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## MISSOURI STATE ARCHIVES OFFERS WILLIAM E. FOLEY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

The Missouri State Archives offers the William E. Foley Research Fellowship to help support the use of its public records in scholarly research. Any research project that utilizes the holdings of the Missouri State Archives and/or its St. Louis branch to further knowledge of state or national history is eligible for funding.

The Archives is the official repository for all state records of historical value. Its holdings date from 1770 and include more than 336 million pages of records; 500,000 photographs and prints; 9,000 maps; 65,000 microfilm reels; tens of thousands of state publications; and an important collection of audiotapes, CDs, and videos. Included among these documents are important records concerning: western fur trade; slavery; the Civil War; military records from the War of 1812 to the start of World War II; European immigration; and modern Missouri politics. Among the larger records series are: governors' papers; general assembly records; Missouri Supreme Court case files; records and publications from state departments and agencies; and millions of microfilmed county and municipal records.

Fellowships are funded by the Friends of the Missouri State Archives. They are intended to defray expenses incurred when visiting the Archives and/or its branch. Awards are based on estimated expenses of up to \$2,000.

Fellows must complete their research within a year of the award date and are expected to submit a final report explaining the work performed.

Applicants for the William E. Foley Research Fellowship should complete an [application form](#) and provide a research proposal, curriculum vitae, and list of references. Review of completed applications will begin on March 1, 2009. These materials may be sent to Dr. Shelly J. Croteau, Assistant State Archivist, Missouri State Archives, P.O. Box 1747, 600 West Main St., Jefferson City, MO 65102.

Selection will be based on the soundness of research; relation to the Archives' holdings as demonstrated by citation of specific collections; qualifications of the applicant; and potential for impact within the academic community. Notification of awards will be made by April 15.

Fellows are required to include an acknowledgment of the Missouri State Archives William E. Foley Research Fellowship in any work(s) resulting from the research funded. In addition, fellows are to provide the Archives with a copy of any such work(s).