

Missouri Historical Records Advisory Board Site Visits (2009)

As part of the Missouri Historical Records Advisory Board (MHRAB) strategic planning process, regional forums were held throughout the state. In conjunction with those forums, staff members made it known that we were available to make onsite visits for wide-ranging types of consultation – essentially, whatever the organization needed or wanted.

The shape and objectives varied widely, guided always by the needs of the constituent. Here are a few examples of the ways in which staff worked with local repositories.

- General consultation: An opportunity to tour the facility, become familiar with its holdings, explain the expertise/resources available from the Missouri State Archives (MSA) and other organizations, and answer diverse questions. We found that many of these organizations have no awareness or connections to organizations that can provide assistance.
- Archival consultation: While many of these had attributes of the “general consultations,” the conversations also included in-depth discussions of archival practices (e.g., arrangement and description, indexing and finding aids, etc.) and retention schedules.
- Conservation consultation: These focused on specific questions about preservation and conservation needs, including climate control, storage practices, and treatment needs.
- Missouri Digital Heritage Initiative (MDHI) assessment: These visits focused on collections that might be suitable for digitization.

Though not reflected in the chart below, in a great many visits, we referred organizations to the State Historical Society (as well as other relevant resources) as a source of information or support.

Lynn Morrow’s July 1 visit to the Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO) Regional History Center also led to his being invited to do a radio interview with National Public Radio (NPR) affiliate KRCU, which aired July 12 and is available at <http://www.krcu.org>.

The following table lists the organizations consulted:

Organization	City/County	Date	Purpose	Staff Involved
Danzero Collection (Nancy Dornan/ Missouri State University)	Springfield / Greene	11/21/08	MDHI assessment	MSA (Morrow & Myers) & MHRAB (Richards)
Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Land Survey	Rolla / Phelps	02/18/09	MDHI assessment	MSA (Korasick)
St. Joseph Museum	St. Joseph/ Buchanan	02/24/09	MDHI assessment	MSA (Korasick)
Blue Springs Historical Society	Blue Springs /Jackson	03/04/09	archival consultation	MSA (Bowen, Carlson, Fox) & SHS (Boutros)

Shoal Creek Living History Museum	Kansas City / Jackson	03/04/09	general consultation	MSA (Bowen, Carlson, Fox) & SHS (Boutros)
St. Joseph Museum	St. Joseph/ Buchanan	03/05/09	archival & conservation consultation	MSA (Carlson & Fox)
Mansfield Area Historical Society	Mansfield / Wright	03/19/09	archival consultation; MDHI assessment	MSA (Fox, James, Myers)
Ava City Clerk	Ava / Douglas	03/19/09	conservation consultation	MSA (Fox, James, Myers)
Still National Osteopathic Museum	Kirksville/Adair	03/25/09	general consultation	MSA (Fox & McIntosh)
Adair County Public Library	Kirksville/Adair	03/25/09	MDHI assessment	MSA (Fox & McIntosh)
Harlin Museum	West Plains / Howell	04/15/09	general consultation	MSA (Morrow)
West Plains Public Library	West Plains / Howell	04/15/09	general consultation	MSA (Morrow)
Bonniebrook Historical Society	Walnut Shade / Taney	04/16/09	archival & conservation consultation	MSA (Fox)
Springfield-Greene Co. History Museum	Springfield/Greene	04/17/09	general consultation	MSA (Fox)
Wilson's Creek National Battlefield (National Park Service)	Republic / Greene	04/17/09	general consultation	MSA (Dougan & Morrow)
Nathan Boone Historic Site (DNR)	Ash Grove / Greene	04/18/09	general consultation	MSA (Morrow)
Southeast Missouri State University, Archives/Sp. Coll.	Cape Girardeau / Cape Girardeau	04/22/09	general consultation	MSA (Farris, Fox, Korasick, Morrow)
Lutheran Heritage Center and Museum	Altenburg/Perry	04/22/09	archival consultation & potential microfilming	MSA (Fox & Morrow)
Saxon Lutheran Memorial	Frohna/Perry	04/22/09	general consultation	MSA (Fox & Morrow)
Perry County Museum	Perryville/Perry	04/22/09	general consultation	MSA (Fox & Morrow)
Riverside Regional Library	Perryville/Perry	04/22/09	MDHI assessment	MSA (Fox & Morrow)
Stoddard County Archives	Bloomfield / Stoddard	04/22/09	general consultation	MSA (Farris & Korasick)

Stoddard County Museum	Bloomfield / Stoddard	04/22/09	general consultation	MSA (Farris & Korasick)
Stars & Stripes Museum	Bloomfield / Stoddard	04/22/09	general consultation; MDHI assessment	MSA (Farris & Korasick)
Cape Girardeau County Archives	Jackson / Cape Girardeau	04/23/09	MDHI assessment	MSA (Fox, Korasick, & Morrow)
Iron County Historical Society	Ironton / Iron	04/23/09	MDHI assessment	MSA (Fox, Korasick, & Morrow)
Ozark Heritage Center	Salem / Dent	04/23/09	MDHI assessment	MSA (Fox, Korasick, & Morrow)
James Memorial Library	St. James / Phelps	04/23/09	MDHI assessment	MSA (Fox & Korasick)
Washington Historical Society	Washington / Franklin	04/28/09	conservation & MDHI assessment	MSA (Glankler & McKinney)
Boone County Historical Society	Columbia / Boone	04/28/09	general consultation	MSA (Dougan)
Friends of Historic Boonville	Boonville / Cooper	04/29/09	archival consult & MDHI assessment	MSA (Collings & Fox)
Audrain County Museum	Mexico/Audrain	04/29/09	general consultation	MSA (Collings & Fox)
Audrain Co. Area Genealogical Society	Mexico/Audrain	04/29/09	general consultation	MSA (Collings & Fox)
Gasconade County Archives	Hermann / Gasconade	04/30/09	general consultation; MDHI assessment	MSA (Korasick & Morrow)
University of Missouri Museum of Anthropology	Columbia / Boone	05/12/09	archival consultation; MDHI assessment	MSA (Croteau)
Boone County Historical Society	Columbia / Boone	05/13/09	archival consultation; MDHI assessment	MSA (Croteau)
Gasconade County Archives	Hermann / Gasconade	05/21/09	follow-up to April 30 consultation	MSA (Korasick & Morrow)

Webster University	City of St. Louis	05/28/09	archival consultation, conservation consultation, MDHI assessment	MSA (Fox & Glankler)
St. Louis Recorder	City of St. Louis	05/28/09	MDHI assessment	MSA (Fox & Glankler)
Morgan County Historical Society	Versailles / Morgan	05/29/09	archival consultation	MSA (Korasick)
Miller County Historical Society	Tuscumbia / Miller	06/22/09	general consultation	MSA (Korasick)
Emmaus Homes	Marthasville / Warren	07/09/09	MDHI assessment	MSA (Glankler)

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