

Mission

The Massachusetts State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) provides leadership, advocacy and guidance to help ensure the identification, preservation, and use of the Commonwealth's public and private historical resources. The SHRAB encourages and supports communication and coordination among the historical records communities and the public. The SHRAB facilitates and helps identify projects that preserve these resources and make them accessible. Funding from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) supports the activities of the SHRAB.

Background

The SHRAB operates under the provisions of federal regulations to serve as the state-level review body for proposals submitted to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) grant program. It also serves as the Archives Advisory Commission (AAC) for the Commonwealth. The Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Governor appoint volunteer Board members in accordance with MGL Chapter 9 Section 2A.



Archival Field Fellowship at the Museum of African American History

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Our Mission and Goals



NHPRC
DOCUMENTING DEMOCRACY
National Historical Publications and Records Commission



Archival Field Fellowships bring together emerging archival professionals and cultural heritage institutions to process archival collections

Key Priorities and Strategies

The SHRAB is currently revising our five-year Strategic Plan and goals to provide support and resources to cultural heritage workers, organizations, and groups with archival collections throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. For more information about this process, please visit the SHRAB website at www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcshrab/shrabidx.htm.

Archival Field Fellowships

The Archival Field Fellowships (AFF) program provides support to cultural heritage institutions and to emerging archival professionals by bringing them together to process archival collections. Accepted institutional applicants to the program will receive funding for the purchase of archival supplies through a SHRAB regrant. The institution will also be paired with a paid Field Fellow trained in archival management who will rehouse and process a collection using the supplies. Accepted Field Fellows applicants will be supervised remotely by the Roving Archivist. This program increases hands-on assistance to Massachusetts cultural heritage repositories while offering mentorship and experience to early professionals. The Archival Field Fellowships program is made possible with grant funding from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC). For more information, visit the SHRAB website at www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcshrab/shrabidx.htm.

SHRAB Programs:

- Roving Archivist
- Regrants
- Archival Field Fellowships
- Trainings and Resource Guides
- Annual Conference

What is a Roving Archivist?

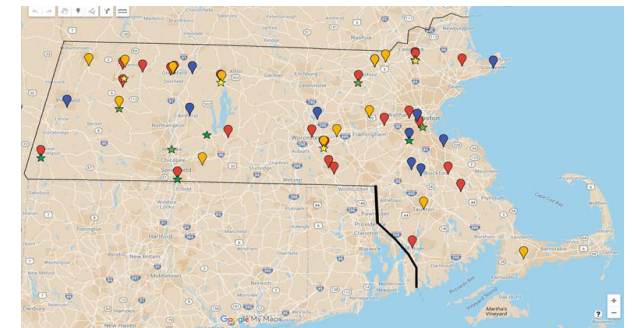
A Roving Archivist is a trained archival professional who is contracted by the MA SHRAB, through funding from the NHPRC, to provide assistance to institutions in Massachusetts. The Roving Archivist is available to provide advice on policies, procedures, arrangement and description of records, preservation planning and emergency preparedness. For more information on the Roving Archivist program, visit the MA SHRAB website at www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcshrab/shrabidx.htm.



The Roving Archivist can help you gain intellectual and physical control of your materials

Examples of Massachusetts groups that have benefitted from Roving Archivist services and Regrant funds through the MA SHRAB and NHPRC

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| Adams Historical Society | Hamilton Historical Society |
| American Textile History Museum | Longmeadow Historical Society |
| Amherst Media | Lowell Historical Society |
| Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts | Medfield Peak House Heritage Center |
| Annisquam Historical Society | Old Colony Historical Society |
| Association for Gravestone Studies | Plainfield Historical Society |
| Berkshire Historical Society | The Rivers School |
| Brookline Historical Society | Sharon Historical Society |
| Chelmsford Telemedia | Sons and Daughters of Hawley, Inc |
| Dedham Historical Society | Town of Fitchburg |
| Eaglebrook School | Town of Grafton |
| Easton Historical Society | Town of Mashpee |
| Egremont Historical Commission | Town of Westborough |
| Erving Public Library | Uxbridge Free Public Library |
| Fall River Public Library | Wayland Historical Society |
| Franklin Regional Council of Governments | Weymouth Public Library |
| Golden Ball Tavern Museum | Wilbraham & Monson Academy |
| Goodnow Library | Worthington Historical Society |



Roving Archivist and regrant program in action around the Commonwealth