate Files, 2001-2002, 7 cu. ft.
Reports of Examinations, 2003-2004, 10 cu. ft.

Professional Regulation

Director's Correspondence Files, 2003-2004, 2 cu. ft.

General Assembly

Bills, Resolutions, and Related General Assembly Records, 2001-2007, 212 cu. ft.

Governor

Citizens Assistance

Proclamation Request Files, 1988, 2 cu. ft.
Subject Files, 1985-1986, 1 cu. ft.

Deputy Chief of Staff

"Build Illinois" Files, 1985, 6 cu. ft.
Administrative Correspondence, 1982, 1 cu. ft.

Deputy Governor

Correspondence, 1983-1985, 1 cu. ft.

Energy Conservation

Natural Resources Files, 1982, 1 cu. ft.

Ethics

Correspondence, 1978-1995, 3 cu. ft.

Legal

Motor Voter Litigation Files, 1995, 1 cu. ft.

Legislative

Bill Analysis Files, 1990-1995, 1 cu. ft.

Special Events

Activity Files, 1991-2001, 5 cu. ft.

Women's Issues

Subject Files, 1994; 1997, 2 cu. ft..

Department of Human Rights

Agency Annual Affirmative Action Plans, 1991-2003; 2005, 6 cu. ft.

Department of Human Services

Division of Mental Health/Lincoln Developmental Center Historical Files, ca. 1900-1990, 26 cu. ft.

Lieutenant Governor

Administrative Files, 2001-2004, 24 cu. ft.

Department of Public Health

General Assembly Bill Analysis Files, 2001-2002, 7 cu. ft.

Secretary of State

Index Department

Deeds to State-Owned Real Estate, 2007, 1 cu. ft.
Enrolled Acts of the General Assembly, 2005, 8 cu. ft.
Enterprise Zone Registration and Certification Files, 1983-1991; 1993; 1997; 1999; 2003, 2 cu. ft.
Executive Section. Executive Files, 2003, 1 cu. ft.
Executive Section. Extradition Papers, 2006, 4 cu. ft.
Executive Section. Proclamations of the Governor, 2005-2006, 2 cu. ft.
Files on Land Purchases for Road Development, 2006, 1 cu. ft.
Local Option Prohibition Election Petitions, 1980-1995, 1 cu. ft.

Department of Transportation

Aeronautics

Airport Construction Files, 2005, 66 cu. ft.

Highways

Right-of-Way Land Acquisition Files, 1950-1971; 1990-2000, 35 cu. ft.

Local Government Records

Adams County

County Clerk

Death Certificate Index, 1877-1990, 29 mi.
Birth Certificate Index, ca. 1859-1915, 3 mi.
Birth Record Index, ca. 1855-1915, 1 mi.
Marriage Record Index, 1825-1917, 2 mi.
Death Record Index, 1878-1972, 1 mi.
Birth Record, Nov. 1877-June 1903, 3 mi.
Death Record, Dec. 1877-Dec. 1915, 4 mi.
Marriage Record, July 1825-Dec. 1926, 5 mi.
Circuit Clerk
Bar Association Memorial Resolutions, 1965-1966, 1 mi.
Certificates of Moral Character, 1846-1937, 1 mi.
Circuit Court Case Files-Divorces, 1851-May 1853, 1 mi.

Boone County

Probate Court

Probate Record, Aug. 1855-Apr. 1891; Nov. 1916-May 1923, 8 mi.
Probate Case Files Index, ca. 1840-1940, 1 mi.
Probate Executor's Record, May 1875-June 1894, 1 mi.
Probate Judgment Docket Index, 1859-1901; Jan. 1916-Mar. 1946
Probate Judgment Dockets, Sept. 1859-Mar. 1946
Probate Fee Books, Dec. 1865-Dec. 1911
Probate Bond Dockets, 1893-1943, 2 mi.
Probate Judge's Dockets, Feb. 1859-Nov. 1866; Dec. 1871-Sept. 1921, 6 mi.
Probate Report Record, Dec. 1884-Apr. 1913; Apr. 1919-Oct. 1930, 4 mi.
Probate Guardian's Report Record, Dec. 1926-Dec. 1945, 1 mi.
Probate Inventory Record, Sept. 1878-Oct. 1908; Jan. 1921-Aug. 1934, 3 mi.
Probate Inventory Record-Guardians, May 1942-Apr. 1962, 1 mi.
Probate Inventory, Appraisal and Sale Record, Sept. 1874-Nov. 1894, 1 mi.
Probate Ledgers, Oct. 1859-May 1860; Jan. 1877-June 1906; May 1955-Dec. 1961, 4 mi.
Probate Executor's, Administrator's and Guardian's Record, Jan. 1867-June 1878, 1 mi.
Probate Administrator's Record, July 1878-May 1911, 1 mi.
Circuit Court
Circuit Court Fee Books, Apr. 1843-1853, 1 mi.
Circuit Court Execution Docket Index, ca. 1859-1860, 1 mi.
Circuit Court Judgment Docket Index, 1877-1893, 1 mi.

Circuit Court Dockets, 1850-1909, 8 mi.
Execution Dockets, Sept. 1842-Feb. 1849, 1 mi.
Execution Docket Index, ca. 1859-1900, 1 mi.
Justice of the Peace
Belvidere Justice of the Peace Dockets, 1874-1899, 2 mi.
Boone Twp. Justice of the Peace Dockets, 1897-1906, 1 mi.
Caledonia Twp. Justice of the Peace Dockets, 1870-1899, 2 mi.
County Clerk
Tax Sale and Redemption Record, 1847-1859, 1 mi.
Treasurer
County Order Registers, 1858-1914, 1 mi.
Tuberculosis Sanitarium Fund Warrant Register, 1921-1968, 1 mi.
Recorder
Grantor Deed Index, 1869-1886, 1 mi.
County Home
County Home Admission Orders, 1913-1942, 2 mi.

DuPage County

Elmhurst Public Library

Public Library Board Minutes, July 1912-Apr. 1924; Dec. 1929-June 2002, 2 mi.

Kankakee County

County Clerk

Death Certificate Index, 1916-1958, 1 mi.
Death Certificates, 1915-1951, 22 mi.
Marriage Record Index, 1903-1967, 1 mi.
Marriage Record, Oct. 1921-Dec. 1926, 1 mi.
Marriage Licenses, May 1889-Dec. 1889. Feb. 1890-June 1896; Oct. 1898-Dec. 1925, 19 mi.

Lake County

County Clerk

Marriage Record Index, Sept. 1839-July 1918, 1 mi.
Marriage Record, Sept. 1838-July 1874; July 1901-Oct. 1903; Sept. 1905-Jan. 1908; Nov. 1908-Dec. 1911; June 1912-Sept. 1915, 8 mi.
Marriage License Applications, Mar. 1893-June 1905, 1 mi.
Death Record, Dec. 1877-Dec. 1901, 1 mi.
Death Record Index, 1916-1938, 1 mi.
Birth Record Index, 1877-Jan. 1905, 1 mi.
Birth Certificates, 1866-1875; 1877-Dec. 1892, 4 mi.
Birth Record, Dec. 1877-May 1893, 1 mi.

LaSalle County

Earl Township

Justice of the Peace Dockets, Aug. 1858-1878, 2 mi.
Police Magistrate Dockets, July 1882-Sept. 1885, 1 mi.
Township Record, Apr. 1899-Apr. 1957; May 1962-Apr. 1993, 1 mi.
Township Auditors' Record, Sept. 1894-Feb. 1935, 1 mi.
Highway Commissioners' Record, Apr. 1887-Mar. 1938, 2 mi.
County Superintendent of Schools (T34N, R5E or 3rd PM.)
School Trustees' Minutes, 1844-July 1890, 1 mi.
School Fund Loan Record, 1844-1874, 1 mi.
School Treasurer's Cash and Loan Record, 1867-1899, 1 mi.
School Treasurer's Cash Book, 1871-1890, 1 mi.
School District Record, 1867-1947, 1 mi.

Macoupin County

County Clerk

Tax Judgment Record, June 1864-June 1880, 3 mi.
Tax Sale Abstracts, 1839-1865, 1 mi.
Tax Sale and Redemption Record, 1839-1859; 1865-1880, 3 mi.
Tax Judgment, Sale, Redemption and Forfeiture Record, 1887-1919, 4 mi.
Tax Sale Certificate Record, 1872-1916, 1 mi.
Tax Deed Affidavit Record, 1880-1914, 2 mi.
Tax Judgment Dockets, 1876-1887, 1 mi.

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Assessor's Book, 1850, 1 mi.

Circuit Court

Circuit Court Record-Chancery, Apr. 1830-Mar. 1864; Dec. 1868-Dec. 1975, 35 mi.

Circuit Court Dockets-Chancery, Jan 1919-Jan. 1920, 1 mi.

Circuit Court Fee Books-Chancery, June 1899-June 1905, 2 mi.

Circuit Court Record Index-Chancery, 1847-1856; 1860-Dec. 1946, 2 mi.

Circuit Court Case Files Index-Chancery and Common Law, 1829-1911, 1 mi.

Circuit Court Record Index, ca. 1858-Sept. 1900, 3 mi.

Monroe County

County Clerk

Birth Certificates, Dec. 1868-Dec. 1915, 33 mi.

Pike County

County Clerk

Marriage Licenses, 1833-1877, 20 mi.

Pope County

County Clerk

Birth Certificate Index, 1862-1952, 1 mi.

Birth Certificates, Delayed, 1862-1916, 1 mi.

Birth Certificates, Feb. 1877-Dec. 1915, 15 cu. ft.

Stillbirth Register, 1883-1915, 1 mi.

Saline County

County Clerk

Marriage Record, Dec. 1847-Jan. 1917, 5 mi.

Marriage Record, Minors, July 1874-Sept. 1916, 3 mi.

Marriage Registers, 1878-1921, 1 mi.

Birth Record Index, 1867-1939, 1 mi.

Birth Record, Dec. 1877-Jan. 1916, 3 mi.

Birth Certificates, Oct. 1866-June 1915, 24 mi.

Death Record Index, Dec. 1877-1939, 1 mi.

Death Record, Dec. 1877-1915, 1 mi.

Divorce Record, Sept. 1897-June 1912, 1 mi.

Stephenson County

Probate Court

Probate Claims Dockets, 1848-1859, 1 mi.

Probate Dockets, Dec. 1864-Dec. 1865, 1 mi.

Probate Appraisement Record, Nov. 1868-May 1879, 2 mi.

Board of Supervisors

Board of Supervisors' Building Committee Minutes, Jan. 1870-Mar. 1876, 1 mi.

County Order Record, 1845-1856, 1 mi.

County Clerk

Tax Judgment, Sale, Redemption and Forfeiture Record, 1848-1961, 1 mi.

Tax Forfeiture Record, 1872-1879, 1 mi.

Assessor's Books, 1870, 1 mi.

County Court

Insanity Dockets, Oct. 1893-June 1907, 1 mi.

Union County

County Clerk

Birth Affidavit Record-Children of Civil War Casualties, Apr. 1867-Aug. 1868 (children born between 1850 and 1865), 1 mi.

Birth Record Index, 1867-1939, 1 mi.

Birth Record, Dec. 1877-Jan. 1916, 4 mi.

Birth Certificates, 1866-Dec. 1915, 25 mi.

Washington County

Probate Clerk

Probate Record, Oct. 1818-Feb. 1842; Jan. 1850-June 1979, 10 mi.

Probate Administrator's and Guardian's Record, Oct. 1853-Jan. 1858 (administrators); Nov. 1853-Aug. 1856 (guardians), 1 mi.

Probate Administrator's Record, Aug. 1863-Nov. 1964, 6 mi.

Probate Executor's Record, Mar. 1862-June 1905, 3 mi.

Probate Will Record, Aug. 1879-May 1905, 2 mi.

Probate Guardian's Record, Apr. 1856-Feb. 1865; July 1872-Sept. 1930, 4 mi.

County Court

Insanity Record, Oct. 1893-July 1907, 1 mi.

Insane and Conservator's Record, Oct. 1879-Mar. 1905, 1 mi.

Board of Supervisors

Board of Supervisors' Minutes, Dec. 1846-Dec. 1873, 2 mi.

Nashville Township

Township Record, April 1883-Feb. 1977 (minutes); Apr. 1977-Apr. 2003 (supervisor's financial statements), 1 mi.

Township Auditor's Record, Sept. 1927-Mar. 1952 (minutes);

Sept. 1927-Sept. 1952 (claims allowed), 1 mi.

Township Clerk's Record, Apr. 1951-July 1991, 1 mi.

Venedy Township

Township Supervisor's Account Book, 1883-1966, 1 mi.

White County

County Clerk

Birth Certificates, 1856-1915, 27 mi.

Will County

County Clerk

Death Record, Dec. 1877-Jan. 1915; Jan. 1916-May 1938, 6 mi.

Death Certificate Record, Apr. 1910-Jan. 1916, 3 mi.

Coroner's Death Certificate Record, Dec. 1910-Dec. 1915, 1 mi.

Birth Record, Dec. 1877-Dec. 1909; Dec. 1915-Sept. 1922, 3 mi.

Death Certificates, Dec. 1877-Dec. 1916, 33 mi.

Birth Certificates, 1858-1859; 1862-Oct. 1902, 18 mi.

Marriage Licenses, June 1901-July 1928, 71 mi.

Marriage License Applications, June 1901-July 1928, 71 mi.

County Superintendent of Schools (T37N, R10E of 3rd P.M.)

School District Record, 1845-1860, 1 mi.

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