



**State of Vermont**  
**Office of the Secretary of State**  
128 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05633-1101

[phone] 802-828-2363  
[fax] 802-828-2496  
[www.sec.state.vt.us](http://www.sec.state.vt.us)

**James C. Condos, Secretary of State**  
**Christopher D. Winters, Deputy Secretary**

October 1, 2015

Contact: Liz Kane, 802.828.2148

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **VERMONT STATE ARCHIVES CELEBRATES ARCHIVES MONTH WITH OPEN HOUSES**

Montpelier, VT – Secretary of State Jim Condos and State Archivist Tanya Marshall announced today that the Vermont State Archives and Records Administration (VSARA) will be holding two open houses followed by guest presentations during the month of October in celebration of Vermont Archives Month. The open houses, which include behind-the-scenes tours of the State Archives, will be held on Wednesday, October 14 and Wednesday, October 28 beginning at 5:00 pm with presentations scheduled to start at 6:00 pm.

“Vermont Archives Month is a perfect time to discover the uniqueness and richness of our state and its citizens as documented in private and public archives throughout the state.” said Secretary of State Jim Condos. “I highly recommend marking your calendars!”

- Wednesday, October 14, military aviation historian Brian Lindner tells the story of Vermont’s most famous aviation disaster. His presentation, *The History of the Camels Hump Bomber Crash*, marks the 71<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the crash, which occurred on October 16, 1944. Actual wreckage from the crash site and related records will be available for reviewing.
- Wednesday, October 28, researcher Jason Smiley reveals the unusual history of the Eddy family, a well-known 19<sup>th</sup> century family of spirit mediums from Chittenden, Vermont. *Governing the Supernatural: The State of Vermont takes on Spiritualists, Mediums, and the Uncanny*, an exhibit featuring state archival records, will also be on display.

The Vermont State Archives and Records Administration is located at 1078 US Route 2 in Middlesex and both events are free and open to the public. VSARA’s events are co-sponsored by the Vermont Historical Records Advisory Board (VHRAB), which is chaired by State Archivist Tanya Marshall.

In addition to VSARA’s events, VHRAB is co-sponsoring two additional Archives Month events, both co-hosted by the Vermont Historical Society.

- Saturday, October 10, VSARA Archivist Mariessa Dobrick will tell the stories of artistic Vermont criminals and their counterfeiting and forgery crimes as found in records in the State Archives. The event is at the Vermont History Center in Barre and begins at 2:00 pm.
- Thursday, October 15 at the Montpelier Senior Activity Center, paper conservator M.J. Davis will offer a lecture on caring for treasured family records. Lecture begins at 1:00 pm.

Directions and additional information are available at [www.vermont-archives.org](http://www.vermont-archives.org) or by contacting VSARA at [archives@sec.state.vt.us](mailto:archives@sec.state.vt.us) or 802-828-2308.

*Jim Condos is Vermont’s Secretary of State.*

