

## **Update on Archives for June and July 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting September 2023**

**Digitization Project.** There are 71,263 images, 1,288 maps, and 13,746 .pdfs available in the South Dakota Digital Archives. Digitization and cataloging work in June and July focused on the manuscript collection of Jane Breeden. Digitization of the photographs in the P boxes also continues.

**Outreach** 555 people were reached in June and July through presentations and consultations by the archives staff. The archives staff provided consultations with Augustana University, the Vermillion Police Department, Union County Veterans Service Office, Davison County Sheriff, Clay County Register of Deeds, Mellette County Equalization office, and private individuals.

The State Archives had a vendor table at the Civics and Education Summit in Sioux Falls in June. Staff met with attendees who stopped to learn more about the digital collections that are available online that are helpful for teachers. Other outreach activities include presentations given by Virginia Hanson and Matthew Reitzel at the National Germans from Russia conference in July.

### **Archives Month**

Archives Month will be celebrated in October 2023.

### **Personnel**

Kimberly Smith was out from 7/1-7/17. Chelle Somsen was out 7/1-7/10. Chelle Somsen prepared and submitted a major budget request for two FTE's so that Sarah Kirchman and Cherri Reed can move from South Dakota Historical Society Foundation employees to state employees. The request goes before the Department of Education division of finance and management for review. Carol Jennings, former government archivist, passed away in June.

### **Statistics for June 2023-July 2023**

The Archives received 18 gifts and transfers totaling 2 cubic feet and 57,747.23 MB. Fifty-seven collections totaling 8.05 cubic feet and 3,038 MB were processed. Archives staff handled a total of 433 reference requests by mail, telephone, or email.

**AWARDS/HONORS:** None

**ALERTS:** None