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State Historical Records Advisory Board Announces Site Visit Opportunities

PIERRE, S.D. -- The South Dakota State Historical Records Advisory Board (SD SHRAB) is offering four site visit opportunities, with grant funds from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission of the National Archives and Records Administration.

“With grant support, the South Dakota SHRAB will be able to offer four site visits this summer to local repositories, organizations and historical societies in order to provide advice regarding archival collections,” said Chelle Somsen, SD SHRAB chair and state archivist with the South Dakota State Historical Society at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

The purpose of the site visits, conducted by State Historical Society archivists, is to address increased access to archival collections and identification of important historical records that are at risk. The visit is at no charge to the applying historical organization. Applications must be received by May 8. The selections will be on a competitive basis and will target small-to mid-sized organizations with archival collections. The four organizations selected will also receive \$100 worth of archival processing supplies.

The SD SHRAB advocates for the preservation of historical records, educates the public and records caretakers about the importance of the historical record, and leads the historical community in preserving, promoting and providing access to the state’s documentary heritage.

For information on the guidelines for the grant and the application please see <http://history.sd.gov/Archives/SHRAB/shrabactivity.aspx> or call (605) 773-3804.

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The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Tourism. The Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council and the State Historical Society. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen. The State Historical Society, an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is headquartered at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center houses the society’s world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit www.history.sd.gov for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.