

## January Archives Monthly Report

### RESEARCH REQUESTS

I received and answered sixteen (16) research requests in January. These requests took the form of emails, city employee and department head requests, and researchers.

### COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT

- **Collection 2010.03.14 – Lawrence County Tax Records:** This included renumbering and checking the digital files to the microfilm rolls. Upon completion, I created a memo and contract for the 2023 year. To date there are 156,053 records in this database spanning the years 1879 to 1906.
- **2023 City / HPC Bonded Project Inventory:** I began organizing and developing a master index of bonded projects housed in the archives. The second step will be consolidating and standardizing the boxes of materials and developing finding aides for each project.
- **Shane Pollreisz Acquisition (2023.02):** I lined up a certified appraiser (Peg Aplan) and created photocopies of Pollreisz's collection and researched the contents of this collection. This data was then given to Peg Aplan to review. We received the completed appraisal on January 27, 2023.
- **Archaeological Collection 2019.02 – FourPoints Hotel:** Trevor Santochi and I worked 22.5 hours sorting and reclassifying the objects from the FourPoints archaeological project.
- **Collection 2023.01 – MacroVision Video Library:** I cataloged and updated the PastPerfect and Microsoft Access databases. To date I have cataloged 124 BETA-Cam videos.
- **2023 Photograph Requests:** I received and answered two photograph requests in January.

### PROJECTS

- **Poker Alice "Nude" Painting:** In January, I located a conservator in the Denver, Colorado area who would be willing to repair the plaster and gold guild frame that broke in 2022 at the Brothel Museum. The frame will be hand delivered to the conservator in February.
- **Touch Screen Monitor Project:** I presented Kevin and Forest scanned digital files of the Deadwood Century Awards. This data will be added to the new touch screen monitors in the HPC hallway.
- **Hebrew Text Project:** As part of archaeological collection 2019.02, I separated out the burnt Hebrew text and located a linguist to translate the document fragments from Yiddish to English.
- **Basement Exhibits:** I began designing and writing the text for the two new display cases in the basement of city hall. The title and themes of these cases are *Crime, Law & Punishment* and *Golden Age of Quackery*.

- **Outdoor Interpretive Sign:** I began working on “*Louie’s Chicken Hut*” outdoor interpretive sign. This sign is being funded by the Jewish American Society for Historic Preservation and will discuss the life of African American businessman, Louis Banks.
- **Online Search Engine / Archives Webpage:** At the end of the month, I worked on the city archives webpage and fixed a few links caused by data migration.

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- **2023 National Wild Turkey Federation Presentation:** On January 21, 2023, I gave a 45-minute presentation titled, “*Stories from the Deadwood Archives*”. There were 20 people who attended this presentation.
- **January Safety Meeting:** On January 4, 2023, I attended the city safety meeting.
- **Tour of Archives:** On January 6, 2023, dispensary owner Todd Smith toured the City Archives and requested the use of photographs and objects for his new store. On January 11, 2023, I gave an hour tour of the archives and archaeological lab. On January 25, 2023, staff from the SD-SHPO toured the city archives and archaeological lab. On the same day, Todd Weber also toured the archaeological lab.
- **Offsite Site Visits:** On January 11, 2023, Trent Rechetto and I delivered 34 Lawrence County Tax records to the Case Library at BHSU in Spearfish, SD. On January 13, 2023, Kevin and I went to the Bullock Hotel to review several historic objects. Three of these items (framed and signed tee shirts from the first Deadwood Jam) were donated to the City Archives (Collection 2023.02).
- **South Dakota Tourism Conference:** Kevin requested the use of four traveling exhibit panels to be displayed at the 2023 South Dakota Tourism Conference.
- **Panoramic Photographs in the Commission Chamber:** I helped hang the four, double sided panoramic photographs in the council chambers. The images came from the Coburn Family Collection on file in the city archives.

If you have questions or would like to see what I have been working on, feel free to call or email me at your convenience.

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