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FROM: Dick Lankford, State Archivist
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RE: Traveling Archivist State and National Archival Partnership (SNAP) Grant
from National Historical Publications and Records Commission

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On August 1, 2009, the North Carolina State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) was awarded a \$33,223 federal grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) to fund a "Traveling Archivist Program" for our state. This is a pilot program that provides sorely needed training and assistance in collections management and preservation to cultural entities throughout the state that hold archival records and historical papers that may be at risk.

The SHRAB, in collaboration with the State Archives, will identify collections which are potentially threatened by damage, neglect, or deterioration, and demonstrate hands-on preservation and collection care techniques and best practices to these repositories. Organizations selected for an on-site visit will receive instruction and hands-on training from the program's traveling archivist, Dr. Harry Keiner. They will also receive an archives starter kit containing basic supplies to house, label, and properly store archival materials.

Under the terms of the grant, Dr. Keiner will visit a minimum of forty institutions statewide to provide consultation and training services during the eighteen month duration of this grant. His salary and travel expenses to visit these repositories are paid from the NHPRC grant.

This program helps preserve North Carolina's historical records and history, provides operational support for the State Historical Records Advisory Board, and fulfills a key part of the SHRAB's strategic plan implemented in October 2006.

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