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The Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board hosts a booth to provide information on services offered to state and local governmental entities. Robert C. Boots, Steve Jones, and Rochelle Joseph (l-r) were available to answer questions and give guidance.

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200 years of Illinois history (1818–2018)

In 1818, Illinois would celebrate its 200th birthday. In anticipation of this bicentennial celebration, For the Record is featuring a document from the State Archives’ holdings relevant to a significant event in Illinois history in each issue. The fifth featured document concerns the passage of the 1915 law to officially create an Illinois state flag.

Illinois officially became a state on Dec. 3, 1818, but did not have an official state flag until July 1, 1915. This was not an unusual situation because many states did not have a state flag. During the wars of the 19th century military units were units of state militias. Flags were important on battlefields to avoid confusion during the heat of battle. Most units developed their own flags, often handmade by men from their hometowns. The flags often contained the state seal or state coat of arms but these were banners and not considered official.

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| State Government Records | Department of Children and Family Services (Agency Section)  
Child Care Facility Enforcement Files, ca. 1990–2010, 10 cu. ft.  
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Naturalization Declarations of Intent Index, Nov. 25, 1877–June 30, 1943, 10 vols. and 2 mi.  
Naturalization Index Card File, 1860–1896, 0.9 cu. ft. and 1 mi.  
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