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Heard on the Historical Trail



Long-time Laramie County Historical Society president, Lois Mottonen recently resigned her post. A donation in her honor was made to the Wyoming Historical Foundation-WSHS Endowment. Other officers who retired are Jim Ehernberger, Mary Nystrom and Ann Shields. Favorite Wyoming weatherman, Don Day, will be their guest speaker on January 15th.

The Campbell and Platte County Historical Societies are celebrating the end of their year-long county Centennial celebrations. Both chapters report huge successes.

Congratulations to WSHS/Albany County Historical Society member Larry Ostresh who was recently honored for his efforts to preserve the Laramie Railroad Depot. The event was held in conjunction with the dedication of the Laramie Hahns Peak and Pacific Railroad sign at the depot.

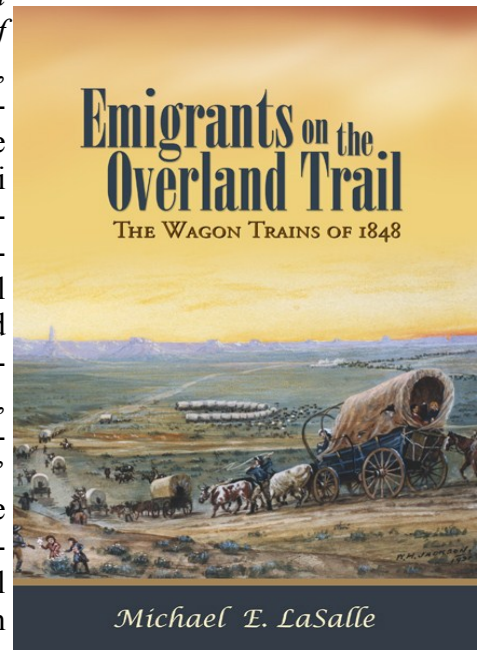
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NEW BOOKS ARRIVE ON THE SCENE

Pick your favorite topic, sit down in your comfy chair and read the night away. A large variety of new books have recently been published covering everything from religion, to trails, to military service, to the CCC, to politics and much more. 2011 was a big year for authors, the majority of whom are WSHS members, so we are thrilled with their success.

“Emigrants on the Overland Trail: The Wagon Trains of 1848,” by Michael E. LaSalle, provides a glimpse into the journey of people who made the challenging trek from Missouri to Oregon and California. Published by Truman State University Press, the author follows all the wagon trains that headed west in 1848, rather than following just one group. He said, “Wyoming played such an important leg in the emigrants’ travel west. We are so fortunate that much of the Wyoming landscape through which the trail passed remains unchanged from what the pioneers saw. It is a treasure.”

Next on our list is *“Our Mark on This Land”* by Ren and Helen Davis. Published by McDonald & Woodward Publishing Company, this book celebrates the works and other lasting influences of the CCC. It provides a guide for readers and travelers who want to visit those parks that best demonstrate the CCC legacy.



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The Society's mission is to educate, support and foster the study of Wyoming history.

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From the President. . .



Dear friends,

It has been a good year for the Society. Thank you to all the individual

members, and to the chapters who work so hard to educate, support and foster the study of Wyoming history.

As we enter 2012, it seems appropriate to look ahead briefly. We are still looking for chapters to host both the June annual trek and the annual meeting held the weekend after Labor Day. These are two of the most important events for the Wyoming State Historical Society. The trek is always a great way to see parts of Wyoming and learn about community history. Many of us who have enjoyed treks in the past realize we have seen hidden aspects of our state's past that most people will never see.

The annual meeting is extremely important to the Society since that is when the entire membership can take part in the direction of the WSHS. It is also the time

when we present the many awards for outstanding work that promotes the history of our state. The awards luncheon is always well attended by nominees, and it is a great time for those unfamiliar with the good works of the Society.

Speaking of the future of the WSHS, you should have received a letter from Mike Jording, president of the Wyoming Historical Foundation, the fund raising arm of the Society. The Foundation is looking to increase its endowment which presently totals \$180,000. We hope you will consider making a donation to ensure the future of the Society. Those individuals and businesses who have donated so far are listed on page five. We deeply appreciate the donations. Thank you.

Rick

How About It?

Would your chapter be interested in hosting the annual Trek? The traditional date is the third weekend in June. The Society provides the chapter with \$500 to help offset expenses.

The annual meeting is held the weekend after Labor Day in September. The Society provides the host chapter with \$500 to help offset expenses. The Executive Committee recently voted to keep the agenda to a minimum so more people will attend and participate.

If you are interested in finding out more contact the Society at 322-4237 or linda@dancewyoming.com.

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Congratulations to the Society's two new poster girls. Both WSHS past presidents, Maggie Layton (Riverton) and Lucille Dumbrill (Newcastle) were featured in newspaper articles (*Casper Star Tribune*) about their contributions to history. Maggie for her work as a riveter (along with her twin sister Marge) during WWII, and Lucille for her sourdough starter that dates back to 1889. Lucille reports that since the article appeared in the December 4th issue of the *Casper Star Tribune*, she has received comments and questions from all over the United States. You can read both stories by searching the CST archives.

Wyoming author and historian, Nancy Weidel, presented her popular program about the history of sheep wagons to the Platte County Historical Society. These early "mobile homes" were manufactured in Douglas and Buffalo, among other places.

WSHS member Ashley Rooney and Stephanie Lowe provided training to a number of chapters who are stewards of the state's monuments and markers program. Ashley says they are interested in training people to become a steward which consists of an occasional visit to marker in your area, taking photographs, and making sure the markers are in good shape. For details about how you can get involved call Ashley at 777-7566.

The Natrona County Chapter held their annual holiday banquet with members of the Oregon-California Trail Association in December. Partnerships like this increase a desire to get involved in Wyoming history on several levels. Congratulations!

The National Historic Trails Center in Casper recently received the 2011 BLM Director's National Award for Team Accomplishment.

Wyoming statutes require that on December 10th of each year schools, organizations and others celebrate Wyoming Day. The Weston County Chapter is way ahead of the pack. Every year without fail they have a special program that honors Wyoming women. This year they shared the story of Weston County's women in the Military. We urge educators and others to do something in December 2012 to mark this special event in Wyoming's history.

Sunrise Mine, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is a former iron-ore mine and company town located near Guernsey. After touring the historic property with new owner John Voight this fall, students of Mary Humstone researched preservation techniques, sustainable uses and potential partnerships for the site. To find out more contact Mary Humstone at humstone@uwoyo.edu.

WSHS member and Homsher grant recipient, Sue Castaneda, has been invited to participate in "Beyond Testimony and Trauma: Oral History in the Aftermath of Mass Violence," a conference to be held in Montreal this March. Sue and WSHS member/author/historian Mark Junge received an award from the Society for their oral history project titled "Survivor is My Name: Remembrances of the Cokeville Elementary School Bombing."

Huge thanks to the volunteers from the Platte County Historical Society who assisted with mailing fundraising letters to members.



The Exchange

Talking about all those books brings to mind the Society's prestigious awards program. Nominations are due April 30, 2012. To discover the categories visit www.wyshs.org and review the Awards Manual. The "award year" is January 2, 2011 to December 31, 2011. Don't wait until the last minute. Questions? Contact Judy Musgrave at judymusgravemt.com.

The Wyoming SHPO announces that two historic context documents addressing major themes in Wyoming history are now complete. The context covering homesteading, ranching and farming was written by WSHS past president, Dr. Michael Cassity. Other context documents include Wyoming historic schools, military and transportation. Download them by visiting the Wyoming SHPO website and clicking on the "context" link on the left sidebar, or call 777-7566.

The National Alliance of Preservation Commissions will hold its biennial forum in Norfolk, Virginia, July 18-22, 2012. For details visit www.uga.edu/napc/forum2012.

The South Platte Valley Historical Society in Fort Lupton, Colorado is looking for historical re-enactors (Native Americans, pioneers with wagons, cavalry units and mountain men) who would be interested in participating in their annual heritage fair on May 5, 2012. For details call Tom Fletcher at 303-725-9448.

The 2012 Wyoming State Fair (in Douglas this August) marks 100 years of the event and promises to be packed with special events. For details call 358-2398 or visit wystatefair.com.

YEAR END FUNDRAISING EFFORT CONSIDERED A SUCCESS

Sundance State Bank, a cornerstone in northeastern Wyoming since 1895, works hard to support worthy projects in and around Crook County. Most recently their discussions of philanthropy resulted in a donation of \$2,500 to the Wyoming Historical Foundation's long-term endowment. The Foundation is the fundraising arm for the Wyoming State Historical Society. This is not the first time the bank has partnered with the Society, according to Foundation president, Mike Jording. He says, "In 1994 the bank was instrumental in the success of the Wyoming State Historical Society's project to reprint the book, "Wyoming: A Pictorial History," by historian Mark Junge. Without their participation that project would not have been possible."

Bank president and CEO, Jim Durfee, said that throughout the history of the bank they have been involved in building their community. Some of the projects they've participated in include helping to renovate Hulett's new civic center, assisting Crook County Medical Services and also with efforts to renovate Old Stony, in addition to numerous school projects. "If there is something on one in Crook County most likely we are involved," he said.

Two years ago the Wyoming Historical Foundation created an endowment designed to ensure the long-term sustainability of the

Wyoming State Historical Society. Since then the members of the Society have stepped up and donated more than \$10,000 to this effort. Foundation president, Mike Jording, says it is because of the philanthropic policies of major institutions like the Sundance State Bank, that the Society's mission to support, educate and foster the study of Wyoming history will be secure.



The Society's executive committee and the Foundation's board of directors send a heartfelt thank you to the bank for their contribution to both the long-term endowment and to other deserving projects within their community. Pictured below are WSHS past president Mary Garman, Jim Durfee, president, Sundance State Bank, and WSHS Executive Committee member Pam Thompson.

The most recent fundraising effort consisted of four phases and included letters to those eight banks who were original participants in the book project; Wyoming banks in general; financial advisors and lastly to members of the Wyoming State Historical Society.

In addition to the **Sundance State Bank**, donors (as of print time) include:

- **Wells Fargo Foundation**
- **Agnes and Jerry Hand, Casper**

- **Barbara Costopoulos, Guernsey**
- **Charles Popovich, Sheridan**
- **Conrad Kercher, Laramie**
- **Daniel Netzel, Laramie**
- **Don Miller, Westminster, CO**
- **Elizabeth Kendall-Browne, Cody**
- **Ester Johansson Murray, Cody**
- **Gene and Betty Payne, Yuma, AZ**
- **Harry Konkel, Portland, ME**
- **Harvey Wilkins, Basin**
- **Homer A. Scott Jr., Sheridan**
- **Homer A. & Mildred S. Scott Foundation, Sheridan**
- **Janette Chambers, Glendo**
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- **John J. Hines, Gillette**
- **John Voight, Chugwater**
- **Mark Greene, Laramie**
- **Max Willard, Casper**
- **Michael Devine, Oklahoma (in memory of Lindi Ewig)**
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- **Mr. and Mrs. James Meteer, Wildwood, MO**
- **Tom and Dolores Wollenzien, Sheridan**

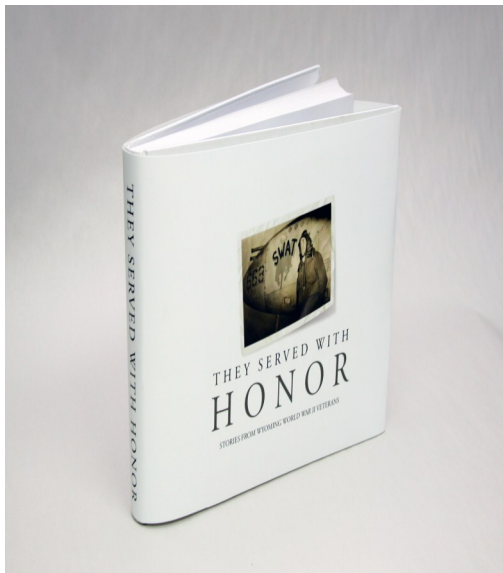
Everyone has been very generous and donations have been greatly appreciated. Donations are still being accepted and can be sent directly to:

Lucille Dumbrill, Treasurer
Wyoming Historical Foundation
203 Grandview
Newcastle, WY 82701

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A new book by long-time Wyoming resident and pastor Warren Murphy of Cody examines a part of Wyoming's history that links the state's past with the history of its diverse faith community. "*On Sacred Ground: A Religious and Spiritual History of Wyoming*" begins with Wyoming's first people and continues into the present day. Reverend Murphy says he was compelled to research and write *On Sacred Ground* to "tell the story of how religion and spirituality played a role in the history of a place we today call Wyoming." The book explores the contributions of religious figures such as Marcus and Narcissa Whitman, Father Jean Pierre DeSmet, Brigham Young and many more. For details visit onsacredgroundbook.com.

Many of you have enjoyed the Casper Star Tribune's salute to Wyoming's WWII veterans, "*They Served With Honor*." The soon to be released book of the same name is a compilation of more than 100 profiles of those men and women who served in



WWII. Each profile tells about the person's life before, during and after the way. But just as interesting is how the profiles tell the collective story of Wyoming's contribution to the war effort, and why we came to know these Wyoming people as 'the greatest generation.' To find out more contact the Casper Star Tribune at 307-266-0537. The Society honored the Casper Star Tribune with a Publications Award in September 2011 for its collection of oral histories that made up their series.

If you don't own a set of Wyoming "*Blue Books*" now is your chance. You can purchase a comprehensive guide to the state's history from pre-territorial days to 2007. Published by the Wyoming State Archives, the beautiful set of five volumes, are essential reference books that include historical

timelines, biographies of elected officials, election results, legislation, photographs and much more. Individual copies of Volumes I through V are available, as is the complete five-volume set. The *Blue Books* are a handsome addition to any library, personal or public, and a great resource for businesses. For details contact the Wyoming State Archives at 777-7826 or visit their website.

WSHS past president Art Kidwell, of Clark, Wyoming, is proud to announce his latest effort "*Cattle King of Leavenworth: Matthew Ryan*." Art spent more than five years researching the Ryan family through newspapers, courthouse records, archival documents, letters and interviews. The result is a history of a cattle empire family in Leavenworth, Kansas through its rise and fall. You can find out more about the limited edition by contacting Art at 645-3204 or artkid@nemont.net.

All this talk about books is the perfect segue into the Society's theme for its annual oral history project, "Once Upon a Time...Reading in Wyoming."

According to committee chair, Cindy Brown, the idea is to find out what Wyoming people enjoyed reading when they were growing up. Who was your favorite author? Did you have a favorite childhood book? What about comic books — do you remember exchanging them with your friends? All this discussion will lead into childhood memories like going back to when Grandma read to you...maybe she made up stories which you now realize were about her life. Did you have a set of encyclopedias at home? Where they read often? What happened to them? Reading has changed with the technology of today. Do you think people are buying books or downloading to their Kindle? What about libraries? Do you have a library card?

Whatever your answers are, reading lets you explore the world around you, feeding your mind and your soul. When you begin to conjure up those wonderful memories please, write them down, or better yet, have someone participate with you in an oral history. To learn more contact Cindy Brown at 777-7036 or cindy.brown@wyo.gov.

Nominate your favorite publication for an award from the Wyoming State Historical Society. See the Awards Manual at www.wyshs.org for all the categories. Nominations are due April 30, 2012.

***Start planning now to attend Preserve Wyoming 2012
Travel Stipend Available***

The always popular preservation conference will be held in Pinedale, Wyoming the weekend of May 18th. Come early and participate in Pinedale Living History Days which are being held on May 15-17th.

Staff of the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office is working hard on the details, each one guaranteed to bring you additional tools for your community preservation projects. The keynote speaker will be Mitchell Silver who will talk about the "big picture." Mitchell has held positions in both the public and private sectors, including serving as the Deputy Director in the Office of Planning Washington, D.C. Other topics will include downtown design guidelines, conservation/preservation easements (what they are and how they are helpful), and landscape preservation. The Sommers Ranch, the New Fork River Historical Park and the Boulder Schoolhouse will be highlighted on tours.

Nominations are currently being sought for the 2012 Preserve Wyoming Awards that honor those who have made significant contributions to historic preservation. Any Wyoming citizen, community/organization or project may be a potential nominee. Nominations must be postmarked by February 1, 2012 and sent to Preserve Wyoming Awards, 2301 Central Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82002. For more details visit <http://wyoshpo.state.wy.us/> or call 777-7566.

To assist individuals in attending the conference, the Society, in partnership with SHPO, has established a conference travel stipend. Monies for the stipend are generated from the Silent Auction held every year at previous conferences. Students, WSHS members, local preservationists, and any Wyoming citizen with an interest in historic preservation is encouraged to apply. The stipend is a reimbursement process. Recipients will pay their costs up-front and will be reimbursed on the last day of the conference. The stipend is to be used for hotel and food costs, in addition to conference registration. The application is competitive and an itemized list of anticipated expenses is required. Applications are due no later than April 11th in order to take advantage of the early bird discount. Applications must be sent directly to Linda Fabian, Executive Secretary, WSHS, P. O. Box 247, Wheatland, WY 82201. The committee will make final selections prior to the early bird deadline. The number of recipients per year is contingent on available funds and number of applications. Forms can be found on both the SHPO and WSHS websites: <http://wyoshpo.state.wy.us/> or www.wyshs.org. You can also always call Ashley at 777-7566 or Linda at 322-4237.



**Preserve
Wyoming
2012**

SAVE THE DATE: Pinedale, May 18-19, 2012

Hotel Information

- Hampton Inn, 307-367-6700, \$89.00. Release date May 1.
- Baymont Inn, 307-367-8300, \$75.00.
- Best Western Pinedale Inn, 307-367-6869, \$79.00. Release date April 17.
- The Lodge at Pinedale, 307-367-8800, \$69.95. Release date May 10.

Make your reservations early.

ROCKS FALL AT HISTORIC REGISTER CLIFF NEAR GUERNSEY, WYOMING

A large section of rock that recently sloughed from the face of Register Cliff State Historic Site does not appear to have damaged any of the historical carvings on the monument, according to Division of State Parks, Historic Sites and Trails officials. Also, the section that fell does not appear to have included historical inscriptions.

Due to natural deterioration of the cliff, a section of upper level rock fell near the far north end of the visitor trail. According to officials, rock fell from a section of Register Cliff high above the historical inscriptions on that part of the monument.

The area containing the debris from the rock slide is extremely dangerous due to unstable rocks and boulders. Barricades and fencing have been erected in the area to keep the public away from the debris field. Also, the potential for additional calving of rock from that part of the rock face may still exist.

State Park officials are currently developing a plan to clean up the debris from the area and repair the damaged sections of fence and trail. No specific timetable for the cleanup and repair has been set at this time, but every attempt will be made to re-open the damaged sections as soon as possible.

The public is also reminded that any type of carving, inscription or graffiti on any part of the monument is strictly prohibited.



[Editor's Note: Story provided by Gary Schoene, Public Information Officer, Wyoming Department of State Parks & Cultural Resources. Photo by Darin Westby. If you have questions call the department at 777-6697].

Wyoming's Fort Bridger State Historic Site designated "Best Preserved Fort," in *True West's* "Best of the West edition"

The magazine's "10th Annual Guide to Everything Western" lists 60 different categories ranging from photographer to artist to film actor and actress to firearms.

According to *True West*, "The recreated Jim Bridger trading post sells goods to visitors and is but one of the reasons to visit this fort, which has recently upgraded exhibits to include a children's play area, emigrant camp setting and military display. These exhibits help visitors understand the significance of this post that served overland emigrant travelers."

Other Wyoming venues listed in the issue are the Klondike Ranch in Buffalo, Best Guest Ranch; and Warren Nagle Mansion Bed and Breakfast in Cheyenne, Reader's Choice for Best B&B.

The Fort Bridger State Historic Site is located off I-80 at Exit 34 in Southwestern Wyoming.

Wyoming History CALENDAR

January 17—The Albany County Chapter will host a program by Andrea Graham on Wyoming Folklore. Call 760-2722 for details.

February 21—The Albany County Chapter will host Mac Blewer, geographer and historian will present “The Barracks of Heart Mountain Internment Camp: Lost Structures of a Forgotten, Contested Landscape.” Call 760-2722 for details.

March 1—Deadline to receive scholarship and/or research grant from the Platte County Historical Society. For application contact Don Kneeburg, 331-0881.

April 11—Deadline to apply for travel stipend to annual Preserve Wyoming Conference. See page 6 for details.

April 27—Early Bird Registration for Preserve Wyoming Ends. See page 6 for details.

April 30—Deadline for WSHS Awards. View manual at www.wyshs.org or contact judy@musgravemt.com.

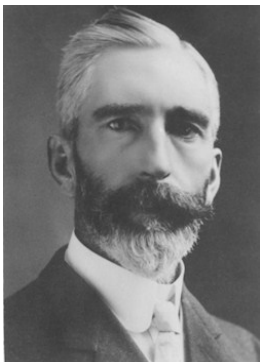
May 18-19—Preserve Wyoming Conference, Pinedale, Wyoming.

An item of interest....

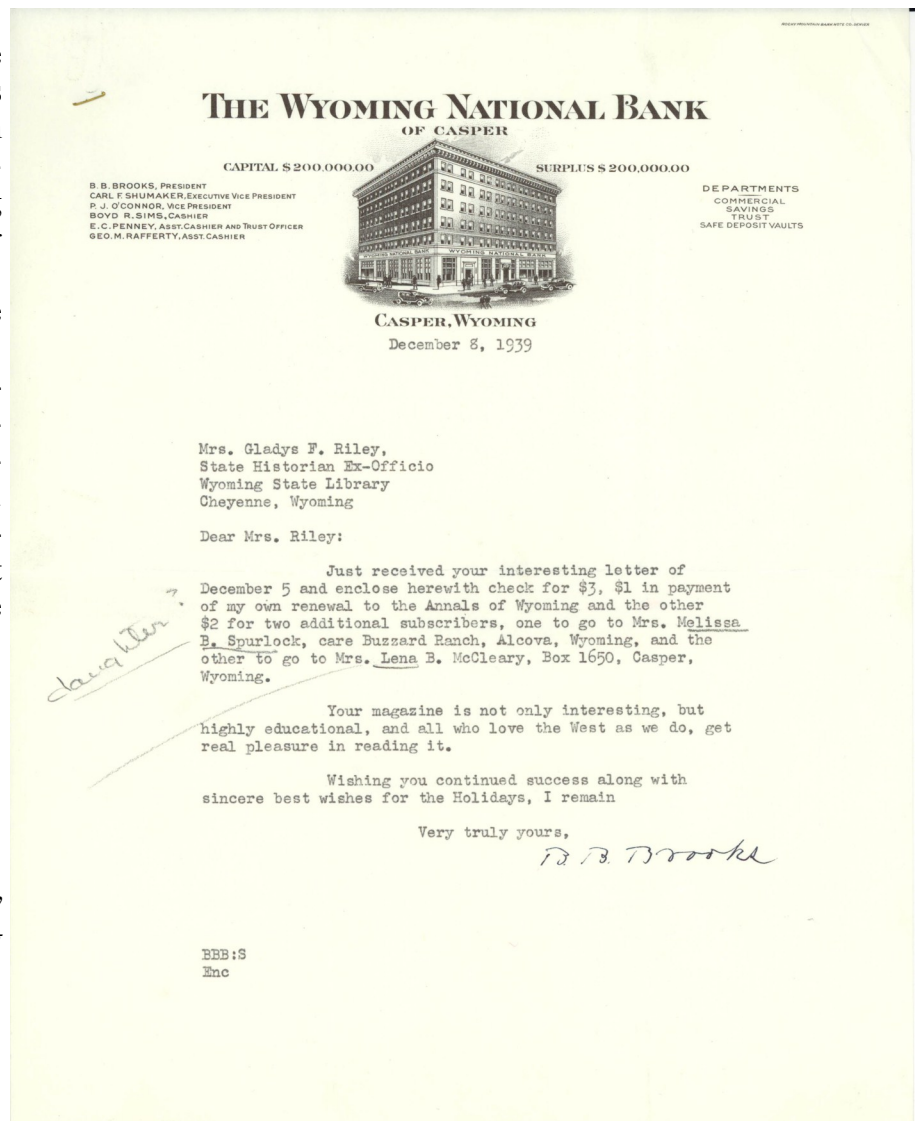
Please note that the area code for all Wyoming phone numbers listed in the newsletter is 307. Wyoming is one of fourteen states that still has only one area code!

Wyoming History News welcomes information about events of interest to the general membership and others.
Information should be sent at least a month in advance and should reach the WHN editor by the 15th.
Send items to Editor, Wyoming History News, P. O. Box 247, Wheatland, WY 82201.

Suzi Taylor, an employee of the Wyoming Department of State Parks & Cultural Resources who works in the Wyoming State Archives, recently came upon this letter while doing some research. It is dated December 8, 1939. The former governor (1905-1911) was then president of The Wyoming National Bank in Casper. It appears he is purchasing gift memberships in the Wyoming State Historical Society. At the time membership was \$1.00....now it is \$25.00. That’s not too bad considering seventy-three years have passed, and it still makes a wonderful gift anytime of the year!



Images courtesy of the Wyoming State Archives.



In the News



Patty Myers (WSHS President 1998-2000) and now director of the Campbell County Public Library in Gillette, was recently elected to a position on the American Heritage Center's advisory board. Also new to the board is Ann Noble of Cora, Wyoming. Ann is an

author, ranch woman, and a former member of the Heart Mountain Foundation board of directors.

Cody's Lynn Houze, assistant curator of the Buffalo Bill Western History Gallery, has been very busy changing out exhibits, including a collection of Annie Oakley items



owned by the late Bill Self, a Hollywood actor and producer. In this photo Lynn (left) and Mary Robinson, director of the McCracken Research Library, are removing a photo of one of Buffalo Bill's daughters for storage. Lynn said the \$2.7 million project began with a need to conduct asbestos abatement in the facility. She says, "It was a good excuse to reinvent the popular display and present a clearer image of Cody to the world."

The Platte County Historical Society recently made significant donations to the Laramie Peak



Museum and the Platte County Library endowment. Pictured left to right are Julie Henion, director, Platte County Library; Diana McDonald, committee member; Linda Fabian, president, Platte

County Historical Society; Marlin Marshall, President, Laramie Peak Museum board of directors and Don Kneeburg, committee chair. Not pictured is Stu Hammersmark who also served on the committee.

The chapter also created a \$1,000 research/scholarship opportunity and donated \$500 to the Platte County Centennial Committee's lasting legacy project and \$500 to the Wyoming Historical Society's endowment. The donations were made as a result of successful efforts to sell the 2012 Calendar of Wyoming History and the Platte County historic deck of playing cards. Don Kneeburg, chair of the chapter's Giving Committee, said "The community has been very supportive of our fundraising projects, and we wanted to give something back to the community as a result,"

The scholarship will be made available to college level students who are majoring in history, or it can also be used for research projects that focus on Wyoming history. Applications are due the first day of March each year.

Chapters—thank you for all your individual and collective efforts to preserve Wyoming's history in 2011. You did this in many ways such as serving as an officer, helping with mailings, establishing programs and events, promoting membership, and much more. Please send news of your chapter and members to linda@dancewyoming.com.

Happy New Year!

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MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS STRONG AT END OF YEAR

The Society tracks memberships using an Access database. Every time a chapter treasurer sends in a monthly report, or each time a member renews, the information is entered into the database. As of December 27th our current numbers are at 1,528 members. We average at least 1570 members once quarterly renewals are received. At Large members make up the majority and includes libraries and universities. At Large members who live in an area where there is an active chapter are encouraged to join at the chapter level. The current data shows:

Albany	—62
At Large	—696
Campbell	—41
Carbon	—25
Cokeville	—4
Converse	—14
Crook	—7
Fort Bridger	—16
Fremont	—42
Goshen	—20
Greater Yellowstone	—19
Hot Springs	—15
Laramie	—81
Lincoln	—13
Natrona	—56
Park	—72
Platte	—82
Sheridan	—156
Star Valley	—18
Sweetwater	—45
Uinta	—14
Weston	—29

These numbers will be higher once quarterly renewal notices start coming in.

Members are given a three-month grace period before they are considered inactive. If you have a question about when you should renew, please don't hesitate to contact headquarters.

The Society's work counts on your membership. The holidays (or any day) are a good time to purchase a gift membership, or to talk to your friends about joining. The fact that our award winning journal, *Annals of Wyoming*, is one of the rewards of belonging (and the only way it can be purchased) can make all the difference. So often I find myself visiting with people in the grocery store, the doctor's office or the park and the discussion turns to Wyoming's history. You would be surprised how many people love hearing there is an opportunity to receive *Annals*, and at a good price too!

My personal goal is to see our numbers rise to 1600 and stay there. The Executive Committee agrees this would provide a solid base for the Society.

Chapters work throughout the year to gain members, most of them very successful at craft fairs and holiday bazaars. The Executive Committee recently agreed to provide chapters with "*Wyoming: A Pictorial History*" at a greatly reduced price that they, in turn, can use as raffle items or whatever they wish. If you are interested in finding out how you can participate please contact me as soon as possible.

In the meantime, thank you for all you do and Happy New Year!

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

At Large

Mike Strom, Cheyenne, WY
JoAnn LaGuardia, Centennial, CO
Janice White, Gillette
Dennis Lee, Helper, UT
Joe Russin, Glendale, CA
Olivia Hartshorn, Bishop, CA
Marta Tietge, Laramie
Braxton Beemer, Laramie
Olivia Hathaway, Laramie
Dr. Barbara Logan, Laramie
Howard Hutchings, Cheyenne
Jeannie Moore, Douglas
Marty Jo and Joe Cisneros, Casper
Katrina Tayson, Cheyenne

Campbell County Historical Society

Gene and Barbara LeMaitre, Gillette
Leta Tanner, Gillette

Park County Historical Society

Judee Buesher, Sperry, Iowa

Platte County Historical Society

Ken, Vicki, Matthew and
Daniel Pinneo, Wheatland
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clyde, Wheatland

Sheridan County Historical Society

Scott Baker, Casper
Suzanne Beaudelaire,
Redondo Beach, CA
Marsha Dillon, Sheridan

Sweetwater County Historical Society William Mundschenk, Rock Springs

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above the normal dues structure:

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Harry Konkel, Portland, ME
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dowment are listed on page 4.*

To contribute to the long-term endowment
please send your contribution to
Lucille Dumbrill, Treasurer,
Wyoming Historical Foundation,
203 Grandview Drive,
Newcastle, WY 82701

IN MEMORY



WSHS/Laramie County Chapter member **Judge James E. Barrett** died in Cheyenne November 7, 2011 at the age of 89. Judge Barrett, born in Lusk, was the son of Frank A. Barrett, the only person in state history to serve as governor, U. S. Representative and U. S. Senator. Following high school graduation in Lusk, he served in the U. S. Army

during World War II. He graduated with a law degree from the UW College of Law in 1949. After law practice in Lusk, he was appointed Wyoming Attorney General by Gov. Stan Hathaway, serving in that capacity during the "Black 14" incident at the University of Wyoming. Many years later, he wrote an article for *Annals of Wyoming* about his role defending the university in that case. While he was attorney general, he survived a harrowing airplane crash. He was appointed to the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in 1971-- the third person from Wyoming appointed to that court. He was involved in the disposition of more than 9,000 cases before that court, writing more than 3,000 opinions while serving on the

bench. He continued to serve on the court until his death, having taken senior status in 1990. Condolences to his daughter Ann Sandahl, two sons Richard and John, and his sister Marialyce Tobin.

Alan Bourne, a former president of the Sheridan County Chapter died in October, 2011 in Sheridan. He is credited with helping to save the Sheridan Inn and Trail End Historic Center. Mr. Bourne was an artist and created life-size metal sculptures for the Fort Phil Kearny State Historic Site.

S. Frederick Seymour, a life member of the WSHS, died on June 9 in Denver. We were notified of his death by his wife, Barbara.

Our apologies to WSHS member Joan Anderson for neglecting to report the death of her mother (also a member) **Ruth Anderson**. Mrs. Anderson died in May, 2010 at the age of 96 in Torrington. She was born into a pioneer family in Scottsbluff County, NE, but became a Wyoming resident when she married in 1934 and joined her husband's farming and livestock feeding enterprise near Huntley. Joan said that her mom shared her copies of *Annals* with everyone and actively encouraged others to become members of the county and state historical societies.



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