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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--An exhibition at the Tarble Arts Center, Eastern Illinois University, documents life at Joliet Penitentiary between 1890 and 1930.

Approximately 70 prints made from glassplate negatives are included. The negatives were discovered by Richard Lawson when he was an inmate photographer at Stateville Penitentiary in the late 1960s.

The Illinois State Archives later acquired the plates and transferred them to Lawson for preservation and printing. The exhibit is now part of the permanent collection of the University Museum of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

The photographs were taken by a series of unknown inmate photographers and depict various phases of life in the prison. The exhibit will be in the Center through July 31.

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CHARLESTON, IL--"Civil War Genealogy" will be the topic of a public lecture by Dr. George Schweitzer today (Friday) at 6:30 p.m. in Dvorak Concert Hall, Fine Arts Center. There is no admission charge.

Schweitzer, the holder of three doctorates, will speak in connection with a weekend workshop on genealogical, family and local history. The lecture was originally scheduled in the Old Ballroom of the University Union.

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