



OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

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Clerk's Office Archivist to Present at the Midwest Archive Conference

Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, announces that Phil Costello, Chief Deputy Clerk of Archives, will give a presentation titled "All about Oddities: Crazy, Quirky Collections and Those Who Use Them" during the annual spring meeting of the Midwest Archives Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The conference will be held Thursday, April 29 through Saturday, May 1, at The Wyndham Milwaukee Center. Mr. Costello's presentation will be given on Saturday May 1, from 10:30 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Mr. Costello's workshop will discuss the aspect of archival work that involves receiving and providing access to strange and unusual items within collections.

For example, Mr. Costello will share documents from the Clerk's Office's Archives involving the Black Sox scandal, Satchel Paige's divorce, gangster "Baby Face" Nelson's will and the John Wayne Gacy case.

"I am proud of the work that Mr. Costello and our Archives and Records Management staff do in the Clerk's Office," said Clerk Brown. "Their expertise helps preserve the precious court records, documentary history and heritage of Cook County for future generations to learn from and understand."

The Archives Department of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County was established in 1992, to collect, preserve, and make available to researchers the non-current records created by the Cook County Court systems. Holdings date back to the 1871 Chicago Fire.

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