



CELEBRATING HARTFORD'S ANNIVERSARY WITH OFFICIAL TRANSFER OF HISTORIC RECORDS

**---NEWS AND COMMUNITY ADVISORY
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On Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at 11 a.m., Mayor Pedro Segarra will help lead the ceremony to transfer more than 900 boxes of Hartford's records to the Hartford History Center on the third floor of the Hartford Public Library, 500 Main Street in Downtown Hartford.

Stored for more than 90 years in the Town and City Clerk's vault, and archived over the past four years, these treasures of Hartford's history date from 1639 and include tax filings by Hartford luminaries such as Horace Bushnell, Sam Colt, Mark Twain and Noah Webster. Other "finds" include the laying out of city streets, parks, and cemeteries, the planning for festivals and celebrations and police and fire reports. Thus vast number of documents have been described as the "most complete collection" anywhere. Thanks to state grants, they have now been sorted, recorded, and now are readily available to the public.

"In honor of our City's 375th Anniversary, the Hartford Court of Common Council, with approval from the State Library, today we will officially transfer these irreplaceable records to the Hartford History Center of the Main Branch of the Hartford Public Library so that they can become accessible to all," said Mayor Pedro Segarra.

The Hartford History Center is the library's rare book and manuscript collection that is focused on Hartford, its authors, publications and subjects. Joining the celebration will be Council President rJo Winch, Matthew Poland, Chief Executive Office of the HPL, Town and City Clerk John Bazzano, Gregory Davis, President of the HPL Board, and Brenda Miller, Curator of the Hartford History Center.

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