

Idaho State Historical Society
Historical Library, State Archives and Idaho Oral History Center
Quarterly Report – January-March 2004

Overview:

Ongoing activities: Library) Organize monthly family history workshops; edit *Mountain Light*; update Biographical Sources file; process oral history projects; submit various materials for posting to the ISHS website and Library turbo tower; index county-level records for reconstructed 1890 census; process manuscript and photograph collections; organize map collection; supervise volunteers and interns; prepare historical highway signs; meet with National Academic Decathlon committee and with Lewis and Clark committee; and reprint *A Field Notebook for Oral History*.

Archives) Process and describe Carey Act maps and drawings; index county-level records for reconstructed 1890 census; arrange and index records from Alturas, Elmore, Logan, Boise and Owyhee counties, and Department of Water Resources; work with state and local officials on various records management issues; index Civil War veterans obituaries and death certificates; continue coordination of NHPRC/SHRAB grant activities; supervise volunteers and interns; submit various materials for posting to the ISHS website and Library turbo tower

Additions to Library's Turbo Tower: Indian War Veterans; update Civil War Veterans; Boise County added to Mother's Pension; 1890 Oneida, Ada, Boise, Alturas, and Bear Lake counties; update Oral History Names and Places; County Microfilm; update Idaho Pioneers; Boise County criminal and civil cases, 1863-1925; and Alturas County Civil Court Cases, 1864-1895. Additions to ISHS website: Sherwood photograph collection exhibit, update Civil War Veterans index, and genealogy workshop page.

Personnel:

Caureen Miller who has both volunteered and worked for us previously is completing a 200 hour paid position to process materials from the Japanese American Life Histories Oral History Collections (courtesy of an Idaho Community Foundation grant). Two Boise State University students are currently completing internships – Joshua Bernard (3 credit, rotating) and Cherry Hunsaker (2 credit, oral history). BSU student Tyler Holman successfully completed his internship (1 credit, oral history). New volunteers include: Josh Servatius, Jeff Sessions, Liz Shreve, Lori Bell, Carol Wilde (all oral history; Lori and Carol are BSU service-learning students), and Lorie Broumand (photographs). Volunteer/intern hours donated: 900.5 hrs.

Gifts and Acquisitions:

- 68 book titles, including 47 that were previously part of ISL's Pacific Northwest collection (transferred to us from BSU Library) and 1 yearbook
- 425 cu. ft. (approximately 8 tons) government records, including Jerome; Garden City; Eagle; Twin Falls, Kootenai, Gem and Payette counties, State Endowment Funds; Juvenile Corrections; ISU; and Dept. of Commerce.

- 10 manuscript collections (approximately 20 cu. ft.), including accretions to 4 existing collections
- 3 photograph collections
- 11 postcards
- 24 microfilm rolls (newspaper)
- 15 oral history interviews (approx. 17 hrs.), including additions to the Women in WWII/Veterans History projects
- 175 periodicals
- 2 16 mm films
- 1 CD
- 2 videotapes

Other:

New records added to the collections management database: 95 book titles, 12 manuscript collections, 27 microfilm titles, 125 maps, 4 compact disks, 42 oral history interviews, 2,107 Carey Act maps/drawings, 7 moving image items, and 1,139 boxes/volumes of State Archives material. A total of 38 orders for 155 photographic images were processed for a billing of \$2,620.00 (net \$610.00). Billings for 31 requests for permission to use photographic images netted \$1,200.00. 45 oral history publications were sold and sale of duplicate microfilm netted \$646.50

Programs Presented/Attended:

Northern Idaho

- Feb. 3 – “Here Today, Gone Tomorrow” for Post Falls Historical Society – Steve W. (13)
 Feb. 4 – records pickup, Kootenai County – Steve W.
 March 27 – oral history workshop, Mullan – Troy (20)

Southwest Idaho

- Jan. 2 – tour of Library for local Boy Scout troop (genealogy badge) - Linda (10)
 Jan. 23 – quarterly SHRAB meeting, Boise – Steve W.
 Jan. 26 – oral history workshop, Boise – Troy (30)
 Jan. 28 - Joanne Klein on a cemetery she's researching in NC and the grant she received to conduct the research, L&A workshop series (19)
 Jan. 29 – “Public Records Management: Why Should I Care and What’s in it for Me?” Industrial Commission, Boise – Steve W. (15)
 Feb. 2 – OCLC workshop (courtesy NPS grant), “Metadata for Digitization and Preservation” – (20)
 Feb. 3 – OCLC workshop (courtesy NPS grant), “Basic Copyright Management for Digital Collections” – (14)
 Feb. 3 – overview of oral history collection, Legislative History Caucus, Boise – Troy (5)
 Feb. 5 – records pickup, Gem County – Steve W.
 Feb. 17 – presentation on historic photographs for Capitol High School journalism class – Carolyn (12)
 Feb. 17 – “Mailing May” for Legislative History Caucus, Boise – Steve B. (1)
 Feb. 19 – tour of Archives for BYU-Idaho journalism class – Steve W. (12)
 Feb. 20 – records pickup, Juvenile Corrections, Nampa – Steve W.

Feb. 20 – records management presentation, Dept. of Water Resources, Boise – Steve W. (3)
Feb. 25 - Ron Hill on interpreting 16th- and 17th-century English and American handwriting, L&A workshop series
Feb. 25 – oral history workshop, Elmore Co. Hist. Museum, Mountain Home – Troy (9)
March 1 – “History of Mexican Americans in Idaho” for BSU class – Kathy (16)
March – overview of oral history collection, Timberline High School honor society – Troy (19)
March 6 – “Keeping Our Family Lines Straight” for EE-DAH-HOW Chapter of D.A.R., Nampa – Phyllis (25)
March 8 – records pickup, Payette County – Steve W.
March 18 - records pickup, Juvenile Corrections, Nampa – Steve W.
March 23 - “Public Records Management: Why Should I Care and What’s in it for Me?” Division of Building Safety, Meridian – Steve W. (12)
March 24 - book discussion - *Balsamroot: A Memoir* by Mary Clearman Blew - L&A workshop series - Dr. Devan Cook, BSU
March 29 – Photoshop 5.5 class (courtesy NPS grant) for staff and volunteers (12)
March 30 – records pickup, Garden City Police – Steve W.

Southeast Idaho

Jan. 26 – records pickup, Twin Falls County – Steve W.
Feb. 24 – records pickup, ISU – Steve W.
Feb. 24 – “Disaster Preparedness and Business Continuity,” ISU – Steve W. (38)
March 11 – oral history presentation, ISU History Methods class – Troy (25)
March 13 – Idaho History Conference, Twin Falls, “Current Activities at the Library and Archives” – Kathy, Dylan, Troy, Linda (10), “Women in WWII” – Troy (7), “The Itching of the Tongue: Moses Alexander and the Christian Science Monitor Interview” – Dylan (8)
March 25-27 – records pickup and box delivery – Steve W.
March 26 – quarterly SHRAB meeting, BYU-Idaho – Steve W.

Calendar of Events:

April 19 – 23 – records pickup, southeastern Idaho
April 24 - Boise Area Spring Family History Conference
April 26 – 30 – records pickup, northern Idaho
April 28 - Meri Brennan and Lois Wight on adoption records, L&A workshop series
May 6-8 – Pacific Northwest History Conference/Northwest Archivists/Northwest Oral History Association meeting, Olympia
May 16 – anticipated arrival of “baby boy” (aka Owen Wesley) Reeves
May 26 - Phyllis on colonial records, L&A workshop series
June 9 - Sabine Schleichert on German records, L&A workshop series
July 28 – Jason Mendenhall on USGenWeb project, L&A workshop series

Patrons/Visitors:

Staff reports that 1,555 patrons signed in at the front desk and 8 at the Archives (compared to 1,969 for the same quarterly in 2003). 53 libraries requested materials via

Inter-Library Loan services and 1,351 general reference and public record letters/telephone calls/e-mails/faxes were answered (compared to 768 for the same quarter in 2003). Approximately 47 items held downstairs and 85 collections held at the Archives were brought to the reading room for patron use.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Morton-Keithley, Administrator