

UNL Students Call for Historical Contributions from the Community
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Lincoln, NE, [RELEASE DATE] - The University of Nebraska- Lincoln History Harvest project, along with the Nebraska State Historical Society, will host its third History Harvest on Saturday, March 15, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 3p.m., at the Nebraska History Museum in downtown Lincoln at the corner of 15th and P Streets.

The History Harvest at UNL is an innovative project that brings together computer science and history students in order to produce a digital history of Nebraska generated by and for the people of Nebraska.

"Because so many historical sources and archives are in people's attics or in trunks, the History Harvest program will help make these important items available for teachers and scholars," University of Nebraska-Lincoln history professor Will Thomas said in a news release.

"Participants in the harvest will be able to share the stories behind these artifacts and help open up new stories about Nebraska's past." Anyone who can add to the history of Nebraska is invited to come and contribute to the free event. The materials we are looking for include, but are not limited to, diaries, photographs, letters, maps, images, war memorabilia, and other family/cultural heirlooms.

During the event, students will not keep these treasured items, rather they will digitally document them with your help. Following the harvest, the students working on the project will digitize the Nebraska history materials and make them available in a shared archival website and eBook for schools, universities, colleges and interested citizens.

On the day of the event, there will be street parking available and a drop off zone for loading and unloading at the Centennial Mall Nebraska History Museum bus turnout. There is also a parking garage nearby on 14th and P Streets.

For more information about The History Harvest, contact the Department of History, University of Nebraska-Lincoln at [phone number], or [professor/instructor] at [email]. For questions on the day of the event, please call the Nebraska History Museum at [phone number].

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