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## New ISAAB/ISHRAB members appointed

Secretary of State and State Archivist Jesse White recently appointed three new members to the Illinois State Archives Advisory Board (ISAAB)/Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board (ISHRAB). For the 2003-2006 term, Jamie Nelson replaces Amanda Bahr-Evola; for the 2004-2007 term, Douglas Bicknese replaces Gretchen Lagana; and for the 2005-2008 term, Christopher J. Prom replaces John Hoffman. Secretary White also reappointed Linda Evans and Greta Bever to serve the 2005-2008 term.

Below is contact information for the newly appointed board members. Contact information for all board members and their terms can be found at [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com).

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## NEH Preservation Assistance Grants

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) offers Preservation Assistance Grants of up to \$5,000 to help small and mid-sized institutions preserve and care for their humanities collections. Collections may include books and journals; archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs; moving images; sound recordings; architectural and cartographic records; decorative and fine arts; textiles; archaeological and ethnographic artifacts; furniture; and historical objects. Grants may be awarded to libraries, museums and historical societies, archival repositories, town and county records offices, state and local government offices, and colleges.

Preservation Assistance Grants may be used for:

- General preservation assessments.
- Consultations with professionals to address a specific issue, need or problem.
- Purchase of storage furniture and preservation supplies.
- Purchase of environmental monitoring equipment for humanities collections.
- Education and training.

Applicants also must:

- Care for and have custody of the humanities collections that are the focus of the application,
- Have at least one staff member or the full-time equivalent (paid or unpaid), and
- Be open and provide services or programs at least 120 days per year.

Institutions that have never received an NEH grant are especially encouraged to apply. **The deadline for applications is May 15, 2006**, for projects beginning January 2007. Only one application per institution is allowed, but grant funds may be used for combined purposes. For more information, contact NEH, Division of Preservation and Access, 202-606-8570, 866-372-2930 (TDD), [preservation@neh.gov](mailto:preservation@neh.gov), [www.neh.gov](http://www.neh.gov).

## Dates & Reminders

### Conference on Illinois History

October 27-28, Springfield  
217-785-7933

donna\_lawrence@ihpa.state.il.us  
www.Illinois-History.gov/conference.htm

### Illinois History Symposium

December 1-3, Springfield  
217-525-2781

ishs@eosinc.com  
www.historyillinois.org/frames/  
symposium2004.htm

### Illinois State Genealogical Society Fall Conference

"Building Family Bridges:  
Linking the Present to the Past"  
October 15, Itasca  
217-789-1968

ISGSconference@comcast.net  
www.rootsweb.com/~ilsgs/  
fallconf/2005falconf.html

### Illinois Association of Museums Annual Conference

October 12-14, St. Charles  
www.illinoismuseums.org

### Downstate Local Records Commission Meeting

1st Tuesday of the month,  
10 a.m. (unless otherwise noted)  
Illinois State Archives Conference Room  
Norton Building, Springfield

### Cook County Local Records Commission Meeting

2nd Tuesday of the month,  
11 a.m. teleconference  
Thompson Center, Chicago  
Video Conference Room, 9th floor, or  
Capitol City Center, Springfield  
130 W. Mason St.

### State Records Commission Meeting

3rd Wednesday of the month  
9:30 a.m.  
Illinois State Archives Conference Room  
Norton Building, Springfield

## 2005-2006 IRAD interns appointed

The Illinois Regional Archives Depository (IRAD) system began its 30th year of operation in 2005, with the appointment of 18 graduate student interns to work at the seven IRAD centers at Illinois universities. IRAD interns learn basic archival principles and skills and apply them to the local governmental records held in their respective regional depositories. They also provide reference services to the public. The interns for the 2005-2006 academic year are:

### Eastern Illinois University

- Eric Orr, History
- Jessica M. Waite, Historical Administration

### Illinois State University

- Jason Kaplan, Historical Archaeology
- Dana Lee Pertermann, Historical Archaeology

### Northeastern Illinois University

- Ani Dragomirova, Library & Information Science
- Elizabeth Stuparitz, English
- Ellen Larrimore, Political Science
- Joseph Hermanek, English

### Northern Illinois University

- Peter R. Gerlach, History
- Sok Bunthoeun So, Political Science

### University of Illinois at Springfield

- Daryl Doubet, History
- Joseph Szalankiewicz, History

### Southern Illinois University

- Michael Hall, History
- Tammy Smith, History
- Hilary Thompson, Public Administration
- Kami Whitehurst, Political Science

### Western Illinois University

- Ryan Twitchell, Political Science
- Laura Steffensmeier, History



Secretary of State and State Archivist Jesse White met with Archives staff member Dana Ekiss at the Archives booth in the Secretary of State tent at the Illinois State Fair in August.

Special thanks to Sue Masten of Springfield for her recent donation of a Dell laser printer to the Illinois State Archives for public use in the Reference Room. The Archives greatly appreciates her generosity.

## A wealth of genealogical materials available at the Archives

The Illinois State Archives is one of the trend-setting state archives in posting genealogical information on the Internet, and more and more genealogists are logging on to their personal computers to obtain information about their Illinois ancestors. Some researchers, however, still prefer to visit the Illinois State Archives Reference Room in the Margaret Cross Norton Building in Springfield to conduct their research. The following reference materials, not available online, are some of the most commonly used materials in the Archives Reference Room.

### Census Records

Federal and state censuses spanning 1810-1930 are available. The Name Index for Early Illinois Records in the Archives card catalog aisle contains index cards arranged alphabetically by head of household for the 1810-1855 federal and state censuses. Each card provides the householder's name, county and township of residence, census year, and page and line numbers of the appropriate county return. For the 1850 federal census, the names of all family members are indexed separately.

The 1860 index is on a separate card index that lists all family members under the head of household. An index to the 1870 census is available in print and online, which can be searched by head of household.

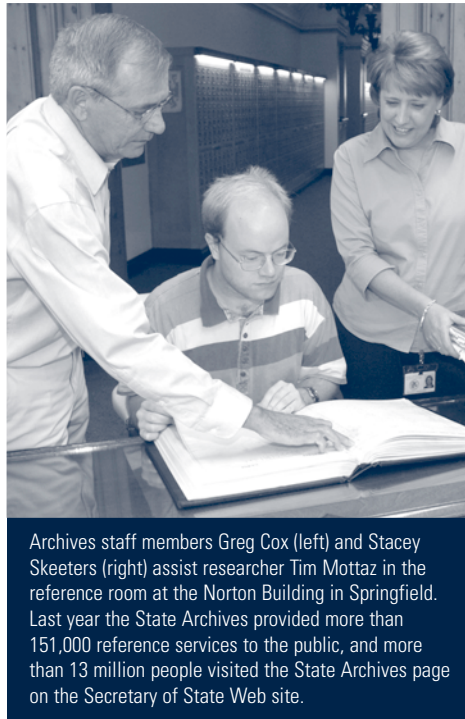
The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints (LDS) created a database on a five-CD set. The database includes every name entry in the census, and includes age, sex, race, marital status, occupation, relationship to head of household, state or country of birth of individual and parents; and microfilm numbers and pages of National Archives and LDS Family History Library reels.

The 1890 census was destroyed in a 1921 fire at the Smithsonian Institution and, therefore, is not available.

The 1900-1920 censuses are indexed by the soundex or miracode system, which allows a researcher to consult microfilm indexes

through an alphanumeric coding of surnames. These indexes show the name, age and birthplace of each household member.

The Archives also has a collection of published indexes to state censuses, which cite heads of households of particular counties for various census years. Currently, no personal name index for Illinois exists for the 1930 census; however, the National Archives has an online locator for 1930 census microfilm, which allows searches for counties, cities and particular geographic places or institutions if recorded in the enumeration district descriptions. Places include towns, streets, post offices, rural townships, election precinct and ward numbers, and rivers and lakes. Institutions include schools, prisons and sanitariums. For Illinois, visit <http://1930census.archives.gov/beginSearch.asp>.



Archives staff members Greg Cox (left) and Stacey Skeeters (right) assist researcher Tim Mottaz in the reference room at the Norton Building in Springfield. Last year the State Archives provided more than 151,000 reference services to the public, and more than 13 million people visited the State Archives page on the Secretary of State Web site.

### Death Certificates

The Archives has microfilm of all death certificates filed with the Illinois Department of Public Health for 1916-1947. While the index to these death certificates is available online, a visit to the Reference Room is required to obtain a copy of the actual certificate. Death certificates show the date of death, county and city of death; certificate number; address of death;

sometimes the voting ward of the address; the deceased's full name, sex, marital status, birth date, age at death, occupation, employer, and city and state of birthplace; parents' names and birthplaces; name of informant providing information; filing date; and name of registrar; as well as the cause of death and other vital information.

### Military Records

The Archives has records of Illinois veterans for the following conflicts: War of 1812, Winnebago War, Black Hawk War, Mexican War, Civil War and Spanish-American War. World War I federal draft registration records for Illinois also are available. A total of 1,559,586 Illinois men ages 18 through 45 registered with the Selective Service System during World War I.

The Archives also has records for the Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Quincy (1887-1967), the Illinois Soldiers' Widows' Home, Wilmington (1896-1960), and the National Home in Danville (1898-1934).

The National Archives Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900, include the veteran's name, rank, military unit, period of service, residence, birthplace, date of birth or age and, if the claim was based on need, a listing of property owned. The National Archives War of 1812 Pension Application Files Index, 1812-1910, includes the veteran's name, pension application and certificate numbers, bounty land warrant application number, and the name and/or number of the unit served in. This source is an index only. Copies of application files may be obtained from the National Archives, Washington, D.C., 20408.

### Descriptive Inventory of The Archives of State of Illinois

This volume provides a narrative description of state government records, available in print, CD-ROM, or at [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com).

The Archives Reference Room is open Mon-Fri., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Sat., 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (except holiday weekends.)

Federal Township Plats, 1804–1891 (2002), 102 Illinois counties with each county on a single CD-ROM. — \$20 per county

A Summary Guide to Local Governmental Records in the Illinois Regional Archives, second edition (1999), 265 pp. — \$6

Descriptive Inventory of the Archives of the State of Illinois, second edition (1997), 940 pp.; or CD ROM — \$20

Chicago City Council Proceedings Files, 1833-1871: An Inventory (1987), 989 pp., and  
Chicago City Council Proceedings Files, 1833-1871: An Index (1987), 93 microfiche (18,714 pp.) — \$35

Illinois Public Domain Land Sales (2001), explanatory booklet (7 pp.), and CD-ROM (538,750 entries) — \$25

The Margaret Cross Norton Working Papers, 1924-1958 (1993), 8 - 35 mm microfilm rolls with An Inventory and Index (1993), 7 microfiche (1,055 pages) — \$60

Hard Times in Illinois, 1930-1940 (2002), teacher's manual (119 pp.) and 50 document facsimiles — \$10\*

The Illinois and Michigan Canal, 1827-1911 (1998), teacher's manual (115 pp.) and 50 document facsimiles with transcriptions — \$12\*

Illinois at War, 1941-1945 (1994), teacher's manual (119 pp.) and 50 document facsimiles — \$12\*

From the Ashes, 1872-1900: A Selection of Documents from the Proceedings Files of the Chicago City Council (1990), teacher's manual (123 pp.) and 50 document facsimiles with transcriptions. — \$10\*

Early Chicago, 1833-1871: A Selection of City Council Proceedings Files from the Illinois State Archives (1986, 1999), teacher's manual (115 pp.) and 50 document facsimiles with transcriptions — \$14\*

**\* Teaching packets are available FREE to Illinois educational institutions by submitting a request on letterhead stationery. All other requests are filled for the fee listed. To order publications, please contact: Illinois State Archives, Norton Building, Publications Unit, Springfield, IL 62756, 217-782-2226. Please make checks payable to Secretary of State.**