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One Amazing Week: An Exhibit

In early February of 1865 at the Illinois Capitol building, now the Old State Capitol, two events occurred which changed the destiny of Illinois and the nation. Legislators made Illinois the first state to ratify the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution, which would end slavery throughout the United States. Days later they voted to wipe out Illinois' notorious Black Laws. It was one amazing week for a state that wrestled with issues of freedom and civil rights for years.

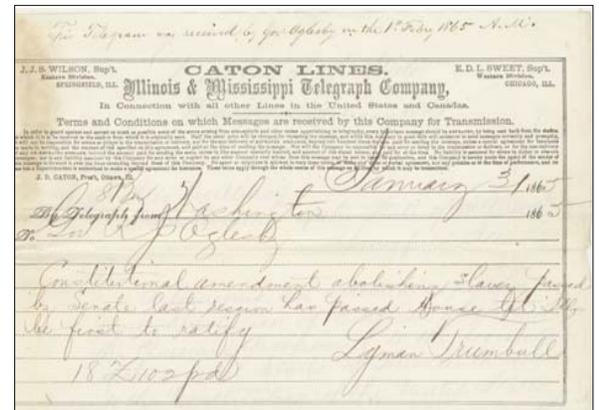
To commemorate the 150th anniversary of these events, the Old State Capitol Historic Site, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, Illinois Secretary of State's office and the Illinois State Archives have collaborated to create the exhibit "One Amazing Week." The exhibit, which features reproductions of materials found at the Illinois State Archives and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, is free to the public and located at the Old State Capitol in Springfield for the remainder of the year.



200 Years of Illinois History (1818-2018)

On January 31, 1865, U.S. Sen. Lyman Trumbull sent this telegraph to Gov. Richard J. Oglesby, notifying him that Congress had just passed the Thirteenth Amendment, designed to end slavery, and was sending it to the states for ratification. Trumbull appealed to Oglesby to "let Illinois be first to ratify."

The next day, after swift passage through the Illinois House and Senate, the resolution to ratify was signed by Oglesby. Illinois had become the first state to ratify the Thirteenth Amendment, abolishing slavery in the United States.



Archives Staff Discovers 1840 Menard County Census

Illinois Secretary of State and State Archivist Jesse White is pleased to announce the discovery of the original 1840 state census for Menard County. "Working with Menard County officials, my office at the Illinois State Archives discovered the 27 page handwritten census in a county vault, located across the street from the Menard County Courthouse in Petersburg," White said. "Abraham Lincoln lived in New Salem, just south

of Petersburg in present day Menard County, from 1831 to 1837. We are proud to say that a few of President Lincoln's associates are listed on this newly discovered census." Among Lincoln's acquaintances listed in the census are Mentor Graham, who served as a teacher to Lincoln; Bowling Green, who helped teach Lincoln law; and James Rutledge, who encouraged Lincoln to run for the state legislature in 1832.

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DATES & REMINDERS

The 2015 Lincoln Funeral Coalition

Lincoln Funeral 150th Anniversary
Commemoration
May 1-3, Springfield
www.lincolnfuneraltrain.org/2015_event.php

Midwest Archives Conference

2015 Annual Meeting
May 6-9, Lexington, KY
www.midwestarchives.org/2015-annual-meeting

National Genealogical Society

2015 Family History Conference
"Crossroads of America"
May 13-16, St. Charles, MO
www.conference.ngsgenealogy.org/
800-473-0060

Carl Sandburg College

Carl Sandburg Institute of Genealogy
May 28-June 1, Galesburg
www.sandburggenealogy.com/CSIG-2015_Flyer.pdf

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

1840 Menard County Census – (continued from page 1)

Menard County was established by legislation sponsored by state Rep. Abraham Lincoln on February 15, 1839. It previously had been part of Sangamon County.

The 1840 Menard County census shows the county's population as 4,481. The census also shows Menard County had 11 mills and three distilleries.

The census was found neatly tucked into a small wooden vegetable crate and only needed to be cleaned and flattened. It has been microfilmed and scanned and is available to researchers and genealogists at both the Menard County Clerk's office and the Illinois Regional Archives Depository located at the University of Illinois at Springfield.



Secretary of State and State Archivist Jesse White and Archives staff member Barbara Heflin examine the 1840 Menard County state census. Archives' staff recently discovered the census in a vault in Petersburg.

Secretary of State Service Awards



Secretary of State and State Archivist Jesse White commended Dr. Wayne Temple (left) and Bob Lyons (right) for their hard work and longevity as Secretary of State employees.

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White honored two employees for years of service to the State Archives. Chief Deputy Director Wayne C. Temple received a 50-year service award and Robert W. Lyons, an archivist in the Inventory Control Section, received a 40-year service award.

2014 Accessions of the Illinois State Archives

State Government Records

Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

Community Development Division (Housing)

Local Housing Authority Appointment and Certification Files, ca. 1956–ca. 1983, 25 cu. ft.

East St. Louis Financial Advisory Authority

Administrative Files, 1990–2013, 22.1 cu. ft.
Meeting Minutes, 2004–2013, 0.5 cu. ft.
Press Clipping Files, 1992–2013, 2 cu. ft.

Governor

Chief of Staff

George H. Ryan Chief of Staff's Project Files, 1999–2003, 3.5 cu. ft.
Rod Blagojevich Chief of Staff's Project Files, 2003–2009, 3.5 cu. ft.

Legal Counsel

George H. Ryan Legal Counsel's Issue Files, 1999–2003, 3.5 cu. ft.
Rod Blagojevich Legal Counsel's Issue Files, 2003–2009, 3.5 cu. ft.

Office of Legislative Affairs

George H. Ryan Legislative Files, 1999–2003, 4 cu. ft.
Rod Blagojevich Legislative Files, 2003–2009, 4 cu. ft.

Personnel/Director of Boards and Commissions

George H. Ryan Boards and Commissions Working Files, 1999–2003, 3.5 cu. ft.
Rod Blagojevich Boards and Commissions Working Files, 2003–2009, 3.5 cu. ft.

Program and Policy Staff

George H. Ryan Program and Policy Director's Administrative Files, 1999–2003, 3 cu. ft.
Rod Blagojevich Human Services Program and Policy Director's Administrative Files, 2003–ca. 2006, 20 cu. ft.
Rod Blagojevich Program and Policy Director's Administrative Files, 2003–2009, 1 cu. ft.
Rod Blagojevich Public Safety Program and Policy Director's Briefing Files, ca. 2007–2008, 5 cu. ft.

Department of Human Rights

Legal Division

Agency Annual Affirmative Action Plans, July 2010–June 2012, 12 cu. ft.

Illinois Labor Relations Board

Board Clerk

Closed Case Files, ca. 1987–2004, 88 cu. ft.

Illinois Department of Public Health

Health Assessment and Screening (SIDS/Infant Mortality Section)

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Case Management Files, 2003–2008, 7 cu. ft.

Legislative Research Unit

Illinois Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation

Administrative Files, 1999–2004, 5 cu. ft.

Secretary of State

State Census (Menard County), 1840, 0.1 cu. ft.

Index Department

Deeds to State-Owned Real Estate, Nov. 2013–Dec. 2013; Feb. 2014–March 2014; May 2014–August 2014; October 2014–Nov. 2014, 0.55 cu. ft.
Enrolled Acts of the General Assembly, 2011–2012, 20 cu. ft.
Executive Section. Executive Files, 1998–2005, 2011, 3.5 cu. ft.
Executive Section. Extradition Papers, 2011, 1.25 cu. ft.
Executive Section. Proclamations of the Governor, Jan. 3, 2012–Dec. 27, 2012, 0.5 cu. ft.
Files on Land Purchases for Road Development, 2013, 1 cu. ft.
Proposed Amendments to the 1970 Constitution Files, 2012, 0.25 cu. ft.

Illinois Department of Transportation

Chief Counsel

Litigation Files, ca. 2003–2011, 44 cu. ft.

Local Government Records

Edgar County

County Superintendent of Schools

School Classification Reports, Preliminary, 1835–1957, 22 vols.
School District Organization Record, 1947–1948; 1952, 1 cu. ft.
School District Organization Files, 1915–1955, 0.8 cu. ft.
School District Organization Files, High School, 1913–1937, 0.2 cu. ft.

Cook County

City of Chicago

City Council Proceedings Files Index, 1833–1998, 27 mi.

Lake County

Circuit Court

Naturalization Declarations of Intent, Nov. 5, 1872–Sept. 3, 1904; Sept. 28, 1906–Apr. 9, 1979, 32 vols. and 9 mi,
Naturalization Petition Record, Sept. 28, 1906–Mar. 5, 1987, 102 vols. and 50 mi.
Naturalization Record, Feb. 2, 1865–Dec. 2, 1902, 1 vol. and 1 mi.
Naturalization Record of Soldiers, Nov. 3, 1954–Feb. 6, 1956, 1 vol. and 1 mi.
Naturalization Order Books, Oct. 22, 1929–Dec. 15, 1989, 3 vols. and 2 mi.
Repatriation Record, July 22, 1937–Feb. 17, 1958, 1 vol. and 1 mi.
Naturalization Transfer Petition Record, Oct. 6, 1955–June 2, 1980, 1 vol. and 1 mi.
Naturalization Certificate Stubs, Apr. 17, 1907–Mar. 16, 1926, 56 vols. and 2 mi.
Naturalization Monthly Reports, Jan. 29, 1981–Feb. 3, 1987, 1 folder and 2 mi.
Naturalization Quarterly Abstracts of Fees Collected, Jan. 10, 1877–Feb. 20, 1987, 1 folder and 1 mi.
Naturalization Index Card File, Feb. 6, 1865–Dec. 15

1989, 5.5 cu. ft. and 3 mi.

County Court

Naturalization Declarations of Intent, Feb. 10, 1893–Sept. 26, 1906, 2 vols. and 1 mi.
Naturalization Record of Minors, Jan. 27, 1902–Apr. 20, 1903, 1 vol. and 1 mi.
Naturalization Record of Soldiers and Minors, Oct. 22, 1903–Sept. 26, 1906, 1 vol. and 1 mi.
Naturalization Record, Nov. 2, 1864–Sept. 26, 1906, 6 vols. and 3 mi.

Zion City Court

Naturalization Declarations of Intent, Feb. 1, 1907–July 11, 1907; Feb. 18, 1929–May 26, 1936, 2 vols., 1 folder, and 1 mi.
Naturalization Record, Sept. 7, 1903–Sept. 25, 1926, 1 vol. and 1 mi.
Naturalization Petition Record, Mar. 21, 1929–Nov. 27, 1934, 2 vols. and 1 mi.

Whiteside County

Circuit Court

Naturalization Record Index, May 10, 1842–Apr. 5, 1955, 1 vol. and 1 mi.
Naturalization Declarations of Intent, July 22, 1843–Apr. 8 1953, 7 vols. and 2 mi.
Naturalization Petition Record, Apr. 2, 1907–Apr. 5, 1955, 8 vols. and 4 mi.
Naturalization Record of Soldiers and Minors, Oct. 2, 1866–Aug. 27, 1883, 1 vol. and 1 mi.
Naturalization Record–Final, May 10, 1842–Dec. 10, 1883, 1 vol. and 1 mi.
Naturalization Record, May 2, 1882–Jan. 1, 1906, 2 vols. and 2 mi.
Repatriation Record, Dec. 16, 1940–Feb. 18, 1943, 1 vol. and 1 mi.
Naturalization Order Books, Oct. 11, 1929–Apr. 5, 1955, 1 vol. and 1 mi.
Naturalization Certificate Stubs, Apr. 2, 1907–Nov. 9, 1926, 8 vols. and 1 mi.
Naturalization Index Card File, May 10, 1842–Apr. 5, 1955, 1 cu. ft. and 1 mi.

County Court

Naturalization Declarations of Intent, Oct. 29, 1872–Aug. 3, 1906, 1 vol. and 1 mi.
Naturalization Record–Final, Oct. 21, 1872–Mar. 30, 1903; Sept. 21, 1903–Sept. 10, 1906, 2 vols. and 1 mi.
Naturalization Record of Soldiers and Minors, Oct. 28, 1872–Nov. 2, 1896, 1 vol. and 2 mi.
Naturalization Record of Minors, Feb. 15, 1897–Apr. 3, 1903; Mar. 21, 1904–Sept. 24, 1906, 2 vols. and 1 mi.
Naturalization Index Card File, Oct. 21, 1872–Sept. 24, 1906, 0.3 cu. ft. and 1 mi.

City Court of Sterling

Naturalization Declarations of Intent, July 1, 1910–May 6, 1929; May 26, 1930–Jan. 11, 1944, 3 vols. and 2 mi.
Naturalization Order Books, Sept. 10, 1930–Feb. 21, 1945, 1 vol. and 1 mi.
Naturalization Petition Record, Nov. 22, 1910–Sept. 27, 1929; Sept. 10, 1930–Aug. 22, 1944, 2 vols. and 1 mi.
Naturalization Certificate Stubs, Nov. 22, 1910–Feb. 21, 1927, 6 vols. and 1 mi.

ISAAB/ISHRAB Member Appointments

Secretary of State Jesse White has appointed three new members to the Illinois State Archives Advisory Board/Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board (ISAAB/ISHRAB): Johanna Russ of the Chicago Public Library, Matthew M. Sebek of the Illinois Department of Central Management Services, and Martin Tuohy of the Great Lakes Naval Museum. Valerie Harris of the University of Illinois and M. Alison Eisendrath of the Chicago History Museum were reappointed to serve the 2014-17 term. For a complete listing of ISAAB/ISHRAB members and their contact information, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com (Departments, Illinois State Archives and 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 (NHPRC), 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.

Archives Receives Digital Imaging Grant

The Illinois State Library has awarded the Illinois State Archives an Illinois History–Digital Imaging Grant in the amount of \$78,000 to digitize and create a finding aid to more than 30,000 prisoner records from the Archives’ historic Alton and Joliet prisons for the years 1833–1900. The Illinois History–Digital Imaging Grant Program provides funding for eligible libraries to carry out projects involving the selection, digital capture, storage and provision of web access to historical and cultural collections. The Illinois State Archives is a special library under the Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS). Digital Imaging grants support the creation of digital collections while at the same time expanding access to those collections via the [Illinois Digital Archives](http://www.idaillinois.org). For more information, visit www.idaillinois.org.

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). Complete information and an application form can be found at www.cyberdriveillinois.com (click on Departments, Illinois State Archives, Illinois Historical Records Advisory Board).

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