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75 years ago...

When the Illinois State Archives building was completed it was the most modern and completely equipped building of its kind in the country. This photo shows one of the Archives vaults and the type of storage equipment that was installed and is still in use today. There are 12 tiers of these vaults. Commercial-type steel filing cabinets and standard library-type steel bracket shelves are used for storing records. The six-drawer high steel filing cabinets were designed specifically to meet Illinois requirements. These cabinets were purchased after exhaustive factory tests conducted at the main plant under the supervision of Margaret Cross Norton.

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State Archives records archival Kris Shaneen (center) discusses electronic records issues with the Chinese archives delegation.

40 YEARS OF SERVICE — Secretary of State Jesse White recently recognized Gloria Ann Huston for 40 years of service to the Secretary of State’s office. Gloria began her career with the Secretary of State’s office in 1972 and became a State Archives employee in 1979. She currently serves as head of the Records Management Section, which is responsible for assisting state and local government agencies with the disposition of their records.

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State Government Records

Attorney General

Environmental and Asbestos Litigation Division


Department of Central Management Services

Bureau of Personnel


Illinois Civil Service Commission

Executive Director

Hearing Decisions, April 1882-June 1884, July 1896-June 1940; 10 cu. ft.

Illinois Community College Board

Finance Compliance and Program Accountability Division

Construction Project Files, 1987-2011, 3 cu. ft.

Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

Division of Banking


Illinois Gaming Board

Program Administrator

Annual Reports, 1991-2009; 0.25 cu. ft.

Board Proceedings Files, 1990-2001; 0.5 cu. ft.

Governor

Legal Division

Litigation Files, 1986-2002; 6 cu. ft.

Illinois Board of Higher Education

Academic Affairs Division

Private Institution and Degree Program Approval Files, 1929-2011, 142 cu. ft.

Department of Human Rights

Interagency Committee on Employees with Disabilities

Committee Administrative Files, July 1952-2006; 6 cu. ft.

Legal Division


Department of Insurance

Financial Corporate Regulatory Division


Illinois Labor Relations Board

Board Clerk

Closed Case Files, July 1984-June 2000, 75 cu. ft.

Department of Natural Resources

Division of Mines and Minerals (Illinois State Miners’ Examination Board)

Register of Miners’ Certificates

Issued, July 1, 1913-August 31, 1923, 14 vol.

Photography Division

State Parks and Memorials

Photographic Files, Ca. 1930-1939, 13 cu. ft.

Department of Revenue

Legal Services


Secretary of State

Indian Department


Executive Services, Executive Files, 2009, 1 cu. ft.

Executive Section

Gaths and Bonds of State and County Officials, 2001-2007, 2 cu. ft.

Executive Section

Proclamations of the Governor, 2010-2014, 0.5 cu. ft.

Files on Land Purchases for Road Development, 2010-2011; 2 cu. ft.

Proposed Amendments to the 1970 Constitution Files, 2010, 0.25 cu. ft.

Department of Transportation

Office of Finance and Administration

(Bureau of Business Services)

Railroad Depot Blueprints, 1910-1935, 0.25 cu. ft.

Division of Highways


Local Government Records

Adams County

Burrton Township

Assessor’s Books, 1861-1864, 1866-1871; 2 mi.

LaSalle County

Bruce Township

Township Auditors’ Record, Sept. 5, 1936-June 24, 1942; 1 mi.

Election Papers, Apr. 5, 1936, Apr. 5, 1932, 1 mi.

Highway Commissioners’ Record, Apr. 10, 1950-May 2, 1935, 1 mi.


County Clerk

Election Papers, Nov. 2, 1920, 0.11 f.t.

Alexander County

Justice of the Peace


Boone County

Circuit Court

Circuit Court Record, June 15, 1838- Apr. 28, 1843, 1 mi.

Ford County

Village of Piufer City

Village Trustees’ Minutes, July 2, 1888-May 7, 1894, May 6, 1907-July 2, 1974, 2 mi.

Fulton County

County Clerk

Assessor’s Books, 1845, 1 vol.

County Superintendent of Schools


Hancock County

St. Mary’s Township

Assessor’s Books, 1852, 1853; 2 vols.


Village of Plymouth


Henderson County

County Home

Poor Farm Inventory and Account Record, Mar. 1, 1860-Mar. 5, 1862 (purchases), 1895-1889 (immonetized) 1 vol.

LaSalle County

Bruce Township

Township Auditors’ Record, Sept. 5, 1936-June 24, 1942; 1 mi.

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McDonough County

County Home

Almshouse Registers, 1833-1890; 1 vol.

McDonough County

Superintendent of Schools

School District Record, 1882-1900; 1 vol.

School Teachers’ Daily Registers, 1909-May 1918, 3 vols.

Macomb Township


State Township

Assessor’s Books, 1876; 1888; 2 vols.

Village of Garbbah


McHenry County

Circuit Court


Naturalization Record of Soldiers and Minors, Jun. 1869-June 1899 (minor), Mar. 1899-Oct. 1880 (soldiers); 1 vol.

County Court


Naturalization Record, Feb. 1899- Sept. 1906, 1 vol.

Montgomery County

Circuit Court


Naturalization Correspondence Files, 1879, 1909, 1912-1913, 1918-1921, 1926, 0.1 f.t.

Naturalization Declarations of Intent, Apr. 14, 1871-Nov. 1, 1879, Apr. 8, 1886, June 1, 1888, Mar. 1907-Nov. 1944, 11 vols. and 3 mi.

Naturalization Deoasses, 1911-1920, 0.1 f.t.

Naturalization Deoasses, Apr. 1859-Apr. 1875; Nov. 1880-Nov. 1890, Nov. 1910, 1 vol. and 1 mi.

Naturalization Fee Books, 1820-1858; 2 vols. and 1 mi.

Naturalization Order Books, Nov. 1829-Oct. 1867, 1 vol. and 1 mi. (cont’d on p. 4)
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The Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board uses the directory to send news about upcoming grant opportunities and funding possibilities. The directory is searchable by name of repository, region, or name of county or city. To add your organization to the directory or update an existing listing, use either the online Submission Form (http://www.illinois.gov/archivalrepositories/emailForm.html) or the print-ready Submission Form (http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/ard143.pdf) in Adobe PDF format.

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