

# 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](http://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](mailto:janet.seymour@wisconsinhistory.org)

### Elementary School Student Programs

Manager of PK12 Education Initiatives Kurt Griesemer can provide ideas and advice on ways to involve students in local history.

#### Contact

Kurt Griesemer, 608-264-6487  
[kurt.griesemer@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:kurt.griesemer@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, 608-263-2735  
[historyday@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:historyday@wisconsinhistory.org)

### Building Restoration and Techniques

SHPO staff can field questions regarding how to properly restore or rehabilitate your historic building.

#### Contacts

Eastern Region  
Paul Porter, 608-264-6491  
[paul.porter@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:paul.porter@wisconsinhistory.org)

Western Region  
Andrea Herries, 608-264-6490  
[andrea.herries@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:andrea.herries@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.

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[paul.porter@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:paul.porter@wisconsinhistory.org)

Western Region  
Andrea Herries, 608-264-6490  
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### Burial Sites Preservation

Tyler Howe answers questions about protecting burial sites, including Native American burial mounds.

#### Contact

Tyler Howe, 608-264-6508  
[tyler.howe@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:tyler.howe@wisconsinhistory.org)

### Archaeological Sites Protection

State Archaeologist Amy Rosebrough answers questions on identifying and protecting archaeological sites.

#### Contact

Amy Rosebrough, 608-264-6494  
[amy.rosebrough@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:amy.rosebrough@wisconsinhistory.org)

### Maritime Preservation and Archaeology Programs

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

#### Contact

Tamara Thomsen, 608-221-5909  
[tamara.thomsen@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:tamara.thomsen@wisconsinhistory.org)

### Applying for National Register of Historic Places Status

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

**Contact**

Elizabeth Hilton, 608-264-6501  
[elizabeth.hilton@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:elizabeth.hilton@wisconsinhistory.org)

### Researching Historic Buildings or Districts

Our State Historic Preservation Office can help answer questions on how to research historic properties.

**Contact**

SHPO staff, 608-261-9582  
[askshpo@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:askshpo@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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
[jason.tish@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:jason.tish@wisconsinhistory.org)

### Digital Production Resources

Lindsey Hillgartner answers questions on digital images, microfilm and other materials.

**Contact**

Lindsey Hillgartner, 608-262-1354  
[lindsey.hillgartner@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:lindsey.hillgartner@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](mailto:museumcollections@wisconsinhistory.org)

### 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](mailto:askarchives@wisconsinhistory.org)

### Questions on Wisconsin or American History Facts

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

**Contact**

Reference staff, 608-264-6535  
[asklibrary@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:asklibrary@wisconsinhistory.org)

### Genealogy Research

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

**Contact**

Rebecca Hopman, 608-261-9515  
[rebecca.hopman@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:rebecca.hopman@wisconsinhistory.org)

### Fundraising

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

**Contact**

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