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Rarely-Seen Historic Treasures on Public Display for 3rd Annual “Sacramento Archives Crawl” on October 5

Plus, Popular Free Event Includes Special Preservation Fair at Library Galleria

SACRAMENTO, CA (September 3, 2013) – In celebration of National Archives Month, archives and special collections libraries from throughout the region will showcase their rarely-seen holdings during the 3rd annual **Sacramento Archives Crawl** on Saturday, October 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free and open to the public, the theme for the event this year is *A Passion to Preserve*, and crawl participants can expect to see a wide range of historic materials plus receive helpful advice and “how-to” information about caring for their own family archives. Showcasing historic treasures from twenty-three Northern California institutions, special artifacts will be on public display for one-day-only at four host locations, including the [California State Archives](#), the [California State Library](#), the [Center for Sacramento History](#), and the [Sacramento Public Library](#).

For the first time, the annual Archives Crawl will include a free, all day Preservation Fair at the Tsakopoulos Library Galleria. Professionals from the preservation community – conservators, archivists, bookbinders, and art/photo restorers and framers – will be on-hand to answer questions and make suggestions on caring for family papers, photographs, art, textiles and even home movies.

As part of the Archives Crawl, participants can visit four host locations, all located within downtown Sacramento. At the four locations, the public can view archival collections on display and take behind-the-scenes tours. A sampling of the items on special display for the event this year include an 1857 replica of the Great Seal of the State of California painted on glass that once hung in the U.S. Capitol Building (California State Archives), the 1854 Official Map of the City of Sacramento with vignettes that was professionally restored five years ago (Center for Sacramento History) and an 1899 telephone book that covers California, Oregon and Washington housed in a gorgeous custom clamshell box (Sacramento Public Library). In addition, representatives from other archives and special collections libraries will be at the host locations to discuss their archival collections – historic photographs, rare books, historic artifacts – and answer questions about how to connect with local history resources.

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Following is a list of the four host locations and the repositories that will be set up at each. Participants may start at any of the four locations:

California State Archives (1020 O Street)

El Dorado County Historical Museum
Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park, Gold Rush Research Library
Nevada County Historical Society, Searls Historical Library
Placer County Museums Archives & Research Center
Root Cellar, SGS Library
Sacramento City College Archives
San Joaquin County Historical Society and Museum
Society of California Archivists

California State Library (900 N Street)

California State Parks Archives
California State University, Chico
University of California, Davis

Center for Sacramento History (551 Sequoia Pacific Blvd)

Congregation B'nai Israel Archives
Little People of America Archives
Sacramento River Delta Historical Society
Sacramento History Foundation
Yolo County Archives

Sacramento Public Library, Sacramento Room (828 I Street)

California State Military Museum, Walter P. Story Research Center
California State Railroad Museum Library
California State University, Sacramento
Roseville Historical Society
Roseville Public Library, Local History Collection

Free Archives Crawl passports will be given to guests as they visit the first host institution of their choice. The passport provides a map of the event and information about the participating institutions. Event attendees who get their passport stamped at three of the four host sites will be given a set of limited-edition commemorative coasters that celebrate the *A Passion to Preserve* theme. The set of coasters include reproductions of a Japanese Sen Nin Bari vest, the first Sacramento City Seal, the California State Seal, and the earliest known image of Sacramento. Free transportation between host locations will be provided via a 1950s-era transit bus.

This event was made possible by financial support from Hollinger-Metal Edge, SMUD, Stonebridge Properties, the California State Library Foundation, the Gordon-Goldstein Foundation, the Sacramento History Foundation, and the Sacramento Public Library.

For more information about the 3rd annual Sacramento Archives Crawl, please visit www.sacarchivescrawl.blogspot.com. The Sacramento Archives Crawl is part of Archives Month, a nationwide celebration held each October to raise awareness of the value of archives and to recognize the archivists who bring the past to the present. For information about other events in California, visit www.calarchivesmonth.org.