

2016 CHRAB Re-Granting Project



NATIONAL HISTORICAL
PUBLICATIONS
& RECORDS COMMISSION

In 2016, CHRAB was awarded \$28,000 in funds from NHPRC to assist smaller repositories throughout the state with a variety of basic archival needs. CHRAB awarded grants to 7 Colorado historical records repositories to develop and/or carry out projects to identify, preserve, access and use historical records in Colorado.

The following organizations received grants from the 2016 CHRAB Re-granting Project for their historical records projects.

Aspen Historical Society

Aspen Historical Society was awarded \$4,000 to preserve and provide access to the Mary Eshbaugh Hayes Photo Collection, a person who was a treasured community member, photographer and reporter. CHRAB regrant funding went towards the cost of sorting the collection, processing each image and providing free access to the collection via their online database. A total of 1,489 images were cataloged for public access, and all were scanned.

Aurora Museum Foundation

The Aurora Museum Foundation was granted \$4,250 to digitize historic issues of the Aurora Democrat newspaper. Five reels of microfilms of the papers were sent to the Colorado Historical Newspapers Collection and are available on their website online for free public access: (www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org).

Center for Southwest Studies

The Center for Southwest Studies at Ft. Lewis College in Durango was awarded \$4,000 to partially catalog, preserve and digitize historic nitrate negatives of western and southwestern Colorado, including Montrose, Ouray, Silverton, Telluride, Durango, and adjacent areas. These images were the work of approximately five photography studios and predominately date from the early 1880s until the early 1900s.

Lone Cone Library District

Lone Cone Library District was awarded \$4,000 to preserve and digitize scrapbooks detailing 80 years of Pioneer Days, an important community event in Norwood. They were able to rehouse, digitize and catalog 75 scrapbooks – which ended up being the collection in its entirety. The Library also published a book on the scrapbooks which featured many of the digitized images and was a huge hit at this year's festival.

Manitou Springs/Miramont Castle

Manitou Springs' Miramont Castle was awarded \$5,000 to stabilize, clean and catalog a collection of 184 survey field books dating from 1887 to 1973. Additional books were found and the regrant covered costs for all 205 books. The project was a success and totaled in 205 new catalog entries in Past Perfect.

Palisade Historical Society

The Palisade Historical Society was awarded \$5,000 to digitize a selection of years of the Palisade Tribune, a local paper on the Western Slope of Colorado. Four reels were digitized and are now available on the Colorado Historic Newspaper Project's webpage (<https://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org>).

West Custer County Library

\$3,750 was awarded to the West Custer County Library District to digitize cassette tape recordings of local oral history interviews. The oral histories feature individuals who have played a significant role in the history of Custer County. Topics discussed range from German colonists, American Indians, early settlers, land preservation, mining, and other subjects from the mid 1800s to the more recent past. A total of 108 interviews were digitized, edited with Audacity software and cataloged with key words and search terms. The interviews were also posted on their website (<http://www.westcusterlibrary.org/oral-history-interviews/>).

Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists

The Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists (SRMA) partnered with CHRAB to provide partial scholarships for Colorado residents to attend a Society of American Archivists' (SAA) continuing education course. The course was titled The Arrangement and Description of Electronic Records and was a two day event held in Denver July 18th and 19th, 2016. Through this partnership, CHRAB and SRMA were able to lower the total cost of the workshop for 17 individuals and provide three full-ride scholarships.