IRAD Resources

Several resources are available to assist in your research:

Publications
- *Chicago City Council Proceedings Files: 1833-1871: An Inventory and an Index* is a 989-page inventory accompanied by an index containing 93 microfiche. Cost: $35.

County listings

Computer listings of IRAD records arranged by county, office and record title are free. Please limit requests to no more than five counties at a time.

Web site resources

A database of IRAD holdings, indexes to some county records and a guide to IRAD service is available (www.cyberdriveillinois.com).

Inquiries or orders for these research aids should be sent to:

IRAD, Illinois State Archives
Norton Building
Springfield, IL 62756
(217) 785-1266

How do I contact a depository?

IRAD—Booth Library
Eastern Illinois University
600 Lincoln Ave.
Charleston, IL 61920
(217) 581-6093

IRAD—Williams Hall
Illinois State University
Campus Box 5500
Normal, IL 61790-5500
(309) 452-6027

IRAD—Regional History Center
Founders Memorial Library
Room 400
DeKalb, IL 60115
(815) 753-1807

IRAD—LIB-144
University of Illinois at Springfield
P.O. Box 19243
Springfield, IL 62794-9243
(217) 206-6520

IRAD—c/o Special Collections
Morris Library-6632
Southern Illinois University
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 453-3040

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Preserving our past for the future

Looking back into our past is an enriching experience. To ensure that future generations have the same opportunities to explore their heritage, the Illinois Regional Archives Depository system (IRAD) was established.

IRAD is a resource-sharing system that works with Local Records Commission and area officials to transfer valuable records to the seven IRAD centers at Illinois state universities. Records at each IRAD reflect the unique history and traditions of that region. The relocation of local records to regional facilities makes the records more accessible to researchers and prevents their loss or physical deterioration.

These records are of great help to historians, genealogists and local government officials. IRAD and State Archives staff can help you find whatever you need to reach back through time and discover the richness of the past.

Jesse White
Secretary of State
and State Archivist