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**Scott County Historical Society Awarded a  
Historical and Cultural Heritage Grant**

*Society directly benefits from funds appropriated by the Legacy Act.*

SHAKOPEE, MN (2/25/2010) — Without a concerted effort, our state's historic and cultural treasures are in danger of being lost to time. The Minnesota Historical Society awards committee approved a Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grant in the amount of \$6,770 to the Scott County Historical Society on January 29, 2010. This grant will support the Scott County WWII Veteran Manuscript project.

Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants are made possible by the Minnesota Legislature from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund created with passage of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment to the Minnesota Constitution in November 2008. The grants are awarded to support projects of enduring value for the cause of history and historic preservation across the state.

**The Scott County WWII Veteran Manuscript**

This project is based on oral histories collected by the Scott County Historical Society from local residents since 2006. It is of enduring value because it describes Scott County during a period of significant national and international change, chronicles local men and women and their military experiences at home and abroad, records life on the home front in Scott County, and documents local connections to major military battles and historical figures. When published, the book will serve as a useful, long-term reference tool for libraries, schools, war scholars and the local community. The manuscript project begins February 8, with an anticipated completion date of November 1, 2010.

**Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants**

The Minnesota Historical Society will award a total of \$6.75 million in Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants to non-profit and educational organizations, government units and tribes during the 2010 and 2011 fiscal year for projects of enduring value for the cause of history and historic preservation across the state. Grants are available in three tiers: Small or "Fast Track" grants of \$7,000 or less, Mid-Size grants between \$7,000 and \$50,000, and Large grants of more than \$50,000.

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