

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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*Historical Division, Historical Building,
600 East Locust Street, Des Moines 50319; (515)281-7471*

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Entrusted to preserve Iowa's historical legacy, the State Historical Society of Iowa identifies, records, collects, preserves, manages, and provides access to Iowa's historical resources. As an advocate of understanding Iowa's past, the State Historical Society of Iowa educates Iowans of all ages, conducts and encourages research, disseminates information, and supports historic preservation and education throughout the state.

The State Historical Society was established in 1857 in Iowa City as a private organization. Today, it is a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.

The society's museum, located within the Iowa Historical Building in Des Moines, is guardian of approximately 100,000 artifacts, ranging from rare quilts to military armaments, from Native American beadwork to airplanes. Permanent and temporary exhibits offer visitors a personal, hands-on journey through time. Educational programs are offered for children, families, and adults throughout the year. Each year, thousands of school children discover the excitement of history through our guided museum tours.

The society maintains a library and special collections program with extraordinary collections at the Iowa Historical Building in Des Moines and the Centennial Building in Iowa City. The State Archives of Iowa identifies, preserves, and protects state government records and makes them available for research in the society's reading room in the Iowa Historical Building. You may uncover your roots through research on Iowa topics as varied as agriculture, labor, politics, and women's suffrage. Collections include books, maps, manuscripts, newspapers, census records, oral history interviews, and photographs. The library and special collections program and the State Archives offer many public and technical services, from assisting genealogical and other researchers to advising on appropriate care of personal and government documents.

Another dimension of Iowa's history is preserved through the society's eight historic sites: Montauk (Clermont), Matthew Edell Blacksmith Shop (Haverhill), Abbie Gardner Cabin (Arnolds Park), American Gothic House (Eldon), Plum Grove (Iowa City), Blood Run National Historic Landmark (Lyon County), Toolesboro Indian Mounds National Historic Site (Wapello), and Western Historic Trails Center (Council Bluffs).

The society produces award-winning publications, including *Iowa Heritage Illustrated*, a general history magazine; *The Annals of Iowa*, a scholarly history journal; and *The Iowa Historian*, an on-line newsletter for society members.

The society's State Historic Preservation Office works to preserve Iowa's architectural, historical and archaeological character, which in turn promotes business, tourism, and economic development. Among its services, the society facilitates nominations of properties to the National Register of Historic Places, helps property owners qualify for federal and state tax and economic incentives to rehabilitate and reuse historic structures, and protects significant properties, districts, and archaeological sites.

Society staff are available to assist all Iowans in researching, preserving, and interpreting the history of their communities. In addition, the society offers grants that enable local communities and individuals to organize local preservation programs and to preserve the state's historical resources.

Grant Programs

Certified Local Governments Grant Program – *Kerry McGrath, 600 East Locust Street, Des Moines 50319; (515) 281-6826*

Local governments that have certified local government (CLG) status may apply for funds to complete projects to identify, evaluate, and nominate historical buildings, sites or structures, comprehensive historic preservation planning, and public education projects. The annual grant deadline is in December.

Historical Resource Development Program – *Kathy Gourley, 600 East Locust Street, Des Moines 50319; (515) 281-6913*

Historical Resource Development Program (HRDP) grants are designed to help individuals, businesses, nonprofit organizations, Indian tribes, state and local government agencies, and CLGs in identifying, preserving, and interpreting their historical resources. The annual grant deadline is in January.

For additional information write to State Historical Society of Iowa, 600 East Locust Street, Des Moines 50319, or call (515)281-6918.

Historic Site Preservation Grant Program – *Kathy Gourley, 600 East Locust Street, Des Moines 50319; (515) 281-6913*

Historic site preservation grants provide funds to acquire, repair, rehabilitate, and develop historical sites that preserve, interpret, or promote Iowa's cultural heritage. Projects funded by this program must promote an understanding of the record of human experience within Iowa. All grants must involve work on "vertical infrastructures," which is defined in Iowa Code section 8.57. For additional information write to State Historical Society of Iowa, 600 East Locust Street, Des Moines 50319, or call (515)281-6918.

IOWA CULTURAL TRUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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