

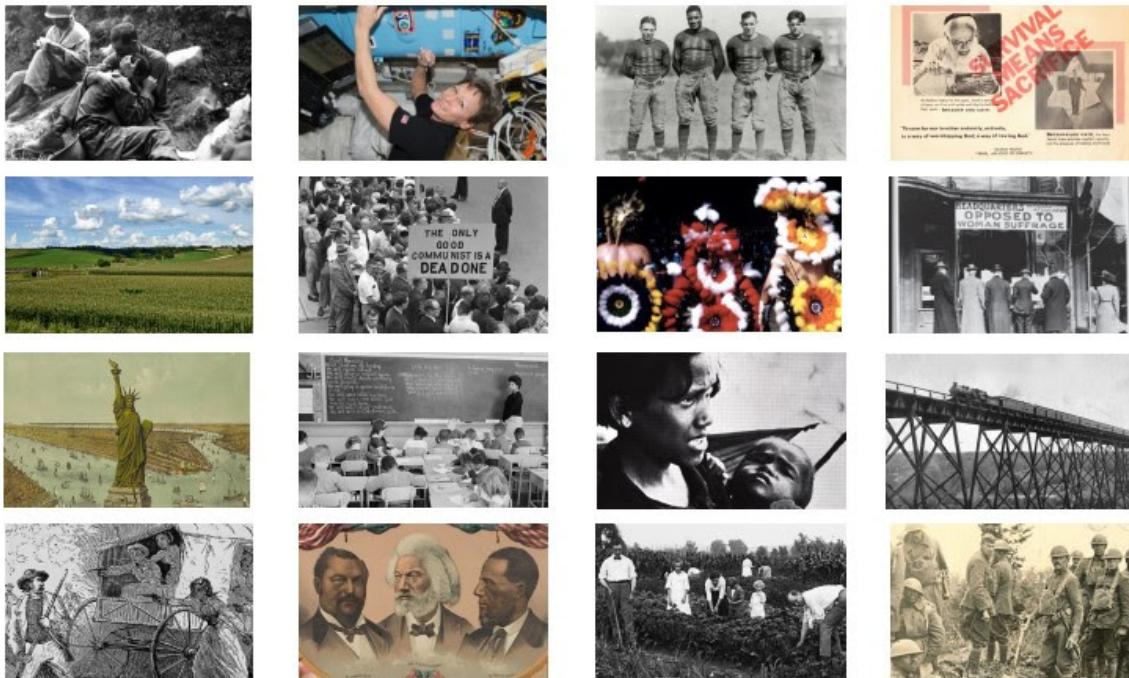
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## Primary Source Sets Reach One Million Views



There is a big demand for history materials among educators and homeschoolers across the state – and they're finding them on the State Historical Society of Iowa's website. The Primary Source Sets, a free and downloadable educational resource we developed in August 2017, recently surpassed **one million views**. The site's initial roster of 12 sets has grown to 64, featuring more than 1,400 primary sources from the State Historical Society of Iowa's archives and the Library of Congress' collections as well as research centers, archives and museums across the United States. Here's a sampling of the sources:

- [A Meskwaki pictograph, ca. 1830](#), from the [Meskwaki culture](#) set.
- [A 1917 photo of African-American Captains at Fort Des Moines](#), from a source set called "[Civil Rights: Before, During and After the World Wars](#)."
- [A 1928 pamphlet about "Hoover the Humanitarian!"](#) from the "[Herbert Hoover's Legacy](#)" set.
- [A photo of a woman on a Tractor Pulling Farm Machinery, ca. 1939](#), from the "[World War II Homefront](#)" set.

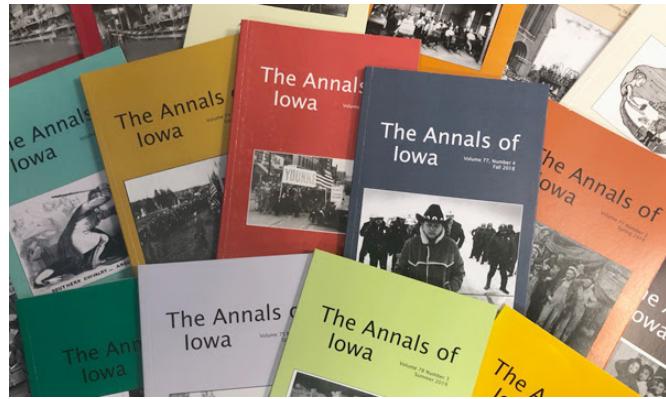
- [\*\*A panoramic photo of Iowa City in 1907\*\*](#), from a source set called "[\*\*Rural Life in a Modern Age.\*\*](#)"

In partnership with the Iowa Department of Education, support for the online resources comes through a Teaching With Primary Resources Grant from the Library of Congress. Free and downloadable, the educational materials include international, national and Iowa history, and they help K-12 educators meet the Iowa Core Content Standards for Social Studies.

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## Annals of Iowa sees rise in downloads

The search for Iowa history among the Annals of Iowa also saw a huge surge in October. The journal's online activity increased from 28,300 views in September to nearly 55,000 views last month, fueled largely by interest in a 1967 article called "[\*\*Hugh Forbes, Soldier of Fortune.\*\*](#)" Here's a list of October's most popular downloads:



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- "[\*\*Hugh Forbes, Soldier of Fortune\*\*](#)" (3,232)
- "[\*\*Herbert Hoover and the Issue of Race\*\*](#)" (436)
- "[\*\*Famous American War Songs\*\*](#)" (395)
- "[\*\*Mennonite Family Names in Iowa\*\*](#)" (260)
- "[\*\*Black Disaffection From the Republican Party During the Presidency of Herbert Hoover, 1928-1932\*\*](#)" (247)
- "[\*\*Outstanding Iowa Storms\*\*](#)" (242)
- "[\*\*The Word 'Iowa' — What It Means\*\*](#)" (230)
- "[\*\*The Ku Klux Klan of the 1920s in the Midwest and West\*\*](#)" (163)
- "[\*\*The Life and Legacy of Jack Trice\*\*](#)" (161)
- "[\*\*Iowa's Last Lynching: the Charles City Mob of 1907 and Iowa Progressivism\*\*](#)" (157)



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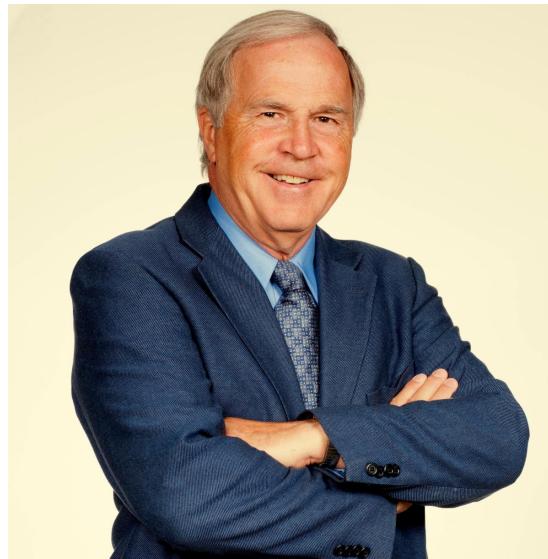
## Iowa Stories on Nov. 19

Celebrate November as National Native American Heritage Month by tuning in online to the next Iowa Stories program, which features the history and evolving traditions of Meskwaki food culture. Shelley Buffalo from the Meskwaki Food Sovereignty Initiative will discuss the group's work to promote local and indigenous foods and medicines to promote health and wellbeing through a farm-to-school program, a maple syrup camp, a seed-saving library, a food-film festival and much more. [Learn more at dsm magazine.](#)

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## Remembering Tom Morain

Tom Morain "did more than anyone we know to cultivate appreciation of Iowa history," according to a recent [tribute](#) in The Des Moines Register. Please join State Curator Leo Landis and Iowa Public Radio host Charity Nebbe a to share memories of Tom, who died last month after a distinguished career leading the State Historical Society of Iowa, Living History Farms and history projects across the state. The online event starts at 7 p.m. on Nov. 24.



[REGISTER FOR THE EVENT](#)

## Celebrate Iowa Gala Tickets on Sale Now

Purchase your tickets now for this one-of-a-kind online celebration of all things Iowa, a statewide celebration of Iowa arts, history, film and culture! This year's event will



feature special guests, musical performances and a mix of virtual experiences you won't want to miss. The evening will include conversations with notable Iowans, a showcase of Iowa's arts, culture and musical performances, and an interactive mixer with Iowa's greatest asset – Iowans like you.

## PURCHASE TICKETS

**Friday, December 11, 2020**

6:00 p.m. Virtual VIP Reception  
7:00 p.m. Virtual Celebrate Iowa Gala  
8:00 p.m. Virtual Cultural Mixer

*Proceeds from the Celebrate Iowa Gala provide essential support for statewide education initiatives and exhibits of the State Historical Society of Iowa and the State Historical Museum of Iowa – including programs leading up to the 175th anniversary of Iowa statehood on Dec. 28, 2021.*

## New Tours in Iowa Culture App Feature Veterans and WWI

The history of Iowa veterans and World War I are the focus of two new featured tours on the Iowa Culture mobile app.

**Veterans Remembrances Tour:** Explore the ways that Iowans have honored veterans and the impact they had on our state. One of the featured sites is the Keokuk National Cemetery, one of 134 national cemeteries across the United States, where veterans from every war and branch of service have been laid to rest since it was established in 1862.

**World War I Tour:** See how Iowans were involved in World War I and the many ways generations of Iowans have remembered those who served. One of the sites on the tour is the Sailors and Soldiers Memorial Bandstand in Spillville, where a group called the Civic Improvement Association formed in 1919 and built a bandstand as a memorial to those who fought for liberty and equality during the First World War.



CHECK OUT THE APP



## Rural Revitalization Grant Applications due Feb. 1

The State Historic Preservation Office is now accepting applications for the newly named Iowa's Rural Heritage Revitalization Grants program. Earlier this fall, SHPO received \$600,000 to redistribute in historic preservation grants, funded by a \$4.8 million grant from the National Park Service's Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program. Iowa's local governments and nonprofits that own properties on the National Register of Historic Places are eligible to apply for grants ranging from \$75,000 to \$125,000. Apply by Feb. 1.

### APPLICATION GUIDELINES

## Programs & Events

Through Nov. 23: [\*\*Featured Tour: Grant Wood Scenic Byway\*\*](#)

Through Nov. 23: [\*\*Featured Tour: Loess Hills National Scenic Byway\*\*](#)

Through Nov. 30: [\*\*Featured Tour: World War I\*\*](#)

Through Dec. 21: