



To: South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees
South Dakota Historical Society Foundation Board
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Your Support Preserves South Dakota History

As the year comes to a close, we invite our staff, Trustees, and Board members to make a special end-of-year gift to support the work the Foundation provides for the State Historical Society. If you haven't yet made a pledge to the Capital Campaign to renovate the Museum, please consider joining this effort with a gift. Gifts can be mailed to: South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, 900 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501 or given online at www.sdhsf.org/donate. Thank you for helping preserve and strengthen South Dakota's history!

America's 250th South Dakota Updates

- **Raffle: Custom Parkwest Arms SD-10 Rifle**
175 tickets were sold for the custom Parkwest Arms SD-10 Single Shot Rifle engraved with the America's 250th South Dakota logo. The winner was Timothy Perry from Heflin, AL. Proceeds support statewide educational programs and events celebrating our nation's founding and South Dakota's role in American history.
- **New Partnership with Maximum Promotions (Sioux Falls)**
Maximum Promotions in Sioux Falls has available 3' x 5' flags and car magnets with the official logos from America's 250th South Dakota and America250.com. To order a flag for your business or home, call Mark Nelsen at (605) 335-1005.
- **Experience Sioux Falls**
The America 250th South Dakota Commission granted Experience Sioux Falls a limited, non-exclusive, royalty-free sublicense to use the official America250® trademarks for activities, programs, and events commemorating the 250th anniversary of the United States.

The Foundation is proud to serve as the fundraising partner of the America's 250th South Dakota Commission.

Please consider a gift to help support these important projects:

- "George Washington" (Faces of Mount Rushmore SD Biography Series) by Gary Gregg
- "150 years of Commemorating the Battle of the Little Bighorn" by Sandy Barnard
- "Kylie and the Very Old Cat" (children's picture book, true story about Badlands fossil find by an 8-year-old girl) by Linda Marshall
- "General William Beadle" (graphic style biography) - written by Justin Blessinger, illustrated by Hector Curriel
- "Dust, Drought, and Creativity: North Dakota Folk Art in the 1930s" by Susan Wefald.

Adopt a Collection in the State Archives

We are looking for donors to adopt a digital collection in the State Archives. By adopting a collection, you'll not only support two digitization positions but also preserve South Dakota's local history. If you know someone who appreciates the work of our archives, please direct them to our special projects pages to make a contribution.

https://www.sdhsf.org/donate/special_projects/saving-sd-digital-collections.html

A New Face at the Foundation

We're excited to welcome Clarissia Drefs from Pierre to the Foundation! She joins us as Executive Administrative Assistant to the CEO, with a focus on finance.

Christmas Presents

Don't forget to support our efforts while checking off your holiday list! Shop at the South Dakota Heritage Store at the South Dakota Capitol or online at www.sdhsf.org/store

Regular store hours are Monday–Friday 9 a.m.–5 p.m. and Saturday 12–4 p.m. Extended holiday hours begin Tuesday, November 25, with the Capitol Tree Lighting Ceremony. During Christmas at the Capitol (Nov. 26–Dec. 23), the store is open Monday–Saturday 9 a.m.–8 p.m. and Sunday 12–4 p.m. Whether shopping for friends, family, or yourself, you'll find something special for everyone.

Upcoming Events

History Talks 7pm CT / 6pm MT

Register at www.sdhsf.org/events

Nov. 18 - History Talks evening w/Philip Hall

"The White River Badlands"

Author and past Foundation board member, Philip S. Hall, shares stories from his book, "The White River Badlands: Its History and Characters." Discover the rugged beauty, colorful past, and enduring spirit of South Dakota's Badlands through the eyes of Philip who's spent a lifetime exploring them.

Dec. 9 - History Talks evening w/Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve

Join author Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve for her presentation on "Writing Memories: Special Places and a Christmas Coat." Hear reflections from her celebrated memoir "The Christmas Coat: Memories of My Sioux Childhood" and insights on turning personal history into story.