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**Historical Society**

**Services Provided to the  
Citizens of the Treasure State by the  
Montana Historical Society,  
FY2015 and FY2016**  
(Data arranged by county)



## Montana Historical Society Statewide Services

The five operational programs of the Montana Historical Society— Education and Outreach, Historic Preservation, Museum, Research Center, and Publications—provide essential services to Treasure State citizens living in all of Montana’s fifty-six counties. Listed below is a brief summary of just a few of the Society’s statewide offerings in FY2015 and FY2016. On the pages that follow, more detail is given in regard to some of the specific services rendered to the residents of each county.

- **Adult Education:** MHS regularly hosts a wide array of public programs on varying topics in Montana history at its headquarter building in Helena. In fiscal years 2015-2016, MHS hosted 114 public programs with a combined attendance of 6,555 people. To make these programs available statewide we record them and post them on our YouTube channel. We now have well over 200 high-quality, historical programs on the YouTube site that can be viewed statewide: <https://www.youtube.com/user/MtHistoricalSociety>.
- **Capitol Art:** The Museum program administers the permanent art collection in the Capitol and the Capitol Complex and provides for the care and conservation of the art to ensure it is preserved for all future Montanans to enjoy.
- **Centennial Farms & Ranches Program:** The 2009 Montana Legislature created the Montana Centennial Farm and Ranch Program to recognize and commemorate the agricultural traditions of Montana. Through this program, farm and ranch families that have owned or lived on their land for 100 years or more may be recognized for their contribution to Montana's history. Twenty-nine farms and ranches located in sixteen counties have been recognized.
- **Exhibits:** The Montana Historical Society Museum features both long-term and temporary exhibits. Currently, three long-term exhibits—the *Montana Homeland Exhibit*, *Neither Empty nor Unknown: Montana at the Time of Lewis and Clark*, and the *Mackay Gallery of Charles M. Russell Art*—provide a big-picture overview of Montana history. Additionally the Museum regularly mounts special temporary exhibits devoted to more specific themes in Montana history. In recent years these have included *Our Forgotten Pioneers: The Chinese in Montana*; *Eloquence in Wood: The Art of John L. Clarke*; *Montana's Territorial Legacy: The Montana Historical Society*; *And the Bride Wore: Montana Weddings, 1900-1960*; *Land of Many Stories: The People and Histories of Glacier National Park*; *The Art of Story Telling: Plains Indian Perspectives*; *Mapping Montana: Two Centuries of Cartography*; *An Artist's Journey: The Life and Works of E. S. Paxson*; *Winchester Lever-Action Rifles: Iconic Firearms of the American West*; *Montana Modern*; *Domestic Economy: Managing the Home 1890-1920*; *Mastery In Bronze: Selections From the Bob Scriver Collection*; *And the Bride Wore: Montana Weddings, 1900-1960*; *Gold, Glory, and Rebellion: Montana and the Civil War*. In addition to in-house exhibits, the Museum also maintains an active traveling exhibit program, making available high-quality exhibits to museums and other educational institutions all across the state.
- **ExploreBig – Montana’s Historic Places:** In 2016 the Montana Historical Society released its first ever mobile app. ExploreBig: Montana’s Historic Places is both a website ([explorebig.org](http://explorebig.org)) and mobile app to help you discover Montana’s rich cultural resources.

Curated by MHS staff, ExploreBig shares the history and architecture of selected buildings, neighborhoods, and cultural sites in Montana listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the nation's official list of cultural resources deemed worthy of preservation. The site's mobile markers reproduce the text of National Register signs placed at the sites themselves.

- **Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program:** The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) administers the federal tax credit program for the rehabilitation of commercial, income-producing historic buildings at the state level. In 2016, the program reached a milestone with \$70 million in total private investment since 1990 in projects qualifying for and receiving the 20% federal and 5% state tax credit. Among recent successfully completed and certified projects are the Arvon Block in Great Falls (\$6.6 million project), the Babcock Theater renovation in Billings (\$2.4 million), and the historically sensitive upgrade and rehabilitation of the Helena YWCA (\$2.3 million).
- **Identifying Montana's African American Heritage Places:** In October 2014, SHPO received an inaugural grant from the National Park Service's Underrepresented Communities Initiative for \$27,788 to undertake research and fieldwork to identify extant historic places associated with Montana's historic African American population. Matched with grants from the Montana History Foundation and incorporating the work of Society research interns, the project has recorded over 50 buildings statewide. The two-year grant will culminate in 2016 with a National Register Multiple Property Context Document and two nominations for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, as well as an updated Montana Historical Society website for sharing the historical information, including new oral histories.
- **Montana Certified Local Government Program:** The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) annually passes through a minimum of 10% of its federal preservation funding to local communities and counties participating in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) program for historic preservation, under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. In FY2016, \$80,000 was sub-granted to local historic preservation offices in 16 active Montana CLGs, including Anaconda-Deer Lodge County, Billings-Laurel-Yellowstone County, Bozeman (Gallatin County), Butte-Silver Bow County, Carbon County, Columbus-Stillwater County, Deer Lodge (Powell County), Great Falls-Cascade County, Hardin-Big Horn County, Havre-Hill County, Helena-Lewis & Clark County, Lewistown (Fergus County), Livingston (Park County), Miles City (Custer County), Missoula (Missoula County), and Virginia City (Madison County). Additional funds are awarded for CLG special projects, as funding allows – most recently \$46,045 for nine CLG projects in FY2015.
- **Montana Historic Preservation Plan:** Every five years, the State Historic Preservation Office is responsible for the preparation of the statewide historic preservation plan. This plan identifies resources, issues, goals, and objectives important to the preservation of archaeological, historic and traditional cultural properties in Montana. The current plan, *PRESERVING MONTANA: The Montana Historic Preservation Plan, 2013-2017* is posted online at <http://mhs.mt.gov/Portals/11/shpo/docs/HistPresPlan.pdf>.
- **Montana History Compass:** The Montana History Compass ([mthistory.pbworks.com](http://mthistory.pbworks.com)) is an online collection of information gathered to help guide researchers to the resources available through the Research Center. It is designed to assist researchers in finding the best resource for their projects or topics. The Montana History Compass includes sources not available elsewhere, such as indexes for the MHS Montana Newspaper holdings and vertical files. It

includes bibliographies for a wide range of Montana topics. The Montana History Compass is designed to expand with the needs of and evolving interests of Montana's citizens and others interested in Montana's rich history and cultural heritage.

- **Montana History Conference:** This highly anticipated annual event brings together quality speakers from across the state and nation to celebrate Montana's heritage, regional history, and local communities. Now entering its 44<sup>th</sup> year, the location of the Montana History Conference rotates around the state and centers on the local and regional history of that area. In 2015 the conference was held in Bozeman (with almost 300 attendees) and the 2016 conference was held in Hamilton and Stevensville (with 250 attendees) to coincide with the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of St. Mary's Mission. Sessions from the last three history conference can now be accessed online at <http://mhs.mt.gov/education/ConferencesWorkshops>.
- **Montana Memory Project:** In partnership with the Montana State Library, the Montana Historical Society provides oversight for and participates in the Montana Memory Project ([montanamemory.org](http://montanamemory.org)), a website that provide free and open access to digitized cultural materials, including maps, photos, rare books, documents, publications, diaries, oral histories, audio recordings, video recordings, paintings, illustrations, art and other cultural materials.
- **Montana National History Day:** National History Day is a nation-wide program that makes history come alive for America's youth by engaging them in the discovery of the historic, cultural and social experiences of the past. Through hands-on experiences and presentations, today's youth are better able to inform the present and shape the future. Each year MHS helps sponsor, organize, promote, and train teachers for the Montana component of National History Day.
- **Montana National Register of Historic Places Program:** The Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office administers the National Register of Historic Places program for the State of Montana. Currently, over 1,150 Montana properties, found in all 56 counties, are individually listed in the National Register, including some 200 historic districts comprised of at least 17,000 contributing resources (buildings, structures, sites, and objects). On average, 10 to 15 new Montana properties are listed on the National Register each year, facilitated by SHPO and the Society's State Preservation Review Board.
- **Montana in the National Register Playing Cards:** To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 that established the National Register of Historic Places, SHPO produced a commemorative deck of playing cards featuring a property from each of Montana's 56 counties (52 cards + 4 wild cards). 2,830 decks of these popular (and educational) cards have been distributed free at preservation venues across the state and on request throughout 2016. Information about the cards and the properties, including locations, is presented at <https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>.
- **Montana Newspapers:** In 2015 the Montana Historical Society launched a full-text searchable database of newspapers from across the State. The freely accessible site, [montananewspapers.org](http://montananewspapers.org) currently hosts 278,847 newspaper pages, with more being added every month. An additional 257,000 digitized Montana newspaper pages can be found on the Library of Congress' ChroniclingAmerica website ([chroniclingamerica.loc.gov](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov)). These pages were also digitized by the Montana Historical Society.
- **Montana Preserve America Program:** Since 2006, SHPO has successfully assisted 23 Montana communities in becoming designated national Preserve America communities: Anaconda-Deer Lodge, Bighorn County, Billings, Bozeman, Butte-Silver Bow, Crow Tribe,

Fort Benton, Great Falls, Havre, Helena, Hill County, Jefferson County, Kalispell, Lewis and Clark County, Lewistown, Livingston, Miles City, Missoula, Missoula County, Red Lodge, Stevensville, Terry and Virginia City. Montana Preserve America communities receive recognition and technical assistance from the federal government, and are eligible for federal funding when funds are appropriated by Congress (<http://www.preserveamerica.gov/>). No federal funding was made available in the past biennium; however between 2006 and 2012, SHPO successfully obtained and administered over a half-million dollars in grant aid for Montana's Preserve America communities.

- **Montana State Antiquities Database:** The Montana state antiquities database, managed by the State Historic Preservation Office, holds information on all known and recorded historic, archaeological, and traditional cultural places in Montana. A total of 58,186 properties have been registered in the database and files so far. Additionally, over 35,000 cultural resource surveys, studies and other reports are also managed by the SHPO and accessible through the antiquities database. This information informs development activities in all Montana counties in compliance with national, state, and local preservation laws. A central clearinghouse of place-based heritage information, the database is presently undergoing a major transformation into what will be a more efficient and comprehensive map-based geographic information system (GIS) to facilitate greater accuracy and timely project reviews and planning in the future.
- **Montana: Stories of the Land:** In 2008 the Montana Historical Society published a much-needed and long-awaited, middle school-level, state history textbook. The Society reprinted *Montana: Stories of the Land* in 2009. Due to generous grants from the Washington Foundation, the Steele-Reese Foundation, the Office of Public Instruction-Indian Education for All Office and others the Society has been able to donate 10,470 free copies of this textbook to over 250 schools and libraries located in all fifty-six counties. The entire textbook, along with a great number of resource materials for students and teacher, are also available online: <http://svcult.mt.gov/education/Textbook/TextbookMainPage.asp> .
- **Museum and Research Center Outreach:** The Museum and Research Center programs provide technical assistance to Montana museums, historical societies, and cultural institutions regarding best practices for collections care, cataloging and exhibition. Also, the programs provide individuals with information on how to care for their own family heirlooms and other historic treasures to best preserve them for the future.
- **National Register Sign Program:** Since this program began in 1990, over fourteen hundred National Register signs have been placed across Montana, providing recognition for properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places while improving public knowledge of Montana's rich and colorful heritage, and adding to Montana's tourism infrastructure. Through the sign program, the Society reaches every corner of the state; National Register signs can be found in fifty-four of Montana's fifty-six counties.
- **On-the-Road Programs:** Society staff regularly present public programs on Montana history and technical aspects of museum/archives/library/preservation work in communities across the state. In fiscal years 2015 and 2016, 7787 people attended 153 public programs given by Society staff statewide (see individual county reports for more information).
- **Original Governors' Mansion:** This historic house museum is located at 304 North Ewing Street near downtown Helena. Entrepreneur William Chessman built the Mansion as a private residence in 1888. The three-story, Queen Anne-style structure was acquired by the State of Montana in 1913 to serve as its first official governor's residence. The Museum

program administers the Mansion, its exhibits, and historical collections. The building is carefully restored to its authentic appearance during the mansion's first years as home to Montana's governors.

- **Regular Tours:** The Society regularly offers guided, educational tours of the Museum, the Montana State Capitol, and the Original Governor's Mansion. These tours are offered to both the general public and to school and other youth groups. During the past two fiscal years, 15,845 people were given guided tours of the museum; 20,807 people were given guided tours of the state capitol; and 9,267 people were given tours of the Original Governor's Mansion. For those not wishing to take a tour, MHS offers self-guiding materials to lead patrons through the state capitol and the museum's long-term exhibits. Additionally, pre-visit and post-visit lessons for some tours are also available on-line for teachers to complete with their students before and after their visits to the Museum.
- **"The Richest Hills—Mining in the Far West, 1862-1920" Landmarks Grants:** In 2015 MHS received \$170,000 grant (its third such grant) from the National Endowment for the Humanities National Landmarks program to host intensive placed-based educator's workshops that delve into the importance of western mining in American history. These workshops bring teachers from all over Montana and other states to study in Virginia/Nevada Cities, Butte, Anaconda, Bannack, and Helena. Additionally, lesson plans developed through "The Richest Hills" are available for continuing use on the website: [http://archiva.net/richesthillsde/richesthills\\_de\\_projects.html](http://archiva.net/richesthillsde/richesthills_de_projects.html).
- **Social Media:** The Publications program is instrumental in MHS's social media efforts, including its presence on Facebook, Flickr, Pinterest, Instagram, Soundcloud, Twitter, and YouTube. MHS also maintains two blogs: "Teaching Montana History" and "Montana History Revealed," written by MHS Research Center staff.
- **State-owned Heritage Property Stewardship:** The 2011 Legislature passed amendments to the Montana State Antiquities Act (MCA 22-3-423) to require state agencies to report biennially on their stewardship of state-owned heritage properties. State-owned heritage properties are those historic buildings, places and archaeological sites on lands owned by the state that are significant in American history and have historic integrity. Pursuant to the Act, the Montana Historical Society's State Preservation Review Board and State Historic Preservation Office have prepared three biennial reports (2012, 2014, 2016) to the Legislature and the Governor's Office summarizing state agency stewardship and making recommendations for the improvement of the management and preservation of the state's known significant heritage property assets: <http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/ReviewComp/StateHeritageProperties.aspx>.
- **Student Education:** The Montana Historical Society provides a wide range of resources created for use in the classroom and by home-schools. Footlockers contain hands-on objects and in-depth *User Guides* on twenty-one different topics; the *User Guides* provide instructions for classroom/home-school use and include historical narratives, a bibliography, and lessons. All of these resources are aligned to Montana State Standards for Social Studies, the Montana Common Core Standards for English/Language Arts and Mathematics, and the Essential Understandings regarding Montana Indians. Footlockers reached 26,103 students during the past two years. The Society also offers an ever-growing selection of other resources, both online and in print formats. The Outreach and Interpretation staff has also posted dozens of lesson plans online for teachers to download at no charge. Between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2016, thousands of teachers from across the state explored the MHS

Educator web page to download free lesson plans. In addition, the Society has published and distributed teaching material to school libraries and interested teachers; the two newest examples include the award-winning “Montana’s Charlie Russell” educator packets – <http://mhs.mt.gov/education/Educators/CMRussell> and “Hazel Hunkins, Billings Suffragist: A Primary Source Investigation” – <https://mhs.mt.gov/education/women/HazelHunkins>.

- **Teacher Development:** MHS regularly plans and implements training workshops to improve the teaching of Montana (and American) history in the classroom and homeschool and promote the many resources it has available to help educators. These workshops are held in both Helena and other communities around the state. In fiscal years 2015-2016, the Society hosted day-long teacher workshops in Bozeman, Butte, Helena, Great Falls, Billings, Miles City, Sidney, and Hamilton. Over 1,000 k-12 educators, from almost every county in Montana, subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv. During the schoolyear, the Montana Historical Society sends out two posts a week, promoting training opportunities, offering tips on conducting primary source research, and providing information on lesson plans and online resources. Staff archives past posts at Teaching Montana History: <http://teachingmontanahistory.blogspot.com/>. MHS also uses the internet to reach teachers in other ways. For example, staff has cooperated with the Office of Public Instructions to create self-paced, online learning modules for the Teacher Learning Hub: <http://learninghub.mrooms.net/>
- **Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPOs):** The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) works collaboratively with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPOs) established on each of Montana’s seven reservations. THPOs assume many of the same duties of SHPO on lands within reservation boundaries. SHPO regularly communicates and meets with THPOs to discuss tribal consultation procedures and protocols to help sustain and advance effective working relationships under state, tribal and federal preservation law. SHPO provides access to the state antiquities database to THPOs through data-sharing agreements.
- **Women History Matters:** The Montana Historical Society has supported efforts across Montana to recognize and celebrate the centennial of women’s suffrage in 2014. MHS provided encouragement, research assistance, and images and in other ways encouraged the celebration of this centennial in Butte, Missoula, Great Falls, and Bozeman as well as in Columbus, Dillon, Lewistown, Polson, Poplar and many other communities. In honor of the centennial, MHS also created the Women’s History Matters website and blog, making widely available resources for learning more about women’s history. Students in Missoula, Twin Bridges, Browning, and elsewhere used these resources in their classes. Since it launched in January 2014, the website has been viewed over 191,000 times.

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### **Statewide Services of the Publications Program**

In addition to these statewide services, the Montana Historical Society's **Publications Program** produces the quarterly award-winning *Montana The Magazine of Western History* as well as books related to a wide variety of western history topics. What follows is a listing of some of the program's most significant accomplishments:

- ***Montana The Magazine of Western History*** is published and delivered to people across the state and the world; *Montana* looks at the history of Montana and the West both broadly and specifically. The magazine has been continuously published since 1951. A flagship for the Montana Historical Society, it keeps Montanans around the world in touch with their home state.
  - The Magazine is the state's journal of record and the official outlet for the results of new research in Montana and western history, much of which is based on work in the Montana Historical Society's Research Center and Museum.
  - *Montana The Magazine of Western History* has an annual readership of over thirty thousand. Magazines are sent to subscribers across Montana and in almost all fifty states and about a dozen foreign countries each quarter. Magazines are sold on newsstands throughout Montana and in neighboring states.
  - *Montana The Magazine of Western History* is the featured popular magazine for the Western History Association (WHA), the professional organization of historians of the American West and also the Montana Council for History and Civics Education.
  - *Montana* has a growing list of awards from Mountain Plains Museums Association, National Cowboy Museum and Western Heritage Center, Western Writers of America, Western History Association, Westerners International, Wild West History Association, Forest History Society, Army History Foundation, Wyoming Historical Society, and Envirotech.
  - Students, educators, library patrons, genealogists, and researchers of every kind use the Magazine's online database to delve into over six decades of back issues. These issues form the most extensive body of published material about Montana in existence. PDFs are available through ProQuest, a database widely used by secondary schools.
  - The Magazine's complete print run is available online to students and researchers worldwide as a part of JSTOR. JSTOR is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping the scholarly community discover, use, and build upon a wide range of intellectual content in a trusted digital archive. JSTOR is one of the primary sources of information for historians and students researching a wide variety of topics.
- **The Montana Historical Society Press**—which publishes peer-reviewed trade and scholarly books and is the state's only academic press—has over sixty books in print. The MHS Press celebrates its 60th anniversary in 2017. It is the state's preeminent scholarly publisher. MHS Press has recently published *Beyond Schoolmarms and Madams: Montana Women's Stories* edited by Martha Kohl; *People Before the Park: The Kootenai and Blackfeet Before Glacier National Park* by Sally Thompson, the Kootenai Culture Committee, and the Pikunni Traditional Association; *Montana's Charlie Russell: Art in the Collection of the Montana*

*History Society* by Jennifer Bottomly-O'looney and Kirby Lambert; *Mining Childhood: Growing Up in Butte, 1900–1960* by Janet Finn; and twenty-two MHS Press ebooks.

- Upcoming MHS Press titles include *Appropriate, Curious and Rare: Treasures from the Collection on the Montana Historical Society*, by MHS Staff; *Cooking up the Past: Montana's Culinary History* by Molly Kruckenberg, Mary Murphy, Zoe Ann Stoltz, and Jan Zuha; *No Step Backward: Men, Women, and Families on the Rocky Mountain Mining Frontier*, by Paula Petrik; *Surviving Montana: Oral History Narratives of Montana Women*, by Laurie Mercier; *Seeing the West: Letters from the Montana Historical Society Collection* by MHS staff;.
- In the past decade, MHS Press books have won numerous prizes, including the Montana Book Award and Honor Book; the High Plains Book Award for Best Nonfiction; Western Writers of America Spur Award for Contemporary Nonfiction Western Book; two American Association for State and Local History's Award of Merit; Eastern National Author Award; and have been finalists for the High Plains Best First Book Award, High Plains Best Nonfiction Book Award; High Plains Art and Photography Award; High Plains Zonta Best Woman Writer Award; the WILLA Literary Award for outstanding literature featuring women's stories set in the West; and the Publishers Association of the West's U.S. Western Book and Production Award.
- Press revenue is used to create an annual calendar of historical photographs, which is sold in bookstores around the state.
- The Publications program helps produce the *Society Star*, MHS's quarterly newsletter, as well as various other MHS printed materials.
- The Publications program continues to mentor students interested in careers in history and publishing through internships that further their education and build their resumes.

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## Services Provided in Beaverhead County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 608 individuals from Beaverhead County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- 31 students used the Educational Footlockers in Beaverhead County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated 242 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Beaverhead County, including Wisdom, Wise River, Polaris, Lima, Jackson, Glen and Dillon.
- To date, staff has created 5 National Register signs for historic properties in Beaverhead County.
- We send two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Beaverhead County.
- Staff gave two public programs at Bannack State Park.
- 72 teachers from other parts of Montana and the U.S. took part in the "Richest Hills" workshops which were held, in part, in Bannack (see "Statewide Services" on page 4 for more details). 1 teacher from Dillon received a scholarship to attend the week-long training.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 169 reports of cultural resource studies in Beaverhead County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 2089 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Beaverhead County.
- In the past two years, 54 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Beaverhead County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and information on 8 properties was updated.
- There are 19 properties in Beaverhead County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recent Beaverhead County property listed on the National Register is: the *Browne's Bridge*, near Glen (listed 01/04/2010).
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, six cultural resource properties in Beaverhead County were determined in FY2015 and 2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with owners, state, and federal agencies.
- Beaverhead County is represented by the Masonic Hall in Bannack (5 of Diamonds) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 7 research requests to residents and organizations of Beaverhead County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Museum staff provided consultation on artifact collection storage issues to 1 staff member of the Beaverhead County Museum.

- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

#### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Beaverhead County. This includes 13 walk-in visits and 3 remote requests.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (13 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Beaverhead County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps (2 donations).
- Through the Montana Digital Newspaper Project, the Research Center has digitized one newspaper from Beaverhead County, *Dillon Tribune* (1881-1887), and made it available online through Chronicling America ([chroniclingamerica.loc.gov](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov)).
- Working with public libraries in this county, the Research Center has made five newspapers from Beaverhead County available online through Montana Newspapers ([montananewspapers.org](http://montananewspapers.org)).
- The Beaverhead County Museum was awarded assistance from the Student Archivist Program in 2015. A graduate level archival student was in residence at the Museum for 10 weeks to work on collections.

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## Services Provided in Big Horn County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 40 individuals from Big Horn County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- 56 students used the Educational Footlockers in Big Horn County Classrooms.
- The Montana Historical Society donated 141 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Big Horn County, including Hardin and Pryor.
- To date, staff has created 19 National Register signs for historic properties in Big Horn County.
- We send two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Big Horn County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 17 new reports of cultural resource studies in Big Horn County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 2,806 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Big Horn County.
- In the past two years, 110 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Big Horn County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on another three properties was updated.
- There are 39 properties in Big Horn County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed property is the *Alvin Young Barn and Cabin Historic District*, near Rosebud Battlefield, listed January 25, 2011.
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, two cultural resource properties in Big Horn County were determined in FY2015 and 2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with owners, state, and federal agencies.
- Hardin-Big Horn County receives annual matching financial and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office as an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program, administered by SHPO. Mary Slattery of Hardin is the designated local historic preservation officer.
- Big Horn County and the Crow Tribe are also both designated *Preserve America* communities eligible for national historic preservation grants from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office, when such funding is made available.
- The Crow Tribal Historic Preservation Office (Emerson Bull Chief, THPO) and the Montana State Historic Preservation Office signed a *Memorandum of Understanding for Cultural Resource Protection Regarding the Sharing and Use of Sensitive Cultural Resource Data* in January, 2016.
- Big Horn County is represented by the Chief Plenty Coups (Alek-Chea-Ahoosh) Home National Historic Landmark (9 of Diamonds) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck: <https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 3 research requests to residents and organizations of Big Horn County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Big Horn County. This includes 1 remote request.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (5 requests).
- Jon Ille of Crow Agency is a current member of the Governor-appointed State Historic Records Advisory Board. The SHRAB is dedicated to the preservation of Montana's records of enduring value, to sustaining records planning, and to promoting cooperative efforts among the state's record keepers.
- The Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument was awarded assistance from the Student Archivist Program in 2014. A graduate level archival student was in residence at the Museum for 10 weeks to work on collections.
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## Services Provided in Blaine County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 158 individuals from Blaine County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- 175 students used the Educational Footlockers in Blaine County Classrooms
- Montana Historical Society donated 139 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Blaine County, including Chinook, Harlem, and Hays.
- We send two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Blaine County.
- To date, staff has created 3 National Register signs for historic properties in Blaine County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 21 new reports of cultural resource studies in Blaine County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 1987 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Blaine County.
- In the past two years, 12 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Blaine County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on another 9 properties was updated.
- SHPO collaborates, as requested, with Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Michael Black Wolf on cultural properties located on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation.
- There are 7 properties in Blaine County listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In 2016, the Ervin Homestead-Gist Bottom historic district on the Upper Missouri River Breaks was listed by the Bureau of Land Management in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office.
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, 6 cultural resource properties in Big Horn County were determined in FY2015 and 2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with owners, state, and federal agencies. Included was the historic McClelland ferry.
- Blaine County is represented by the Chief Josef Battleground of the Bear's Paw National Historic Landmark (Jack of Diamonds) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck: <https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

### Museum Services

- Museum staff provided for artifact consultation visit with 17 members of the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribes from the Aaniiih Nakoda College White Clay Language Immersion School, Harlem.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Blaine County. This includes 12 walk-in visits and 1 remote request.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (7 requests).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Broadwater County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 389 individuals from Broadwater County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- Montana Historical Society donated 96 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at the Townsend Middle School in Broadwater County
- MHS staff presented two public programs in Broadwater County with a combined attendance of 43.
- To date, staff has created 3 National Register signs for historic properties in Broadwater County.
- We send two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Broadwater County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 115 new reports of cultural resource studies in Broadwater County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 821 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Broadwater County.
- In the past two years, 6 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Broadwater County was recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on three other properties was updated.
- There are 7 properties in Broadwater County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office, including the Rankin Ranch, a National Historic Landmark. The most recent NR-listed property listed on Broadwater County is the *Toston Bridge* (listed on July 20, 2005).
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, two cultural resource properties in Broadwater County (the Johnson Stamp Mill and the Lundborg Cabin) were determined in FY2015 and 2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with owners, state, and federal agencies.
- Broadwater County is represented by the Eagle Guard Station on the Helena National Forest (4 of Hearts) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 4 research requests to residents and organizations of Broadwater County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Broadwater County. This includes 58 walk-in visits, 1 remote request, and 5 photograph orders.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Added collection materials from or about Broadwater County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps (1 donation).

# **Montana Historical Society**

## **Services Provided in Carbon County**

### Education and Outreach Services

- 152 individuals from Carbon County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- 17 students used the Educational Footlockers in Carbon County Classrooms
- Montana Historical Society donated 139 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Carbon County, including ones in Belfry, Bridger, Fromberg, Red Lodge, and Roberts.
- MHS staff presented three public programs in Carbon County with a combined attendance of 102.
- To date, staff has created 70 National Register signs for historic properties in Carbon County.
- We send two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Carbon County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 46 new reports of cultural resource studies in Carbon County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 1,799 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Carbon County.
- In the past two years, 34 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Carbon County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on another three properties was updated.
- There are 64 properties in Carbon County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office, including the Downtown Commercial and Hi Bug residential historic districts in Red Lodge. In 2015, the boundary of the National Register-listed Camp Senia Historic District on the Custer National Forest was increased to incorporate more historic cabins.
- Debra Hronek of Red Lodge is a current member of the Governor-appointed State Historic Preservation Review Board, appointed in 2011. The Review Board, attached to the Montana Historical Society, approves nominations to the National Register and advises SHPO on preservation planning.
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, 4 additional cultural resource properties in Carbon County were determined in FY2015 and 2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with owners, state, and federal agencies.
- Carbon County receives annual financial and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office as an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program. Samantha Long of Red Lodge is the current local historic preservation officer.
- The Carbon County CLG used a special grant of \$1,500 from SHPO in FY2015 for the upgrade of the HVAC system for the historic Carbon County Historical Museum building.

- Red Lodge is also a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation grants from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office, when such funding is available.
- The SHPO co-sponsored the Montana Preservation Road Show held in Red Lodge, June 1-4, 2016.
- Carbon County is represented by the Smith Mine near Bearcreek (10 of Spades) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

#### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 4 research requests to residents and organizations of Carbon County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period

#### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Carbon County. This includes 6 walk-in visits and 5 remote requests.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (16 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Carbon County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps (2 donations).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Carter County

### Education and Outreach Services

- Montana Historical Society donated copies of its new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at Ekalaka School and the Ekalaka Public Library in Carter County.
- To date, staff has created 1 National Register sign for historic properties in Carter County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 31 new reports of cultural resource studies in Carter County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 1116 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Carter County.
- In the past two years, 12 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Carter County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- The very first historic property in Carter County was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2015 by the City of Ekalaka with assistance from the State Historic Preservation Office: the restored First National Bank of Ekalaka and Rickard Hardware Store building. With this listing, all 56 counties in Montana have at least one property listed on the National Register.
- When it rains, it pours: Medicine Rocks State Park has been nominated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and the nomination will be heard at the September 2016 meeting of the State Preservation Review Board.
- Carter County is represented by the Ekalaka Bank (3 of Hearts) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck: <https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

### Museum Services

- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period

### Research Center Services

- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (2 requests).



# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Cascade County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 842 individuals from Cascade County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- 49 students used the Educational Footlockers in Cascade County Classrooms
- Montana Historical Society donated 682 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Cascade County, including ones in Belt, Cascade, Great Falls, Sand Coulee, Simms, Sun River, Ulm, and Vaughn.
- To date, staff has created 55 National Register signs for historic properties in Cascade County.
- MHS staff presented 18 public programs in Cascade County with a combined attendance of 823.
- One teacher from Cascade County received a full scholarship to attend the Montana History Conference.
- We send two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Cascade County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the Montana Historical Society processed 57 new reports of cultural resource studies in Cascade County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 1402 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Cascade County.
- In the past two years, 37 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Cascade County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on another 11 properties was updated.
- There are 45 properties in Cascade County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office, including several large historic districts in Great Falls. The most recently listed property, the Great Falls East Side Neighborhood Historic District, was added in 2016, in part through support from a \$1,000 special project grant from SHPO.
- Carol Bronson of Great Falls is a member of the State Historic Preservation Review Board, appointed by Governor Steve Bullock in 2014. The Review Board, attached to the Montana Historical Society, approves nominations to the National Register and advises SHPO on preservation planning.
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, 5 additional cultural resource properties in Cascade County, including the AVMAX Concrete Hanger at the Great Falls Airport, were determined in FY2015 and 2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register by SHPO in consultation with owners, state, or federal agencies.
- Great Falls-Cascade County receives annual matching financial and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office as an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program. Ellen Sievert in Great

Falls served for many years as the city-county historic preservation officer, until her retirement in 2016.

- Great Falls is also a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation grants from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office, when such funding is available.
- On top of the annual support for the Great Falls-Cascade County CLG, SHPO awarded the City of Great Falls \$5,000 used in FY2015 for the planning and feasibility study of a potential National Heritage Area along the Missouri River corridor.
- SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist Pete Brown participated in several meetings over the past biennium in Great Falls to assess the potential adaptive reuse of the Rainbow Dam Powerhouse.
- Cascade County is represented by the recently designated National Historic Landmark First Peoples Buffalo Jump (2 of Spades) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck: <https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

#### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 32 research requests to residents and organizations of Cascade County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- 3 people from Cascade County attended a workshop on how to use artifact collections data base, presented by Museum staff.
- Museum staff provided an exhibit design workshop to 8 people associated with 5 different museums from Cascade County.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period

#### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Cascade County. This includes 55 walk-in visits, 9 remote requests, and 5 photograph orders.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Added collection materials from or about Cascade County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps (5 donations).
- Kathryn Kramer and Kristi Scott, both of Great Falls, are current members of the Governor-appointed State Historic Records Advisory Board. The SHRAB is dedicated to the preservation of Montana's records of enduring value, to sustaining records planning, and to promoting cooperative efforts among the state's record keepers.

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Chouteau County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 363 individuals from Chouteau County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- Montana Historical Society donated 66 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Chouteau County, including ones in Big Sandy, Fort Benton, Geraldine, and Highwood.
- To date, staff has created 28 National Register signs for historic properties in Chouteau County.
- We send two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Chouteau County.
- MHS staff presented one public programs in Choteau County with an attendance of 75.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 10 new reports of cultural resource studies in Chouteau County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 1,170 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Chouteau County.
- In the past two years, 20 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Chouteau County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on another 21 properties was updated.
- There are 22 properties in Chouteau County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office, including the Fort Benton Historic District National Historic Landmark (NHL). The most recent property listed is the *Square Butte School* (listed 07/05/2013).
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, two additional cultural resource properties in Chouteau County, the Harris Land and Cattle Ranch and "The Notch", were determined in FY2015 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with the USDA/Rural Utility Service and the Bureau of Land Management, respectively.
- Fort Benton is a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation funding from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office, when funding is available.
- Chouteau County is represented by the Grand Union Hotel in Fort Benton (6 of Diamonds) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 3 research requests to residents and organizations of Chouteau County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Chouteau County. This includes 4 walk-in visits, 1 remote request, and 2 photograph orders.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Added collection materials from or about Chouteau County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps (3 donations).
- Through the Montana Digital Newspaper Project, the Research Center digitized one newspaper from Chouteau County, *River Press* (1902-1904), and made it available online through Chronicling America ([chroniclingamerica.loc.gov](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov)).
- Working with public libraries in this county, the Research Center has also made one newspaper from Chouteau County available online through Montana Newspapers ([montananewspapers.org](http://montananewspapers.org)).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Custer County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 116 individuals from Custer County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- Montana Historical Society donated 139 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Custer County, including ones in Kinsey and Miles City.
- MHS staff presented one public program in Custer County with an attendance of 24.
- MHS hosted a day-long teacher training workshop in Miles City which was attended by 20 educators.
- To date, staff has created 45 National Register signs for historic properties in Custer County. We send two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Custer County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 8 new reports of cultural resource studies in Custer County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 1,161 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Custer County.
- In the past two years, 86 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Custer County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and information on 5 known properties was updated.
- There are 18 properties in Custer County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed Custer County properties are the *Locate Creek Bridge* (listed on March 26, 2012), the *Northern Pacific Railway Depot* (listed on 04/01/2010) and the *Holy Rosary Hospital* (listed on 01/15/2009).
- Miles City receives annual financial and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office as an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program. Connie Muggli in Miles City is the current local historic preservation officer.
- Miles City is also a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation funding from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office, when funding is available.
- Custer County is represented by the Montana Bar in the Miles City Main Street Historic District (Ace of Diamonds) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck: <https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 2 research requests to residents and organizations of Custer County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Custer County. This includes 1 remote request.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Added collection materials from or about Custer County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps (1 donation).
- Working with public libraries in this county, the Research Center has made two newspapers from Custer County available online through Montana Newspapers ([montanane newspapers.org](http://montanane newspapers.org)).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Daniels County

### Education and Outreach Services

- Montana Historical Society donated 32 copies of its new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at Scobey Schools in Daniels County.
- We send two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Daniels County.
- To date, staff has created 1 National Register sign for a historic property in Daniels County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed one new report of cultural resource study in Daniels County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 106 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Daniels County.
- There are currently 3 properties in Daniels County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. They are the: *Daniels County Courthouse* (listed on 4/4/1995), *Mansfield A. Daniels House* (listed on 6/4/1997), and the *Lapierre Barn* (listed on 4/11/2005).
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, 2 additional cultural resource properties in Daniels County, the Poplar River and Griffith Creek bridges, were determined in FY2015 and 2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register by SHPO in consultation with the Montana Department of Transportation.
- Daniels County is represented by the Daniels County Courthouse in Scobey (Jack of Clubs) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

### Museum Services

- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Daniels County. This includes 10 walk-in visits and 1 remote request.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.



# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Dawson County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 58 individuals from Dawson County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- To date, staff has created 15 National Register signs for historic properties in Dawson County.
- We send two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Dawson County.
- Montana Historical Society donated 133 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Dawson County, including ones in Glendive and Richey.
- State Archivist Jodie Foley presented an archival training workshop in Glendive. Five people attended.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 14 new reports of cultural resource studies in Dawson County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 457 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Dawson County.
- In the past two years, 4 new properties in Dawson County were recorded and added to the official statewide inventory, and information on one previously recorded property was updated.
- There are 13 properties in Dawson County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office, including the *Hagan Archaeological Site* which is a recognized National Historic Landmark (NHL). The most recent National Register listed property in Dawson County is the *Bad Route Creek Bridge*, near Fallon, listed on April 28, 2011.
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, two additional cultural resource properties in Dawson County, the McCarty Cabin in Makoshika State Park and the MDT Glendive District Office, were determined in FY2015-2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register by SHPO in consultation with Montana State parks and the Montana Department of Transportation, respectively.
- Dawson County is represented by the Charles Krug House in Glendive (3 of Diamonds) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

### Museum Services

- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Dawson County. This includes 5 remote requests.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (9 requests).
- The Frontier Gateway Museum in Glendive was awarded assistance from the Student Archivist Program in 2016. A graduate level archival student was in residence at the Museum for 5 weeks to work on collections.
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# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Deer Lodge County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 600 individuals from Deer Lodge County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- To date, staff has created 39 National Register signs for historic properties in Deer Lodge County.
- MHS staff presented one public program in Deer Lodge County with an attendance of 98.
- We send two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Deer Lodge County.
- 26 students used the Educational Footlockers in Deer Lodge County Classrooms
- 72 teachers participated in Richest Hills workshops which were held, in part, in Anaconda (see "Statewide Services" on page 4 for more details). 1 teacher from Anaconda received a scholarship to attend the week-long training.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 34 new reports of cultural resource studies in Deer Lodge County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 454 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Deer Lodge County.
- In the past two years, 23 new properties in Deer Lodge County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on two other properties was updated.
- There are 29 properties in Deer Lodge County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office, including 4 large historic districts in Anaconda within the Butte-Anaconda National Historic Landmark. The most recently listed property in the county is the *Anaconda Saddle Club* (listed on 01/24/2007).
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, 4 additional cultural resource properties in Deer Lodge County, including the Hefner Dam and Pump Plant, were determined in FY2015 and 2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register by SHPO in consultation with owners, state, or federal agencies.
- Anaconda-Deer Lodge County is eligible to receive annual matching financial and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office as an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program; however the program is not currently active.
- Anaconda-Deer Lodge County is also a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation funding from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office, when such funding is available.
- Deer Lodge County is represented by the Washoe Theater in Anaconda (4 of Clubs) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 9 research requests to residents and organizations of Deer Lodge County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Deer Lodge County. This includes 6 walk-in visits and 1 photograph order.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (4 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Deer Lodge County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps (1 donation).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Fallon County

### Education and Outreach Services

- Montana Historical Society donated copies of its new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at Plevna School and the Baker Public School Library in Fallon County
- We send two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Fallon County.
- To date, staff has created 1 National Register sign for a historic property in Fallon County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 24 new reports of cultural resource studies in Fallon County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 734 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Fallon County.
- In the past two years, 81 new properties in Fallon County were recorded (mostly by the Bureau of Land Management) and added to the official statewide inventory, and information on 1 existing recorded property was updated.
- There are currently 3 properties in Fallon County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. They are the *Fallon County Jail* (listed on 7/31/1999), the *Baker Hotel* (listed on 1/5/2005) in Baker, and most recently, the *Cottonwood Creek Bridge* near Ismay (listed 3/14/2014).
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, 7 additional archaeological properties in Fallon County were determined in FY2015 to be eligible for listing in the National Register by the Bureau of Land Management in consultation with SHPO.
- Fallon County is represented by the historic Fallon County Jail (King of Clubs) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

### Museum Services

- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Fallon County. This includes 2 remote requests.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (5 requests).
- Working with public libraries in this county, the Research Center has made 3 newspapers from Fallon County available online through Montana Newspapers ([montanane newspapers.org](http://montanane newspapers.org)).



# **Montana Historical Society**

## **Services Provided in Fergus County**

### Education and Outreach Services

- 581 individuals from Fergus County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- Montana Historical Society donated 131 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Fergus County, including ones in Denton, Lewistown, Moore, Roy, and Winifred.
- To date, staff has created 52 National Register signs for historic properties in Fergus County.
- We send two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Fergus County.
- MHS staff presented three public programs in Fergus County with a combined attendance of 150.
- One teacher from Fergus County received a full scholarship to attend the Montana History Conference.
- 2 teachers from Fergus County participated in a weeklong "Richest Hills" workshop to improve their understanding of the history of mining in the West (2011, 2013).

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 12 new reports of cultural resource studies in Fergus County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 1,011 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Fergus County.
- In the past two years, 64 new properties in Fergus County were recorded and added to the official statewide inventory, and information on 19 previously recorded properties was updated.
- There are 44 properties in Fergus County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office, including several large historic districts in Lewistown. Most recently, the Stafford's Grocery in Winifred was added to the National Register in 2016.
- Zane Fulbright of Lewistown is a current member and chair of the State Preservation Review Board, appointed by the Governor in 2012. The Review Board, attached to the Montana Historical Society, approves nominations to the National Register and advises SHPO on preservation planning.
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, 5 additional cultural resource properties in Fergus County, including the Box Elder School, were determined in FY2015-2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register by SHPO in consultation with owners, state, or federal agencies.
- As an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program, Lewistown receives annual matching financial and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office. Duane Ferdinand is the current local historic preservation officer.

- Kate Hampton, SHPO Community Preservation Coordinator, met in Lewistown on July 13, 2015 with local HPO Duane Ferdinand and other interested parties to discuss preservation options for the vacant Montana Telephone building and Broadway Apartments building.
- Presentation: *Fifty Years of the National Historic Preservation Act in Montana*, Lewiston Preservation Awards Ceremony, Lewistown, May 23, 2016 (Kate Hampton)
- Lewistown is also a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation grants from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office, when funding is available.
- During FY2015, the Lewistown CLG used an \$8,000 special project grant from the State Historic Preservation Office for a condition assessment of the historic Power Building.
- Fergus County is represented by the Gus Nelson Homestead in the Missouri River Breaks (8 of Spades) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 4 research requests to residents and organizations of Fergus County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Fergus County. This includes 8 walk-in visits, 6 remote requests, and 1 photograph order.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (2 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Fergus County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps (1 donation).
- Through the Montana Digital Newspaper Project, the Research Center has digitized one newspaper from Fergus County, *Fergus County Democrat* (1904-1916), and made it available online through Chronicling America ([chroniclingamerica.loc.gov](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov)).
- Working with public libraries in this county, the Research Center has also made 2 additional newspapers from Fergus County available online through Montana Newspapers ([montanane newspapers.org](http://montanane newspapers.org)).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Flathead County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 2,905 individuals from Flathead County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- 3,294 students used the Educational Footlockers in Flathead County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated 1,043 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Flathead County, including ones in Bigfork, Columbia Falls, Kalispell, Kila, Marion, Somers, and Whitefish.
- We send two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Flathead County.
- To date, staff has created 156 National Register signs for historic properties in Flathead County.
- Two teachers from Flathead County received full scholarships to attend the Montana History Conference.
- MHS staff presented seven public programs in Flathead County with a combined attendance of 781.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 107 new reports of cultural resource studies in Flathead County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 1,136 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Flathead County.
- In the past two years, 35 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Flathead County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are 140 properties in Flathead County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office, including several historic districts in Kalispell and numerous properties in Glacier National Park. Four properties were added in FY2015-2016: the Swan River Bridge in Bigfork, the Flathead National Forest Backcountry Administrative Facilities, the Big Creek Ranger Station, and the Camas Creek Cutoff Road.
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, 2 additional historic properties in Flathead County, the South Fork of the Flathead River Bridge and the Columbia Falls-Kalispell No. 1 Transmission Line, were determined in FY2015-2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register by SHPO in consultation with state and federal agencies.
- Kalispell is a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation funding from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office, when such funding is made available.
- Presentation: *Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits: A Case Study of the Modern Hotel, Whitehall*, Montana Downtown Conference, Kalispell, September 24 (Pete Brown, SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist)
- Over the past biennium, SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist Pete Brown also advised on several proposed historic renovation projects in Flathead County, including downtown businesses and the Flathead County Courthouse jail in Kalispell.

- Flathead County is represented by the Going-to-the-Sun Road National Historic Landmark (7 of Spades) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

#### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 33 research requests to residents and organizations of Flathead County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- The Museum program provided the travelling exhibit *Montana Modern* to the Central School Museum, Kalispell.
- 2 staff members/volunteers from the Conrad Mansion, Kalispell attended a Historic House Museum Roundtable Discussion presented by Museum staff.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

#### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Flathead County. This includes 54 walk-in visits, 14 remote requests, and 6 photograph orders.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (37 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Flathead County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps (6 donations).
- Through the Montana Digital Newspaper Project, the Research Center has digitized 2 newspapers from Flathead County, *Kalispell Bee* (1900-1903) and the *Whitefish Pilot* (1908-1912), and made them available online through Chronicling America ([chroniclingamerica.loc.gov](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov)).
- Working with public libraries in this county, the Research Center has also made 3 additional newspapers from Flathead County available online through Montana Newspapers ([montananewspapers.org](http://montananewspapers.org)).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Gallatin County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 4,783 individuals from Gallatin County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- 883 students used the Educational Footlockers in the Gallatin County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated 520 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Gallatin County, including ones in Belgrade, Bozeman, Gallatin Gateway, Manhattan, Three Forks, West Yellowstone, and Willow Creek.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Gallatin County.
- To date, staff has created 100 National Register signs for historic properties in Gallatin County.
- Five teachers from Gallatin County received full scholarships to attend the Montana History Conference.
- MHS staff presented 13 public programs in Gallatin County with a combined attendance of 747. MHS also hosted the three-day long, 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Montana History Conference in Bozeman with an attendance of approximately 300.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 72 new reports of cultural resource studies in Gallatin County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 1257 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Gallatin County.
- In the past two years, 49 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Gallatin County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on another two properties was updated.
- There are 103 properties, including 11 Bozeman historic districts, in Gallatin County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recent Gallatin County property listed is the Elkhorn Ranch Historic District, listed April 5, 2016.
- Lesley Gilmore (Historic Architect) of Gallatin Gateway has been a member of the Governor-appointed State Historic Preservation Review Board since 2009. The Review Board, attached to the Montana Historical Society, approves nominations to the National Register and advises SHPO on preservation planning.
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, 8 additional historic properties in Gallatin County were determined in FY2015-2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register by SHPO in consultation with state and federal agencies.
- As an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program, Bozeman receives annual financial and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office. Chris Saunders is the Acting Historic Preservation Officer for Bozeman.

- Bozeman is also a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation grants from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office, when funding is available.
- SHPO staff regularly provides technical assistance and services to the faculty of Montana State University-Bozeman, including lectures for classes in Anthropology, Architecture, and History.
- Montana Project Archaeology, a collaborative teacher education program of Montana State University-Bozeman and the Bureau of Land Management, received a biennial 2015 Montana Historic Preservation Award from SHPO for Outstanding Preservation Education and Outreach.
- Gallatin County is represented by Montana Hall, a contributing resource in the MSU Bozeman Campus Historic District (6 of Spades), in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck: <https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

#### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 18 research requests to residents and organizations of Gallatin County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- 2 people from Gallatin County attended a workshop on how to use artifact collections data base, presented by Museum staff.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

#### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Gallatin County. This includes 175 walk-in visits, 13 remote requests, and 15 photograph orders.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (25 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Gallatin County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps (13 donations).
- Through the Montana Digital Newspaper Project, the Research Center has digitized 2 newspapers from Gallatin County, *Avant Courier* (1874-1879) and the *Bozeman Chronicle* (1883-1886), and made them available online through Chronicling America ([chroniclingamerica.loc.gov](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov)).
- Three residents of Gallatin County were awarded Dave Walter Research Fellowships to support local research at the MHS.
- Heather Hultman of Bozeman is a current member of the Governor-appointed State Historic Records Advisory Board. The SHRAB is dedicated to the preservation of Montana's records of enduring value, to sustaining records planning, and to promoting cooperative efforts among the state's record keepers.
- The State Historic Records Advisory Board awarded scholarship funds for two residents of Gallatin County to attend archival training.

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Garfield County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 88 individuals from Garfield County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- Montana Historical Society donated copies of its new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at libraries and schools in Brusett, Jordan, and Sand Springs in Garfield County.
- We send two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Garfield County.
- 29 students used the Education Footlockers in Garfield County Classrooms.
- To date, staff has created 1 National Register sign for historic properties in Garfield County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 16 new reports of cultural resource studies in Garfield County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 407 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Garfield County.
- In the past two years, 5 new properties in Garfield County were recorded and added to the official statewide inventory.
- There is 1 property in Garfield County currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office: the *Hornaday Camp* (listed on 3/26/1991).
- The Hornaday Camp (Jack of Hearts) represents Garfield County in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck: <https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

### Museum Services

- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.



# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Glacier County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 153 individuals from Glacier County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- Montana Historical Society donated 349 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Glacier County, including ones in Browning, Cut Bank, and East Glacier Park.
- We send two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Glacier County.
- To date, staff has created 3 National Register signs for historic properties in Glacier County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 20 new reports of cultural resource studies in Glacier County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 1,430 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Glacier County.
- In the past two years, 15 new properties in Glacier County were recorded and added to the official statewide inventory, and information for an additional 3 previously recorded properties was updated.
- There are 35 properties in Glacier County currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office, including several historic districts in Glacier National Park. The most recently listed property is the *Glacier County Courthouse* in Cut Bank (listed 6/25/2013).
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, 2 additional historic properties in Glacier County (the Cut Bank Depot and the East Glacier Park Depot) were evaluated and determined in FY2015-2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with SHPO.
- SHPO works often with the Blackfeet Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) John Murray on traditional historic properties both on and off the reservation in Blackfeet Country.
- Pete Brown, SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist, has worked closely with Glacier National Park in various building renovation projects, including rehabilitation of the Going-to-the-Sun Road to preserve its status as a National Historic Landmark.
- Glacier County is represented by the Swiftcurrent Lookout in Glacier National Park (Queen of Clubs), in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 4 research requests to residents and organizations of Glacier County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Museum staff provided a tour of MHS collections storage to 1 staff member of the Glacier County Historical Society.

- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

#### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Glacier County. This includes 14 walk-in visits and 2 remote requests.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (4 requests).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Golden Valley County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 94 individuals from Golden Valley County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- Montana Historical Society donated 32 copies of its new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at Ryegate and Lavina Schools in Golden Valley County.
- We send two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Golden Valley County.
- To date, staff has created 3 National Register signs for historic properties in Golden Valley County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 6 new reports of cultural resource studies in Golden Valley County, in conjunction with project compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 148 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Golden Valley County.
- In the past two years, 2 new properties in Golden Valley County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are currently 5 properties in Golden Valley County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed property is the *Lavina State Bank* (listed on 12/17/2007).
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, the historic Lavina Ditch was evaluated and determined in FY2015-2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with SHPO.
- Golden Valley County is represented by the Adams Hotel in Lavina (Joker/Wild Card), in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 1 research request to residents and organizations of Golden Valley County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Golden Valley County. This includes 8 walk-in visits and 2 remote requests.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.



# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Granite County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 220 individuals from Granite County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- Montana Historical Society donated 50 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Granite County, including ones in Drummond and Hall.
- To date, staff has created 26 National Register signs for historic properties in Granite County.
- MHS staff presented one public programs in Granite County with an attendance of six.
- We send two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Granite County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 137 new reports of cultural resource studies in Granite County, in conjunction with compliance projects for state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 1,036 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Granite County.
- In the past two years, 1 new property in Granite County has been recorded and added to the official statewide inventory, and existing historical information on another 7 properties was updated.
- There are 11 properties in Granite County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed property is the *Garnet Historic District* (listed on 08/12/2010), a Montana ghost town visited by thousands every year.
- Kate Hampton, SHPO Community Preservation Coordinator, along with Pete Brown, SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist met in Phillipsburg with the mayor and city council members to talk about local design review for historic buildings and participation in the Certified Local Government (CLG) program (January 29, 2015)
- Granite County is represented by the Garnet Historic District (7 of Hearts) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 1 research request to residents and organizations of Granite County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- 2 people from Granite County attended a workshop on how to use artifact collections data base, presented by Museum staff.
- The Museum transferred three exhibit mannequins to Granite County Museum
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Granite County. This includes 11 walk-in visits and 2 photograph orders.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Added collection materials from or about Granite County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps (1 donation).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Hill County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 770 individuals from Hill County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- 126 students used the Educational Footlockers in Hill County Classrooms
- Montana Historical Society donated 240 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Hill County, including ones in Box Elder, Gilford, Havre, and Rudyard.
- MHS staff presented five public programs in Hill County with a combined attendance of 312.
- To date, staff has created 26 National Register signs for historic properties in Hill County.
- We send two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Hill County.
- The Montana Historical Society awarded 4 scholarships to Hill County educators to help them attend workshops on teaching Montana history.
- One teacher from Havre received a scholarship to attend MHS' week-long educators training, *The Richest Hills* (see page 4 for more information).
- One teacher from Hill County received a full scholarship to attend the Montana History Conference.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 8 new reports of cultural resource studies in Hill County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 1,265 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Hill County.
- In the past two years, 31 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Hill County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on another twelve properties was updated.
- There are 9 properties in Hill County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed property is the *Kiwanis Meeting Hall* (listed 03/31/2010) in Beaver Creek Park.
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, 3 additional historic properties in Hill County, including the Havre Area MDT Office and Shop, were evaluated and determined in FY2015-2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with SHPO.
- As an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program, Havre-Hill County receives annual financial and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office. Becki Miller of Havre is the current local historic preservation officer.
- Havre and Hill County are also designated *Preserve America* communities eligible for national historic preservation grants from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office, when such funding is available.

- SHPO has regularly provided support and technical assistance to the preservation of Fort Assiniboine, including a \$5,000 CLG special project grant awarded to the Havre-Hill County CLG for updating research in FY2015.
- SHPO routinely consults with Rocky Boy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) Alvin Windy Boy.
- Marc Whitacre and Erica Farmer, owners of the Havre Historic Post Office, were awarded a biennial 2015 Montana Historic Preservation Award from SHPO for Outstanding Preservation Rehabilitation Project.
- Hill County is represented by Fort Assiniboine (Queen of Spades) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

#### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 4 research requests to residents and organizations of Hill County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

#### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Hill County. This includes 20 walk-in visits.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (5 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Hill County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps (2 donations).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Jefferson County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 659 individuals from Jefferson County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- 39 students used the Educational Footlockers in Jefferson County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated 192 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Jefferson County, including ones in Boulder, Cardwell, Clancy, and Whitehall.
- To date, staff has created 5 National Register signs for historic properties in Jefferson County.
- MHS staff presented 2 public programs in Jefferson County with a combined attendance of 647.
- We send two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Jefferson County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 200 new reports of cultural resource studies in Jefferson County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 1,482 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Jefferson County.
- In the past two years, 10 new properties in Jefferson County were recorded and added to the official statewide inventory.
- There are 8 properties in Jefferson County currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed property is the Montana State Training School Historic District in Boulder, listed on November 24, 2014. Research and writing for the Montana State Training School was performed by SHPO intern Chelsea Chamberlain who also reported her results in a public lecture at the Montana Historical Society on September 11, 2014: *A Matter of Right, and Not of Charity: The Early History of the Montana State Training School in Boulder*.
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, 7 additional historic properties in Jefferson County were evaluated and determined in FY2015-2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with SHPO.
- In 2015, Jessica Bush, SHPO Compliance Officer, made field visits to the DEQ Crystal Mine cleanup project near Basin (July 9), to a series of historic charcoal platforms identified in Elk Park on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF (July 22), and to active archaeological excavations for a MDT road project south of Boulder (August 28).
- Jefferson County is a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation grants from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office, when such funding is available.

- The Borden Hotel Rehabilitation Project in Whitehall was recognized with the 2015 Governor's Award for Historic Preservation for Outstanding Local Preservation Project at the biennial Preservation Awards ceremony hosted by SHPO in Helena on January 23, 2015.
- Jefferson County is represented by Fraternity Hall in Elkhorn (Queen of Hearts) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

#### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 5 research requests to residents and organizations of Jefferson County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

#### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Jefferson County. This includes 132 walk-in visits, 2 remote requests, and 5 photograph orders.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (4 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Jefferson County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps (2 donations).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Judith Basin County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 253 individuals from Judith Basin County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- 61 students used the Educational Footlockers in Judith Basin County Classrooms
- Montana Historical Society donated 32 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at Geysers and Hobson schools in Judith Basin County.
- We send two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Judith Basin County.
- To date, staff has created 3 National Register signs for historic properties in Judith Basin County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 58 new reports of cultural resource studies in Judith Basin County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 627 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Judith Basin County.
- In the past two years, 16 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Judith Basin County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on nine previously recorded properties was updated.
- There are 4 properties in Judith Basin County currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office: *Judith Landing Historic District* (listed on 12/6/1975; boundary increase on 4/11/2014), *Judith River Ranger Station* (listed on 4/10/1992), *Meadowbrook Stock Farm* (listed on 1/13/1992), and *Wood Lawn Farm* (listed on 1/27/1993).
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, 2 more historic properties in Judith Basin County were evaluated and determined in 2015-2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with SHPO.
- Judith Basin County is represented by the Judith River Ranger Station (10 of Clubs) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 2 research requests to residents and organizations of Judith Basin County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Judith Basin County. This includes 1 remote request and 1 photograph order.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (4 requests).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Lake County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 389 individuals from Lake County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- 860 students used the Educational Footlockers in Lake County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated 437 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Lake County, including ones in Arlee, Charlo, Polson, Ronan, and St. Ignatius.
- We send two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Lake County.
- Four teachers from Lake County received a full scholarship to attend the Montana History Conference.
- To date, staff has created 7 National Register signs for historic properties in Lake County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 15 new reports of cultural resource studies in Lake County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 323 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Lake County.
- In the past two years, 1 new property in Lake County was recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are 10 properties in Lake County currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed property is the *Dayton State Bank* (listed on 10/02/2012).
- The Montana SHPO works cooperatively with the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribal Historic Preservation Office for the preservation of properties of traditional cultural value both on and off the Flathead reservation. SHPO provides CSKT with access to the State Antiquities Database under a data sharing agreement.
- Lake County is represented by Saint Ignatius Mission (2 of Diamonds) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 4 research requests to residents and organizations of Lake County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Lake County. This includes 18 walk-in visits, 3 remote requests, and 8 photograph orders.

- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (10 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Lake County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps (1 donation).
- Working with public libraries in this county, the Research Center has made 4 newspapers from Lake County available online through Montana Newspapers ([montananewspapers.org](http://montananewspapers.org)).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Lewis and Clark County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 6,098 individuals from Lewis and Clark County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- 2,901 students used the Educational Footlockers in Lewis and Clark County Classrooms
- Montana Historical Society donated 410 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Lewis and Clark County, including ones in Augusta, East Helena, Helena, Lincoln, and Wolf Creek.
- We send two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Lewis and Clark County.
- 72 teachers participated in the Richest Hills workshops which were held, in part, in Helena (see "Statewide Services" on page 4 for more details).
- To date, the Camp to Capital walking tour program has reached more than 1,200 children in the Helena Public Schools.
- MHS *Archaeology Day* in October of each year provides hands-on demonstrations in pre-contact Native American life-ways and material culture for over 500 elementary and middle school students.
- MHS staff delivered 171 programs to Lewis and Clark County audiences outside the MHS headquarters building for a combined total of 9,890 patrons.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 251 new reports of cultural resource studies in Lewis and Clark County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 2,012 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Lewis and Clark County.
- In the past two years, 169 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Lewis and Clark County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on another 13 properties was updated.
- There are 71 properties, including several Helena historic districts, in Lewis and Clark County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed property is the *Montana State Capitol Campus Historic District* in Helena (listed February 23, 2016). Funding for the preparation of the Capitol Campus nomination, comprised of 15 contributing buildings and various sites and objects, was provided jointly by SHPO and the Montana Department of Administration.
- Jon Axline and Patti Casne of Helena are current members of the Governor-appointed State Historic Preservation Review Board and Miki Wilde of East Helena is a recent past member (2008-2015). The Review Board approves nominations to the National Register and advises SHPO on preservation planning.
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, 17 more historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Lewis and Clark County were evaluated and determined in 2015-2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with SHPO.

- As an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program, Lewis and Clark County receives annual financial and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office. Pam Attardo is the current local county historic preservation officer.
- SHPO awarded the Lewis & Clark County CLG a \$5,000 special project grant to help in the restoration of the Archie Bray historic kiln in FY2015.
- Helena and Lewis and Clark County are also designated *Preserve America* communities eligible for national historic preservation grants from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office, as such funding becomes available.
- SHPO hosts the biennial Preservation Awards Ceremony in Helena every other year. Preservation awards as well as certificates to owners of recently listed National Register of Historic Places properties are presented at the ceremony, with the help of the Governor's office.
- Presentation: *Rehabilitation: Balancing Historic Character with Contemporary Needs*, Montana Downtown Conference, Helena, September 25 (Pete Brown, SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist)
- SHPO staff work closely with the Montana Heritage Commission in the planning and execution of historic restoration projects at Reeder's Alley.
- SHPO staff regularly meets with the city of Helena to review preservation maintenance and repair of the Lewis and Clark City-County Building.
- SHPO worked cooperatively with Lewis and Clark county and Helena National Forest in the transfer of ownership of the Old Lincoln Townsite cemetery.
- In 2015 SHPO staff assisted Lewis and Clark County Historic Preservation Officer Pam Attardo in the recording and photo-documentation of the Matthew King cabin outside Lincoln, an early pioneer 2-story hewn log structure that has been sold to salvagers.
- Lewis and Clark County is represented by Reeder's Alley in Helena (5 of Spades) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

#### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 211 research requests to residents and organizations of Lewis and Clark County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- 3 people from Lewis and Clark County attended a workshop on how to use artifact collections data base, presented by Museum staff.
- Museum staff provided consultation on care of textile collections and storage to 2 staff members of the Lewis and Clark Historical Society.
- The Museum program provided the travelling exhibit *Montana Native Warriors* for two separate venues to the Montana Military Museum, Fort Harrison and Helena.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

#### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Lewis and Clark County. This includes 3,197 walk-in visits, 25 remote requests, and 83 photograph orders.

- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (18 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Lewis and Clark County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps (71 donations).
- Through the Montana Digital Newspaper Project, the Research Center has digitized 1 newspaper from Lewis and Clark County, *Helena Herald* (1872-1889), and made it available online through Chronicling America ([chroniclingamerica.loc.gov](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov)).
- Working with public libraries in this county, the Research Center has also made 3 additional newspapers from Lewis and Clark County available online through Montana Newspapers ([montanane newspapers.org](http://montanane newspapers.org)).
- One resident of Lewis and Clark County was awarded the Dave Walter Research Fellowship to support local research at the MHS.



# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Liberty County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 159 individuals from Liberty County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- Montana Historical Society donated 43 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Liberty County, including ones in Chester and Whitlash.
- To date, staff has created 2 National Register signs for historic properties in Liberty County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 7 new reports of cultural resource studies in Liberty County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 258 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Liberty County.
- In the past two years, 3 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Liberty County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on another previously recorded property was updated.
- There are currently 2 properties in Liberty County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office: *First Episcopal Methodist Church of Chester* (listed on 8/29/1997) and *the First State Bank of Chester* (listed on 8/29/1997).
- Liberty County is represented by the First State Bank of Chester (9 of Hearts) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

### Museum Services

- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Liberty County. This includes 5 walk-in visits.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.



# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Lincoln County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 246 individuals from Lincoln County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- 352 students used the Educational Footlockers in Lincoln County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated 210 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Lincoln County, including ones in Eureka, Fortine, Libby, and Trego.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Lincoln County.
- To date, staff has created 6 National Register signs for historic properties in Lincoln County.
- One teacher from Eureka received a scholarship to attend MHS' week-long educators training, *The Richest Hills* (see page 4 for more information).

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 399 new reports of cultural resource studies in Lincoln County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws. The primary compliance consultation in Lincoln County is with the Kootenai National Forest.
- As of 2016, there are 1,987 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Lincoln County.
- In the past two years, 17 new properties in Lincoln County were recorded and added to the official statewide inventory and existing information on five previously recorded properties was updated.
- There are currently 7 properties in Lincoln County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed property is the *Coram (aka Libby) Hotel* in Libby (listed on 09/24/2012).
- Lincoln County is represented by the Troy Jail (Joker/Wild Card) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck: <https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 4 research requests to residents and organizations of Lincoln County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Lincoln County. This includes 16 walk-in visits and 6 remote requests.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.

- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (1 request).
- Added collection materials from or about Lincoln County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps (1 donation).
- Through the Montana Digital Newspaper Project, the Research Center has digitized 1 newspaper from Lincoln County, *Western News* (1900-1910), and made it available online through Chronicling America ([chroniclingamerica.loc.gov](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov)).
- Working with public libraries in this county, the Research Center has also made 2 additional newspapers from Lincoln County available online through Montana Newspapers ([montananewspapers.org](http://montananewspapers.org)).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Madison County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 551 individuals from Madison County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governors, Mansion and the Museum.
- Montana Historical Society donated 128 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Madison County, including ones in Ennis, Harrison, Sheridan, and Twin Bridges.
- 312 students used the Educational Footlockers in Madison County Classrooms.
- To date, staff has created 75 National Register signs for historic properties in Madison County.
- MHS staff presented ten public programs in Madison County with a combined attendance of 399.
- One teacher from Madison County received a full scholarship to attend the Montana History Conference.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Madison County.
- 72 teachers participated in Richest Hills workshops which were held, in part, in Virginia and Nevada Cities (see “Statewide Services” on page 4 for more details).

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society’s State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 99 new reports of cultural resource studies in Madison County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 2,082 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Madison County.
- In the past two years, 22 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Madison County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on 42 previously recorded properties was updated.
- SHPO staff work closely with the Montana Heritage Commission in the planning and execution of historic restoration projects of state-owned historic properties in the Virginia City National Historic Landmark.
- There are 19 properties, including the Virginia City Historic District National Historic Landmark, in Madison County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The latest Madison County property listed on the National Register is the *Doncaster Round Barn* near Twin Bridges (listed on 04/14/2015).
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, 10 more historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Madison County were evaluated and determined in 2015-2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with SHPO.
- As an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program, Virginia City receives annual financial and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office.

- Virginia City is also a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation grants from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office, when such funding is available.
- Damon Murdo, SHPO Cultural Records Manager and Forensic Archaeologist, has participated in advanced training/workshops at the Nevada City cemetery as part of the Montana Site Stewardship Program.
- Madison County is represented by the Virginia City Historic District (Queen of Diamonds) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

#### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 2 research requests to residents and organizations of Madison County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

#### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Madison County. This includes 24 walk-in visits and 3 remote requests.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (1 request).
- Added collection materials from or about Madison County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps (3 donations).
- The State Historic Records Advisory Board awarded scholarship funds for a representative of the Mai Wah Society from Ennis to attend archival training.

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in McCone County

### Education and Outreach Services

- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at Circle Schools in McCone County.
- The Montana Historical Society awarded one travel scholarship to a McCone County teacher to help her attend a workshop on teaching Montana history.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in McCone County.
- To date, staff has created 1 National Register sign for a historic property in McCone County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the State Historic Preservation Office processed two new reports of cultural resource studies in McCone County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 442 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for McCone County.
- In the past two years, 40 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in McCone County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and additional information was updated for one previously recorded property.
- There are 3 properties in McCone County currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office: the *Gladstone Hotel* (listed on 8/28/1980), the Fort Peck Dam – Powerhouses (listed on 8/13/1986), and the *Lewis & Clark (aka Wolf Point) Bridge* (listed on 11/24/1997).
- McCone County is represented by the Fort Peck Dam (2 of Hearts) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 1 research request to residents and organizations of McCone County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (1 request).



# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Meagher County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 76 individuals from Meagher County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- Montana Historical Society donated 32 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Meagher County, including ones in Martinsdale and White Sulphur Springs.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Meagher County.
- To date, staff has created 2 National Register signs for historic properties in Meagher County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 110 new reports of cultural resource studies in Meagher County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 742 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Meagher County.
- In the past two years, 22 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Meagher County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on another three properties was updated.
- There are 6 properties in Meagher County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed Meagher County property is the former *Stockman's Bank of Martinsdale* (listed 5/1/2013).
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, 2 more properties in Meagher County (Scotty's Cave on the Lewis and Clark National Forest and the Montana Department of Transportation Deep Creek Section House) were evaluated and determined in FY2015 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with SHPO.
- Meagher County is represented by the Byron R. Sherman House (aka "The Castle") in White Sulphur Springs (8 of Hearts) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck: <https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

### Museum Services

- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Meagher County. This includes 9 walk-in visits.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.

- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (4 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Meagher County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps (2 donations).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Mineral County

### Education and Outreach Services

- Montana Historical Society donated 48 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Mineral County, including ones in Alberton and Superior.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Mineral County.
- To date, staff has created 8 National Register signs for historic properties in Mineral County

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 17 new reports of cultural resource studies in Mineral County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 394 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Mineral County.
- In the past two years, 21 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Mineral County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on another 10 properties was updated.
- There are 15 properties in Mineral County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed properties are the *Point of Rocks Transportation Historic District-Mullan Road* and *Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad* (listed 09/04/2009), the *Natural Pier Bridge* (listed 01/04/2010) and the *Scenic Bridge* (listed on 01/04/2010).
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, 25 more properties in Mineral County were evaluated and determined in FY2015-2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register mostly by the Lolo National Forest in consultation with SHPO.
- Mineral County is represented by the Savenac Nursery Historic District near Haugan on the Lolo National Forest (Joker/Wild card) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck: <https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

### Museum Services

- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Mineral County. This includes 5 walk-in visits.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (1 request).



# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Missoula County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 1,657 individuals from Missoula County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- 2,515 students used the Educational Footlockers in Missoula County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated 648 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Missoula County, including ones in Bonner, Condon, Frenchtown, Greenough, Lolo, Missoula, and Seeley Lake.
- MHS staff presented 20 public programs in Missoula County with a combined attendance of 754.
- Four teachers from Missoula County received a full scholarship to attend the Montana History Conference.
- To date, staff has created 142 National Register signs for historic properties in Missoula County.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Missoula County.
- Four teachers from Missoula County received scholarships to attend MHS' week-long educators training, *The Richest Hills* (see page 4 for more information).

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 30 new reports of cultural resource studies in Missoula County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 1,425 total cultural resource properties in Missoula County recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO.
- In the past two years, 40 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Missoula County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on another 19 properties was updated.
- There are 86 properties, including several large Missoula historic districts, in Missoula County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed Missoula County properties are the Milwaukee Road Substation No. 10 outside Missoula (listed 7/8/2014), the Double Arrow Lodge on Sealy Lake (listed 11/24/2014), and the Flathead National Forest Backcountry Administrative Facilities historic district (listed December 17, 2014).
- Charles (Milo) McLeod and Dr. C. Riley Auge of Missoula are professional members of the Governor-appointed State Historic Preservation Review Board. The Review Board approves nominations to the National Register and advises SHPO on preservation planning.
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, 31 more properties in Missoula County were evaluated and determined in FY2015-2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register mostly by the Lolo National Forest and the Montana Department of Transportation in consultation with SHPO.

- As an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program, Missoula receives annual matching financial and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office. Leslie Schwab, Missoula Planning Office, is the current local historic preservation officer.
- Missoula and Missoula County are also designated *Preserve America* communities eligible for national historic preservation grants from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office, when such funding is available.
- SHPO awarded the Missoula CLG a special project grant for \$4,800 used in FY2015 to research historic properties in the railroad Street area.
- Presentation: *Guiding Lights: Montana's Airway Beacon System*, 2015 Montana Aviation Conference, Missoula, February 28, 2015 (Kate Hampton, SHPO Community Preservation Coordinator and Jon Axline, Montana Department of Transportation Historian).
- SHPO staff also regularly gives invited lectures to Anthropology and Historic Preservation classes at the University of Montana-Missoula.
- Missoula County is represented by The University of Montana Main Hall (4 of Spades) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

#### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 56 research requests to residents and organizations of Missoula County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Museum staff provided tours of collections storage to 2 Professors from the University of Montana.
- 1 staff member from the Rocky Mountain Museum of Military History attended a Historic House Museum Roundtable Discussion presented by Museum staff.
- The Museum program provided the travelling exhibit *Land of Many Stories: the People and Histories of Glacier National Park* to the Missoula International Airport.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

#### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Missoula County. This includes 135 walk-in visits, 21 remote requests, and 15 photograph orders.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (60 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Missoula County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps (8 donations).
- Through the Montana Digital Newspaper Project, the Research Center has digitized 1 newspaper from Missoula County, *Daily Missoulian* (1917-1918), and made it available online through Chronicling America ([chroniclingamerica.loc.gov](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov)).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Musselshell County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 231 individuals from Musselshell County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- Montana Historical Society donated 56 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Musselshell County, including ones in Melstone and Roundup.
- To date, staff has created 2 National Register signs for historic properties in Musselshell County.
- One teacher from Musselshell County received a full scholarship to attend the Montana History Conference.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Musselshell County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 15 new reports of cultural resource studies in Musselshell County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2014, there are 712 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Musselshell County.
- In the past two years, 21 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Musselshell County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory and existing information on another 5 properties was updated.
- There are 2 properties in Musselshell County currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. They are the *St. Benedict's Catholic School* (listed on 7/21/1988) and the *Roundup Central School* (listed on 12/6/2007).
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, 3 more properties in Missoula County were evaluated and determined in FY2015-2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with SHPO.
- Musselshell County is represented by the Roundup Central School (10 of Diamonds) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

### Museum Services

- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Musselshell County. This includes 1 remote request.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.

- Through the Montana Digital Newspaper Project, the Research Center has digitized 1 newspaper from Musselshell County, *Roundup Record* (1908-1913), and made it available online through Chronicling America ([chroniclingamerica.loc.gov](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov)).
- Working with public libraries in this county, the Research Center has also made 1 additional newspaper from Musselshell County available online through Montana Newspapers ([montananewspapers.org](http://montananewspapers.org)).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Park County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 960 individuals from Park County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- Montana Historical Society donated 127 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Park County, including ones in Clyde Park, Gardiner, Livingston, and Springdale.
- 653 students used the Educational Footlockers in Park County Classrooms.
- We send two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Park County.
- To date, staff has created 35 National Register signs for historic properties in Park County.
- One teacher from Park County received a full scholarship to attend the Montana History Conference.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 47 new reports of cultural resource studies in Park County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 911 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Park County.
- In the past two years, 15 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Park County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on another three properties was updated.
- There are 28 properties in Park County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. Two properties were listed on FY2016: the Convict Grade Road outside Livingston and the Gardiner Jail (both listed 8/3/2015). SHPO used special survey funds to contract for the National Register nomination of the Old Jail building in Gardiner as part of the Gardiner Gateway Project, at the request of the city and with support from county commissioners.
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, 2 properties in Park County, including the historic Main Boulder Road, were evaluated and determined in FY2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with SHPO.
- As an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program, Livingston receives annual financial and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office. Jim Woodhull serves as the current local historic preservation officer.
- Livingston is also a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation grants from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office, when such funding is available.
- Park County is represented by Northern Pacific Railway Depot in Livingston in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>

### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 4 research requests to residents and organizations of Park County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Park County. This includes 33 walk-in visits, 4 remote requests, and 3 photograph orders.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (5 requests).
- Through the Montana Digital Newspaper Project, the Research Center has digitized 2 newspapers from Park County, *Broadus Independent* (1919) and the *Powder River County Examiner and Broadus Independent* (1919-1922), and made them available online through Chronicling America ([chroniclingamerica.loc.gov](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov)).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Petroleum County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 20 individuals from Petroleum County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Petroleum County.
- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at Winnett Schools.
- 15 students used the Educational Footlockers in Petroleum County Classrooms.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 3 new reports of cultural resource studies in Petroleum County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 481 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Petroleum County.
- In the past two years, 29 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Petroleum County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on another property was updated.
- There are currently 4 properties in Petroleum County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. They are the *Winnett School* (listed on 4/6/1995), the *Lewistown Satellite Airfield Historic District Boundary Increase III – Target Bombing Range* (listed 03/10/2010), the *Winnett Block* (listed 10/08/2009), and the *Cat Creek Oil Field Sign* (listed 1/7/2015).
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, 2 historic sites in Petroleum County were evaluated and determined in FY2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation between the BLM and SHPO.
- Petroleum County is represented by its newest (FY2015) National Register listed property, the *Cat Creek Oil Field Sign* near Mosby (Joker/Wild Card) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck: <https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>.

### Museum Services

- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.



# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Phillips County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 564 individuals from Phillips County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- 117 students used the Educational Footlockers in Phillips County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated 96 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Phillips County, including ones in Dodson, Malta, Saco, and Whitewater.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Phillips County.
- To date, staff has created 2 National Register signs for historic properties in Phillips County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 24 new reports of cultural resource studies in Phillips County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws. SHPO works extensively with the Bureau of Land Management in the consideration of impacts to cultural resource properties in Phillips County.
- As of 2016, there are 4,103 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Phillips County.
- In the past two years, 88 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Phillips County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on another 30 properties was updated.
- There are 4 properties in Phillips County currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. These are the *Earl Clack Service Station in Saco* (listed on 8/16/1994), *Phillips County Carnegie Library, Malta* (listed on 8/27/1980), *Saco Mercantile* (listed on 12/08/1997), and the *Sleeping Buffalo Rock* (listed on 5/17/1996).
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, 4 properties in Phillips County, including the Beaver Creek Bridge, were evaluated and determined in FY2015-2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with SHPO.
- Phillips County is represented by the Sleeping Buffalo Rock near Saco (Jack of Spades) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>.

### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 3 research requests to residents and organizations of Phillips County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- The Museum staff provided a museum mannequin making workshop to 5 members of the Phillips County Museum, Malta.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Phillips County. This includes 4 walk-in visits and 5 remote requests.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (9 requests).
- Working with public libraries in this county, the Research Center has made 2 newspapers from Phillips County available online through Montana Newspapers ([montanane newspapers.org](http://montanane newspapers.org)).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Pondera County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 90 individuals from Pondera County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- Two teachers from Pondera County received a full scholarship to attend the Montana History Conference.
- 34 students used the Educational Footlockers in Pondera County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated 73 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Conrad in Pondera County.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Pondera County.
- To date, staff has created 1 National Register sign for a historic property in Pondera County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 8 new reports of cultural resource studies in Pondera County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016 there are 217 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Pondera County.
- In the past two years, 6 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Pondera County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on another eight properties was updated.
- There are currently 4 properties in Pondera County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. They are the *Conrad City Hall* (listed on 2/1/1980), *Froggie's Stopping Place on the Whoop-Up Trail* (listed on 4/15/1993), the *Two Medicine Fight Site* (listed on 10/06/1970), and the *Valier Public School* (listed on 3/28/1985).
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, the Conrad Depot was evaluated and determined in FY2015 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with SHPO.
- Pondera County is represented by the Valier Public School (King of Diamonds) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>.

### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 2 research requests to residents and organizations of Pondera County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Pondera County. This includes 1 walk-in visit.

- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (2 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Pondera County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps (2 donations).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Powder River County

### Education and Outreach Services

- Montana Historical Society donated 24 copies of its new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools in Powder River County.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Powder River County.
- To date, staff has created 1 National Register sign for a historic property in Powder River County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 27 new reports of cultural resource studies in Powder River County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws. SHPO works extensively with the Bureau of Land Management and the Custer National Forest in the consideration of impacts to cultural resource properties in Powder River County.
- As of 2014, there are 2,409 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Powder River County.
- In the past two years, 15 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Powder River County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on another eleven properties was updated.
- There are 2 properties in Powder River County currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. These are the *Cheever-Cain Ranch* (listed 04/13/2010) and the *Cross Ranch Headquarters* (listed 02/23/1996).
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, SHPO routinely advises owners, state and federal agencies regarding the eligibility of historic properties. Twenty-five archaeological sites in Powder River County were determined in FY2015-2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with SHPO.
- Powder River County is represented by the Cheever-Cain Ranch (9 of Spades) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>.

### Museum Services

- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Powder River County. This includes 1 remote request and 1 photograph order.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.

- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (5 requests).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Powell County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 628 individuals from Powell County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- Montana Historical Society donated 131 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Powell County, including ones in Avon, Deer Lodge, Elliston, Helmville, and Ovando.
- 68 students used the Educational Footlockers in Powell County Classrooms.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Powell County.
- MHS staff presented four public programs in Powell County with a combined attendance of 101.
- To date, staff has created 16 National Register signs for historic properties in Powell County.
- 72 teachers participated in Richest Hills workshops which were held, in part, at Grant-Kohrs Ranch NHS (see "Statewide Services" on page 4 for more details).

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 62 new reports of cultural resource studies in Powell County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 876 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Powell County.
- In the past two years, 28 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Powell County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on another two properties was updated.
- There are 17 properties in Powell County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office, including the Grant Kohrs National Historic Site/Landmark and the Deer Lodge Central Business Historic District. The most recently listed properties (FY2015) are the *MacDonald Pass Airway Beacon* (listed 07/29/2014) and the *Flathead National Forest Backcountry Administrative Facilities Historic District* (listed 12/17/2014).
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, SHPO routinely advises owners, state and federal agencies regarding the eligibility of historic properties. Three properties in Powell County, including the Morrell Mountain Lookout on Lolo National Forest, were determined in FY2015-2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with SHPO.
- As an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program, Deer Lodge receives annual financial and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office. Kirby Matthew is the current local historic preservation officer.
- Presentation: *Montana's Airway Beacon System*, Deer Lodge Rotary Club, Deer Lodge, December 17 (Kate Hampton, SHPO Community Preservation Coordinator)

- Powell County is represented by the Montana Territorial and State Prison in Deer Lodge (2 of Clubs) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>.

#### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 1 research request to residents and organizations of Powell County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

#### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Powell County. This includes 20 walk-in visits and 1 photograph order.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Added collection materials from or about Powell County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps (1 donation).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Prairie County

### Education and Outreach Services

- Montana Historical Society donated 33 copies of its new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Prairie County.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Prairie County.
- To date, staff has created 2 National Register signs for a historic property in Prairie County.
- One teacher from Terry received a scholarship to attend MHS' week-long educators training, *The Richest Hills* (see page 4 for more information).

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 17 new reports of cultural resource studies in Prairie County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 386 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Prairie County.
- In the past two years, 10 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Prairie County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are currently 3 properties in Prairie County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office: the *Yellowstone Bridge* (listed 01/04/2010), the *Powder River Bridge* (listed 01/04/2010), and the *Grandey Elementary School* (listed 11/16/1978).
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, SHPO routinely advises owners, state and federal agencies regarding the eligibility of historic properties. One archaeological site in Prairie County was determined in FY2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register by the Bureau of Land Management in consultation with SHPO.
- Terry is a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation grants from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office, when such funding is available.
- Powell County is represented by the Montana Territorial and State Prison in Deer Lodge (2 of Clubs) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck: <https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>.
- Prairie County is represented by the Grandey School in Terry (6 of Hearts) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck: <https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>.

### Museum Services

- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Prairie County. This includes 6 walk-in visits.

- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (3 requests).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Ravalli County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 1,343 individuals from Ravalli County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- 1,782 students used the Educational Footlockers in Ravalli County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated 507 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Ravalli County, including ones in Corvallis, Florence, Hamilton, Stevensville, and Victor.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Ravalli County.
- To date, staff has created 62 National Register signs for historic properties in Ravalli County.
- MHS staff presented four public programs in Ravalli County with a combined attendance of 230. Additionally, the Society hosted the three-day long, 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Montana History Conference in Hamilton and Stevensville in conjunction with the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of St. Mary's Mission. Approximately 250 attended the conference sessions and events.
- One teacher from Corvallis received a scholarship to attend MHS' week-long educators training, *The Richest Hills* (see page 4 for more information).

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 131 new reports of cultural resource studies in Ravalli County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws. SHPO works regularly with the Bitterroot National Forest in the preservation of federally managed historic and archaeological sites.
- As of 2016, there are 738 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Ravalli County.
- In the past two years, 4 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Powell County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on another 3 properties was updated.
- There are 70 properties in Ravalli County, predominantly in Hamilton and Stevensville, which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed property is the *Hayward Lodge* on Lake Como, listed on FY2015 on May 11, 2015.
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, SHPO routinely advises owners, state and federal agencies regarding the eligibility of historic properties. Sixteen properties in Ravalli County were determined in FY2015-2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with SHPO.
- Stevensville is a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation grants from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office, when such funding is available.

- Ravalli County is represented by the Daly Mansion (aka Riverside) outside of Hamilton (King of Spades) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck: <https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>.

#### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 9 research requests to residents and organizations of Ravalli County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- The Museum program provided the travelling exhibit *I Do: A Cultural History of Montana Weddings* to the Daly Mansion, Hamilton.
- Museum staff provided a tour of collections storage to 2 residents of Roosevelt County.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

#### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Ravalli County. This includes 30 walk-in visits, 3 remote requests, and 1 photograph order.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (16 requests).
- The Ravalli County Historical Society in Hamilton and the St. Mary's Museum in Stevensville were awarded assistance from the Student Archivist Program in 2015. A graduate level archival student was in residence for 5 weeks at each site to work on collections.

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Richland County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 16 individuals from Richland County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- 25 students used the Educational Footlockers in Richland County Classrooms
- Montana Historical Society donated 196 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Richland County, including ones in Fairview, Lambert, Savage, and Sidney.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Richland County.
- MHS hosted a full-day educator's training workshop at the MonDak Heritage Center in Sidney.
- To date, staff has created 1 National Register sign for a historic property in Richland County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 51 new reports of cultural resource studies in Richland County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 510 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Richland County.
- In the past two years, 19 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Richland County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on another 6 properties was updated.
- There is currently 1 property in Richland County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office: the *Burgess Garage* in Lambert (listed on 12/30/2004). The formerly listed *People's Congregational Church* in Sidney (listed on 4/30/1982) is no longer extant.
- Richland County is represented by the Burgess Garage (3 of Hearts) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>.

### Museum Services

- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- The MonDak Heritage Center was awarded assistance from the Student Archivist Program in 2016. A graduate level archival student was in residence at the Museum for 5 weeks to work on collections.



# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Roosevelt County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 167 individuals from Roosevelt County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- Montana Historical Society donated 187 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Roosevelt County, including ones in Bainville, Brockton, Froid, Poplar, and Wolf Point.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Roosevelt County.
- 286 students used the Educational Footlockers in Roosevelt County.
- To date, staff has created 1 National Register sign for historic properties in Roosevelt County.
- MHS director Bruce Whittenberg attended public meetings in Wolf Point to discuss plans for and use of the Wolf Point Bridge.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 27 new reports of cultural resource studies in Roosevelt County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 762 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Roosevelt County.
- In the past two years, 53 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Roosevelt County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on another 15 properties was updated.
- SHPO collaborates, as requested, with the Fort Peck Tribal Preservation Officer, Curley Youpee, on cultural properties located on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation.
- There are 4 properties in Roosevelt County currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. They are *Hale's Filling Station and Grocery* in Bainville (listed on 8/16/1994), *the Lewis & Clark (aka Wolf Point) Bridge* (listed on 11/24/1997), *Fort Peck Agency* in Poplar (listed 5/19/1970), and the *Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Landmark* (listed on July 4, 1961).
- Roosevelt County is represented by the state-owned Wolf Point Bridge (4 of Diamonds) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>.

### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 4 research requests to residents and organizations of Roosevelt County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Roosevelt County. This includes 4 walk-in visits, 3 remote requests, and 2 photograph orders.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (6 requests).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Rosebud County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 107 individuals from Rosebud County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum. 633 students used the Educational Footlockers in Rosebud County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated 139 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries Rosebud County, including ones in Ashland, Forsyth, Lame Deer, and Rosebud.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Rosebud County.
- To date, staff has created 54 National Register signs for historic properties in Rosebud County.
- Two teachers from Rosebud County received a full scholarship to attend the Montana History Conference.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 21 new reports of cultural resource studies in Rosebud County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws. SHPO works closely with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (Teanna Limpy), as well as the Bureau of Land Management in the preservation of significant cultural resources in Rosebud County.
- As of 2016 there are 2,260 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Rosebud County.
- In the past two years, 203 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Rosebud County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on another 8 properties was updated.
- There are 21 properties in Rosebud County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. *Deer Medicine Rocks* near Lame Deer is the most recent National Register-listed property in Rosebud County, also designated as a National Historic Landmark on March 2, 2012.
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, SHPO routinely advises owners, state and federal agencies regarding the eligibility of historic properties. Six properties in Rosebud County were determined in FY2015-2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with SHPO.
- Rosebud County is represented by the Bones Brothers Ranch near Birney (3 of Clubs) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>.

### Museum Services

- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Rosebud County. This includes 2 remote requests.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Through the Montana Digital Newspaper Project, the Research Center has digitized 1 newspaper from Rosebud County, *Rosebud County News* (1901-1906), and made it available online through Chronicling America ([chroniclingamerica.loc.gov](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov)).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Sanders County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 495 individuals from Sanders County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- 143 students used the Educational Footlockers in Sanders County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated 176 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Sanders County, including ones in Dixon, Hot Springs, Noxon, Paradise, Thompson Falls, and Trout Creek.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Sanders County.
- To date, staff has created 12 National Register signs for historic properties in Sanders County.
- One teacher from Trout Creek and one teacher from Noxon received scholarships to attend MHS' week-long educators training, *The Richest Hills* (see page 4 for more information).

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 54 new reports of cultural resource studies in Sanders County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 619 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Sanders County.
- In the past two years, 12 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Sanders County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on another 7 properties was updated.
- SHPO defers to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Tribal Historic Preservation Office (Kyle Felsman, THPO) for projects on the Flathead Reservation, while also sharing cultural resource information through a data sharing agreement.
- There are 21 properties in Sanders County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. Most of these were listed on 1986 as part of a survey and inventory of Thompson Falls. Recently listed properties include the *Bull River Guard Station* (listed on 6/27/1990) and the *Symes Hotel in Hot Springs* (listed 11/12/1998).
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, SHPO routinely advises owners, state and federal agencies regarding the eligibility of historic properties. Six properties in Sanders County, including the Big Hole Peak Lookout, were determined in FY2015-2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register by the Lolo National Forest in consultation with SHPO.
- Sanders County is represented by the Thompson Falls Hydroelectric Dam Historic District (9 of Clubs) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>.

### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 4 research requests to residents and organizations of Sanders County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.

- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

#### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Sanders County. This includes 7 walk-in visits and 2 remote requests.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (5 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Sanders County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps (1 donation).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Sheridan County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 58 individuals from Sheridan County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- Montana Historical Society donated 66 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Sheridan County, including ones in Medicine Lake, Plentywood and Westby.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Sheridan County.
- To date, staff has created 13 National Register signs for a historic property in Sheridan County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed eight new reports of cultural resource studies in Sheridan County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 806 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Sheridan County.
- There are 7 properties in Sheridan County currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office, including the *Comertown Historic District* and the *Thornwood School*. Most of the Sheridan County properties were listed as part of a SHPO-sponsored county survey and inventory conducted in 1992-1993.
- Sheridan County is represented by the Outlook Depot (8 of Clubs) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>.

### Museum Services

- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Sheridan County. This includes 1 remote request.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (5 requests).



# **Montana Historical Society**

## **Services Provided in Silver Bow County**

### Education and Outreach Services

- 243 individuals from Silver Bow County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- Montana Historical Society donated 401 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Silver Bow County, including ones in Butte, Divide, and Melrose.
- To date, staff has created 270 National Register signs for historic properties in Silver Bow County.
- One teacher from Silver Bow County received a full scholarship to attend the Montana History Conference.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Silver Bow County.
- MHS staff presented eight public programs in Silver Bow County with a combined attendance of 389 .
- 72 teachers participated in Richest Hills workshops which were held, in part, in Butte (see "Statewide Services" on page 4 for more details).

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 128 new reports of cultural resource studies in Silver Bow County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 871 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Silver Bow County.
- In the past two years, 27 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Silver Bow County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on another 2 properties was updated.
- There are 17 properties, including the Butte-Anaconda Historic District National Historic Landmark, in Silver Bow County that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recent property listed is the *Wold (Cue) Barn* in Melrose (listed 01/08/2009).
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, SHPO routinely advises owners, state and federal agencies regarding the eligibility of historic properties. Nine properties in Silver Bow County, including the Browns Gulch School, were determined in FY2015-2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with SHPO.
- The Butte-Anaconda Historic District NHL, with over 6,000 individual contributing resources, is the nation's largest urban National Historic Landmark west of the Mississippi. The NHL was originally documented in 1961, but significantly amended and updated in 2006 with assistance from SHPO.
- As an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program, Butte-Silver Bow County receives annual matching financial

and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office. Mary McCormick in the Butte Planning Department is the current local historic preservation officer.

- Butte-Silver Bow is also a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation grants from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office, when such funding is available.
- In FY2015, SHPO provided the Butte-Silver Bow CLG with \$2,740 in special project grant funds to develop temporary window displays in historic buildings in need of preservation.
- In FY2015, Kate Hampton, SHPO Community Preservation Coordinator, assisted the Butte-Silver Bow County Historic Preservation Commission in finalizing proposed revisions to the local preservation ordinance, including demolition review.
- SHPO regularly assists Butte developers in receiving federal historic rehabilitation tax credits (20%) for the rehabilitation of commercial properties in the uptown Butte Historic District.
- SHPO staff regularly participate in the annual Butte Dust-to-Dazzle preservation open-houses.
- SHPO provides technical support to Butte under a programmatic agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency to substitute state review with local review of impacts of Superfund clean-up activities on historic resources in Butte and along the Upper Clark Fork.
- Silver Bow County is represented by the Butte-Anaconda Historic District NHL (Ace of Spades) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck created by SHPO to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>.

#### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 20 research requests to residents and organizations of Silver Bow County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Museum staff provide onsite consultation regarding management and care of the historic collections in the Masonic Temple, Butte.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

#### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Silver Bow County. This includes 93 walk-in visits, 8 remote requests, and 4 photograph orders.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (5 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Silver Bow County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps (13 donations).
- Through the Montana Digital Newspaper Project, the Research Center has digitized 3 newspapers from Silver Bow County, *Butte Daily Post* (1917), *Butte InterMountain* (1889-1901) and *Butte Miner* (1879-1889) and made them available online through Chronicling America ([chroniclingamerica.loc.gov](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov)).

- Aubrey Japp of Butte is a current member of the Governor-appointed State Historic Records Advisory Board. The SHRAB is dedicated to the preservation of Montana's records of enduring value, to sustaining records planning, and to promoting cooperative efforts among the state's record keepers.



# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Stillwater County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 49 individuals from Stillwater County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- 34 students used the Educational Footlockers in Stillwater County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated 185 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Stillwater County, including ones in Absarokee, Columbus, Molt, Park City, Rapelje, and Reed Point.
- To date, staff has created 5 National Register signs for historic properties in Stillwater County.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Stillwater County.
- MHS sponsored a cemetery preservation workshop at the Columbus cemetery. 14 people participated.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years, the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 45 new reports of cultural resource studies in Stillwater County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 374 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Stillwater County.
- In the past two years, 16 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Stillwater County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on another 7 properties was updated.
- There are currently 11 properties in Stillwater County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed property is the *Atlas Bar/Block* in Columbus (listed on 08/24/2011). The National Register nomination for this property was made possible by a \$5,000 SHPO contract for services.
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, SHPO routinely advises owners, state and federal agencies regarding the eligibility of historic properties. Four properties in Stillwater County, including the Miller Ditch, were determined in FY2015-2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with SHPO.
- Columbus-Stillwater County was approved in 2012 to become the most recent Montana community to participate in the National Park Service's Certified Local Government (CLG) program, qualifying them to receive annual matching federal funds administered through the SHPO. Penny Redli, Director of the Museum of the Beartooths in Columbus, serves as the local historic preservation officer.
- Stillwater County is represented by the New Atlas Bar building in the Atlas Block of Columbus (6 of Clubs) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck created by SHPO to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act: <https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>.

### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 4 research requests to residents and organizations of Stillwater County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Stillwater County. This includes 15 walk-in visits, 2 remote requests, and 1 photograph orders.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (3 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Stillwater County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps (1 donation).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Sweet Grass County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 30 students used the Educational Footlockers in Sweet Grass County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated 97 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at Big Timber schools and libraries in Sweet Grass County.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Sweet Grass County.
- To date, staff has created 7 National Register signs for historic properties in Sweet Grass County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years (FY2015-2016), the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 19 new reports of cultural resource studies in Sweet Grass County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 333 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Sweet Grass County.
- In the past two years, 9 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Sweet Grass County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on 1 other property was updated.
- There are currently 8 properties in Sweet Grass County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed properties are the *Waborn and Sarah E. Harrison Ranch House near Greycliff* (listed on 8/28/1998) and the *Carnegie Public Library in Big Timber* (listed on 7/11/2002).
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, SHPO routinely advises owners, state and federal agencies regarding the eligibility of historic properties. Three properties in Sweet Grass County, including the Main Boulder River bridge, were determined in FY2015-2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with SHPO.
- Sweet Grass County is represented by the Grand Hotel in Big Timber (Ace of Hearts) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck created by SHPO to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>.

### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 2 research requests to residents and organizations of Sweet Grass County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- 2 people from Sweet Grass County attended a workshop on how to use artifact collections data base, presented by Museum staff.
- Museum staff provided consultation on exhibit research and production to 4 students from Big Timber High School.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Sweet Grass County. This includes 62 walk-in visits.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Working with public libraries in this county, the Research Center has made 3 newspapers from Sweet Grass County available online through Montana Newspapers ([montanane newspapers.org](http://montanane newspapers.org)).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Teton County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 432 individuals from Teton County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- 547 students used the Educational Footlockers in Teton County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated 161 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Teton County, including ones in Dutton, Bynum, Choteau, Fairfield, and Power.
- Two teachers from Teton County received a full scholarship to attend the Montana History Conference.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Teton County.
- To date, staff has created 1 National Register sign for a historic property in Teton County.
- One teacher from Teton County received a scholarship to attend MHS' week-long educators training, *The Richest Hills* (see page 4 for more information).

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years (FY2015-2016), the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 31 new reports of cultural resource studies in Teton County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- In September 2015, SHPO staff participated and gave testimony in the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation public meeting in Choteau with regards to an application to drill in the Badger-Two Medicine area and National Register eligible Blackfeet Traditional Cultural District on the Lewis & Clark NF. This was first time that the federal ACHP has convened a special Board meeting/investigation in Montana, with the result that the lease was cancelled.
- As of 2016, there are 549 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Teton County.
- In the past two years, 4 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Teton County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on 1 other property was updated.
- There is 1 property in Teton County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office: the *Teton County Courthouse* (listed on 11/29/2006).
- Given its singularity, Teton County is represented by the Teton County Courthouse (5 of Clubs) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck created by SHPO to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>.

### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 1 research request to residents and organizations of Teton County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Teton County. This includes 7 walk-in visits, 1 remote request, and 1 photograph order.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (2 requests).
- Working with public libraries in this county, the Research Center has made 6 newspapers from Teton County available online through Montana Newspapers ([montananewspapers.org](http://montananewspapers.org)).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Toole County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 241 individuals from Toole County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- 18 students used the Educational Footlockers in Toole County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated 72 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Toole County, including ones in Galata, Shelby, and Sunburst.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Toole County.
- To date, staff has created 3 National Register signs for historic properties in Toole County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years (FY2015-2016), the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 10 new reports of cultural resource studies in Toole County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 916 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Toole County.
- In the past two years, 35 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Toole County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on another property was updated.
- There are 7 properties in Toole County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed properties are the *Marias River Bridge* (listed on 03/26/2012) and the *Shelby Town Hall* (listed on 2/14/2006).
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, SHPO routinely advises owners, state and federal agencies regarding the eligibility of historic properties. Four properties in Toole County were determined in FY2015-2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with SHPO.
- Toole County is represented by the Bethany Lutheran Church near Oilmont (8 of Diamonds) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck created by SHPO to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>.

### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 2 research requests to residents and organizations of Toole County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Toole County. This includes 1 remote request.

- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Treasure County

### Education and Outreach Services

- Montana Historical Society donated a classroom set of the new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at Hysham School in Treasure County.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Treasure County.
- To date, staff has created 2 National Register signs for historic properties in Treasure County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- As of 2016, there are 159 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Treasure County.
- In the past two years, 1 new historic property in Toole County was recorded and added to the statewide inventory
- There are currently 3 properties in Treasure County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office: The most recently listed property is the *Big Horn River Bridge* (listed 01/04/2010).
- Treasure County is represented by the iconic Yucca Theatre in Hysham (7 of Clubs) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck created by SHPO to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>.

### Museum Services

- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Treasure County. This includes 6 walk-in visits.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (1 request).



# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Valley County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 271 individuals from Valley County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- Montana Historical Society donated 192 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Valley County, including ones in Frazer, Glasgow, Hinsdale, Nashua, and Opheim.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Valley County.
- To date, staff has created 5 National Register signs for historic properties in Valley County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years (FY2015-2016), the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 26 new reports of cultural resource studies in Valley County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws. SHPO works closely with the Bureau of Land Management in consideration of impacts to cultural resources from federal undertakings under the National Historic Preservation Act.
- As of 2016, there are 1,752 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Valley County.
- In the past two years, 52 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Valley County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on another 21 properties was updated.
- There are 13 properties in Valley County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed property is the *Glasgow Army Airfield Norden Bombsight Storage Vault* (listed on 11/18/2011).
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, SHPO routinely advises owners, state and federal agencies regarding the eligibility of historic properties. One property in Valley County, the RL Irle School, was determined in FY2015 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with SHPO.
- Valley County is represented by its most recent listing, the Norden Bombsite Vault in Glasgow (7 of Diamonds) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck created by SHPO to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act: <https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>.

### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 1 research requests to residents and organizations of Valley County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Valley County. This includes 6 remote requests and 2 photograph orders.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (7 requests).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Wheatland County

### Education and Outreach Services

- Montana Historical Society donated 80 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Wheatland County, including ones in Harlowton and Judith Gap.
- To date, staff has created 1 National Register sign for a historic property in Wheatland County.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Wheatland County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years (FY2015-2016), the State Historic Preservation Office processed 7 new reports of cultural resource studies in Wheatland County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 230 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Wheatland County.
- In the past two years, 3 new historic properties in Wheatland County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory,
- There are currently 2 properties in Wheatland County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office: the *Graves Hotel* in Harlowton (listed on 8/6/1980) and the *Milwaukee Road Historic District* in Harlowton (listed on 7/8/1988).
- Wheatland County is represented by the Graves Hotel (5 of Hearts) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck created by SHPO to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>.

### Museum Services

- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Wheatland County. This includes 1 remote request.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (2 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Wheatland County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps (1 donation).

- Through the Montana Digital Newspaper Project, the Research Center has digitized 1 newspaper from Wheatland County, *Judith Gap Journal* (1908-1913), and made it available online through Chronicling America ([chroniclingamerica.loc.gov](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov)).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Wibaux County

### Education and Outreach Services

- Montana Historical Society donated 24 copies of its new textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at Wibaux Junior High School in Wibaux County.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Wibaux County.
- To date, staff has created 9 National Register sign for a historic property in Wibaux County.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years (FY2015-2016), the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 3 new reports of cultural resource studies in Wibaux County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 195 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Wibaux County.
- In the past two years, 4 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Wibaux County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory.
- There are 4 properties in Wibaux County listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed property is the *Vogt-Nunberg Farm* near Wibaux (listed on 4/10/2008).
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, SHPO routinely advises owners, state and federal agencies regarding the eligibility of historic properties. One property in Wibaux County, the Beaver Creek Bridge, was determined in FY2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with SHPO.
- Wibaux County is represented by the St. Peter's Catholic Church building (King of Hearts) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck created by SHPO to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>.

### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 5 research requests to residents and organizations of Wibaux County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- Museum staff provided consultation on artifact treatment to 1 staff member of the Wibaux Museum.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

### Research Center Services

- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (2 requests).

- Through the Montana Digital Newspaper Project, the Research Center has digitized 1 newspaper from Wibaux County, *Wibaux Pioneer* (1907-1914), and made it available online through Chronicling America ([chroniclingamerica.loc.gov](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov)).

# Montana Historical Society

## Services Provided in Yellowstone County

### Education and Outreach Services

- 462 individuals from Yellowstone County went on group tours of the State Capitol, the Original Governor's Mansion and the Museum.
- 935 students used the Educational Footlockers in Yellowstone County Classrooms.
- Montana Historical Society donated 980 copies of its textbook, *Montana: Stories of the Land*, which are being used at schools and libraries in Yellowstone County, including ones in Billings, Broadview, Custer, Laurel, Lockwood, and Shepherd.
- To date, staff has created 36 National Register signs for historic properties in Yellowstone County.
- One teacher from Yellowstone County received a full scholarship to attend the Montana History Conference.
- We sent two articles a week during the school year to the over 950 educators subscribed to the Montana History and Heritage Education Listserv, including teachers in Yellowstone County.
- MHS hosted a full-day educator's training workshop at the Yellowstone Art Center in Billings.
- MHS staff presented nine public programs in Yellowstone County with a combined attendance of 383.

### Historic Preservation Services

- In the past two years (FY2015-2016), the Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processed 21 new reports of cultural resource studies in Yellowstone County, facilitating compliance with state and federal preservation laws.
- As of 2016, there are 1,451 total cultural resource properties recorded in the State Antiquities Database maintained by SHPO for Yellowstone County.
- In the past two years, 94 new historic or prehistoric (archaeological) properties in Yellowstone County were recorded and added to the statewide inventory, and existing information on another 11 properties was updated.
- There are 38 properties in Yellowstone County, including several multi-property historic districts in Billings, listed on the National Register of Historic Places through the State Historic Preservation Office. The most recently listed Yellowstone County properties are all in Billings: the *Northern Hotel* (listed 06/12/2013), the *Babcock Theatre Building* (listed 04/09/2013), the Arnold Graf House (listed 04/20/2015) and McMullen Hall (listed 09/08/2015).
- In addition to those listed on the National Register, SHPO routinely advises owners, state and federal agencies regarding the eligibility of historic properties. Six properties in Yellowstone County, including the Montana Department of Transportation District Office and Shop, were determined in FY2015-2016 to be eligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with SHPO.
- Dr. Tim Urbaniak of Billings became a member of the Governor-appointed nine-member State Preservation Review Board in 2011, and is currently serving his second four-year term.

The Review Board approves new nominations for listings in the National Register of Historic Places and advises SHPO on preservation planning.

- As an approved participant in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) historic preservation program, the Billings-Laurel-Crow Reservation-Yellowstone County CLG receives annual matching financial and technical support from the State Historic Preservation Office. Lora Mattox of Billings is the current local historic preservation officer.
- Billings is also a designated *Preserve America* community eligible for national historic preservation grants from the National Park Service and through the State Historic Preservation Office, when such funding is available.
- SHPO provided CLG special project grant funds for \$14,747 to support the survey and National Register nomination of the North Elevation Historic District in Billings, to be heard by the State Preservation Review Board in September, 2016.
- SHPO regularly assists Billings's developers in receiving federal historic rehabilitation tax credits (20%) for the rehabilitation of commercial properties in and around downtown Billings.
- Yellowstone County is represented by Pompey's Pillar National Historic Landmark (3 of Spades) in the 2016 *Montana in the National Register Playing Cards* deck created by SHPO to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act:  
<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>.

#### Museum Services

- The Museum staff responded to 31 research requests to residents and organizations of Yellowstone County on-site, as well as by mail, email and telephone.
- 2 people from Yellowstone County attended a workshop on how to use artifact collections data base, presented by Museum staff.
- 2 staff members/volunteers from the Moss Mansion, Billings attended a Historic House Museum Roundtable Discussion presented by Museum staff.
- The Museum program provided the travelling exhibit *Montana Modern* to the Western Heritage Center, Billings.
- Residents from all of Montana counties visited the MHS Museum's exhibits during this time period.

#### Research Center Services

- The Research Center staff responded to genealogical, local history and photographic research requests to residents of Yellowstone County. This includes 108 walk-in visits, 36 remote requests, and 9 photograph orders.
- Provided issues of *The Montana Archivist* newsletter to local historical societies and clerk and recorder's office.
- Assisted local government agencies with requests to properly manage local government records; preserving or disposing of records as appropriate (5 requests).
- Added collection materials from or about Yellowstone County to Research Center holdings. Materials, acquired through donation or purchase, may include archival collections, books, broadsides, photographs and/or maps (3 donations).
- Through the Montana Digital Newspaper Project, the Research Center has digitized 2 newspapers from Yellowstone County, *Billings Herald* (1882-1885) and the *Yellowstone*

*Monitor* (1913-1915), and made them available online through Chronicling America ([chroniclingamerica.loc.gov](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov)).

- Working with public libraries in this county, the Research Center has also made 10 additional newspapers from Yellowstone County available online through Montana Newspapers ([montanane newspapers.org](http://montanane newspapers.org)).
- The State Historic Records Advisory Board awarded scholarship funds for a representative of the Yellowstone County Museum to attend archival training.