

## July and August Archives Monthly Report

These are the items I worked on during the months of July and August 2021.  
I worked remotely from Wisconsin from August 9 to August 23.

### RESEARCH REQUESTS

I received and answered eleven (11) research requests in July and thirteen (13) in August. These requests took the form of emails, city employee and department head requests, and researchers.

### COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT

- **Collection 2016.05 Marlene Todd Collection:** In July, my summer intern Alli Baloun and I cataloged, scanned and entered 315 postcards from the Marlene Todd Collection (2016.05) into PastPerfect. The postcards were from John Bohl who lived at 33 Centennial Avenue from 1914 to 1926. The postcards record Bohl's travels while working for the Western Telegraph Company. A portion of these postcards were included in the PastPerfect online search engine. Finally, Alli created a small exhibit for the "Cabinet of Curiosities" in the Historic Preservation lobby.
- **Collection 2020.10 Deadwood Dicks Antiques:** In July, Alli and I worked on this collection. This consisted of sorting the collection in the ramp area, organizing the archival materials into specific subjects, arranging the contents into chronological order by date, and entering these items into PastPerfect. To date, sixty-five items have been entered and uploaded onto the PastPerfect online search engine. We still have two cubic feet of archival materials that need to be reviewed before being permanently shelved in the central storage facility.
- **Donation 2021.09a Rob Mattox:** In July longtime Deadwood resident Rob Mattox donated a small collection of stationary cards that contained the artwork of Rose Mary Goodson, member of the Company of Fine Arts. These cards contained line drawings of several Deadwood businesses. Interesting to note, Goodson also illustrated several Deadwood history books including Mount Moriah: Kill a Man, Start a Cemetery and Tales of the Black Hills written by Helen Rezatto.
- **Donation 2021.10 Robert Nelson, Jr.:** In August, Public Works Director Robert Nelson Jr. donated several photographs of the February 15, 1982, Ranger Bar Fire. A donation form was filled out and the photographs were then cataloged. Upon its completion, the photographs were featured on the Deadwood Volunteer Fire Department's Facebook page.
- **Donation 2021.11 Chris Houlette Research Library:** In August Chris Houlette of Pierre, SD donated 25 books on Deadwood and northern Black Hills history. Kevin

Kuchenbecker picked these books up in Pierre on September 10, 2021. The books that cannot be used will be given to the Deadwood Public Library upon receiving the donation form from Houlette.

- **Donation 2021.12 Linda and Tom Blair Collection:** In August Deadwood resident Linda Blair dropped off a box of archival materials pertaining to Tom Blair's involvement in Deadwood politics and the Deadwood You Bet Committee. As time permitted, one of my volunteers and I began to process this collection.
- **Loan #2021.03 Bob Bozell / Faunal Collection:** On July 17, 2021, I delivered ten (10) boxes of bone to Bob Bozell, a bone specialist from Omaha, Nebraska. In 2006, Mr. Bozell was hired by the SD-ARC to analyze the bone from Feature 28 unearthed during the 2002 Deadwood Chinatown archaeological investigation. Unfortunately, this report was never completed. In January of 2021, I contacted Mr. Bozell and he agreed to finish the report by December of this year.
- **Deadwood Chinatown / Archaeology Collections:** During July and August, I continued to help Barb Fosheim with reviewing and assigning box and shelf locations to the Chinatown archaeological collection. While this was going on, I began to re-organize the City's collection of archaeological site reports located in the two filing cabinets in the Archaeology Lab. There are 121 recorded archaeological sites within the Deadwood city limits. As part of this project, I verified that each file contained an inventory form, artifact catalog, final report, and associated paperwork pertaining to the site. I then contacted the South Dakota State Archaeological Center (SD-ARC) in Rapid City and requested copies of the reports that were missing in this assemblage. Finally, I repackaged one of the boxes containing freshwater and marine shells. Following a contact provided by Bob Bozell, I located an individual who can identify and write a report on these shells for us. This would be a fall/winter project.
- **2021 Lawrence County Tax Records:** In August independent contractor Don Toms completed transcribing tax ledger 24 (1901). As of August 6, 2021, there are 101,350 tax records in this Microsoft Access database. As time permitted, I updated and corrected the ledger spreadsheet and provided Don a copy for his files.

#### PROJECTS

- **New Outdoor Interpretive Signs Project:** In July and August, I began working on researching and developing ten (10) new outdoor interpretive panels for the Deadwood Rodeo grounds and Whitewood Creek extension trail. The goal is to have three signs ready by December. The topics for these panels include Deadwood's Industrial First Ward, Geology of Lower Deadwood, creation of the Slag Pile, and Days of 76 celebration and rodeo grounds.
- **2020 Oral History Project:** In August, I contacted several individuals as part of the 2021 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 to be interviewed in September include Bill Auer, Mary Schmidt, John Arleth, Stan Angle and Ron Ruso. On a side note, on August 25, 2021, I visited Bill Auer at his home before he committed to participating in the oral history.

- **Mount Moriah Cemetery Traveling Exhibit:** While working remotely, I continued to write and develop the six-part traveling exhibit on the history of Mount Moriah Cemetery. This included working with TDG Communications to develop the masthead, reviewing and writing the text for the panels and locating and securing permissions for the images. My goal is to have the narrative and photographs ready by the end of September.
- **New Exhibit, City Hall Basement:** As time permitted, I began working on a new exhibit in the basement of city hall. This exhibit is titled “What’s for Dinner in the Mining Camps” and will include items from both the archives and archaeological collections.

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- **Tours of Archives and Archaeology Lab:** On July 14, July 30 and August 8 I gave five tours of the Archives and Archaeology lab to visitors.
- **Online Workshop:** On July 27, 2021, summer intern Alli Baloun and I participated in a one-hour objects photography workshop sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission.
- **Randi Cottington Abstract:** In July Deadwood resident Randi Cottington of 21 Guy Street gave me permission to scan a copy of her land abstract. Upon completion, this document was filed in Collection 2007.01.
- **SD-ARC archaeological Collections:** On August 8, 2021, representatives from SD-ARC dropped off two archaeological collections (2004.02 Sherman Street and 2019.01 Outlaw Square). I then gave them a tour of our facility.
- **Fire Calls:** In August, I went to four fire calls on August 25 and August 27, 2021, during regular work hours.
- **Baseball in the Mining Camps Traveling Exhibit:** At the end of August, Watertown Regional Library returned the six-part traveling exhibit. When it arrived, I checked in the exhibit and lightly cleaned the panels.

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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