

Update on Archives for November 2023 through February 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting April 2024

Digitization Project. There are 72,042 images, 1,288 maps, and 14,168.pdfs available in the South Dakota Digital Archives. Digitization and cataloging work included the Abbie Whitney collection and the photographs in the P boxes.

Outreach 205 people were reached between November and February 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 the North Sioux City Library, Mammoth Site, South Dakota American Legion, the Pierre Fire Department, the Yankton Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Timber Lake Historical Society, the Capitol Club, the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation, the City of Deadwood, the Geddes Historical Society, the Watertown Public Library, and private individuals. Consultations were also given to government agencies regarding transfer requests or records management issues. Consults were held with Pennington County Sheriff's office, the Union County Veterans Service Office, the De Smet School District, the Meade County Equalization office, the Oldham Ramona School, the Turner County Treasurer, the Custer County State's Attorney, the Pennington County Auditor, the Hutchinson County Treasurer, the Pennington County Treasurer, the Minnehaha County Unified Judicial Service, the Yankton City Library, the South Dakota Department of Education, the City of Box Elder, the City of Alcester, Turner County Auditor, Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the City of Burke, and the Brule County Auditor.

Other outreach activities include:

- Virginia Hanson gave a presentation at the Pierre Area Senior Center on November 2nd. The topic was History and Mysteries of Cemeteries. (78 people)
- South Dakota Archivists meeting was held on December 20th with seven people present.
- Nicole Hosette and Chelle Somsen sat at a vendor table along with Ronette Rumpca and Slater Sabo to promote the historical society during Tribal Relations Day on February 10th. (50 people)
- Archives content is being submitted for the SDSHS membership e-newsletter every month. The focus was on promoting the history conference.
- The Legislative Reception was held on January 11th, at the Capital Lake Visitors Center. The theme was "Like it's 1999" with a Mexican influenced menu. Archives staff assisted with set-up, working the reception and tear-down. (20 contacts)
- Virginia Hanson attended the South Dakota Genealogical Society quarterly

meeting. She shared information on the construction schedule. (12 contacts)

- The State Archives annual report was written and submitted to Research and Publishing for inclusion in the South Dakota State Historical Society annual report to the membership.
- Virginia Hanson gave a presentation at the Fort Pierre Cedar Hill Cemetery group meeting on February 15th regarding cemetery records at the State Archives. (6 people)
- Matthew Reitzel talked with Rae Yost with Keloland about the recently digitized Abbie Whitney collection on February 15th.
- The South Dakota Archivists group met on February 21st. (8 people)
- Matthew Reitzel did an interview with Dale Blegen on the Marian Cramer collection on February 27th.
- Chelle Somsen gave a radio interview with KGFX on February 28th and KCCR on February 29th.

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 November 2023-February 2024

The Archives received 54 gifts and transfers totaling 27.6 cubic feet and 100,678 MB. Forty-nine collections totaling 43.35 cubic feet and 190,837.69 MB were processed. Archives staff handled a total of 995 reference requests by mail, telephone, or email.

History Conference 2024: The conference dates are set for April 5-6, 2024, in Pierre. The speaker agreement forms have been sent and returned, and we are starting to prepare a rough budget. The archives staff held planning meetings on November 2nd, November 30th, December 7th, January 18th, and February 15th. The archives staff have devoted 378.25 hours to coordinating the history conference to date.

The website was updated with vendors, the program schedule and registration information. Sara Casper developed speaker highlights for Facebook posts, Kevin DeVries wrote articles promoting the conference for the society member e-newsletters. Nicole Hosette designed the membership annual meeting registration mailer and designed the ads that were used in advertising. Chelle Somsen appeared on KCCR and KGFX radio stations on February 28th and 29th to promote the conference.

AWARDS/HONORS: None

ALERTS: None