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ISHS Centennial Awards
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SPRINGFIELD: The Illinois State Historical Society seeks applications for the 2025 Centennial Awards program, which recognizes Illinois-based corporations that have conducted business in the Prairie State for 100 years or more. To date more than 1,500 Illinois businesses and not-for-profit corporations have received the designation since the program began in 1984. The list includes international businesses such as John Deere Company (Moline, 1837), and other Illinois enterprises as First State Bank of Western Illinois (Macomb, 1904), Dauber Pharmacy (Mascoutah, 1853), and Turnbull Funeral Home (Monmouth, 1884).

“The ISHS Centennial Awards Program is the only statewide initiative recognizing Illinois-based companies that have successfully reached the century milestone and beyond, surviving economic downturns, the Great Depression, a world war, and marketplace uncertainty,” said ISHS executive director William Furry. “We celebrate the entrepreneurial spirit in the Prairie State and those companies that have built on the promise of Illinois as a great place to do business.”

Applications for the Illinois Centennial Awards are available online at www.historyillinois.org or from the ISHS home office: ISHS, 411 E. Monroe, P.O. Box 1800, Springfield, IL 62705-1800. Applications are due no later than July 31.

Successful applicants will be notified no later than August 15. The Awards Luncheon will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2025, in Springfield at the Inn at 835.

There is a \$50 non-refundable application fee. Each Centennial Award recipient will receive one complimentary ticket to the luncheon. Award luncheon Invitations will be mailed no later than September 2, with an RSVP date of October 1.

For more information about the Centennial Awards, call 217-525-2781 ext. #2.