In Memory…. It is with a great deal of sadness we announce the passing of WSHS member Mr. H. G. “Gene” Cooley of Casper. Mr. Cooley died on March 19th. A veteran who served in the US Army during WWII, Mr. Cooley served with an intelligence unit of the Army Security Agency, and later with the Nebraska National Guard. He worked in various mining operations in Wyoming, Texas, Colorado and California, retiring in 1986 as a Mill Supt. From the Mining division of Getty Oil at Shirley Basin. Mr. Cooley loved Wyoming history, and (as an individual) purchased more of the Society’s calendars than any other person. You could always count on a very nice note from him about how much he enjoyed the calendars, especially how he enjoyed distributing them. There are no immediate family members and interment has been in the Cooley plot in the Greenwood Cemetery at Chadron, Nebraska.

Interested in running for a position of the Society’s Executive Committee? Call headquarters at 322-3014 to find out more.

The Campbell County Historical Society and the Rockpile Museum in Gillette jointly hosted an exhibit titled “The Way We Worked,” created by the National Archives, and a part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and Wyoming Humanities. The exhibit will be on display through July 15th.

The Weston County Historical Society will host a field trip down the Dewey, South Dakota Road. Tentatively scheduled for June 30th. To reserve a space contact Maxine Kaul via e-mail at mystic@reconnect.net.

Congratulations to WSHS/Laramie County Historical Society member, Jack Mueller, upon being inducted into the Cheyenne Frontier Days Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will be September 7th in Cheyenne.

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From the President...

Dear Friends,

As you know, the Fort Bridger Historical Association is hosting the 2018 Trek, based at historic Fort Bridger. In 1843, two Mountain Men who were experiencing the demise of the Fur Trade, Jim Bridger and Louis Vasquez, opened a Trading Post on the Green River to provide supplies to travelers on the Overland Trail (also known as the Oregon or California Trails). In 1855, the fort was sold to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. However, when hostilities broke out between the Mormons and the United States in 1857, they burned the fort to prevent the Army from utilizing it. The U.S. Army occupied the site and constructed a new fort in 1858, to safeguard the Overland Trails and the route to Utah. Fort Bridger would be occupied by the Frontier Army throughout the Indian Wars period, until its closure in 1890.

Wyoming is blessed with numerous Frontier Army and Indian Wars sites – Fort Bridger among them. The U.S. Air Force maintains the historic Fort D.A. Russell as the modern missile Fort F.E. Warren in Cheyenne. The National Park Service operates Fort Laramie National Historical Site. Wyoming State Parks, Historic Sites and Trails manage many of the Cowboy State’s treasures - including Fort Phil Kearny in Banner; Fort Fetterman in Douglas, Fort Fred Steele near Sinclair, and the Connor Battlefield Site in Ranchester. The Fort Caspar Museum is identified as one of the Top Ten Old West Museums in the nation, is run by the City of Casper. Other historic sites are not established parks but are still commemorated with historic markers – including Fort Reno near Kaycee, the Crazy Woman Creek Crossing Site between Buffalo and Kaycee, and the Grattan Massacre Site at Lingle.

The story of the Frontier Army and the Indian Wars is one of the most popular historic themes. Annually, the National Park Service estimates that 300,000 tourists visit the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument- and nearly all of them travel through Wyoming along their way. However, these visitors, already fully committed history buffs, all too often simply pass through Wyoming.

Other states, including Tennessee, Georgia, Arkansas, and Virginia, have well-developed Military Campaign brochures that provide both historic and interpretive background. These brochures are extremely useful in educating tourists and local residents about our state’s military history. Combined campaign and heritage tourism brochures are distributed at Welcome Centers and other tourist sites throughout their states; and have proven extremely effective at attracting historically minded visitors...and their tourism dollars. Wyoming lacks a military history, Indian War and Frontier Army focused marketing effort to solicit visits to our communities from these 300,000 tourists passing through our states. Soon, the Wyoming Historical Society, in conjunction with other local, regional and state tourism offices, will be examining the possibility of creating just such a brochure!

This year’s Trek promises to be a fascinating and educational historic experience, and my wife and I look forward to joining everybody at the end of June! Registration forms and lodging information was in past issues of the newsletter. If you have misplaced yours contact Linda Fabian, 322-3014 or jonitasommers@gmail.com for a replacement.

The deadline to register is June 16th. Until Next Time, Doug

Wyoming’s Boom and Bust Cycles: Oral History Opportunities

Booms and busts are characterized by rapid economic expansion (the boom) and contraction (the bust). They have occurred in a variety of industries and have happened ever since Euro-Americans began to visit and settle in what would become Wyoming. They usually involve the production and marketing of a single commodity. See, for example, the fur trade boom in the Rocky Mountains of Wyoming caused by increased demand for beaver felt to use in hats, the gold mining boom around South Pass, the coal industry associated with the railroad and its coal powered steam locomotives. The open range cattle industry of the northern plains and the uranium industry. All of these economic booms were followed by busts caused by changes in fashion, playing out of the easily obtained gold, the replacement of coal-fired with diesel powered locomotives, overgrazing and severe winter weather, and fears of nuclear plant accidents. Most recently, Wyoming has experienced booms and busts in the mineral industries, including uranium, oil and gas, and coal. Maybe wind power is next?

The WSHS Oral History Committee is interested in recording your experiences with Wyoming’s boom and bust economy. It is this year’s theme for oral histories. We call on institutions and WSHS chapters to capture the experiences of people in their communities. Please contact WSHS Oral History Chair Leslie Waggener at lwaggen2@uwyo.edu to talk about best recording methods.

Here are some tips for creating interviews: • Compile a list of questions. • Ask one question at a time to as not to confuse interviewee. Follow-up as needed before moving on to next question. If a topic comes up and you think it’s important, let your list of questions go for a bit to explore it. • Test your equipment before doing an interview. • Pick a quiet place for the interview in which you won’t be interrupted. • At the beginning of each interview, recite into the microphone: Your name Name of interviewee Location Date The topic of the interview
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WSS/Historic Bishop Home:
Linda Fabian

Congratulations to WSHS member Richard Knight of Nashville recently stopped at Society headquarters in Wheatland to visit Linda Fabian. Dick, a retired attorney, is a member of the Society’s Constitution and By-law’s Committee.

The West Texas Trail Museum in Moorcroft is hosting “Rural Landscapes and Wyoming Fences” through July. The exhibit is courtesy of the Wyoming State Museum. For details call 756-9300.

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June 7—Fort Bridger. Wyoming Humanities speaker series in celebration of the 1868 Sesquicentennial of the Fort Bridger Treaty. Also on June 14, 21 and 28. Contact fbha1843@gmail.com for details.
June 23—Sunrise. Annual Archaeological Historical Tour. Contact John Voight at johnjavaman@gmail.com for details or call George Zeimens at 575-2010.
June 29—July 1—Fort Bridger. The Society’s annual Trek will be hosted by the Fort Bridger Historical Association. Watch for details.
June 30—Newcastle. Sign up now for the Weston County Chapter’s field trip down the Dewey, SD Road. For details email mystic@rtconnect.net.
July 3—Fort Bridger—Fort Bridger 1868 Treaty Signing Re-enactment.
July 13—Moorcroft. Houdini, a one-man act, at the West Texas Trail Museum. Contact wttmdirector@rtconnect.net for details.
July 14—Moorcroft—Settlers Breakfast at the West Texas Trail Museum. Contact wttmdirector@rtconnect.net for details.
July 14—Douglas. Sign up now for the Campbell County Chapter’s field trip to Douglas. Call 685-6997 or 685-1231 to register.
July 21—Casper. Natrona County Historical Society Tour of the Oregon Trail. Contact aleina.wagner@yahoo.com for details.
July 28—Star Valley. Trek to Piedmont and surrounding areas, hosted by the Star Valley Historical Society. For details call 885-9259.
August 25—Pinedale. 17th Annual Roundup Fundraiser and BBQ sponsored by the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust. For details contact Kaylee@wsgalt.org.

Wyoming History News welcomes information about events of interest to the general membership and others. Information should be sent at least a month in advance and should reach the WHN editor by the 15th. Send items to linda@wyshs.org.

Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum Welcomes New Director

Morgan Albertson Jaouen grew up in a small colonial New England village where she participated in regular historical reenactments and visited many house museums as a kid. Her “backyard” experiences inspired her to pursue a career in the field of history, with a specific interest in historic preservation, archaeology, and experiential learning. Morgan first visited Wyoming and the Tetons, when she was six years old on a family cross-country road trip. While she may not have realized it, this place really stuck with her. After earning her bachelor’s degree in archaeology, she Morgan moved out West for both work and play. It was both the rugged landscape and enduring pioneer spirit of Jackson Hole that Morgan immediately felt reconnected to; a place she now considers home. Morgan has worked for Grand Teton National Park, the Teton County Historic Preservation Board, and the Alliance for Historic Wyoming. She most recently completed her Master of Science in Historic Preservation at the University of Oregon and started as the Executive Director of the Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum in July 2017. Morgan oversees the organization’s programming, strategic planning, financial management, special events, and fundraising. She is looking forward to connecting with other Wyoming history organizations. When not at the Museum, Morgan can be found out on the ski slopes, mountain bike trails, or investigating historic cabins.

For those of you attending the 2018 Trek the weekend of June 29th in Fort Bridger, you might consider staying over for this big event. For details about the re-enactment contact chris.floyd@wyo.gov, or fbha1843@gmail.com.