

Wisconsin Historical Society

Services for Local Historical Societies

The Wisconsin Historical Society offers a variety of services to local historical societies. Our experienced staff can provide advice on subjects ranging from care of museum objects to preservation of historic buildings, often through the Society's website at www.wisconsinhistory.org. Below are staff contacts.

General Assistance and Affiliations

The Society operates offices in Madison, Milwaukee, Eau Claire, and Ashland to assist local historical organizations.

Contact

Janet Seymour, 715-836-2250
janet.seymour@wisconsinhistory.org

Applying for Tax Credits for Rehabilitation of Historic Homes

Let your members know how they can apply for tax credits when they restore their historic homes.

Contact

Claire Bushemi, 608-264-6490
claire.bushemi@wisconsinhistory.org

Museum Collections

Curatorial services staff are available for consultation on the care of collections, documentation, and collection management.

Contact

Curatorial Services staff
museumcollections@wisconsinhistory.org

Burial Sites Preservation

Archaeologist Amy Rosebrough answers questions about protecting burial sites, including Native American burial mounds.

Contact

Amy Rosebrough, 608-264-6494
amy.rosebrough@wisconsinhistory.org

Elementary School Student Programs

Coordinator of Primary Education Kurt Griesemer can provide ideas and advice on ways to involve students in local history.

Contact

Kurt Griesemer, 608-264-6487
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Archaeological Sites Protection

State Archaeologist Jim Skibo answers questions on identifying and protecting archaeological sites.

Contact

Jim Skibo, 608-264-6496
jim.skibo@wisconsinhistory.org

National History Day Program

NHD Coordinator Jessica Schmitz can assist in involving middle school and high school students in local history through the National History Day program.

Contacts

Jessica Schmitz
historyday@wisconsinhistory.org

Maritime Preservation and Archaeology Programs

Underwater archaeologists Tamara Thomsen and Caitlin Zant can help answer questions regarding historic maritime resources, including lighthouses and shipwrecks.

Contact

Tamara Thomsen, 608-221-5909
tamara.thomsen@wisconsinhistory.org

Caitlin Zant, 608-221-5902

caitlin.zant@wisconsinhistory.org

Building Restoration and Techniques

Claire Bushemi can field questions regarding how to properly restore or rehabilitate your historic building.

Contact

Claire Bushemi, 608-264-6490
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Applying for National Register of Historic Places Status

Christopher Meyers can help answer questions on nominating a building, site or district to the Register.

Contact

Christopher Meyers, 608-264-6464
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Researching Historic Buildings or Districts

Leah Penzkover can help answer questions on how to research historic properties.

Contact

Leah Penzkover, 608-264-6512
leah.penzkover@wisconsinhistory.org

Working with Government Agencies to Protect Historic Resources

Compliance staff can provide information about working with agencies to ensure that government projects do not have a negative impact on historic resources.

Contact

Compliance staff, 608-261-2457
compliance@wisconsinhistory.org

Landmarks Commissions

If you represent a local historic preservation landmarks commission and would like to inquire about technical assistance or training, contact Jason Tish.

Contact

Jason Tish, 608-264-6512
jason.tish@wisconsinhistory.org

Historic Preservation Assistance to Nonprofits

If you represent a nonprofit organization and want technical assistance or training regarding historic preservation planning projects, Jason Tish.

Contact

Jason Tish, 608-264-6512
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Historic Photographs

Visual Materials Archivist Timothy Ream answers questions on the care and preservation of iconographic materials and photographs.

Contact

Timothy Ream, 608-264-6457
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Paper Conservation

Archives staff offer advice on the care and handling of paper artifacts, including books, manuscripts and visual materials.

Contact

Archives staff, 608-264-6460
askarchives@wisconsinhistory.org

Questions on Wisconsin or American History Facts

Library staff will answer factual questions about Wisconsin or American history.

Contact

The reference staff, 608-264-6535
asklibrary@wisconsinhistory.org

Genealogy Research

Genealogists can find a wealth of information about researching their family history.

Contact

Wisconsin Historical Society Library,
608-264-6535
www.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy

Fundraising

The Wisconsin Historical Foundation provides assistance to local historical societies by answering questions related to fundraising.

Contact

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