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State Archivist Jesse White announces "100 Most Valuable Documents" online exhibit



Secretary of State and State Archivist Jesse White is proud to announce the online exhibit, "100 Most Valuable Documents at the Illinois State Archives," is now accessible on the Secretary of State's website. This exhibit is in recognition of the state's Bicentennial.

Through the Illinois State Archives, White's office selected documents it believes reflect the most impactful moments in Illinois' 200-year history. These valuable documents are housed at the Margaret Cross Norton Building in Springfield.

"Although every record housed in the State Archives is important, the documents in the exhibit were chosen to capture Illinois' historic 200 years of statehood," said White. "While considering a document 'most valuable' is subjective, we believe that the 100 documents featured in this list repre-

sent the foundation of an amazing collection of material that we proudly retain at the Illinois State Archives."

The online exhibit includes subject matter ranging from a monumental document featuring the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1885, to a humorous document featuring Governor Adlai Stevenson's veto of legislation requiring cats to be on leashes. Proud moments are highlighted, including the passage of the Illinois Suffrage Act, as well as infamous moments, such as the passage of the 1853 Black Laws.

The online exhibit went live on Aug. 26, which is the date the first Illinois Constitution was signed. The documents are showcased in chronological order with one featured on Twitter each day until the conclusion on Dec. 3, the date Illinois became a state.

The Illinois State Archives is the repository of all official Illinois gov-

ernment documents of permanent value. More than 75,000 cubic feet of paper, microfilm, photographs, and audio and film recordings are housed in the Margaret Cross Norton Building on the Capitol Complex in Springfield. Paper records date back before 1818 statehood and include governors' correspondence, public acts, departmental histories, census records, military records, election results and more.

To view the "100 Most Valuable Documents," visit <http://bit.ly/100DocslArchives>.



ISHRAB offers online digitization class

The ISHRAB is offering "Digitization for Small Institutions," an online course for 25 Illinois archivists and archival volunteers, presented by LYRASIS. This four-hour course, taught during two sessions each lasting two hours, will be held on Nov. 5 and 6 from 1-3 p.m.

ISHRAB will award scholarships that cover the registration fees for Illinois applicants on a first-come, first-served basis. Complete information and an application form can be found at www.cyberdriveillinois.com (click on Departments, Illinois State Archives, Illinois State

Historical Records Advisory Board). Deadline to apply is Oct. 26, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact: David Joens, Director, Illinois State Archives, Margaret Cross Norton Bldg., Capitol Complex, Springfield, IL 62756, 217-782-3492, 217-524-3930 (fax), djoens@ilsos.net.

Funds for these scholarships are provided by a State Board Programming Grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

DATES & REMINDERS

Chicago Open Archives: Celebrating Illinois History

Month-long, Multi-Cultural Institution Event
Oct. 1-31, Chicago and suburbs
<http://www.chicagoarchivists.org>

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library

20th Annual Conference on Illinois History
Oct. 5-6, Springfield
<https://www.illinois.gov/alplm/library/programs/Pages/ilhistoryconf.aspx>

Society of American Archivists Workshops

"Copyright Law for Archivists:
A Risk Assessment Approach"
Oct. 25-26, Chicago (Chicago Public Library)

"Business Archives... Establishing and Managing an Archive"

Oct. 31-Nov. 2, Chicago
(Association Forum of Chicago)
<http://www2.archivists.org>

Illinois State Genealogical Society

2018 Fall Conference, "Celebrating Our Ancestors"
Oct. 26-27, Springfield
<https://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=546>

American Historical Association

133rd Annual Meeting, "Loyalties"
(Joint annual meeting with the
Modern Language Association)
Jan. 3-6, 2019, Chicago
<https://www.historians.org/annual-meeting/program-x30194>

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

ISHRAB members visit grant sites

Members of the ISHRAB and the board coordinators made site visits last spring to the 2017-2018 Historical Records Grant recipients. During the visits, grant recipients gave tours of their facilities, spoke about their collections and gave updates on the progress of their projects. All of the grant funded projects include activities that will lead to enhanced online access; the development of plans to identify, preserve and facilitate online discovery of collections; and the creation of online finding aids and inventories.

In 2017, the ISHRAB awarded seven Historical Records Grants totaling \$24,000. Grant recipients were the Midway Village Museum; Southern Illinois University; Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Historical Society; Media Burn Archive; Leather Archives and Museum; the Illinois State Archaeological Survey; and the Aurora Regional Fire Museum. Funding for the ISHRAB Historical Records Preservation Grant program was provided by a State Board Programming grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.



Aurora Regional Fire Museum's executive director Brian Failing (left) and museum assistant Cayla Wagner (center) show ISHRAB chair Neil Dahlstrom (right) their newly processed log books.



Archivist Dan Erdman (far left) and executive director Sara Champman (second from the right), both of the Media Burn Archive, discuss digital conversion equipment with board members Andrew Bullen (second from the left) and Johanna Russ (far right).

200 years of Illinois history (1818-2018)

In 2018, Illinois will celebrate its 200th birthday. In anticipation of the Bicentennial celebration, For the Record is featuring a document in each issue from the State Archives' holdings that is relevant to a significant event in Illinois history. The 13th featured document is a page from the 1818 Territorial Census.

On April 18, 1818, President James Monroe signed into law legislation known as the Enabling Act, which detailed the requirements for Illinois to become a state. One of these requirements necessitated that Illinois needed at least 40,000 inhabitants, which called for a census. Illinois' territorial delegate to Congress, Nathaniel Pope, was able to strike out a provision in the act that would have had the census conducted under the direction of the federal government. The census completed by the territorial government showed Illinois had a population of 40,258, just enough to qualify for statehood. After Illinois became a state, the federal government issued a report that stated Illinois had an estimated population of only 34,620 when it was admitted to the Union.

The 1818 Census is divided by county, and Illinois had 15 counties at that time. This issue's featured document shows one page of the 1818 census returns from Pope County. The information contained on the census consisted of the name of a head of a household and only listed the number of white males over 21, women and children, free people of color, and servants or slaves living in the household. Because the census only named the person who was the head of household, women were not generally named unless they were a widow, such as Widow Smook in the first col-



Page from census returns from Pope County. When the Illinois State Archives acquired the 1818 Census, it had been through a fire and had water damage. The census was restored in the 1930s.

umn and Widow McCoy in the second column. Lewis Barker, who is listed in the first column with a misspelled first name, became the first state senator from Pope County. The 1818 Census in the possession of the State Archives is missing most of the returns for Randolph County.

The census is available at the Illinois State Archives as part of the Illinois Territory Record Series 100.008, "Territorial Censuses." The Illinois State Archives also holds a portion of the 1810 Territorial Census. Returns of the 1810 Census are solely from Randolph County, which at the time was made up of the southern quarter of what is now the state of Illinois.

Council of State Archivists announces 2018 awards



Catherine Popovitch (center) of the Illinois State Archives recently was awarded the Council of State Archivists' Victoria Irons Walch Leadership Travel Stipend, which encourages the development of an emerging leader in state and territorial archives. She received the award, along with Megan Rohleder (left) of the Kansas State Archives and Patricia Mitchell (right) of the Tennessee State Library and Archives, at the 2018 combined annual meeting of the Council of State Archivists (CoSA), National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators (NAGARA) and the Society of American Archivists (SAA).

2018-2019 IRAD interns selected

The Illinois Regional Archives Depository (IRAD) system, a program of the Illinois State Archives, is dedicated to the preservation of local governmental records. The IRAD depositories, located at seven universities throughout the state, preserve the official records of local governmental agencies that have permanent legal, administrative, historical or other research values. Each year graduate students are selected to serve as interns at the depositories.

The IRAD internships introduce graduate students to the functions of an archives institution and allow them to develop basic archival and research skills. Duties include arranging and processing records, preparing descriptive inventories and providing reference service to the public. Interns for the 2018-2019 academic year attended an intensive two-day training session in Springfield in August.

The following are the 17 interns, their academic majors and the IRAD where they are serving:

Eastern Illinois University

William J. Baran	History
Thomas Hardy	History

Illinois State University

Ryan Kemper	History
Stephan Collier	History

Northeastern Illinois University

Paul M. Hughes	History
Alexandra D. Dumitriu	History
Deborah S. Barnes	Political Science
Timothy Lane	History

Northern Illinois University

Sean Daly	Political Science
Alexander Brock McCord	History

Southern Illinois University

Emily Humbert	Philosophy
John Patrick Cohan	Philosophy
Kimberly Turner	Political Science

University of Illinois at Springfield

Eric Bridges	History
Benjamin Karl Miller	Public History

Western Illinois University

Colton Levi Kurtz	History
Ricky Newcomb	History

2018 ISHRAB Historical Records Grants

The Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board (ISHRAB) has awarded grants totaling \$24,000 to six Illinois historical records repositories to develop and/or carry out projects that will lead to enhanced online access. Funding for the grants was provided by a State Board Programming Grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC). Since 2010, the ISHRAB has awarded 79 grants through the NHPRC to institutions in 32 counties for the preservation of and access to archival records. The following organizations received grants for their historical records projects.

Chicago: Gerber/Hart Library & Archives

Improving Access through Finding Aid Creation and Digitization – \$5,000 to create and digitize finding aids for boxed archival collections. Grant funds will be used for an initiative to create digitally accessible finding aids, allowing Gerber/Hart to enrich collection accessibility and support the work of its dedicated volunteers.

Chicago: Chicago Academy of Sciences/Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum (CAS/PNNM)

Expanding Access to Historic Illinois Ecological Images through Digitization – \$5,000 to digitize glass plate negatives from CAS/PNNM's collections to illuminate the biodiversity of Illinois between 1898 and 1941. Digitizing these materials will create unique visual records reflecting the natural history of Illinois that will be available through online portals and will provide important contributions to current ecological research and discussions.

Carterville: John A. Logan College (JALC)

Creating Online Access to Graphic Collections through Digital Preservation – \$3,800 to create and implement a digital preservation infrastructure for graphic materials in the JALC Library Archives. The project will deliver a comprehensive workflow for instituting digital

access and preservation of archival graphic materials; a condition and action assessment to direct digital preservation efforts; and an online exhibition of graphic materials.

Chicago: National Museum of Mexican Art

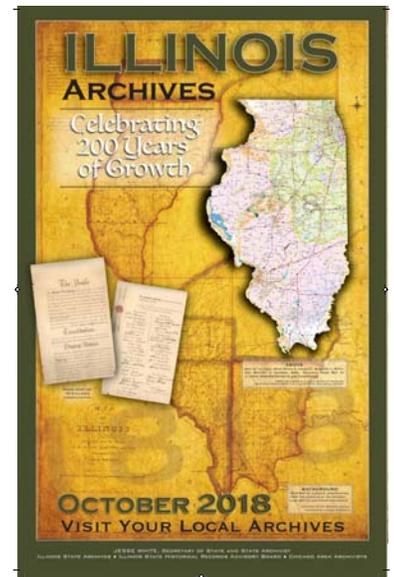
Stories of Mexican Chicago through Photographs – \$5,000 to digitize the museum's collection of photographs. This will be done in preparation for the collection's availability through a searchable database on its website. Digitized photographs will tell the story of Mexican-Americans and Mexicans in Chicago and will benefit community members, scholars, students and educators.

Quincy: Historical Society of Quincy & Adams County

Preserving & Digitizing the Schott Collection of Glass Plate Negatives – \$3,440 to produce high-quality digital copies of glass plate negatives taken by Quincy J.F.C. Schott from 1900 to 1933 and for curation of the negatives in archival sleeves and storage boxes and placement in a climate controlled and monitored environment.

Mahomet: Museum of the Grand Prairie

East Frisian Oral History Audiocassette Reformatting and Digitization – \$2,713 to digitize 36 audiocassettes containing oral history interviews from Champaign County's East Frisian community. The goal is to produce a digital and reformatted copy of each interview to maximize preservation, allow for transcription and facilitate public access.



Archives Month

Secretary of State and State Archivist Jesse White, the Illinois State Archives, the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board (ISHRAB) and the Chicago Area Archivists are again cosponsoring Illinois Archives Month in October.

This year's poster celebrates 200 years of Illinois history and progress. Illinois was admitted into the Union on Dec. 3, 1818, and with this poster we honor our state's past, while looking forward to its bright future.

Archives, museums, historical societies, libraries and other groups also are invited to celebrate Archives Month and the Bicentennial by hosting local events, exhibits and activities that highlight the management and preservation of our documentary heritage. To assist in publicizing Illinois Archives Month events, the ISHRAB is hosting an online Events Calendar.

The 2018 Archives Month poster is available online. For a downloadable poster and information on showcasing your institution's collections and activities or promoting your institution's Archives Month activities on the Events Calendar, please visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com (click Departments, Illinois State Archives, Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board) or call 217-524-6700.

WWW.CYBERDRIVEILLINOIS.COM

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