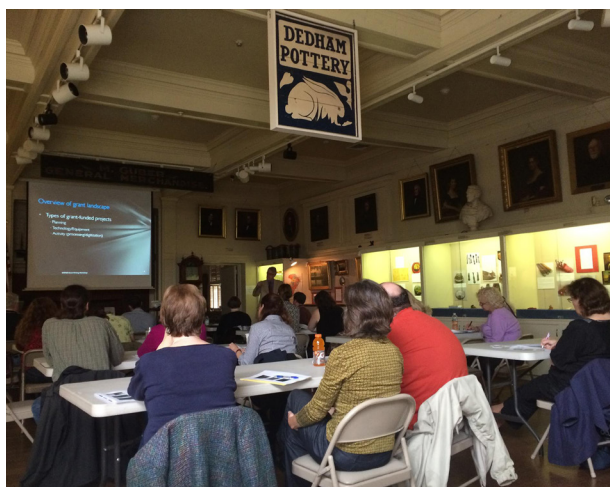


Mission

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.



Grant Writing Workshop at the Dedham Historical Society

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Our Mission and Goals



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

Key Priorities and Strategies

Provide information, educational opportunities, and direct support to assist Massachusetts's historical records communities in identifying, preserving, and providing access to historically significant records.

- **Assist** historical records caretakers in the arrangement, description, and preservation of their records through a vital and growing Roving Archivist program and Regrant funds to purchase archival supplies.
- **Develop** educational opportunities in response to the needs of the historical records communities.
- **Provide** a platform for online cataloging of records.

Publicize grant opportunities, review grant proposals and guide applicants in obtaining grant funds from NHPRC and other sources.

- **Offer** consultation and draft review to those applying for NHPRC and other grants.
- **Provide** grant writing workshops to assist applicants in drafting grant proposals.

Serve as a catalyst to build the community of those concerned with historical records through in-person and online networking and educational events and forums.

- **Collaborate** with other organizations in support of an annual educational and networking event.
- **Support** an online directory of historical records organizations and repositories.

SHRAB Programs:

- Roving Archivist
- Regrants
- Grant Writing Workshops
- Annual Conference
- Archival Field Fellowships

What is a Roving Archivist?

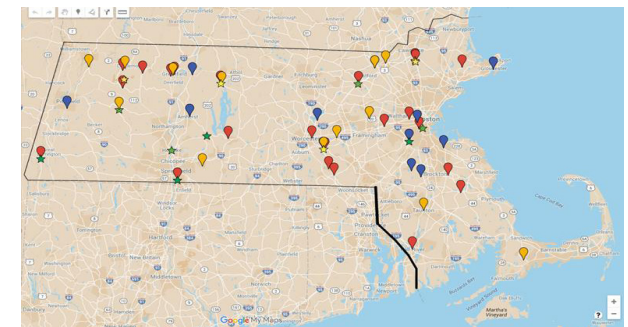
A Roving Archivist is a trained archival professional who is contracted by the MA SHRAB, through funding from the NHPRC, to provide assistance to institutions in Massachusetts. The Roving Archivist is available to provide advice on policies, procedures, arrangement and description of records, preservation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

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