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November and December Archives Monthly Report

These are the items I worked on during the months of November and December 2020.

RESEARCH REQUESTS

I received and answered six (6) research requests in November and ten (10) in December. These requests took the form of emails, city employee and department head requests, and researchers.

COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT

During the months of November and December, I worked on the following collections:

- **Archaeological Collection 2010.04 (Deadwood Rec Center):** During the months of November and December, I entered into an Excel spreadsheet an assortment of archaeological objects and assigned box numbers and shelf locations to these items. This included the ammunition, beads, smoking paraphernalia, clothing fasteners, toys, and fabric and leather objects. Beginning in January, I will work on the five boxes of ceramics that contain manufacturer marks. The focal point of this project is to make room in the receiving room for the new archaeological collection from the 2019-2020 Tin Lizies archaeological site.
- **Archaeological Collection 01-0072 and 02-0110 (Deadwood Chinatown Collection):** During the months of November and December I worked with Barb Fosheim on the Deadwood Chinatown collection. This included entering the catalog numbers into an Excel spreadsheet and assigning box and shelf locations. This occurred simultaneously when I was working on the above collection.
- **Public Works Architectural Plans and Specification Books:** In November the Public Works office dropped off a large assemblage of architectural plans and specification books. I was asked to review the plans, cull out duplicates and scan in any new plans. It was also decided that the specification books should be incorporated with the appropriate project files. As time permitted, I began on the architectural plans and it is my goal to have these all filed by the summer of 2021.
- **Donation 2020.09 Slaska Family Motion Picture Collection:** In December, I received the digital files and original 8mm film from Movette Film Transfer. Once I received these items, I mailed copies of the digital files to Shelly Nisly as part of our agreement for the donation.
- **Donation 2020.10 Deadwood Dicks Collection:** On December 15-18, and December 21, 2020, I was asked to review an assortment of records at Deadwood Dicks Antique Shop located at 51-55 Sherman Street. Deadwood Dicks Antique owners Mary and David Larson were members of the Deadwood You Bet Committee, former Historic Preservation and Planning & Zoning Commissioners, and longtime Chamber of Commerce members (1986-2000). The items I reviewed and collected include minutes from the above committees, advertisement posters, newspaper clippings, books, architectural plans, and other related ephemera. These items have been roughly sorted and wait cataloging. On a side note, the new owners of the building were going to throw away the second surrogate set of glass transparencies as part of gutting the building. On December 21, 2020 city staff removed this exhibit (frame, light box, and

transparencies). The plates are now stored at City Hall and the light box and frame are located at the Days of 76 Museum storage facility.

- **2020 Oral History Project:** In December, I contacted several individuals as part of the 2020 oral history project. After talking with them via telephone, I sat down and drafted a series of questions based on the pre-interview conversation. The individuals who were interviewed in December include Phyllis and Gerald Pokorney, Ken Hawki and Cathy Sulentic-Morcom. By years end, we collected a total of nine oral histories.
- **Lawrence County Indexing Project – Tax Records:** In December, independent contractor Don Toms completed Book #02 of the 1897 tax records. To date, there are 71,950 entries in this database constituting the years 1880 to 1897.

PROJECTS

- **Deadwood Mayor Project:** In November and December I continued researching and writing biographies on the Mayors of Deadwood. As of December, I have posted a photograph and biography for each mayor. I still have one more mayor bio that needs to be finalized and uploaded.
- **2021 Deadwood Community Calendar:** In November, I submitted to Cindy the edited photographs and captions for the 2021 community calendar. The calendars were ready for distribution the first week of December. A big thank you goes out to Cindy for helping organize this project.
- **Hot Springs Presentation:** During the months of November and December, I continued to research prominent Deadwood residents who helped form the municipality of Hot Springs, SD. This research was for a 30 minute presentation I gave in January at the Fall River Historical Conference. The title of this presentation was "The Deadwood Connection: The Men who helped shape Hot Springs."

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- **LC Tax Records Road Trip:** On November 2-3, 2020, I drove to Denver, Colorado to drop off the next installment of Lawrence County tax records. This was a whirlwind trip.

If you have any questions or would like to see what I have been working on, feel free to stop in and see me. Although this monthly report is a bit behind, I would like to take this moment and thank you for your support over the 2020 year and wish you the best in 2021 (even though it is February!)

Mike Runge, City Archivist

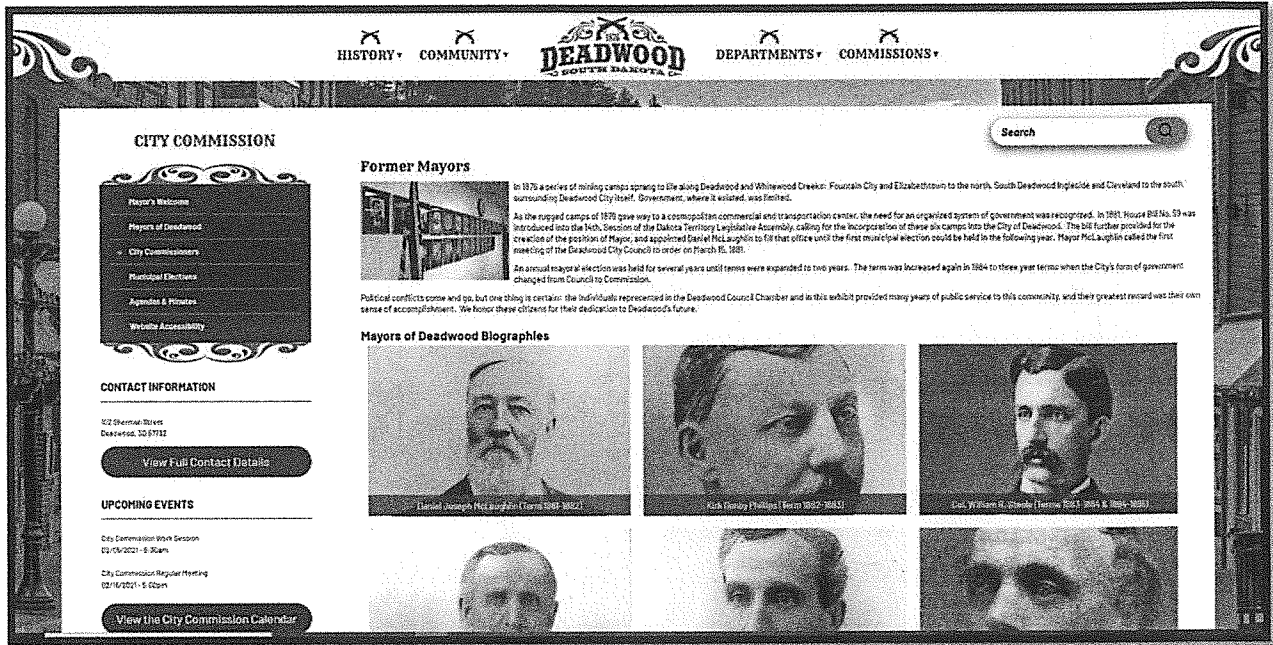


Image #01 Deadwood Mayor biographies webpage.

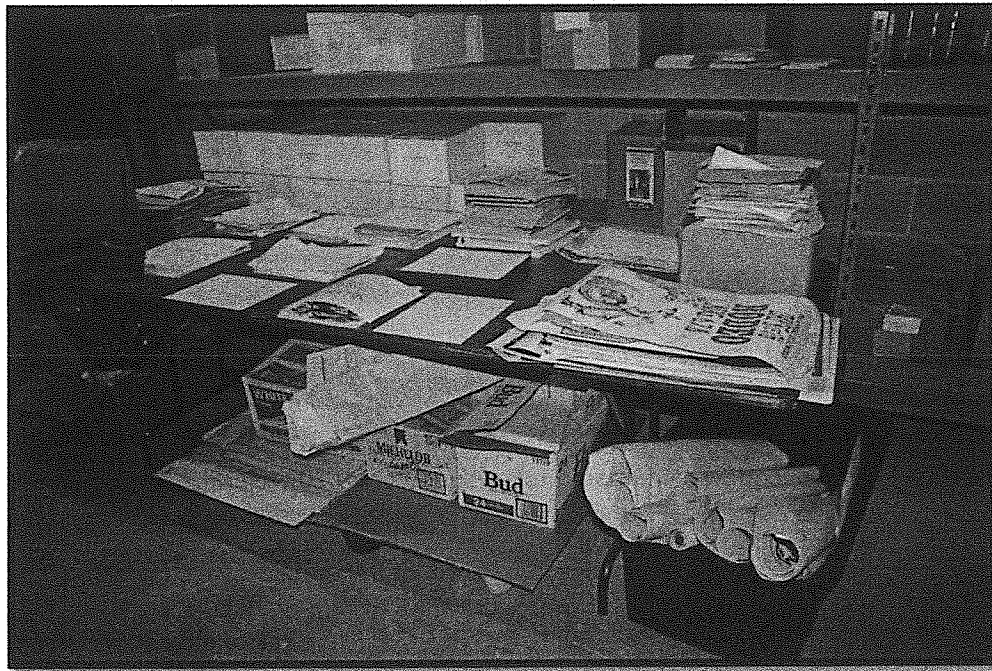


Image #02 overview of paper documents from Collection 2020.10-Deadwood Dicks Antique Shop