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200 years of Illinois history (1818–2018)



In 2018, Illinois will celebrate its 200th birthday. In anticipation of this bicentennial celebration, *For the Record* is featuring in each issue a document from the State Archives' holdings relevant to a significant event in Illinois history. The eighth featured document concerns the work of the State Council of Defense of Illinois during World War I.

In anticipation of the U.S. entrance into World War I, President Woodrow Wilson created the

Council of National Defense in 1916 in order to organize and mobilize resources in preparation of war. In April 1917, the U.S. entered World War I and in May, states were asked to create their own councils to assist the national council in carrying out its work. The State Council of Defense of Illinois was created on May 2, 1917. It was made up of 15 persons, and duties included assisting and cooperating with the Council of National Defense and councils of defense in other states, recommending necessary defense legislation to the Governor and the General Assembly, and carrying out within Illinois defense plans mutually agreed upon between it and the Council of National Defense. Illinois' council had authority to adopt its own procedures, organize subordinate bodies for assistance in special investigations and appoint necessary experts and staff.

The council also had the authority to form committees outside its membership, one of which was the Food Production and Conservation Committee. The purpose of this committee was to promote increased food production and food conservation. A county committee was formed in

each county and some counties created township committees as well. The number of committee members throughout the state was roughly 1,500. Among other activities, committee members worked to secure sufficient seed corn for the 1918 planting season, created a war garden program in the Chicago area, carried out a promotional campaign to encourage growing more wheat and held a Patriotic Food Show in Chicago to encourage food conservation.

The committee also worked to address farm labor shortages resulting from men entering service. The State Farm Labor Administration was formed and farm labor administrators were appointed in each county. The administration began a publicity campaign to encourage men who had farm training and those who had retired to go back to the farms. County administrators successfully registered over 50,000 experienced workers to form a labor reserve for the harvest season. Illinois' Farm Labor Administration was so effective that it was recognized for its efforts by Assistant Secretary of Agriculture George Irving Christie and the U.S. Employment Service.



The Food Production and Conservation Committee of the State Council of Defense of Illinois aided in creating a labor reserve for harvest time during WW I. As seen in this Saline County flier, the propaganda campaign, "Food Will Win the War," encouraged farm help in small towns throughout the state to fill the labor shortage.

DATES & REMINDERS

Midwest Archives Conference

2017 Annual Meeting

April 5-8, Omaha, NE

<http://www.midwestarchives.org/2017-mac-meeting>

Illinois State Historical Society

2017 Illinois History Symposium

"1917, Year of Turmoil: War and Suffrage"

April 20-22, Springfield

(Lincoln Land Community College)

<http://www.historyillinois.org/Welcome.aspx>

217-525-2781

Society of American Archivists

Continuing Education Workshop

"Reappraising and Deaccessioning

Archival Materials from Start to Finish"

May 23, Chicago (Chicago History Museum)

<http://www2.archivists.org/>

866-722-7858

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

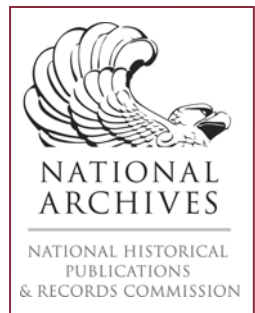
3rd Wednesday of every month, 9:30 a.m.

Margaret Cross Norton Building, Springfield

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ISHRAB receives NHPRC Grant

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission has awarded the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board (ISHRAB) a State Board Programming Grant in the amount of \$65,000. ISHRAB will use the grant to continue its highly successful Historical Records Preservation Grant program, provide scholarships to Illinois archivists to attend two webinars, host two training sessions for the Illinois Regional Archives Depository (IRAD) system's graduate student interns, and participate in collaborative meetings with national archival organizations to discuss national archival issues. The grant is for two years and runs from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019.



2017 Historical Records Preservation Grants

Application deadline March 10

The Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board (ISHRAB) is pleased to announce the 2017 Historical Records Preservation Grant program. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to Illinois historical records repositories with funds provided by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC).

Grants will be awarded to institutions that demonstrate need, both financially and programmatically, and show commitment to developing and/or implementing projects that will lead to enhanced online access. These projects may include creating online finding aids; digitizing records and placing the digital content online; making an inventory of records; storing the records properly with the goal of preparing them for future online access; or placing information about the records on a blog, wiki page or Facebook. Eligible institutions may be public or private. Although any size institution may apply, preference will be given to those with archival holdings of 500 cubic feet or less and/or two or fewer professional staff.

The ISHRAB will begin accepting grant proposals on January 30, 2017, with the deadline for submission of March 10. Grant award winners will be announced in May. For more information and application instructions, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com (click Departments, Illinois State Archives, Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board) or call 217-782-3492.

Professional development 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). Awards are available for up to \$200 per applicant, per fiscal year, and may be used toward the cost of registration, housing and/or travel to the event. It is a reimbursable award. Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until the funding is exhausted. Complete information and an application form can be found at www.cyberdriveillinois.com (click on Departments, Illinois State Archives, Illinois Historical Records Advisory Board).

This archival educational opportunity is funded by a State Board Programming grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC).

2016 Accessions of the Illinois State Archives

State Government Records

Department of Children and Family Services

Director

Directors' Administrative Files, 1994-2003, 2009-2011; 20 cu. ft.

Licensing Division

Child Care Facility Enforcement Files, Ca. 1998-2015; 14 cu. ft.

Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

Local Initiatives Division

Competitive Communities Initiatives Files, 2000-2009; 19 cu. ft.

Regional Outreach Division

Illinois Main Street Program Awards Files, 2004-March 2011; 6 cu. ft.

Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

Division of Banking

Bank Merger Files, 1986-2013; 23 cu. ft.

Mortgage Banking Supervision Files, 2003-2013; 10 cu. ft.

Mortgage Corporation Examination Files, 2007-2008, 2012-2013; 21 cu. ft.

Office of the Secretary

Administrative Files, Ca. 2005-2012; 2 cu. ft.

Governor

Chief of Staff

Patrick Quinn Chief of Staff's Project Files, 2011-2012; 1 cu. ft.

George H. Ryan Project Files, 1999-2003; 0.75 cu. ft.

Deputy Chief of Staff

Rod R. Blagojevich Deputy Chief of Staff's Administrative Files, 2004-2009; 3 cu. ft.

Rod R. Blagojevich Deputy Chief of Staff's Issue Files, 2003-2008; 1.5 cu. ft.

Deputy Chief of Staff and Deputy Governor's Offices

Rod R. Blagojevich State Agency Year-End Review Files, 2004; 0.5 cu. ft.

Legal Counsel

Patrick Quinn Legal Counsel's Issue Files, 2009-2012; 11 cu. ft.

Legislative Affairs

Patrick Quinn Office of Legislative Affairs Administrative Files, 2009-2012; 2 cu. ft.

Personnel/Director of Boards and Commissions

Rod R. Blagojevich Boards and Commissions Administrative Correspondence Files, 2003-2009; 0.25 cu. ft.

Press Office

George H. Ryan Inauguration Press Packet, 1999; 0.05 cu. ft.

Rod R. Blagojevich Inauguration Press Packet, 2007; 0.1 cu. ft.

Programs and Policies Staff (Human Services)

Patrick Quinn Programs and Policies Staff for Human Services' Administrative Files, 2012; 1 cu. ft.

Illinois Department of Public Health

Director's Office

Chief of Staff's Administrative Files, 2000-2009; 20 cu. ft.

Director's Office (Legal Services)

Administrative Hearings Files, 2006-2010; 6 cu. ft.
Administrative Rules and Regulations Development Files, 2007-2009; 7 cu. ft.

Litigation Files, 1990-1991, 1999-2000, 2003-2014; 9 cu. ft.

Department of Human Rights

Legal Division

Agency Annual Affirmative Action Plans, July 2008-June 2014; 11 cu. ft.

Interagency Committee on Employees with Disabilities Administrative Files, July 2009-June 2015; 1 cu. ft.

Lieutenant Governor

Patrick Quinn Administrative Files, 2003-2006, 2008-2009; 2.5 cu. ft.

Sheila Simon Administrative Files, 2010-2014; 6.5 cu. ft.

Secretary of State

Executive Office

Program Research and Development Files, 1991-1999; 9 cu. ft.

Index Department

Census Certification Files, 1990-2003; 1 cu. ft.

Deeds to State-Owned Real Estate, December 2015-February 2016, April 2016-July 2016, September 2016-December 2016; 0.81 cu. ft.

Enrolled Acts of the General Assembly, 2013-2014; 17 cu. ft.

Files on Land Purchases for Road Development, 2015; 1 cu. ft.

Personnel Department

Bill Analyses Files, 1991-1999; 3 cu. ft.

Local Government Records

LaSalle County

Circuit Court

Naturalization Index Card File, May 18, 1840-January 9, 1945, 2.5 cu. ft. and 2 mi.

County Court

Naturalization Declarations of Intent Index Card File, March 22, 1854-September 27, 1906, 1 cu. ft. and 1 mi.

Madison County

Circuit Court

Naturalization Index Card File, May 18, 1840-May 5, 1999, 2.5 cu. ft. and 2 mi.

Naturalization Declarations of Intent, October 23, 1907-December 2, 1916; March 1, 1921-April 20, 1923; November 16, 1925-June 16, 1956, 18 vols. and 3 mi.

Naturalization Petition Record, August 31, 1909-September 19, 1914; May 18, 1917-February 27, 1928; October 24, 1930-December 15, 1943; May 6, 1948-January 18, 1954, 17 vols. and 11 mi.

Naturalization Order Books, November 25, 1909-June 1, 1956, 1 vol. and 1 mi.

Naturalization Certificate Stubs, October 22, 1907-August 7, 1925, 24 vols. and 2 mi.

City Court of Alton

Naturalization Declarations of Intent, April 20, 1889-June 29, 1929; August 15, 1939-September 20, 1958, 6 vols. and 2 mi.

Naturalization Record, April 12, 1859-June 27, 1876; September 3, 1888, 1 vol. and 1 mi.

Naturalization Record Final, September 3, 1889-September 21, 1906, 1 vol. and 1 mi.

Naturalization Petition Record, May 17, 1907-June 25, 1929; August 4, 1942-January 14, 1954, 5 vols. and 3 mi.

Naturalization Order Books, September 10, 1929-February 15, 1955, 1 vol. and 1 mi.

Naturalization Record of Minors, February 15, 1890-May 10, 1905; September 10, 1906, 1 vol. and 1 mi.

Naturalization Dockets, September 3, 1889-September 26, 1906, 1 vol. and 1 mi.

Naturalization Certificate Stubs, September 21, 1907-September 13, 1927, 7 vols. and 1 mi.

Naturalization Papers, 1853-1906; 1910; 1914; 1916; 1917, 1.3 cu. ft. and 3 mi.

City Court of Granite City

Naturalization Declarations of Intent, September 6, 1910-May 23, 1952, 9 vols. and 3 mi.

Naturalization Petition Record, February 6, 1911-August 18, 1942; November 1943-June 9, 1954, 21 vols. and 7 mi.

Naturalization Order Books, September 18, 1929-July 11, 1955, 1 vol. and 1 mi.

Naturalization Petition Record of Women, September 18, 1940-December 22, 1948, 1 vol. and 1 mi.

Naturalization Certificate Stubs, September 17, 1913-June 8, 1927, 7 vols. and 1 mi.

County Court

Naturalization Papers, 1855-1884, 0.3 cu. ft. and 2 mi.

Naturalization Papers of Minors, 1883-1903, 0.4 cu. ft. and 1 mi.

Naturalization Declarations of Intent Files, 1892-1909, 0.2 cu. ft. and 1 mi.

Naturalization Depositions, 1908-1935, 0.1 cu. ft. and 1 mi.

Naturalization Declarations of Intent Index Card File, March 22, 1854-September 27, 1906, 1 cu. ft. and 1 mi.

ISAAB/ISHRAB member appointments

Secretary of State Jesse White has appointed new board members to the Illinois State Archives Advisory Board/Illinois Historical Records Advisory Board. Laura Alagna of Northwestern University Libraries and Tina Beaird of Plainfield Public Library will serve for the 2016-2019 term, replacing Janet Olson of Northwestern University Archives and Matthew Rutherford of the Newberry Library. Neil Dahlstrom of Deere and Company and Jenny Barker-Devine of Illinois College were reappointed for the 2016-2019 term as well. Ian Hunt of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library was appointed as the Office of the State Historian's designee. For a complete listing of ISAAB/ISHRAB members and their contact information, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com (Departments, Illinois State Archives, 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, a statutory body affiliated with the National Archives and Records Administration. The ISHRAB reviews grant proposals submitted by Illinois institutions to the NHPRC. The State Archives Advisory Board serves concurrently as the State Historical Records Advisory Board.

Illinois Archival Repositories Directory

The Illinois Archival Repositories Directory is an online resource that provides Illinois archivists with a way to locate other archivists in the state to exchange ideas and concerns. It also serves as a useful tool for researchers to use when trying to locate appropriate research centers. The directory is available online at http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/ISHRAB/archival_repositories_directory/home.html. The Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board uses this directory to send news about upcoming grant opportunities and funding possibilities. To add your organization to the directory or update an existing listing, use either the online Submission Form (<http://www.ilsos.gov/archivalrepositories/emailForm>) or the printable Submission Form (http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/ard143.pdf) in Adobe PDF format.

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