

# HISTORIC BLACK HILLS STUDIOS

HOME OF THE FASSBENDER PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION

## Road Show

Be on the lookout for the Fassbender Road Show this spring. The road show is an opportunity for you to help us identify photos in the collection. In addition, you can inquire about volunteering to help with the ongoing cataloguing of the photos and items in the collection.



We had a successful event at the Snappers Club (Spearfish) in April of 2024 and looking forward to another event to engage volunteers. Keep an eye on social media and at [blackhillshistory.org](http://blackhillshistory.org) for details.



### Photography Quote:

“We are not interested in the unusual, but in the usual seen unusually.”

— **Beaumont Newhall**



## Collection on the Move

More than 80 boxes of sorted items from the Fassbender Photographic Collection were moved from Lead City Hall to the Homestake Adams Research & Cultural Center in November. Space in Lead City Hall has served as an ‘overflow’ for the collection for several years. In turn, more than 60 boxes of unsorted items from the collection were moved from cold storage in Deadwood to Lead city hall to re-occupy the shelves. Moving items from cold storage puts them in an improved climate for preservation. In addition, the space is more accessible for beginning evaluation and cataloguing.

Many other items are still in the city of Deadwood cold storage unit. Most of the items are studio, darkroom and miscellaneous retail photography items.



**Above:** Boxes from the collection are staged in an adjacent space to be moved out of Lead City Hall.

**Left:** Ro Lucero joined several volunteers to help move boxes to an enclosed trailer to be transported to Deadwood.

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### Recently Catalogued

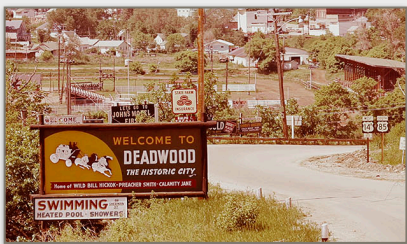
Various promotional images from Deadwood circa 1970.



Broken Boot Gold Mine



76 Cafe Motel and Gift Shop



Welcome to Deadwood sign near junction of U.S. Highways 14A and 85.

### 2025 Conferences

**May 7-9, 2025**  
South Dakota State Historical Society state conference in Deadwood.

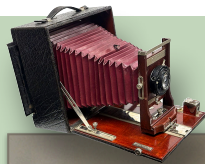
The 2025 Annual History Conference will be in Deadwood on May 8th and 9th. The theme is "Historical Mysteries: In Search of the Buried Past."

**October 1-3, 2025**  
West River History Conference in Deadwood.

The theme for 2025 is "Historic 1876 Deadwood: LIVING the PAST!"

([www.westriverhistoryconference.org](http://www.westriverhistoryconference.org))

### Collection Move (cont.)



**Above:** Boxes from cold storage in Deadwood relocated to Lead city hall.

**At right and below:** Lens caps, filters, bulbs, lenses, cameras and flash guns were among the artifacts moved to Lead.

