

Calling Railroad History Fans for Event May 15 at NET Television in Lincoln

LINCOLN, Neb. (April 21, 2010) -- NET Television and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) History Department are inviting all Nebraska railroad history fans, collectors and genealogists to the first-ever "NET History Harvest for Railroad History." The event will be held Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the NET Television Studios at 1800 North 33rd Street in Lincoln.

The History Harvest will allow members of the general public to bring their old letters, photographs, diaries, maps, images, documents or other railroad-related items to share with historians. The objects will be analyzed and discussed with the owner, photographed, videotaped and documented.

The goal of the project is to digitize Nebraska history materials and make them available in a shared online repository for schools, universities, colleges and interested citizens. Some people and their objects may even be featured in an NET Television segment.

For more information and to sign-up to reserve a time, visit netNebraska.org/historyharvest or call 800-634-6788. The registration period begins Tuesday, April 20, and runs through Wednesday, May 12.

UNL History Professor Will Thomas says, "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. Participants in the harvest will be able to share the stories behind these artifacts and help open up new stories about Nebraska's past."

NET and UNL's Department of History expect to take the History Harvest on the road in Nebraska next year, visiting communities and working with libraries, local history societies and educators to digitize the state's rich and diverse history. Nebraska would be the first state to conduct a History Harvest.

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