

**Society for Industrial Archeology - Industrial Heritage Preservation Grant  
Grant Application Cover Sheet**

Date of application:	1. 02/22/2013	Title of Grant:	2. Upper Ohio Valley Steel Documentary-Traveling Exhibit Project	
3. Benjamin Halpern		4. 217-356-5167		5. halpernphoto@gmail.com

Name of Principal Researcher (Send PDF of CV with this application) Phone E-mail

6. 1116 West Green Street	7. Champaign, IL 61821
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8. Public Library of Steubenville and Jefferson County, Alan Hall,	9. 740-282-9782	10. alanh@oplin.org
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Name of Project Sponsor (Organization and contact name) Phone E-mail  
(Send PDF of letters of sponsorship or collaboration)

11. 407 S. 4th Street	12. Steubenville, OH 43952	13. 34-6002728	14. 501(c)3
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Name of Project Co-Sponsor (s) Phone E-mail  
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Name of person or organization receiving the check Phone E-mail

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27. Brief Description of Project (Send full project summary & application narrative in PDF)

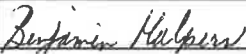
The Upper Ohio Valley Steel Documentary-Traveling Exhibit Project will assemble 31 photographs of the former Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corporation plants at Steubenville, Ohio and Mingo Junction, Ohio to be used in a professional photo exhibit to be shown in the Steubenville area, as well as the Youngstown Museum of Industry and Labor, and Main Street Ohio sites to promote the history and importance of the metal production site that operated for 145 years.

28. Project start date:	05/01/2013	29. Project end date:	04/30/2014
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30. Is this a new proposal ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
31. Is this a resubmitted proposal ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
32. Are you a previous SIA Grant Awardee ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
33. Is this grant your only funding source ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No

34. Total dollar amount requested: (send PDF of full budget)	\$ 3,000.00
35. Total matching funds:	\$ 3,300.00
36. Total project budget:	\$ 6,300.00

37. Print Name of Principal Researcher:	Benjamin Halpern
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38. Signature (Please fax or scan/send PDF)	
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39. Print Name of Sponsoring Org. Official	Alan Hall
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February 13, 2013

Public Library of Steubenville and Jefferson County  
407 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Steubenville, OH 43952  
c/o Alan Hall, Director

Dear Mr. Hall,

The Library at Eastern Gateway Community College is committed to providing exhibit space for photographs as part of the Industrial Heritage Preservation Grant. The upstairs area in the library is well-lit and provides the perfect venue for such a project.

It is our role as a community college to be "community connected." Aiding in the preservation of the history of the local steel industry is a most appropriate activity for our institution, and the Steel Documentary Project fits that criterion admirably.

I look forward to working with the library in the installation of the exhibit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lois Thompson Rekowski". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Lois Thompson Rekowski  
Director of Library Services, EGCC

13 February 2013

Alan Hall, Director  
Public Library of Steubenville and Jefferson County  
407 S.4<sup>th</sup> St.  
Steubenville, OH 43952

Mr. Hall:

I strongly support your application for an Industrial Heritage Preservation Grant from the Society for Industrial Archeology. The Upper Ohio Valley is poised on the brink of momentous changes that will alter the regional industrial environment forever. Historic steel plants in Steubenville and Mingo Junction, Ohio, along with their related landscapes that served as a backdrop to scenes in THE DEER HUNTER, are the latest in a series of facilities threatened by long-term economic trends and short-term business incompetence. Earlier waves of deindustrialization that washed over the Monongahela Valley and other steelmaking centers elicited documentary efforts by public agencies such as the Historic American Engineering Record (National Park Service) and other interested parties; their efforts now reside in the Library of Congress alongside the works of the Farm Security Administration photographers who captured iconic images of the Great Depression. The contemporary political climate is less favorable to comprehensive public projects of this type so efforts to cobble together sources of support for comparably meritorious undertakings deserve thorough consideration.

On behalf of the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor (YHCIL) I can state that we are definitely interested in exhibiting photographs and other products of the regional documentary project now underway in Steubenville and environs. YHCIL is a facility owned by the Ohio Historical Society and operated by the History Department of Youngstown State University. It includes a permanent exhibit on the steel industry of the Mahoning Valley as well as temporary display space. (Some SIA members may recall the site as the reception venue for the 2006 SIA Fall Tour.) There is obvious thematic overlap in YHCIL's focus on regional steel heritage and your current efforts to record endangered places and experiences such as those associated with the #1 blast furnace at Steubenville-North (formerly LaBelle) which operated for a century before being blown out in 2005. Documentation of such endangered monuments to HAER standards will be of value to your community as well as the larger coalition of industrial heritage preservationists in the U.S. and abroad.

I look forward to further collaboration with you and other partners on this important endeavor.

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West Virginia University

West Virginia and Regional History Collection

February 14, 2013

Alan Hall, Director  
Public Library of Steubenville and Jefferson County  
407 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Steubenville, OH 43952

Dear Mr. Hall:

I am writing to confirm that the West Virginia and Regional History Collection at the West Virginia Libraries has agreed to serve as a permanent repository for the photographs generated by the Upper Ohio Valley Steel Documentary Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Cuthbert', written in a cursive style.

John Cuthbert  
Director

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