

HISTORIC BLACK HILLS STUDIOS

HOME OF THE FASSBENDER PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION

Recent Artifacts



Polaroid Flash Gun ca. 1960s



Vintage Kodak close-up attachment



Kodak Pony 828 camera, ca. 1949-1959



Kodak Stereo Field Case ca. 1954-1959

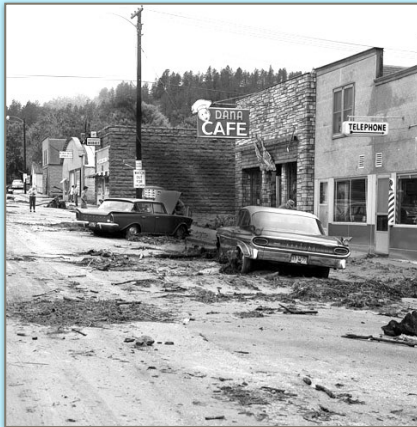
Featured Artifact



Above: A Tamron 3x telephoto lens made to adapt to several types of cameras, including 35mm, medium format and Polaroid.

Artifacts from the Fassbender Photographic Collection have mostly taken a back seat to the photographs. The prints and negatives in the collection were prioritized for improved storage conditions and cataloguing. Artifacts such as cameras, lenses, cases, filters and many other items related to the studio and darkroom were considered less vulnerable and left mostly in cold storage. While there are still shelves full of photographs to review and catalogue at the Homestake Adams Research & Cultural Center, some of the other artifacts have made their way from cold storage to a storage on the 2nd floor of Lead City Hall as seen in the last newsletter of 2024. Photography is a craft that inevitably leads to many gadgets and accessories to help enhance the final image. Featured in this newsletter are just a few of hundreds of items to be evaluated.

Recently Digitized



Pictures depict the debris and mud on the street in Whitewood, South Dakota and a damaged road after 6-7 inches of rain caused a flood June 19, 1962. Six bridges in Lawrence County were lost or damaged due to the flood.

2025 Conferences

October 1-3, 2025

West River History Conference
in Deadwood.

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

(www.westriverhistoryconference.org)

October 19-21, 2025

Association of South Dakota
Museums (ASDM) Conference in
Aberdeen, SD

Theme: "Engage the Past, Inspire the
Future"

(southdakotamuseums.wildapricot.org)

Heritage Festival



Above: Homestake
images by photographer
O.A. Vik were on display
at the festival. The
images are part of the
Fassbender Photographic
Collection.

Left: Mannequins with
period attire were on
exhibit from Deadwood
History, Inc.

The 2025 Hidden Treasure Heritage
Festival was held in Lead June 26-28.
Lead Historic Preservation hosted the
event themed "Women of Lead." Displays
at the Homestake Opera House featured
80 women of Lead's history. Trivia,
culinary, arts and performance were part
of the event attended by 250 people.

