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

**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

**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
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
historyday@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
claire.bushemi@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

**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

**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

**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
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
chrisopher.meyers@wisconsinhistory.org

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
timothy.ream@wisconsinhistory.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Contact
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