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2007 marks the 100th anniversary of the first state law providing for the preservation of government records and the tenth anniversary of Archives Month in Wisconsin. Governor Doyle has issued a proclamation naming the month of October 2007 as Archives Month in Wisconsin. In addition, constituents have requested a broader theme, "Celebrating our Stories," which we hope will allow more flexibility for you to include many different historical records. As in the past, Archives Month provides an opportunity for institutions statewide to showcase their historical treasures through public programs.

The Wisconsin Historical Records Advisory Board is participating this year by sponsoring workshops around the state on caring for family and personal photograph collections. Do you have boxes of unsorted photographs or albums that are falling apart? Are you confused or unsure of what you have, what to keep, and how to arrange and store it? This hands-on workshop will provide a basic overview of the types of photographs that make up family and personal collections, how best to care for them, strategies for organizing your images, and methods for providing access to your images whether they are printed on paper or stored on your hard drive. For more complete details including dates and locations, check our events calendar.

We have also created a toolkit to help you host your own open house. The toolkit walks you through the entire process of planning an open house with tips to make your event a success. In the toolkit you will find guidelines, named Archives Open House DiY Guidelines (PDF, 44KB). In the guidelines will find links to: our invitation template which allows you to modify, print and mail your own invitations. Our press release template allows you to modify, print and send a press release to local newspapers, helping promote your event. Our sign template allows you to modify, print and post signs helping direct traffic through your facility and to parking areas. NOTE: Each document in the toolkit is in Adobe Acrobat, which you can download and print, but will not allow your modifications to be saved. We continually update our materials to serve you better. If you have other ideas that will expand this toolkit or other Archives Month suggestions, please forward them on to us! Additional Archives Month events are also in the works throughout Wisconsin. We encourage you to send us your event for inclusion.

Participate in Archives Month!

Comb your archives and historical collections for historical materials for use in programs that reflect Wisconsin's wide and varied stories, such as:

- photographs and posters
- audio recordings
- letters
- newspapers
- diaries

How do others celebrate Archives Month?

For more information on how others celebrate Archives Month, visit The Society of American Archivists online.

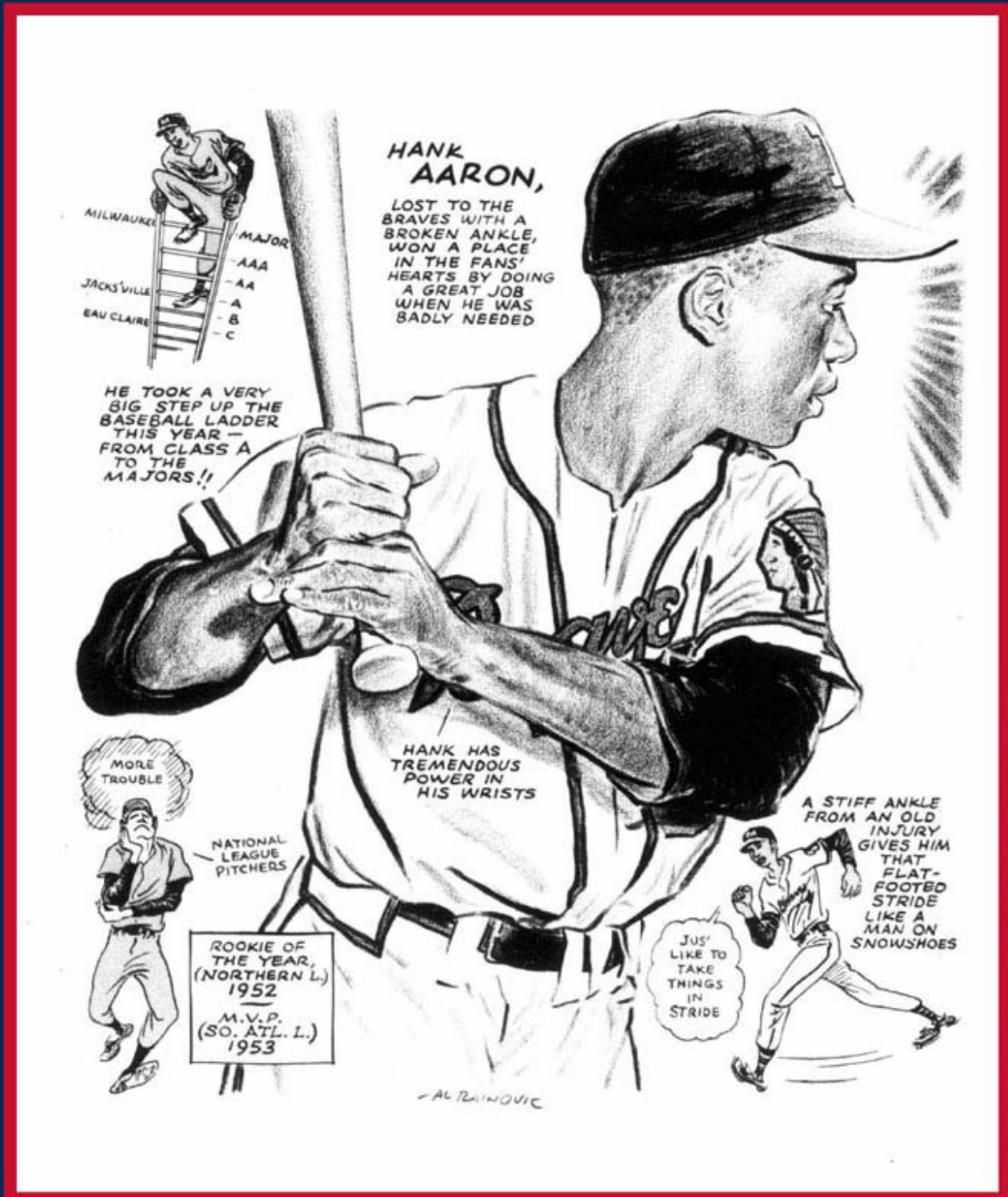
Who Sponsors Archives Month?

Archives Month is an annual celebration and is co-sponsored by the Society in conjunction with the Wisconsin Historical Records Advisory Board, a volunteer board appointed by the Governor. The Society would like to thank Demco, Inc. and Spacesaver, Inc. for their generous support of Archives Month 2007.



Wisconsin ARCHIVES MONTH

October 2007



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Celebrating our Stories



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the historical records of Wisconsin are an essential part of our cultural heritage that all citizens learn from and enjoy; and

WHEREAS, archives throughout Wisconsin keep historical records as a legacy from past generations and preserve them for the benefit of future generations; and

WHEREAS, 2007 marks the 100th anniversary of the first state law providing for the preservation of government records and the tenth anniversary of Archives Month in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Archives Month is a celebration that raises our awareness of historical records and the archives that care for them as valuable contributions to our lives; and

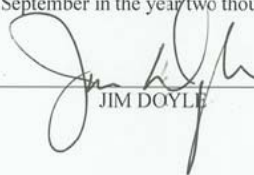
WHEREAS, the event recognizes the important contributions made by archivists to the preservation of our state's past in archival repositories, museums and libraries throughout Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 2007, to be

ARCHIVES MONTH IN WISCONSIN

and urge all Wisconsin citizens to recognize the people and resources dedicated to preserving our state's rich heritage and history.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty sixth day of September in the year two thousand seven.


JIM DOYLE

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State