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*Dixie Day picnic held July 9, 1910, on the Suquamish reservation.*

## **Publication Announcement**

*A Chapter in Pacific Northwest History* by NWA member Marjorie Ann Reeves is being published and will be available soon. Based on the collection of the United Daughters of the Confederacy Robert E. Lee Chapter #885 archives, it covers a century of activities in Seattle and Washington State. Junius Rochester, local historian and 2006 winner of the American Association for State and Local History Award, has written the foreword for the book.

## President's Message

As we look forward with anticipation to a new year of initiatives, I am impressed with the enthusiasm and leadership of my fellow board members and committee chairs. So, I regret that I must tell you of the impending loss of two of Northwest Archivists' best and brightest who are also valued colleagues and friends.

Beth Joffrion and Diana Shenk are leaving this fall for Washington, D.C., where Beth will join the National Endowment for the Humanities. Beth is director of the Center for Pacific Northwest Studies at Western Washington University (WWU), and Diana is regional archivist of the Washington State Archives Northwest Region Branch at Bellingham. Regrettably for the archival profession, Diana is contemplating a mid-career change to nursing.

I first worked with Beth more than a decade ago when I was editor of *Easy Access* and she was serving as Local Arrangements chair for the NWA annual conference in Bellingham. As a recent transplant to the Northwest and newcomer to Northwest Archivists, she demonstrated her commitment (she might call it insanity) by jumping right into one of the most challenging jobs in the organization. Of course she managed it superbly, while learning to navigate the divide—as she identifies it—of East Coast/West Coast mindsets.

As she moved into leadership roles within Northwest Archivists, Beth characterized the organization as a well-nurtured child who was now a teenager with a lot of growing up to do. She played a strong role in mentoring NWA into the young adult it has become, as she served on the board and then spent three years in leadership, from her election as vice-president/president-elect through service as president and then past-president. This spring she could have enjoyed a well-deserved retirement from active service, but instead she chose to explore new initiatives on behalf of NWA.

When it became clear that maintaining NWA's membership function had outstripped the time that could be

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## Reminiscences on the Wells/Guido Distinguished Service Award

--- Karyl Winn, Retired archivist, Seattle

Many thanks to NWA for honoring me with the Wells/Guido Distinguished Service Award, accompanied by a gift certificate to REI. The tangible gift was used in part for a titanium cooking pot. Lightening my load for a weeklong hike on the strenuous West Coast Trail in mid-July proved wise. WCT backpacking was harder for me this time than seven years ago. I enjoyed using that fine pot every day of the trip. And funds remain for other items that otherwise I would not buy, possibly a map case for sea kayaking and more Smartwool socks.

In accepting the award in Butte, I reminisced about Merle Wells and John Guido. Both were droll men whom I enjoyed knowing in NWA. Merle was a reliable supporter of the idea of a regional archival organization. My mentor Richard Berner had known Merle as a fellow grad student at Berkeley and shared stories of Merle's unflappable demeanor. His staff at the Idaho Historical Society marveled at Merle's setting off on trips to far flung parts of the state with little concern for spare tires or a full gas tank. I recall his remark that 'we know

where caches of records are,' a reminder to be watchful for an opportunity to ask for them [sometimes again and again].

John Guido, transplanted from upstate New York to WSU to head its Manuscripts, Special Collections, University Archives, was more special collections librarian than archivist but participated actively in NWA. He enjoyed 'breaking bread together,' which he and I did on numerous occasions. We conceived the idea of a Washington state documentation project on Chicanos. Although we failed to launch the project, it still seems to me a good idea. Our dialog about the most appropriate archival home for the Tom Foley Papers resulted in their acquisition by WSU. I recall John's measured speech, his pipe, his tweed coats, and his wit.

Both men shared insights that proved useful in my work with manuscripts at the University of Washington. It is an honor to receive the award named for both of them.

## Blogging Archives: *Historical Notes from OHSU*

—Karen Lea Anderson Peterson, Oregon Health & Science University

Well, we've done it. We've started a blog. It was the idea of Sara Piasecki, History of Medicine Librarian in the OHSU Historical Collections & Archives. Her aim is to let people know about us, in an informal way—it's well stated in her "Welcome" post. We would like people to know about it and we are hoping that others will comment so that we might connect with others in the community. Following are the blog url and her first post:

<http://ohsu-hca.blogspot.com/>

*Tuesday, August 22, 2006*

*Welcome!*

*Welcome to Historical Notes from OHSU, an unofficial series of communications from Historical Collections & Archives at Oregon Health & Science University. If you are unfamiliar with us, please have a look at our website to learn more formally about our collections and services: <http://www.ohsu.edu/library/hom/>*

*Here, you'll get a flavor of what we do every day, what mysteries we unearth, what connections we make, what cool things we come across. We hope you enjoy it as much as we do!*



## NWA Advocacy Committee Report May-August 2006

The committee is comprised of Terry Baxter (chair), Terry Badger, Sharon Howe, Tiah Edmunson-Morton, and Elizabeth Stiles Knight.

The advocacy committee is trying to build on the excellent work done by last year's committee of Terry Badger, Sharon Howe, and Beth Joffrion. The processes and mission they established have made it easier for the current committee to work on issues and prioritize advocacy efforts. The following are actions taken since May 2006.

- Faxed a letter from NWA to the House Judiciary Committee Chair and NWA House members urging support of the Orphan Works Bill.

- Terry Baxter met with Mary Beth Herkert, Oregon State Archivist, regarding Rep. Hooley's amendment to NARA's budget, reducing it by \$8 million. Mary Beth said that she and Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury were working on a response. NWA faxed a letter to Hooley discussing NARA's needs and our desire that funding for drug interdiction be found elsewhere. In addition, Mary Beth indicated that she was open to a more productive advocacy relationship between the Oregon State Archives and NWA.

- Faxed a letter from NWA to region senators urging a restoration of \$20 million in proposed cuts and an additional \$2 million in flood damage relief to NARA's budget.

- Commented on NARA's proposed reduction in reading hours by advocating a restoration in total NARA funding.

Informal activities of the committee included promoting the Oregon Cultural Trust by encouraging NWA members in Oregon to write letters to their local media regarding its usefulness to archival institutions and soliciting NWA members to present at the 2007 Black History Conference in Seattle.

In addition, we've been working with Kyle Jansson, of the Oregon Heritage Commission, on a couple issues. One is the possibility of an overlapping annual meeting with their group in 2009. The other is the request by the Heritage Commission for someone to give a short-medium length presentation on archival basics at their 2007 (and maybe future) meeting. The second is a great opportunity for advocacy in Oregon and perhaps could be extended to other states' museum/cultural heritage organizations.

## Northwest Digital Archives Update

—Jodi Allison-Bunnell, NWDA Consortium Administrator

The Northwest Digital Archives (NWDA), a project that provides enhanced access to archival collections and facilitates collaboration among archives, libraries, and museums in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Alaska, is making excellent progress on the major goals in its second grant-funded phase. The consortium is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission through June 2007.

Of key importance in this phase is long-term sustainability for the project. NWDA's Executive Committee and Advisory Board are in conversation with a number of other entities about sustaining the current project and expanding its ability to work with digital content.

Portland State University and the Washington State Historical Society are joining the NWDA as non-grant funded members, raising the total number of

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participating institutions to 25.

Participating institutions are the Eastern Washington State Historical Society, Gonzaga University, Idaho State Historical Society, City of Portland Archives, Seattle Museum of History & Industry, Whitman College, Montana Historical Society, University of Montana, Oregon Historical Society, Oregon State University, University of Oregon, the Center for Pacific Northwest Studies at Western Washington University, Pacific Lutheran University, University of Washington, Washington State

Archives, Washington State University, Lane Community College, University of Alaska Fairbanks, the Alaska State Library's Historical Collections, and Whitworth College. Lewis & Clark College, the University of Idaho, and the City of Seattle Archives are non-grant-funded participants.

Other institutions in the Northwest have expressed interest in joining the project as non-grant-funded members. Any other institutions interested in joining can contact Larry Landis, Consortium Director, at (541) 737-0541 or [larry.landis@oregonstate.edu](mailto:larry.landis@oregonstate.edu).

## NWA Board Meeting Minutes — August 24, 2006

The NWA board of Northwest Archivists, Inc., met by conference call August 24, 2006.

Those present were: Sharon Howe, Brian Brown, John Bolcer, Nathan Bender, Diana Shenk, Anne Foster, Kevin Tripp, Trevor Bond, Donna McCrea, Terry Badger, Terry Baxter, Anne Frantilla, Tony Kurtz. Not present: Linda Long, Teresa Hamman

Meeting commenced at 10:14 AM with President Sharon Howe presiding. She welcomed new state representatives: Nathan, Kevin and Brian.

1. Minutes for May 18, 2006, approved.
2. Reports.

**Treasurer's Report** (Frantilla) No report; she will send Treasurer's report by email by the end of next week to the Board.

### **Membership Coordinator** (Shenk)

Diana Shenk reported 189 members with only 15-20 people deleted this year, and those are primarily students and people who moved. This is a good return and better than the past two years. Diana will send the database as an Excel spreadsheet to Terry Badger in order to create a membership directory.

They will meet in Olympia on Thursday to discuss. Diana announced that she will be leaving the position of membership coordinator as she is moving to Washington, D.C. Ellie Arguimbau may be interested. Diana thanked regional representatives for sending reminder notices to the membership. Sharon thanked Diana for cleaning up the database and bringing order to membership data. Terry and John will work together to create the directory. Publisher ok as software. John brought up issue of type of directory cover. Sharon noted requests had been made for a higher quality cover.

### **Local Arrangements** (Bond and Tripp)

Trevor and Nathan received a bid from the University of Idaho Conference Services for next year's meeting. The bid seemed high to some on the Board at \$28,000. Bid assumed 5% profit and \$10,000 grant sponsorship. Reasonable bid? Donna and Terry Badger thought bid seemed very high. Grant sponsorship seemed unreasonable to many. Campus should be empty the week of the conference; dormitory accommodations was a possibility. Figures created with an expected attendance of 100, \$75 registration fee and \$55 meal registration. Trevor asked about the give-aways for attendees. Local arrangement committees have

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done this legwork in the past. Donna offered to share what local arrangements did last year. Trevor asked for more time to explore other venues, such as hotels instead of conference facilities. The weekend in question is May 17-19, 2007.

#### **Advocacy Committee (Baxter)**

Terry Baxter sent his report to Board. (Attached to this report) [(Trevor Bond signed off.)] Activities included sending letters to Federal Congress on the NARA budget. He talked to Mary Beth at Oregon State Archives about relationship of Oregon State Archives to NWA. He noted that two people joined the membership of committee: Tiah Edmunson-Morton, and Elizabeth Stiles Knight. Terry asked for feedback on presenting a session 2-4 hours about archives for the Oregon Heritage Commission at their 2007 meeting; they asked if NWA could do this. The Board decided this effort should be coordinated with Anne Foster and the Education Committee. Good way to promote archives and organization. Could bring in new membership and provide minimal archival standards for Commission members. Terry will explore working with the Oregon State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB). Comments: Donna asked if any other organization does this already. Terry did not think it was a paid workshop. Kevin said that Arlene has given a similar workshop for several different organizations, including NWA. Donna pointed out it was a two-day workshop. Sharon thought this effort should be coordinated with Anne Foster and the Education Committee. Anne Foster noted other organizations have similar activities. She agreed it is advocacy. Concept good. Workshop format needs to be worked out. The idea of combining effort with what the Oregon State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) or at least being careful not to overlap. Terry will talk with SHRAB. Anne Foster suggested NWA could act as liaison and have a list of presenters willing to do workshops/teaching on Archives. Tony suggested the Education Committee might pull together syllabi or mod-

els from other presentations so presenters don't have to reinvent the wheel if asked. Terry Badger said photo preservation workshop template from State Archives in Washington could be made available. The idea of a clearinghouse for workshops will be explored. The possibility of pulling together a list of materials that could be used in a workshop or presentation and a list of presenters or a speaker's bureau will be explored. Sharon mentioned the membership brochure as a way of distributing membership information for NWA. Anne Foster mentioned possibility of grant opportunities. Terry and Anne will discuss further and bring ideas back to the Board.

#### **Directory Project Committee (Long/Bolcer)**

Linda Long not present. Bolcer reported that the survey is ready for testing. John Bolcer responsible for technical aspects. The survey will be sent to the Board for feedback before the survey is sent to a wider audience. Project goal is to create a directory of repositories in in the region to go online and possibly to be printed. The directory is intended for all Northwest repositories, not just NWA members. The survey will be ready within the a month; an online version of the directory will be updated as more data is received. Baxter is thinking about using it as an advocacy tool; will be possible. The survey will address holdings and more than just contact information.

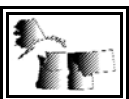
#### **Education Committee (Foster)**

Anne Foster reported being very busy until mid-October. The Education Committee is continuing to list continuing education opportunities for the web site and in *Easy Access*. In October, the committee will be gearing up for a brown bag chat opportunity and creation of an 'experts' list. She found a good example from the Alaska State Library for the experts list.

#### **Program Committee (Hamman)**

Teresa Hammann not present. Call for papers will

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be in the December issue of *Easy Access*. Theme for meeting? Trevor suggested Ephemera. Program Committee still working on it. Contact Teresa with suggestions. Program on current research was suggested as a possible session. Anyone willing to serve on the Program Committee should contact Teresa.

### **Publications Committee Report (Bolcer)**

John Bolcer reported that the announcement for the next issue of *Easy Access* is going out soon, with a deadline of September 8. John has had some volunteers to help with *East Access*, thanks to the email distributed by the state representatives. Sharon is transitioning away from being assistant editor. The website will be updated soon. Bolcer said the Content Management system and possibility of moving to that is still in the works but no movement on this for a couple months. Would make website easier to update and allow others to change content via password, making it easier for the Board and Committee members to update the site.

### **3. Butte Annual Meeting Followup**

Donna McCrea/ Terry Badger. Report will be sent later.

### **4. Leadership Development through Committees**

Sharon brought up the idea of mentoring within NWA to develop the next generation of leaders and possibly to consider creation of a mentoring program similar to that run by SAA, as suggested by a newer NWA member. Donna expressed interest in working on recruiting more members to work on committees to create a bigger pool for mentoring opportunities through NWA. Sharon asked the Board to think about ideas, suggestions, and will put it on the agenda for the next meeting. Sharon asked Donna to come up with guidelines/ideas for what a mentoring project might look like and what it would require of the organization. The mentoring was with professional mentoring in mind, not

specifically participation in NWA.

[Diana Shenk offline]

**5. Procedures Manual.** Diana reported (via Tony) she was about half way through checking for accuracy with editing. Terry Badger is working to make sure that the most up-to-date version is online. The need to reprint? John recommended loose leaf, not bound. Terry thought that an online version was sufficient and there was no need for a printed version. Sharon agreed. Terry Baxter thought the manual could be printed on demand.

**6. NWA Logo.** Sharon stated that work on the logo is progressing. Feedback from last Board meeting in Butte was to find out if logo designs could accommodate various versions and formats in publication. John Bolcer is checking into some of this. Sharon will talk to John further after the meeting. Various versions will be shared with the Board before the next meeting.

**7. Great Western Conference No. 2.** John Bolcer talked to Claude Zachary, past president of Society of California Archivists at SAA. SCA is interested in a repeat of the Great Western Conference. Claude thought the best location would be Seattle in 2010. This date this would make it 5 five years since the last joint conference in Las Vegas. There was positive feedback from the Board. Possibility of inviting BC archivists and SW Archivists discussed. John will get in touch with the Society of California Archivists and other organizations to express interest on behalf of the NWA Board.

**8. Archives Leadership Institute** Sharon provided an update. There is an NHPRC grant available; Rand Jimerson is willing to go ahead with Western Washington University's participation, and Western would be the lead agency. It is a three-year grant. Rand and Larry Hackman would serve as archival faculty and expect to find one

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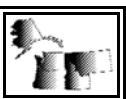
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more faculty member. The project is looking for suggestions for speakers in leadership, marketing and management outside the archival field. If the Board knows of anyone they should contact, let Sharon know. The grant deadline is October 2. The support of NWA as co-sponsor would be in-kind—logistics, publicity, not money. Help needed with grant writing; Donna, Tony and Sharon are willing to help with grant writing. Grant writers will meet by phone first week of September. A motion was seconded by Board for participation in grant. Discussion of the grant proposal followed. Some of the issues discussed included: whether the Institute would be regional or national in nature, what the benefits would be to NWA as a co-sponsor in the grant, and NWA's role in selecting candidates for the Institute and in its governance. Donna asked if the Institute would be regional or national, Sharon responded it would be more national. Donna also asked what does NWA get as co-sponsor? Possibilities could include sending a certain number of NWA members to the Institute or giving priority to west coast archivists. Or possibly NWA could be involved in selection of candidates for Institute. Idea originated with NWA. Sharon will talk to Rand more. Donna said her understanding was that sponsoring institutions could create Institute with any geographical base they wanted. Suggestion was made that Institute should be a more regional resource since most like this are so east coast centered. Tony mentioned different ways to do it; offering first seats to northwest individuals, then after a certain date open to others. Donna thought a percentage should be guaranteed to NWA. Terry Baxter supported the idea of NWA being on Steering Committee or governing structure for Institute. Send suggestions to Donna, Tony, and/or Sharon within the week. Tony will talk to Rand tomorrow about what the Board discussed today. Terry Baxter moved that NWA participate in the Institute grant and the motion was carried.

**9. Archives Week (Brian Brown)** Brian noted it is the third year of Archives Week in Oregon. This year they are having opening and closing celebrations in Corvallis, Philomath and Ashland. The primary publicity tool is a poster, with archives around the state submitting images. The involvement from around the state has increased. Brian requested NWA make funds available to states for Archives Week, perhaps \$500 per state. The funds could go towards publicity efforts and event costs. Monetary state level support would be well received. Terry Baxter and John Bolcer questioned how the funds would be administered. Washington has a less centralized planning effort than Oregon. Would it be an application process? How would oversight be determined? Sharon stated suggestions have been made that NWA should find a way to use Archives Week/Month as part of its advocacy. Asked if we need to form a committee. Terry suggested adding Brian to Advocacy Committee, Sharon agreed. Brian will be added to the Advocacy Committee to explore NWA's participation in Archives Week. Anne Frantilla offered to work with Brian. Sharon said Anne Foster will be a good resource as well. Brian, Terry and Anne will be on the agenda for the next meeting regarding Archives Week.

**10. Native American Protocols (Terry Baxter)** Baxter discussed an effort at Northern Arizona with 15 tribal archivists and others to propose protocols for tribal records or records about tribes in a way that is sensitive to tribal needs. Terry views it as a way to start conversations between tribal archivists and non-tribal archivists. He proposes having sessions at NWA at various locations in the Northwest. Tony supported that suggestion and thought it would be helpful to archivists in approaching tribal collections in various repositories. The protocols are in draft form. The effort of the protocols is directed at creating opportunities for reconciliatory dialogs between tribes and archives. No action need by the Board. Terry said he would welcome

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suggestions of people to speak and will talk with people on the program committee. Nathan stated that he was interested. John thought Nicole Bouche at UW would also be interested. Kevin thought there could be a very good session in Alaska.

Meeting adjourned at 11:46.  
Submitted by Anne Frantilla

### Call for Proposals: NWA 2007

The Northwest Archivists invite submissions for session proposals for its annual meeting May 17-19 in Moscow, Idaho. The theme for this meeting is "Dynamic Archives: Preserving the Past and Speaking to the Future." See the insert in this issue for details. Submit completed proposals or questions to program committee chair Megan Moholt at: NP-190 Weyerhaeuser Company, PO Box 9777, Federal Way, WA, 98063-9777 or at [megan.moholt@weyerhaeuser.com](mailto:megan.moholt@weyerhaeuser.com)

## NWA Treasurer's Report — September 1, 2006

The balance as of September 1, 2006 is \$16,020.55. This includes deposits for membership fees and scholarship funds of \$2,052.54 (the odd amount is due to a membership paid in Canadian dollars). A quick summary of the budget for the 2006 conference, which was submitted by Ellen Crain, Donna McCrea and Jodie Foley, indicates that total expenses were \$6,886.66 and revenue was \$11,513, leaving a balance for the conference of \$4,626.34. There were 78 people registered for the conference. For both workshops there were a total of 26 people

registered. Attendees were largely made up of college and university archivists, but a good number of government, corporate and other (such as Hydroplane History) archives and organizations were represented. The one tribal attendee was the Tamastlikt Cultural Institute - Umatilla Tribe. If people would like copies of the detailed report, please let me know.

—Anne Frantilla

## "Theft and Recovery" Conference Announcement

The Library and Archives Canada is co-hosting a 2-day conference with the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, DC, on November 14 and 15, 2006. The title for the conference is "Theft and Recovery: Navigating the Holdings Tightrope."

All organizations that house historical records, artifacts, and artworks are vulnerable to theft. The tightrope between the mission of providing ready access to researchers and patrons, while simultaneously providing appropriate security to holdings, is difficult to traverse and provides the context for an ongoing struggle between these

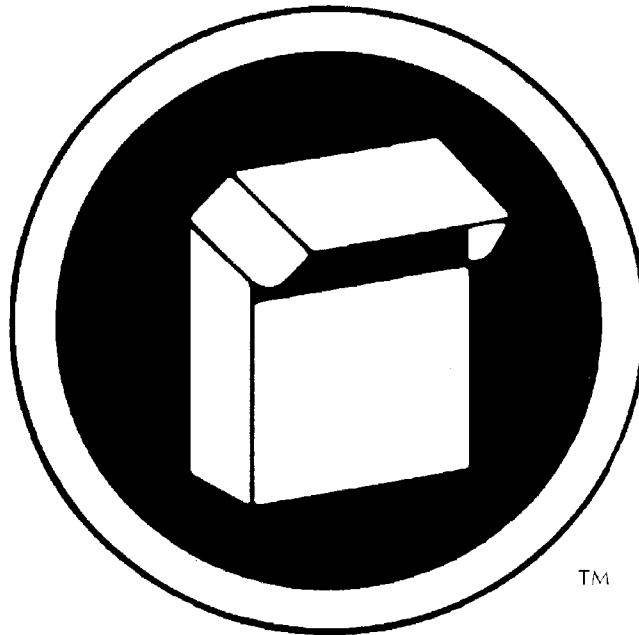
disciplines.

At this conference, staff from NARA and The Library and Archives Canada will be joined by historians, security professionals, and archivists as they address this struggle and define measures that should be taken immediately upon the discovery of a potential theft in order to facilitate the greatest likelihood of recovery of an alienated holding.

For more information, contact Sam Anthony, Special Assistant to the Archivist of the United States, NARA, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 117, Washington, DC 20408; 202-357-5206.



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## NEWS FROM THE NORTHWEST . . . *Idaho*

### **Albertsons Library, Boise State University (Boise, Idaho)**

The Idaho Shakespeare Festival has donated its archives to the Special Collections Department in Albertsons Library, Boise State University. The festival was begun in 1977 by local actors who wanted to offer Shakespeare outdoors in the summertime to the city of Boise. The season lasted two weekends, with eight performances of one play, *A Midsummer's Night Dream*, performed on the patio of a downtown restaurant to a combined audience of 3500. Today the festival is a professional theater company with a multi-million dollar amphitheater-education center in a park-like setting on the edge of town. Last season's attendance at five plays topped 50,000 over the course of the summer. Scrapbooks, interviews, memorabilia, business records, and photos constitute the bulk of the archive. Boise State is working with Internet Shakespeare Editions at the University of Victoria to put the festival's programs and other performance-related publications online.

## . . . *Montana*

### **University of Montana (Missoula)**

The following collections have recently been processed or reprocessed and are available at the K. Ross Toole Archives, Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, The University of Montana-Missoula:

#### **Marcus Daly Family Papers (Mss619), 1883-1986. 89.2 linear feet.**

This collection contains family papers and records related to the business investments of Marcus Daly, copper magnate, businessman, and Montana politician. The collection primarily consists of records of the Bitterroot Stock Farm 1880s-1990s, with daily operational activities, including ranching and

world-class horse breeding, especially well documented. The records of the Valley Mercantile of Hamilton are also extensive and detail the financial activities of the company. The collection also contains records related to the business investments of Marcus Daly and his heirs in mining industries, water irrigation projects, retail businesses and real estate ventures from the 1880s to the 1990s.

#### **Diane Sands Papers (Mss505), 1964-2000. 10 linear feet.**

The papers of Diane Sands, a Montana activist and politician, include materials from the Women's Resource Center, the Missoula Chapter of the National Organization for Women, the Montana Pro-Choice Coalition, and the Women's Lobbyist Fund, as well as papers related to the development and history of the Women's Studies department at the University of Montana. The collection also contains materials related to the women's liberation movement of the 1960s and 1970s.

#### **National Smokejumper Association Records (Mss620), 1919-ongoing. 3.2 linear feet.**

The National Smokejumper Association (NSA) is an organization which preserves and shares the history of aerial fire management and provides a forum for those associated with wildland firefighting. The collection contains reports, correspondence, interviews, personal papers, photographs, films, and publications related to the development and history of aerial fire management.

#### **James Fergus Family Papers (Mss010), 1834-1967. 10.6 linear feet.**

This recently reprocessed and expanded collection consists of family papers and business records of James Fergus, Montana pioneer, rancher, businessman, and political figure, and papers of his son Andrew Fergus. The collection represents the social, political, and economic conditions of ranchers,

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families, businessmen and early pioneers of Montana from the 1850s to the 1920s.

### Montana Historical Society (Helena)

#### *From the Photograph Archives*

With funds received from a \$16,700 Cultural and Aesthetic Grant awarded in 2005, the Prairie County Museum and the Montana Historical Society (MHS) Photograph Archives recently contracted with Jennifer Jeffries Thompson to identify 2,000 Evelyn Cameron negatives in the Society's collection. Thompson will gather information about Cameron's photographs by conferring with people in Prairie County and by examining Cameron's diaries and vintage negative sleeves and prints. In the second phase of the grant, a cataloger will use the information assembled by Thompson to catalog some Cameron photographs on the MHS Research Center's online public catalog.

Two recent additions to the Northwest Digital Archives database from MHS are the inventories for the Kessler Family Photograph Collection and the Burton K. Wheeler Photograph Collection. Photograph Archives staff members plan to post online additional inventories for photograph collections in the upcoming months.

Dubbing it his celebration of Montana's centennial, Richard Reid of Clarkston, Washington, took three separate trips to Montana in 1988 to photographically document all 56 of the state's courthouses. Last month Reid donated the resulting 302 black & white images, and all rights to their usage, to the Montana Historical Society's Photograph Archives.

#### *Thomas C. Power Finding Aid Now On-Line*

Researchers can now discover the depth and breadth of the T. C. Power collection without traveling to Helena. Montana's premiere nineteenth-century businessman, Power was involved in virtu-

ally every aspect of Montana's economy from steamboats, to general mercantile stores, to agricultural implement sales, to sheep ranches, to banks, to gold mines. He also served one term (1891-1897) as Montana senator and was a delegate to the 1884 Constitutional Convention.

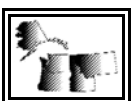
In 1969 the Tobin family donated a massive collection (nearly 530 boxes) of T. C. Power's personal, political, and business papers to the Society. Researchers have used the collection to examine topics as varied as Montana-Canada economic relations, steamboat traffic on the Missouri, fur trading, and liquor trafficking.

Until recently, a typed inventory has been the only guide to the collection. This summer, the Society uploaded the entire inventory to the Northwest Digital Archives on the internet at <http://nwda-db.wsulibs.wsu.edu>. The Power collection is the largest, but not the only inventory now electronically accessible. The Society has over four hundred collections described in detail on the Northwest Digital Archives Web site.

#### *Other News from the Archives*

Several digital items have been added to the MHS Research Center's Online Catalog (<http://www.mhs.mt.gov/research/library/onlinecatalogs.asp>) through our participation in the OCLC Digital Archives pilot project. Some of these items include homestead pamphlets, 1865 Montana DeLacy map, select photographs, and the preambles for each of Montana constitutions. The digital images can be accessed via a link to the URL in the individual catalog records. Selected images will be gradually added in the coming months.

This September the Research Center began requiring patrons to show a valid picture ID prior to using its collections. Initial patron response has been very accommodating of this step toward increasing our security profile.



## NEWS FROM THE NORTHWEST . . . *Oregon*

### Oregon State University (Corvallis)

#### *New Staff Archivist*

Tiah Edmunson-Morton joined the Oregon State University Archives in July 2006 as a Staff Archivist. Tiah oversees the Archives' reference and public services.

Tiah earned her MLIS from San Jose State University and BA and MA in English Literature from Miami University (Ohio). She was previously a Processing Archivist and Substitute Faculty Librarian at Lane Community College. Tiah is enthusiastic about providing access to archival collections in innovative ways to meet users' needs.

Tiah can be reached at 541.737.7387 or [tiah.edmunson-morton@oregonstate.edu](mailto:tiah.edmunson-morton@oregonstate.edu).

#### *Recent accessions:*

**Henderson, Robert W., Papers (MSS), 1933-2003.** 7.2 cubic feet.

This collection is made up of materials generated and collected by alumnus and Agricultural Experiment Station Assistant Director Robert Henderson. Documenting Henderson's student experience, work in plant research, and post at the Experiment Station, this transfer includes architectural drawings, buttons, correspondence, dance cards, newspaper clippings, notebooks, photographs, posters, publications, research notes, slide show scripts, and sound recordings. In addition to Henderson's research endeavors and career, these materials also reflect his longtime interest in photography and the slideshow presentations he gave throughout his life. Other highlights in these papers include Henderson's involvement with Kasetsart University in Thailand.

Graduating from Oregon State in 1938 with a BS in

botany, Robert W. Henderson worked for the Farm Crops Department and the Agricultural Experiment Station from 1946 to 1976. An extensive photographer of OSU events and people, Henderson was well-known throughout Oregon for his slideshow presentations to schools and clubs on the "magic of research" and other topics. His wife, Alice Welbes ('37), also attended Oregon State. Henderson died in 2006.

**Design and Human Environment Records (RG 28), 1949-2004.** 10.5 cubic feet.

This accession consists of materials generated by the Department of Design and Human Environment in the College of Health and Human Sciences. Primarily documenting the administration of the department, the items in this transfer include award records, biennial reports, correspondence, course materials, curricula vita, grant proposals, meeting minutes, newsletters, newspaper clippings, and publications. Among the subjects addressed in these materials include: accreditation, conference/workshop coordination, curriculum development, awarding of fellowships/scholarships, instruction, long range planning, research, maintenance of a clothing/textile collection, surveys, and involvement with professional home economics organizations.

**Sewell, James Photograph Album (P 259), 1903-1905.** 0.07 cubic foot.

This photograph album was assembled by alumnus James A. Sewell and is made up entirely of images he took as a student at Oregon Agricultural College. In addition to portrait and group shots of football team players, these photographs document a football game at Bell Field, cadet formations on campus, the women's basketball team, track and field events, and a student trip to the Oregon Coast. The album also contains exterior and interior views of campus buildings, including several shots of a

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## NEWS FROM THE NORTHWEST . . . *Oregon*

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men's physical education class inside the Armory building (currently the Valley Gymnastics Center) James Sewell studied mechanical engineering at Oregon Agricultural College from 1901 to 1903.

**College of Forestry Records (RG 139), 1968-2006.** 4 cubic feet

This transfer consists of materials generated and collected by the College of Forestry Outreach Education Office (OEO) that document various workshops, short courses, field tours, institute programs, colloquia, and symposia organized and sponsored by the College of Forestry. Primarily made up of agendas, abstracts, participant/speaker lists, and brochures given to those enrolled in the workshops/tours, this transfer also contains reports and proceedings generated as a part of these workshops and symposia. Among the subjects addressed in these materials include forest land management, harvesting practices, sustainability and ecosystem issues, fire containment, forest research methods, marketing strategies and planning, stream habitat improvement, management of Native American forest lands, and protection of wildlife in forest environments.

**College of Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences (RG 173), 1989-1998.** 0.60 cubic foot

The 21 VHS videotapes that make up this accession document lecture presentations in two marine resource management classes/seminars: "Oil Spill '89: Resource Conservation and Management Today-A Focus on the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill" (MRM 507A) and "Pacific Northwest Fisheries Seminar Winter 1998" (MRM 507). Lecture transcripts of the "Oil Spill" seminar presentations were included in this transfer and are stored with the videotapes.

### **Oregon 150**

In 2009, Oregon will commemorate its 150th anni-

versary of statehood. Today, preparations for the commemoration are underway: Oregon 150, a non-profit corporation, was formed to raise funds and provide overall policy direction for the Sesquicentennial. The Governor will appoint approximately 30 citizens from across Oregon to serve on the Board of Directors for Oregon 150. With their direction, a strategic plan will be developed that includes all Oregonians, provides a clear vision and goals, encourages and supports planning at the local community level, establishes avenues of resources and funding and leaves a positive legacy for the state. Go to [www.oregon150.org](http://www.oregon150.org) for details.

### **Oregon Health & Science University (Portland)**

OHSU has started a blog. It was the idea of Sara Piasecki, History of Medicine Librarian in the OHSU Historical Collections & Archives. Her aim is to let people know about us, in an informal way. We would like people to know about it and we are hoping that others will comment so that we might connect with others in the community. Following are the blog url and her first post: <http://ohsu-hca.blogspot.com/>

*Tuesday, August 22, 2006  
Welcome!*

*Welcome to Historical Notes from OHSU, an unofficial series of communications from Historical Collections & Archives at Oregon Health & Science University. If you are unfamiliar with us, please have a look at our website to learn more formally about our collections and services: <http://www.ohsu.edu/library/hom/>*

*Here, you'll get a flavor of what we do every day, what mysteries we unearth, what connections we make, what cool things we come across. We hope you enjoy it as much as we do!*



## NEWS FROM THE NORTHWEST . . . *Washington*

### Western Washington University (Bellingham)

#### *Staff news*

Elizabeth Joffrion, Head Archivist, Center for Pacific NW Studies left Western Washington University on September 15, 2006 for a position at the National Endowment For The Humanities, Division of Preservation and Access, Washington, D.C.

Joffrion will assume the role of Senior Program Officer at the Division of Preservation and Access where she will provide leadership and support for a sustained national effort to preserve and increase the availability of resources essential for research, education, and public programming in the humanities. She will work with potential applicants in the

development of proposals and participate in administrative, financial, and program policy. She will also arrange for the review and evaluation of grants by expert panelists; and administer the continued evaluation of current grants. Joffrion will represent the division at professional meetings and conduct site visits to promote the division's programs and to evaluate the accomplishments of the current projects it supports.

### Seattle Municipal Archives (Seattle)

#### *New accessions*

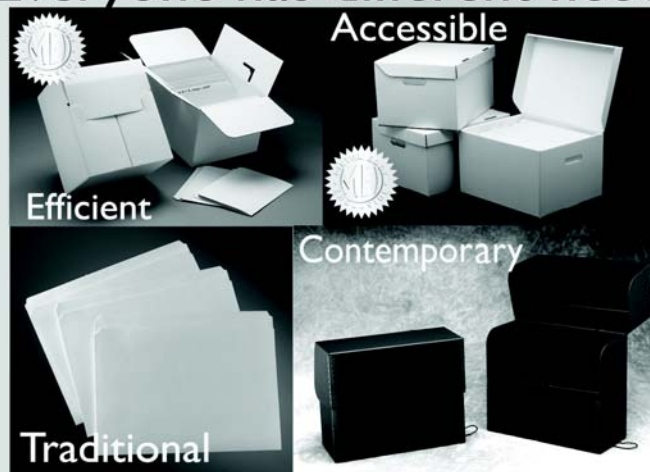
The Seattle Municipal Archives recently received 319 boxes of Seattle Mayors' records from the University of Washington Special Collections Division. The records, spanning over two decades

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## NEWS FROM THE NORTHWEST . . . *Washington*

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(1957-1978), document primarily the administrations of Mayors Gordon Clinton, J.D. Braman and Wes Uhlman. Also included are the records of Floyd C. Miller who was interim mayor after Braman resigned to take a federal position, and a few boxes of material from Charles Royer.

The records document a period of rapid social and physical change and the growth in municipal government in Seattle. Among the topics illustrated in the records are government-sponsored social services, social unrest and the extension of civil rights, urban renewal, citizen participation in government-

tal programs, and the Forward Thrust Program.

The University of Washington acquired the Mayor's records before the Municipal Archives was established in 1985, probably saving them from destruction. Scott Cline, the Seattle City Archivist, and Carla Rickerson, the Head of UW Special Collections, recently initiated discussions and agreed that the records should be transferred to the custody of the City of Seattle.

### *Processed collections*

#### **Office of Urban Conservation Records (Record Series 5754)**

27.4 cubic feet, 1942-1997 (bulk dates 1971-1997)

The Seattle Municipal Archives has recently processed a collection of records from the city's Office of Urban Conservation, now called the Historic Preservation Program. The OUC was created in 1975 in an era of citizen protests against a proposed urban renewal program that would have demolished Pioneer Square and Pike Place Market. The office's mandate was to coordinate Seattle's historic preservation programs and administer the city's landmark boards and historic districts.

The collection (record series 5754) includes the records of Seattle's Landmarks Preservation Board, as well as the boards overseeing the various landmark districts in the city. Minutes show the work of the boards in considering landmarks and approving architectural modifications and changes of use. There are also extensive subject files showing how larger projects such as downtown development and freeway access impacted historic neighborhoods. Some topics covered include Fort Lawton, landmarking religious properties, Union Station, METRO transit bases and shelters, the waterfront streetcar, transients and human services, and the Kingdome.



*Seattle Municipal Archives: Gordon S. Clinton Records, Box 15*





## Archival Leadership Institute Proposal

—Sharon Howe, NWA President

Western Washington University has submitted a grant application to the NHPRC to develop an Archival Leadership Institute, under the direction of Rand Jimerson, who is director of the archives and records management program at Western. NWA members involved in the grant writing include Rand, Sharon Howe, Donna McCrea and Tony Kurtz. Special thanks to Rand, who went way above and beyond to organize the grant writing and produce a finished product under great time constraints. NHPRC expects to announce the winner of the grant in November. We know of at least one other institution that is submitting an application. Following is an excerpt from the summary submitted with the grant proposal. If anyone is interested in seeing the full proposal, you may contact Sharon Howe.

NWA is a co-sponsor on the project, as was approved at the last board meeting. Following the summary excerpt is the letter of support that I submitted on our behalf. Thanks to Anne Foster for some of the wording. Fellow co-sponsors would include the Society of American Archivists and the Council of State Archivists.

If the WWU proposal is selected, NWA will have two positions on the Advisory Board, which will work with the staff and resident faculty to refine the curriculum. Donna and I would serve in that capacity for the first year. Tony would be a member of the on-site staff. The first institute would be offered in June 2008, and two others would be offered in subsequent years under this grant. Each of the three institutes would be targeted toward those with different levels of responsibility and experience, including prospective leaders who have little or no management experience. This addresses at least some of the NWA wish list for such an institute.

### PROJECT SUMMARY *[excerpt]*

#### *PURPOSE AND GOALS*

The increasing complexity of challenges facing archival institutions and archivists in the 21st Century requires creative and innovative responses. Archivists need to learn the latest principles, theories, and methods of organizational leadership in order to effectively lead their institutions into the future. The main purpose of the Archives Leadership Institute project at Western Washington University is better to equip the individual participants to maximize the performance of their organizations through effective leadership and to provide strong leadership in archives throughout their careers. Secondly, the Institute seeks to develop a sound approach to leadership education in archives that can serve the archives community for many years to come.

To address its purposes, the Institute project has several closely related goals:

- 1) to provide to participants the best current thinking about the nature of leadership and its role in the development of organizations
- 2) to demonstrate ways of thinking and of acting that can be applied directly to leadership in archives
- 3) to enable each participant to leave the Institute with specific program development strategies for the next year and the next five years
- 4) to give participants deeper insight into their own leadership styles and the relationship of their styles to their organization's needs
- 5) to refine and improve an Institute curriculum and methods that can serve as a blueprint for leadership education programs in the future, both for the Institute and for general archival education and training

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### PLAN OF WORK

The Archival Leadership Institute (ALI) will represent a partnership among Western Washington University (WWU), the Society of American Archivists (SAA), the Council of State Archivists (CoSA), and Northwest Archivists (NWA), the regional professional association. The Project Director and staff members are based at WWU, with an Advisory Board that includes representatives of SAA, CoSA, and NWA. An Evaluation Team will review the curriculum and planning before the first Institute and annually thereafter. Three resident faculty members and up to five guest speakers will provide instruction, including lectures, extensive small-group discussions, and one-on-one consultation. Written assignments during the Institute and follow-up reviews will ensure that participants can apply the lessons learned to their institutional settings.

Each year the Institute will admit 20 participants. To ensure maximum interaction among peer groups, the Archival Leadership Institute project will develop training for three audiences:

- More experienced administrators (directors or associate directors) of larger archives programs.
- Less experienced administrators and those administering small to mid-sized archives programs.
- Aspiring leaders who do not yet work as administrators of archives programs.

With this range of audiences, Archival Leadership Institutes will prepare current leaders of archives programs to be more effective in the near term while also training leaders for the future. The project also will develop case studies and other curricular materials that will support wider dissemination of leadership training in the archival profession for all of these audiences.

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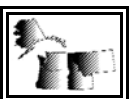
## Archivist's Calendar

- Dec. 1, 2007** *Easy Access* deadline for submissions
- April 19-21, 2007** 60th Annual Pacific Northwest History Conference, Tacoma, WA
- May 2-5, 2007** Association for Recorded Sound Collections, annual meeting, Milwaukee, WI
- May 17-19, 2007** Northwest Archivists annual meeting  
Moscow, ID
- May 17-19, 2007** Conference of Inter-Mountain Archivists, Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists joint meeting  
Colorado Springs, CO
- May 17-19, 2007** Society of California Archivists Annual meeting, Long Beach, CA
- May 21-24, 2007** Society for Imaging Science & Technology, Archiving 2007 conference, Arlington, VA
- May 30-June 2, 2007** Society of Southwest Archivists, Annual meeting, Oklahoma City, OK
- Aug. 27-Sept. 2, 2007** Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- Oct. 23-28, 2007** Oral History Association Conference  
Oakland, CA

### Call for proposals: NW History Conference

"Land of Destiny: Promise and Reality in Pacific Northwest History" will be the theme of the 60th annual Pacific Northwest History Conference April 19-21 in Tacoma. The program committee invites paper and panel proposals from all chronological eras of Pacific Northwest history and all sub-fields---politics, diplomacy, race, military, class, religion, environment, exploration, immigration, legal, science and technology, and others. Proposals are to be submitted electronically no later than Feb. 1.

Send electronic proposals to program chair Michael Allen, Professor of History, c/o Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, University of Washington-Tacoma, 1900 Commerce, Tacoma WA 98402-3100 or [magician@u.washington.edu](mailto:magician@u.washington.edu).



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expected of a volunteer secretary-treasurer, Diana offered her considerable organizational skills to become our first Membership Coordinator, which has since been designated a permanent position. She is leaving us with a good, clean database and procedures that keep renewals and other membership functions operating smoothly. Not only will I miss Diana's contributions to NWA; as a fellow employee of the Washington State Archives, I know how much we will miss her archival expertise and congeniality.

One of the new initiatives that Beth has pursued is an Archives Leadership Institute. This idea had been kicking around Northwest Archivists and had been a dream of Rand Jimerson as a possibility at WWU, where he directs the Archives Administration and Records Management Program. It seems to be an idea whose time has come, with the NHPRC announcement of a grant program to develop such an institute as a means of developing more effective leadership in the profession. Beth helped lay the groundwork and facilitated the formation of a grant-writing committee. I consider it an honor to help carry on what Beth and others started as an NWA representative on the committee, along with Donna McCrea of the University of Montana and Tony Kurtz of WWU. We join Rand, who is directing the effort; Larry Hackman, who is prominent in the archives field through his work in New York and at the Truman Library; and George Mariz, WWU history professor. At this writing, the committee is well on the way to meeting the Oct. 2 submission deadline. Stay tuned for the results.

I've touched on only a few of the contributions that Beth and Diana have made to archives and the profession in the Northwest. We are glad that they came West to grace us with their professional and personal presence. The best wishes of Northwest Archivists friends and colleagues go with them as they begin their new professions back East. Of course, we expect e-mails, phone calls, and visits across that East/West divide!

—*Sharon Howe*, President

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## NWA Letter of Support

Dear Dr. Jimerson:

On behalf of Northwest Archivists, Inc., I wish to state the strong support of our board and membership for the proposed Archival Leadership Institute at Western Washington University in Bellingham. Northwest Archivists represents more than 170 archivists and institutions holding archival collections in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. Donna McCrea and I have agreed to serve as NWA representatives to the Advisory Board for the project.

Continuing education is one of our highest priorities, and we believe that leadership training is the most vital component of that initiative because it is likely to have the longest-term impact on the profession in our region and the rest of the country. The Archival Leadership Institute will offer training for our more experienced members, something not generally available in the West.

The Leadership Institute will provide not only more advanced training, but it will also establish a framework, training, and confidence to develop more such opportunities. Northwest Archivists is willing and able to use curriculum materials developed in the project to offer elements of leadership training to broaden the reach of the institute.

Having met in Bellingham for our annual conference, Northwest Archivists members can testify that the site is an attractive choice for a Leadership Institute, combining scenic beauty with a location that provides an atmosphere appropriate to an intensive institute but in close proximity to metropolitan amenities.

Sincerely,

Sharon Howe, President  
Northwest Archivists, Inc.



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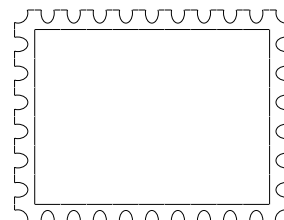
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