



To: South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees  
South Dakota Historical Society Foundation Board

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### **Capital Campaign Assessment Results**

The results from the capital campaign assessment were presented to the Foundation board at the August meeting. Donors and members are very interested in having a relationship with the Board of Trustees, Foundation board, and staff. Capital campaign efforts will take all of us working together to be successful.

### **Adopt a collection in the State Archives**

The Jane Rooker Breeden Papers have been digitized thanks to a donation by Jane Page and Ruth Page Jones. This collection can now be found in the SD Digital Archives.

<https://sddigitalarchives.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p15914coll7>

Please help us to identify prospects to adopt a digital collection in the State Archives.

By adopting a collection, you will not only save the jobs of two digitization specialist, but you will preserve South Dakota's stories told through local photographs and documents.

- Collections looking to be adopted are:
  - John Brennan Collection (1,020 photos) - \$17,023
  - Commission on the Status of Women records (85-180) - \$23,000
  - Lt. Gov. Carole Hillard records (2008-26) - \$10,000
  - Alpha Mortenson Collection (3,801 photos) - \$85,114
  - Native American Collection (3,251 images) - \$51,068 This is a large collection and costs may be broken down per collection upon request.
  - South Dakota Buildings and Places Photograph Collection (109 photos) - \$1,500
  - South Dakota Immigration Collection (64 photos) - \$870
  - General Transportation Collection (920 photos) - \$14,753
  - Abbie F. Whitney Collection (68 photos) - \$870

For more information go to [https://www.sdhsf.org/donate/special\\_projects/saving-sd-digital-collections.html](https://www.sdhsf.org/donate/special_projects/saving-sd-digital-collections.html) or call Catherine Forsch.

**Oral History Project** - Interviews for *Changing Times of Women* and *Politics of the 70s, 80s, 90s* continue.

- April 24, 2023 Ginger Thompson interviewed Stephanie Herseth Sandlin on Politics.
- April 27, 2023 Tony Venhuizen interviewed Mark Mickelson and Russ Janklow on Politics. Ben Jones interviewed Robert Miller on Politics.
- August 29, 2023 - Ginger Thomson will interview Margaret Denton and Mary Lynn Myers on the Changing Times of Women
- September 11, 2023 – Tony Venhuizen will interview Barb Smith, Rich Garry, and Larry Piersol on Politics.
- September 13, 2023 – Ben Jones will interview Ron Williamson on Politics.

- September 14, 2023 – Tony Venhuizen will interview Judith Meierhenry on Politics and the Changing Times of Women.
- More interviews are being scheduled for Sept. 11-5.
- Gene Lebrun that was interviewed for Politics last December passed away July 4. This shows the importance of getting the interviews completed.
- We continue to identify donors to assist with the funding for the oral history projects. Please send leads to Catherine Forsch.

### **Heritage Store**

- Just a reminder that the Heritage Store is open at the Capitol and online to purchase merchandise. [www.sdhsf.org/store/shopnow.html](http://www.sdhsf.org/store/shopnow.html)  
As a State Historical Society member, you receive a 10% discount on store purchases. Call Kim or Holly to receive the discount, 605-773-6001.

### **Upcoming meetings**

- Foundation Board Meeting – November 3, 2023 at 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM CT in Pierre and via Zoom
- History Talks – register for 2023 talks at [www.sdhsf.org/events](http://www.sdhsf.org/events)
  - September 14 at 7:00 PM CT via Zoom, Author Linda Marshall will discuss her book *Bob Marshall: Wilderness Hero*.
  - October 12 at 7:00 PM CT via Zoom, Author Peter Oltchick will present on his book *The Story of Coach Stewart "Fergie" Ferguson*.
  - November 9 at 7:00 PM CT presented via Zoom and in person at the Yankton Public Library, 516 Walnut St, Yankton, Author Rich Lofthus will discuss his book *From Wentworth to the Western Front*.