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Heard on the Historical Trail



Congratulations to WSHS member Roger Joyce who has been hired by the Greeley Museums Heritage Foundation to conserve a priceless collection of more than 300 letters written in 1869 by individuals who wanted to join Nathan Meeker's joint-stock colonization company called the Union Colony of Colorado. Roger owns and operates R&J Conservation Services in Cheyenne. He is available for workshops and can be reached at rg.joyce@live.com.

WSHS member Bruce Richardson of Casper was recently named a recipient of the 2014 Governor's Arts Award for his major contributions he has made to the arts in Wyoming.

Society's Online Encyclopedia Debuts Education Package

The Society's project director of WyoHistory.Org, Tom Rea, announced recently that students, teachers and others who enjoy learning more about Wyoming's history can access the website for articles on nine historic sites on the Oregon Trail in Wyoming. Each article is enhanced with interactive maps, extensive photo galleries, videos of inquisitive fourth graders touring the sites, field-trip lessons plans and quizzes. To access the new package visit www.wyohistory.org and follow the link located at the top of the page.

Tom, along with WSHS member and the Society's webmaster Steve Foster, created the easy to navigate instructional package by working with Natrona County and Casper College educators, students and museum professionals, and using up-to-date mapping information drawn from public sources with the help of the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office. Tom said, "All Wyoming fourth graders study the Oregon Trail. I hope the resources available will make the trails even more attractive to them, their teachers,

and anyone else interested in Wyoming's past." He added that high school students from Star Lane Center in Casper created the videos by filming and interviewing elementary students when they toured sites like Fort Laramie, the Guernsey Ruts, Fort Caspar, Independence Rock, Martin's Cove, South Pass and Fort Bridger.

The WyoHistory.org website has been online since 2011 and officially launched one year ago. For more details contact Tom at trea@tribcsp.com.

[Editor's Note: The Oregon Trail Ruts (above) have been prominently featured on the newsletter's masthead for many years. Wheatland artist Gertrude Goertz won a contest held several years ago by the Society to create a new image for the newsletter and came up with the idea of the ruts. She is a renowned artist who has created numerous pen and ink sketches of state parks and historic sites].

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

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From the President. . .



Dear friends,

In celebration of the 125th anniversary of Wyoming statehood, the 2015 Calendar of Wyoming History will feature daily facts from 1890, 1915, 1940 (the 50th anniversary), and 1965 (the 75th anniversary). As I was doing research for the entries I came across an interesting competition between two Cheyenne newspapers in 1915.

The *Wyoming Tribune's* contest was "to find the most beautiful girl in the state" and it closed on May 28th. More than twenty girls participated in the contest, which was a national competition. Miss Paula Jorgensen of Rock Spring was the top vote getter in Wyoming with 173,982 votes, while Miss Marguerite Rhoades of Cheyenne came in second with 56,312. The *Tribune* decided to send both contestants on the "National Beauty Train" to California sponsored by the Universal Film Company. The *Tribune* determined that Wyoming had two of the most beautiful girls in the country so they emphatically insisted the state be allowed to send both girls. The New York office sponsoring the beauty contest finally relented and Wyoming was the only state to send two girls to California. The two girls were to "represent the real robust, sparkling, unassuming life and beauty

of Western girlhood, and above all—Wyoming."

While the *Tribune* sponsored the beauty contest, the *Cheyenne State Leader* sponsored "Wyoming's Greatest Circulation Contest" a little later that summer. The newspaper made it very clear this was not a beauty contest, but was based on the popularity of Wyoming's young ladies, and to be "decided by popular vote of the State Leader by credit on subscriptions" Of the more than thirty young ladies receiving votes (hundreds of thousands were cast), the newspaper chose the top seven vote getters as winners with the prize being a trip to the Panama Exposition. The winners were Miss Marie Lawler, Cheyenne, Miss Mabel Noyes, Burns, Miss Jean Massey, Hanna, Mrs. Olive Gross, Cheyenne, Miss Dorothea Humiston, Cheyenne, Miss Orion Maves, Lusk, and Miss Gertrude Horrocks, Evanston. The young ladies also attended Cheyenne Frontier Days with T. Joe Cahill serving as host.

What the two contests proved, at least to the *Cheyenne State Leader*, was that its newspaper was "where it belonged—away ahead of all competitors in the number of subscribers" Thought you might enjoy this story from 1915.

Rick

P.S. More information about this year's trek in Jackson will be forthcoming soon. For now put the weekend of June 20th in your calendar and plan to attend.

(Heard on the Trail continued from page 1)

WSHS/Natrona County Historical Society member Pat Holscher recently enjoyed signing copies of her new book "On This Day in Wyoming History," available at Wind City Bookstore in Casper.

WSHS member Joan Barron is retiring after 48 years of reporting Wyoming news for the Casper Star Tribune. While Joan has covered all types of news from grand juries to public meetings, she most often could be found in her bureau office located in the state Capitol Building. Throughout her career she covered more than 50 legislative sessions.

The Albany County Historical Society celebrated their annual meeting with a visit by Marguerite Herman. Mrs. Herman is author of "A Look at Wyoming Government" published by the League of Women Voters in 2006.

WSHS member Sam Mihara, whose article about being raised at Heart Mountain was featured in the most recent issue of Annals, will be sharing his story around the country this fall. He will visit Casper College on September 24th and the University of Wyoming on Sep-

tember 25th. Watch for more details.

Chapters — What do you see as the future of the Society and its chapters? We hope you'll consider sending a representative to the Society's strategic planning session in Casper on April 11th. Your input is very valuable to us. If you cannot attend please consider sending your thoughts and ideas to headquarters by e-mailing linda@wyshs.org.

Do you enjoy our Facebook page? It is popular with members and non-members alike and has a very high performance rating. Right now we have 755 "friends." So please "like" our page and invite your friends to do so too. Just go to Facebook and search "Wyoming State Historical Society."

Congratulations to WSHS member Bev Schwieger of Cheyenne for being recognized by Cowgirls of the West for her many contributions to that organization.

The Alliance for Historic Wyoming has a Teacher's Resource Kit available for download. "More than Mortar" is available by visiting www.historicwyoming.org/wp/teachers-resource-kit/ or calling 333-3508.



THE EXCHANGE

Scholarship: The Sweetwater County Historical Society is once again accepting applications for their scholarship program which offers \$1,000 to a third or fourth year undergraduate or graduate student pursuing studies in the field of history. Contact Helen Chadey at 362-2823. The deadline is June 30, 2014.

Donations: Founded in 1953 the Wyoming State Historical Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to Wyoming history. We depend on your donations to the Wyoming Historical Foundation for our long-term sustainability. Planned giving is the process of thoughtfully including a charitable gift to the Foundation in your estate plans. For more information contact Lucille Dumbrill about how you can donate. She can be reached at 746-2268 or via e-mail lucilld@rtconnect.net.

Call for Proposals: June 30th is your deadline to submit proposals for the Society's conference "Our Place in the West...and Beyond: Wyoming at 125" to be held next year. Proposals should consider the relationship between Wyoming, the West, the nation, and the world. For details contact Tamsen Hert at ynp@bresnan.net

Wyoming History CALENDAR

April 7—Laramie. State History Day Competition. Call 766-4114 for details.

April 10—Cheyenne. WSHS member Karen Schutte presents “Seed of the Volga” at the Wyoming State Museum. Call 777-7021 for details.

April 11—Casper. Society’s strategic planning session. Trails Center. Call 322-3014 for details. The quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee will hold its regular meeting on April 12th.

April 30—Deadline to submit nominations for Society’s awards program. Call 322-3014.

May 3-4-Casper. Artist show and sale at the Historic Bishop Home.

May 8—Cody. Colorado-Wyoming Association of Museums’ annual meeting. Call 777-7021 for details.

May 10—Casper—May Day Tea, Historic Bishop Home.

June 12-14— Green River. Outlaw Symposium. See below.

June 20—Jackson. Society’s trek for members and guests will be in Jackson. Mark your calendar now and watch for more details.

June 30—Deadline to submit proposals for Society’s conference *Our Place in the West . . . and Beyond: Wyoming at 125.* Call 322-3014 for details.

September 5—Gillette. Society’s annual meeting for chapters, members and guests. Mark your calendar now.

September 11-13-Powell. Annual Preserve Wyoming Conference. Watch for more details.

Note: Area Code for all Wyoming phone numbers is 307

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

**SYMPOSIUM
OUTLAWS**
OF THE INTERMOUNTAIN WEST
HOSTED BY THE SWEETWATER COUNTY MUSEUM
GREEN RIVER, WYOMING

SPEAKERS
Bill Betenson Joel Frandsen Chip Carlson Christie Wright

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 12, 2014	June 13, 2014	June 14, 2014
Opening Reception	Speakers Evening Banquet	Bus Tour of Brown's Park Evening Barbeque

Early Registration: \$140 (by May 2nd)
Regular Registration: \$160
Friday Day Registration: \$35
Saturday Day Registration: \$65

www.sweetwatermuseum.org

Sweetwater County Museum
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Green River, WY 82935
swchm@sweetwater.net
307.872.6435

Registration ends
Friday, May 16th

Welcome New Members and Thank You Donors

At Large

Max and Sharon Atwell, Tucson, AZ
Grandma's Cabin, Encampment (formerly Candy
Moulton)
Greyson Buckingham, Kelly
Johanna Wickman, Casper
Dr. Donald Hunton, Cheyenne

Laramie County Historical Society

Jerry Calkins, Cheyenne

Sheridan County Historical Society

Donald and Patricia Trotter, Sheridan
The Lohof Family, Birney, MT
Margie Taylor, Sheridan

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Dave and Linda Kathka, Loveland, CO *in memory
of Char Olsen and Rick Wilder*
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of Dr. Donald Hunton*
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of Don Cundall*

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June Frison Chapter of the Wyoming
Archaeology Society, Laramie
Suzanne and Robert Leathers, Casper
Fort Caspar Museum Association, Casper

Ask an Archivist...

Question: If an historical photograph was taken by a professional but I own it can I make a copy?

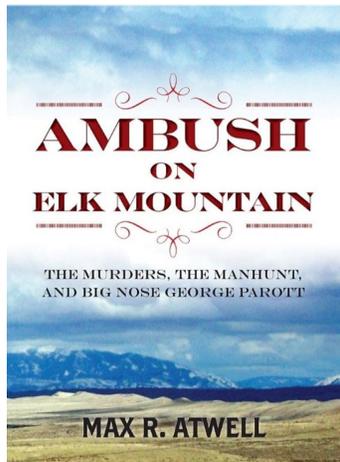
Answer: According to U.S. copyright laws owning a copy of a photograph is kind of like owning a copy of a book. Just because you have a copy or the original does not mean you own the copyright. The current law states that if the image is unpublished, the image does not enter the public domain until 70 years after the death of the photographer. Images published prior to 1923 are automatically in the public domain and those published between 1923 and 1977 without a copyright notice are also in the public domain. Anonymous works and those where the author/creator is unknown are covered for 120 years from the date of creation. If you are simply making a preservation copy or using it for educational purposes, then it would probably be considered fair use. It would always be wise to consult an attorney but you could also look at Cornell's — an especially user friendly website. [*Editor's Note: Thanks to Suzi Taylor, Reference archivist at the Wyoming State Archives, for this information*].

If you have a question we can help with please submit it to Society headquarters by contacting linda@wyshs.org.

On the book shelf...

This space is dedicated to those members whose works have recently been published. It is our pleasure to help you promote your books. Please send an electronic cover of the image to linda@wyshs.org, along with a brief description of the book. We're honored to have so many published authors among us.

Featured this month is a book by former Laramie resident and WSHS member Max Atwell. Using fictional dialog the author binds together his extensive documentation of the facts and events surrounding the murders of two deputy sheriffs in late 1870. The result is an entertaining saga of the Old West, brought to life by photos and descriptions of real people and places in Wyoming history. The author, now living in Tucson, can be reached by email at skatwell@msn.com or by calling 530-760-5599.



NOMINATIONS DUE FOR 2013 AWARDS YEAR

April 30th is the deadline for nominations to be submitted for those who have made significant contributions in areas of historical activity. The awards are presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society, this year to be held in Gillette the weekend of September 5th.

The award period goes from January 1 to December 31 each year. So, anything that falls within that range for 2013 is eligible to be nominated. There are numerous categories including Publications, Documentary, Fine Arts, Young Historian, Junior Activities, Annual Services, Chapter Awards and several prestigious awards named in memory of individuals who were instrumental in as aspect of the Society. The awards manual in its entirety can be downloaded by going to www.wyshs.org or by requesting a copy from headquarters at 322-3014 or by e-mail linda@wyshs.org.

All nominations should be sent directly to the awards chair, Lynn Houze, at 2307 12th Street, Cody, WY 82414. Questions can be directed to her by calling 250-2411 or 527-7120 or by e-mailing ljhcody@tctwest.net.

The deadline for general awards is April 30th. Review the awards manual for deadlines that apply to nominations for students. Also, please make sure that your nomination contains the correct and current contact information for the person/organization being contacted.



Authors — Did you know you can self-nominate your work. Don't hesitate.

I realize it seems embarrassing to do so, but it is always better to have too many nominations than none. The nomination form can be found on page six of the Awards Manual. See the column to the right for more details.

Do you know of an important building?

WSHS member Mary Humstone writes that the Society of Architectural Historians is launching Archipedia, an online encyclopedia of American architecture. SAH Archipedia is published as two websites: SAH Archipedia Classic Buildings, a free online encyclopedia that contains 100 of each state's most representative buildings as well as teacher guides for using the information in the classroom; and SAH Archipedia, a fuller online education that is available through SAH membership and institutional subscriptions. Mary said, "As coordinator of the Wyoming Archipedia project for SAH, I'm asking for your help in developing our list of the 100 "most significant or representative" buildings in Wyoming.

What properties do you think should be included to represent the range of Wyoming's architecture, historic themes and geography? Please consider important buildings constructed in the past 60 years, as well as previously recognized historic landmarks. "Building" is loosely defined as something created by humans, so trails and other non-architectural resources can be included as well. Contact Mary at Humstone@uwyo.edu to review a preliminary list of 25 buildings that she has put together. She welcomes your comments on the list and suggestions for the remaining 75 buildings, and would like help in writing a description of a property you are familiar with.

Executive Committee Plans for the Future

[Editor's Note: The planning session scheduled for March 14th was postponed due to the lack of hotel rooms in Casper]. It has been re-scheduled for April 11th].

The Society's Executive Committee, members of the Foundation and others will participate in a Strategic Planning Session on Friday, April 11th in Casper at the National Historic Trails Center. All members and chapter representatives are encouraged to attend the session which will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Chapters are an integral part of the Society's governing framework and it is hoped that officers and/or members of local chapters will consider participating. To find out more contact Society headquarters at 322-3014 or email lin-da@wyshs.org.

"Plans are of little importance, but planning is essential."

— [Winston Churchill](#)



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IN MEMORY...

David Bryant Bowron was a life member of the WSHS and son of the Society's first president Frank Bowron and his wife, Eileen. David died on March 8th in Liberty, NC. He graduated from Natrona County High School and later moved to North Carolina where he lived until his death. David is survived by his wife Donna; mother Eileen Bowron and brother Les Bowron.

Charmaine (Char) Olsen was a dear friend to the Society for many years. Char was Dave Kathka's long-time administrative assistant at what was then the Wyoming Archives, Museums & Historical Department (now Wyoming State Parks & Cultural Resources).

Our thoughts and prayers go out to WSHS member Marge Wilder and family upon the death of her son, ***Rick Wilder***. Rick was an avid photographer, former director of the Cody Country Chamber and like his parents, Marge and Dick, devoted to his community. Rick was also a former advisor to the National Trust for Historic Preservation and served on the Wyoming Division of Tourism's board of directors. He was living in Colorado at the time of his death.