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Friends of the Missouri State Archives Recognize the Recorders'

Association of Missouri with 2018 Jonas Viles Award

Jefferson City, Mo. — The Friends of the Missouri State Archives are happy to announce the recipient of their 2018 Jonas Viles Award is the Recorders' Association of Missouri. Named after the University of Missouri professor who rescued thousands of documents from the capitol lawn after the 1911 fire, this award is annually bestowed on an institution or person that has made a significant contribution to the preservation of Missouri's heritage.

As the custodians of Missouri's land and marriage records, recorders have played a vital role in the preservation of permanent records since statehood. Not only are they extremely conscious of the importance of records preservation, but they are increasingly focused on digital accessibility. Further, user fees collected through their offices fund extensive county-level records preservation projects, as well as those of the Office of the Missouri Secretary of State's Local Records Program.

Their dedication to records preservation was exemplified by their response to the spring 2017 Current River flood in Carter County. Recorders from across the state traveled to Grandin to aid in the drying of permanent records from the Carter County Courthouse in Van Buren, as well as to re-establish computer systems necessary for the provision of essential recorders' office services.

The 2018 Jonas Viles Award was presented to Recorders' Association of Missouri President-elect and Saline County Recorder Jamie Nichols, along with Treasurer-elect and Linn County Recorder Loretta Brookshier, at the Friends of the Missouri State Archives 2018 Annual Meeting held Saturday, June 9, 2018, in the Interpretive Center the James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center in Jefferson City.

For more information about the Jonas Viles Award and a list of past recipients, visit <https://friendsofmsa.org/awards/index.php>.

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