

Secretary White announces new online Civil War database

In his continuing effort to make state records available on the Internet, Secretary of State and State Archivist Jesse White recently announced that the Illinois State Archives has placed online information from its Illinois Civil War Muster and Descriptive Rolls. Personal information about the more than 285,000 Illinois soldiers who served in the Civil War is now available on the Archives page of the Secretary of State Web site.

"This information was taken mainly from large, bulky ledger books that in the past could only be accessed through research at the Margaret Cross Norton Building in Springfield," said Secretary White. "This will be a boon to genealogists and historians who want to do research from their home or office computer."

Since May 1996, the Web site has had an index of the names of Illinois Civil War soldiers. However, detailed personal information about the soldiers was not available online until now.

The Illinois Civil War Muster and Descriptive Rolls database is a transcription of each soldier's entry in the Archives' Muster and Descriptive Rolls (Record Series 301.020). Each entry includes all the information recorded by the Illinois Adjutant General in the original Muster and Descriptive Rolls, including soldier's name and rank; age; height; color of eyes, hair and complexion; occupation; marital status;

birthplace; residence; date, place and term of enrollment; name of individual who enrolled the soldier; date and place of muster into service; name of mustering officer; date and place of muster out; name of mustering-out officer; and remarks concerning transfers, promotions, injuries or special duty. A researcher can conduct a search of the database based on a soldier's name, unit or residence.

After Archives staff decided not to scan the volumes for access on the Web because of their size, volunteer Fred Delap of Kansas, Illinois, took on the project. He entered the information from microfilm of the 89 volumes of original Muster and Descriptive Rolls. To make the database as comprehensive as possible, he also extracted information from the first eight volumes of the nine-volume publication, *Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Illinois*, which included soldier information not on the original Muster and Descriptive Rolls. (The ninth volume lists veterans of the Black Hawk, Mexican and Spanish-American Wars.)

"Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Delap, the Archives staff and my office's Department of Information Technology, this important research tool is now available to anyone with access to a personal computer," said Secretary White. The Illinois Civil War Muster and Descriptive Rolls database may be accessed at www.cyberdriveillinois.com (click Departments, then Illinois State Archives). (See images on page 2.)

ILLINOIS STATE ARCHIVES

Margaret Cross Norton Building
Capitol Complex, Springfield
217-782-4682

Hours:

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Saturday
(except holiday weekends)

Seeking former IRAD interns

The Illinois Regional Archives Depository (IRAD) system will celebrate its 30th anniversary in July. The State Archives is interested in hearing from former IRAD interns about what paths they have taken since working for IRAD. We look forward to hearing from you. Please contact:

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217-785-1266
kmoore@ilsos.net

DATES & REMINDERS

Illinois Civil War Muster and Descriptive Rolls

National Genealogical Society Annual Conference

"They Passed This Way"

June 7-10, Chicago

www.ngsgenealogy.org

800-473-0060

2006 Joint Annual Meeting of National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators, Council of State Archivists and Society of American Archivists

July 31-Aug. 6, Washington, D.C.

www.nagara.org/calendar.html

www.statearchivists.org/meetings/2006

-JtAnnualMtg.htm

www.archivists.org/conference/index.asp

8th Annual Conference on Illinois History

Oct. 12-13, Springfield

www.illinois-history.gov/conference.htm

217-782-2118

Illinois State Genealogical Society Fall Conference

"Footsteps to the Past: Making Tracks through Research"

Oct. 14, Itasca

www.rootsweb.com/~ilsgs

ISGSConference@comcast.net

Downstate Local Records Commission Meeting

1st Tuesday of every month, 10 a.m.

(unless otherwise noted)

State Archives Conference Room

Norton Building, Springfield

Cook County Local Records Commission Meeting

2nd Tuesday of every month, 11 a.m.

Video Conference Room, 9th floor

Thompson Center, Chicago

or

130 W. Mason St.

Capitol City Center, Springfield

State Records Commission Meeting

3rd Wednesday of every month,

9:30 a.m.

State Archives Conference Room

Norton Building, Springfield

ILLINOIS CIVIL WAR DETAIL REPORT

Name	BAGAMAN, AUGUSTUS						
Rank	PVT	Company	H	Unit	22 ILL US INF		
Personal Characteristics							
Residence	ELLIS GROVE, RANDOLPH CO, IL	Age	21	Height	5' 11 1/4	Hair	BROWN
Eyes	GRAY	Complexion	FAR	Marital Status	N/A	Occupation	FARMER
Nativity	GERMANY						
Service Record							
Joined When	JAN 1, 1864		Joined Where	BLAINS X ROADS, TN			
Joined By Whom	LT GIBSON			Period	3 YRS		
Muster In	FEB 25, 1864		Muster In Where	CHATTANOOGA, TN			
Muster In By Whom	N/A		Muster Out	N/A			
Muster Out Where	N/A		Muster Out By Whom	N/A			
Remarks	VETERAN TRANS TO CO H 42 ILL INF NOV 22, 1864						

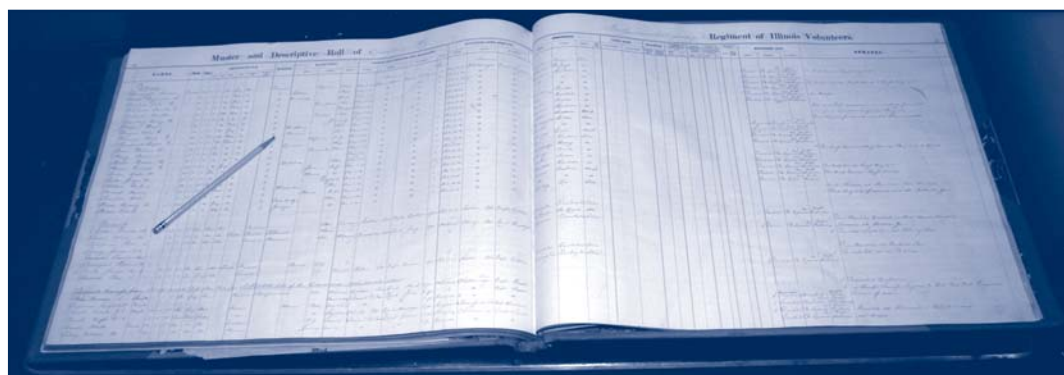
Sample of online soldier entry

With the click of a mouse all the information on a Civil War soldier found in the original Muster and Descriptive Rolls (RS 301.020) can be viewed on a personal computer, including rank, age, occupation, birth place, residence and other personal information.

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Original Adjutant General's Report

The Muster and Descriptive Rolls are comprised of 89 volumes at the State Archives. They were compiled from original records by the Adjutant General as a quick reference file for all Illinois units of infantry, cavalry and artillery, and for the 29th Colored Infantry (regular Army).



Original Muster and Descriptive Rolls

The original Illinois Civil War Muster and Descriptive Rolls at the State Archives are arranged by branch of service and sequentially by regiment number. Each volume measures 46" x 17" when open.

Museum transfers Illinois Civil War records

As a professional courtesy, the Massachusetts National Guard Military Museum and Archives recently transferred a collection of Illinois Civil War records to the Illinois State Archives. The documents, dated 1863-1864, include muster rolls and vouchers for the 40th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, the 90th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, the 103rd Illinois Volunteer Infantry and Co. F, 1st Illinois Artillery. The documents have been interfiled in Record Series 301.018, Administrative Files on Civil War Companies and Regiments, 1861-1903, 116 cu. ft., under the Military and Naval Department.

Delap receives MAC Presidents' Award



Cheri Thies (center), member of the Presidents' Awards Committee, and David Joens (left), Director of the Illinois State Archives, present the Midwest Archives Conference Presidents' Award to Fred Delap. The Illinois State Archives Advisory Board submitted Mr. Delap's name for this award in recognition of his many years of converting Illinois military records into electronic format for use on the Internet.

Fred Delap of Kansas, Illinois was awarded the Midwest Archives Conference (MAC) Presidents' Award on April 28. Delap has been compiling and donating databases of Illinois veterans to the Illinois State Archives since 1996. MAC is the largest regional professional association for archivists in the United States with 1,150 members from 13 states. The Presidents' Award was established in 1986 to recognize significant contributions to the archival profession by individuals, institutions and organizations not directly involved in archival work but knowledgeable about its purpose and value. Two awards were given this year, one to Mr. Delap and the other to noted author Studs Terkel.

Grants.gov — one-stop source for federal funding

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission and the National Endowment for the Humanities have switched their grant application process to Grants.gov — the Web site for online federal grant applications.

There are 26 federal grant-making agencies and more than 900 individual grant programs that award more than \$400 billion in grants each year. Grants.gov provides a simple, unified electronic storefront for interactions between grant applicants and the federal agencies that provide funding.

You may register with Grants.gov by visiting www.grants.gov and filling out a few simple forms. All organizations must have a DUNS number. If you are not sure whether you have a DUNS number, go to www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/grants_docs and follow the instructions. You also need to download the PureEdge Viewer in order to fill out, save and submit application forms.

Once you are registered and have downloaded the PureEdge Viewer, you may search for grant opportunities for your particular projects. You also may sign up for automatic e-mail alerts about grant opportunities as they are announced. For more information, contact:

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From Jesse White...

Over the years, hundreds of volunteers like Fred Delap have assisted the Illinois State Archives in its endeavor to disseminate information as widely as possible. Without their tireless support, many of our online databases would not exist today. To all our volunteers, on behalf of the State Archives staff, I want to thank you for the countless hours you have contributed toward making these databases accessible to genealogists, researchers and the general public.

Jesse White
Secretary of State &
State Archivist

Illinois State Historical Society announces "call for papers"

The Illinois State Historical Society's Symposium Committee has announced a call for papers with the theme, "Knowledge on the Prairie," for presentation at the 2007 Illinois History Symposium.

Papers, panels, presentations and video documentaries on all aspects of Illinois history will be reviewed, with special consideration given to topics and presentations focusing on teaching in the classroom. Proposals should include a one-page description of the proposed topic, a list of primary sources to be used, and the presenter's curriculum vitae.

The deadline for proposals is **June 30, 2006**. The 2007 Illinois History Symposium will be held in conjunction with Illinois State University's 150th anniversary on the campus in Normal, Feb. 15-17, 2007. For more information, call 217-525-2781.

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), eight 35 mm microfilm rolls with An Inventory and Index (1993), 7 microfiche (1,055 pages) — \$60

Hard Times in Illinois, 1930-1940: A Selection of Documents from the Illinois State Archives (2002), teacher's manual (119 pp.) and 50 document facsimiles — \$10*

The Illinois and Michigan Canal, 1827-1911: A Selection of Documents from the Illinois State Archives (1998), teacher's manual (115 pp.) and 50 document facsimiles with transcriptions — \$12*

Illinois at War, 1941-1945: A Selection of Documents from the Illinois State Archives (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.**