

## **Update on Archives for March 2024 through May 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting July 2024**

**Digitization Project.** There are 72,467 images, 1,288 maps, and 14,168.pdfs available in the South Dakota Digital Archives. Digitization and cataloging work started on the Doane Robinson collection in April.

**Outreach** 386 people were reached between March and May through presentations and consultations by the archives staff.

The archives staff provided consultations with private individuals and organizations about the care of collections. Consultations were given to nine individuals regarding their photograph and manuscript collections; the South Dakota American Legion in Watertown; the South Dakota EMS, History Nebraska, Deuel County Auditor, Brule County Auditor and the Clerk of Courts, the South Dakota State Library, Clay County Clerk of Courts, the Department of Transportation, the Verendrye Museum in Fort Pierre, the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Clerk of Courts, the Butte County Auditor, the Mitchell Police Department, the City of Roscoe, the Tripp County State's Attorney, Rutland School, and the Clay County Treasurer.

Other outreach activities include:

- Virginia Hanson gave a presentation on Orphan Train History in South Dakota for the Minnehaha County Historical Society on March 21<sup>st</sup>. (103 people)
- The archives organized the history conference on April 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> and met all the attendees. (114 people)
- Virginia Hanson presented to the Kingsbury County Genealogical Society on April 13<sup>th</sup> (55 people)
- Virginia Hanson presented at the Grant County Public Library on April 18<sup>th</sup> (16 people)
- Virginia Hanson represented the archives at the SD Genealogical Society Annual meeting in Belle Fourche on April 19<sup>th</sup>. (12 people)
- The South Dakota Archivists meeting was held on April 17<sup>th</sup> (10 people)
- A press release went out statewide about the donation of the Billy Mills glass plate donation from Shane Balkowitsch.
- Keloland and NOAA both used our image of the 1884 tornado.
- Matthew Reitzel traveled to the Harrisburg Community Library to give a presentation on May 6<sup>th</sup>. (4 people)
- Virginia Hanson, Chelle Somsen, Kim Smith, Nicole Hosette, and Matthew Reitzel attended the Spotted Tail donation ceremony at Georgia Morse Middle School on May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Matthew Reitzel and Kevin DeVries attended a tour of the renovated Verendrye Museum

in Fort Pierre on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

- Chelle Somsen attended a meeting between USD and North Dakota State Archives staff regarding a potential project on Dakota Territorial records on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. (4 people)
- Virginia Hanson gave a presentation on homesteading to the Rapid City Genealogical Society on May 16<sup>th</sup>. (38 people)

### **Archives Month**

Archives Month will be celebrated during the month of October.

### **Personnel**

A request currently with the Department of Education division of finance and management for assistance with supporting the digitization staff is pending. The funding level for these two employees is critically low.

### **Statistics for March 2024 through May 2024**

The Archives received 38 gifts and transfers totaling 57.75 cubic feet and 57,391.32 MB. Thirty-three collections totaling 21.72 cubic feet and 890,898.71 MB were processed. Archives staff handled a total of 876 reference requests by mail, telephone, or email.

**AWARDS/HONORS:** None

**ALERTS:** None