

HISTORICAL Connections

NEWS FROM THE NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOUNDATION

Director's Corner

BY LESLIE FATTIG

Westward Ho! Although our "friend-raising" trip west on July 17th got off to a bad start—my car was hit by a grain truck just as I got to McCook—it proved to be another success in reconnecting with history-minded Nebraskans. My bumper was knocked off and the car dragged a few feet, but Foundation Directors are a hardy bunch, and after completing the mandatory reports for the sheriff, I was on my way again.

Our luncheon in McCook was attended by several community leaders with interest in the NSHS/NSHSF. Mike Smith

and I presented on the shared goals of the Society and Foundation, community engagement, the Museum renovation, and the plan for expansion of the Chimney Rock visitor center. We were joined at lunch by trustees John and Gloria Strope, OJ and Christie Nelson, and Cloyd Clark and his wife Linda, and by NSHS staffers Deb McWilliams and Ann Billesbach.

On Thursday evening the NSHSF and NSHS trustees who had gathered for the NSHS Board of Trustees meeting on Friday morning, were treated to an excellent dinner and a very entertaining program



Chimney Rock

at the Bieroc Café in McCook. Many of you are familiar with the Bieroc as it is managed and owned by NSHSF Trustee Walt Sehnert and his son Matt. NSHS Trustee Sharif Liwaru, presented a thorough biography on the life of Malcolm X. Sharif is the Director, Office of Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion at Omaha Public Schools and the Board President at Malcolm X Memorial Foundation.

The next day we headed west to Chimney Rock, where we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Ethel & Christopher J. Abbott Visitor Center. About 60 people attended a reception we hosted Friday night. Almost 500 attended the public anniversary celebration Saturday. We appreciate the generosity of Omaha attorney and NSHSF trustee Jessica Peale Douglas who sponsored the Friday event and a portion of the Saturday events. Foundation trustees and spouses attending were Carol and Walt Zink, Marlene and Don Orr, Dan and Alice Holtz, John and Gloria Strope, OJ and Christie Nelson, Kay Kimberly with Tom

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Bill Brush, president of Security State Bank at Meet & Greet in Ansley.

Considering the Past While Looking to the Future

BY MICHAEL (OJ) NELSON, NSHSF PRESIDENT

How will Nebraska celebrate the coming 150th anniversary of statehood? It's still too early to say.

The Big Birthday is more than two years away—plenty of time to learn to spell "sesquicentennial."

This we know: A volunteer committee is at work. The Unicameral has stepped up, authorizing an official state commission. At this writing, the governor has yet to appoint the commissioner.

The 150th and its surrounding activities are of significant interest to your Foundation, and I'll get to that later in this piece.

But first, for the sake of context, let's take a quick look at earlier celebrations.

Cursory research suggests this will be Nebraska's fourth milestone birthday at least, and those were celebrated to varying degree.

1892

Lincoln was the focal point for the silver anniversary. A Historical Society report the next year described "a grand street pageant...typifying Nebraska in its early days, its growth and industrial achievements represented by floats...."

About 20 towns entered "magnificent floats, including Kearney, Beatrice, Nebraska City, Fremont, Tecumseh, Pawnee City, Seward, and Grand Island." Kearney's entry, a tribute to "its great cotton mill," won the top prize of "a richly engraved silver tablet costing \$150."

An estimated 7,500 out-of-town guests packed hotels.

1917

This celebration grew with the state, drew presidential notice and centered more on Omaha.

The statehood fetes began in October 1916 as part of the annual Ak-Sar-Ben events.

Among the guests at the pageant were President and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson. The president made an address. Crowds exceeded 100,000.

The commemoration in Lincoln took place the following June at the time of the University of Nebraska commencement. Former President Theodore Roosevelt delivered a speech.

A celebration calendar recommended specific dates for rural and village festivities, for church observances, and for pageants in larger communities.

1967

One hundred years trumps milestones like 25 or 50, and the Centennial did it up right:

- Pony Express riders galloped from east and west, meeting to swap mail at Gothenburg.
- Pioneer-clad multitudes staged a record-setting pageant at Ash Hollow. Parades and pageants played out in towns statewide.
- A solitary raft, christened "Centennial" and proclaiming itself the Nebraska Navy, floated the Missouri and Mississippi to promote the anniversary.
- Likewise, the centennial queen, Nancy Griffin, promoted the state as well. Labeled the Golden Girl, she reigned over a court of beauty contestants, eventually appearing in the Rose Bowl parade and elsewhere around the country.

- And—oops, nearly forgot—college men grew commemorative beards.

Those events and many more made up a statewide celebration well in tune with the high-energy, go-go years of the '60s.

Equally important, those events, like the observations of earlier times, pushed Nebraska's history to center stage, building a common identity.

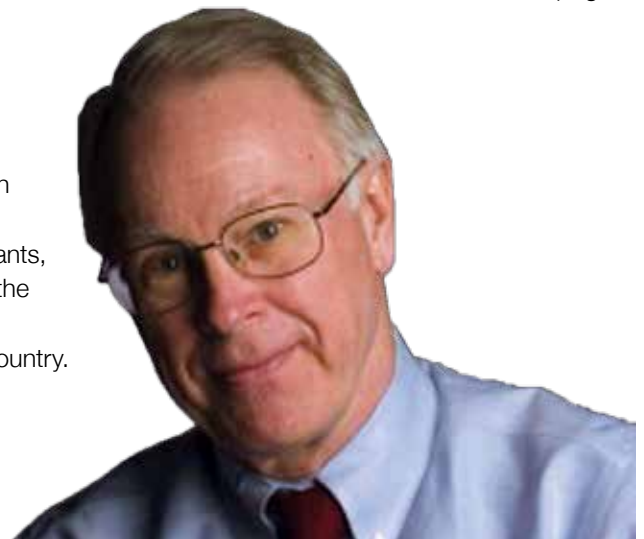
And that's where the Foundation's interest comes in.

The Foundation counts on that bond.

We count on it as a common denominator as we recruit future trustees. We count on it as we encourage prospective donors to join in our philanthropic mission to help underwrite the gathering, preservation and sharing of this state's dynamic story.

It is important to point out that the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation is not the statehood anniversary planner or its director. We count on the appointed commissioners to plan and deliver the best celebration possible, and I am confident that they will.

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Michael (OJ) Nelson

Considering the Past (continued from page 2)

As for us, in coming months we will be turning to our trustees, offering suggestions and asking them how they think the Foundation can be more active and successful as that celebration approaches.

Our hope is that by preparing now, the Foundation will be fit for the opportunity that the 150th presents, when history again takes the center stage.

And by then I hope to be able to spell "sesquicentennial" without the help of SpellCheck. ☞

Michael Nelson was recently elected president of the Nebraska State Historical Foundation. Nelson retired after 40 years as a journalist. He served 34 years at The Kansas City Star, most of that time in senior editing positions, and concluded his career as the editor of the Lincoln Journal Star.

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and Verla Plummer, and Cloyd Clark and his wife Linda. From the NSHS board, trustees attending were Cherrie Beam Clarke and Richard Callaway, Brian and Erica Croft, José and Linda Garcia, Jeff Barnes, Dee Adams and Kevin Dauel, Sheryl Schmeckpeper, and Spencer and Vivian Davis. NSHS Emeritus members Frank and Betty Balderson and Nancy Haney joined us, too, as did former Sen. LeRoy and Sharon Loudon, and John Stinner from Valley Bank and Trust Co. of Gering, candidate for Nebraska Legislature District 48.

Then on to Broken Bow! NSHS President Dee Adams organized a Saturday night reception with nine people from the Broken Bow economic development group (thank you, Dee). She and I gave short talks about the history of the Foundation, our "friend-raising" activities around the state, and upcoming events. NSHSF trustees Lance Bristol, Walt and Carol Zink, OJ and Christie Nelson, John and Gloria Strope, and Cloyd and Linda Clark attended. Dee Adams and husband Kevin Dauel represented the Society.

On Sunday, the Foundation and Society met for a quarterly meeting attended by Mike Smith, Dee Adams, Cloyd Clark, OJ Nelson and me.

Later that afternoon, we were co-hosts with the Security State Bank for a reception at Security State Bank in Ansley. It was organized by NSHS president



From left NSHS & NSHSF Trustee Kay Kimberly with Verla and Tom Plummer standing beside the medallion given in the memory of their mother, Ellen Ora (Whitney) Plummer.

Dee Adams and bank president Bill Brush (thank you!) and featured a presentation by Lance Bristol on Solomon Butcher's life and included an exhibit of Butcher's early Custer County photographs on loan from the Museum of Nebraska Art. About 60 guests attended, as well as trustees Ed and Joan Malk, Bob and Nancy Davis, Judy Humiston, David Oldfather, Carol and Walt Zink, Cloyd and Linda Clark, John and Gloria Strope, and OJ and Christie Nelson, and NSHS trustees Jeff Barnes, Bryan and Jan Zimmer, Sheryl Schmeckpeper, Jose and Linda Garcia, and Dee Adams and Kevin Dauel.

Our events received media coverage and Mike Smith and I gave interviews to local newspaper, radio and television representatives at Chimney Rock and Ansley.

All in all, it was a busy, fun four days full of new and old friends and amazing

views of the Sandhills. A big thank you to John and Gloria Strope, who after my accident with the grain truck served as assistants and bodyguards. They suggested we travel on Highway 92 through the Sandhills and I marveled at (and wished I wasn't driving) Lake McConaughy, the Haythorn Ranch (I sold Craig a stud colt in 1987 but never saw the ranch) and great towns including Stapleton, Tryon and Arnold. My husband has all kinds of family in the Sandhills, so my interest was piqued even before the trip. It was a beautiful drive full of eye-popping vistas.

I hope to see more of you at the upcoming events in Valentine on September 13, Brownville on October 11 and the Lincoln Meet & Greet at Allen Dayton's home on November 21. ☞

Hip-Pocket List Update

BY LESLIE FATTIG

Foundation Trustee Mary Ann May-Pumphrey won an iPad and had no use for it, so she sold it on eBay and sent us the \$300 she received. With Mary Ann's donation, we are able to purchase for NSHS Collections a VHS/S-VHS professional grade videotape cassette player. This piece of equipment is necessary for working on what are "out of date" film and sound technologies. Many thanks to one of our "out-of-state" trustees, Mary Ann!

Mary Ann and husband Ron also sponsored the September 18 Brown Bag lecture, "Orphan Trains" by Linda Hein. Michael (OJ) and Christie Nelson have volunteered to sponsor the filming of Brown Bag lectures in February and March of 2015.

If you are interested in sponsoring a Brown Bag filming or want to contribute toward our "hip-pocket" list needs, please contact Leslie Fattig. ☞



First donation made toward the hip pocket! Harv Ofe, Manager of the Neligh Mill and Deb McWilliams NSHS.

Fiscal Year Update

BY LESLIE FATTIG

For fiscal year 2013-2014 which ended on June 30, the Foundation support in grants and transfers to the NSHS totaled \$320,000, plus an additional \$50,000 operating reserve.

Dana Cole and Company has performed our 2013 – 2014 audit. A draft should be available by the end of August.

Mike Smith and I met with Sen. Heath Mello of Omaha July 25th and gave him an update on museum renovation plans

and talked about our community outreach and friend-raising around the state.

On July 31st, Mike Smith and I met with James Van Bruggen, new budget analyst at the Capitol.

Kudos to Barb for writing a Sowers Grant and receiving \$703 for support toward the summer youth and family programming at the NSHS. The grant will be used for materials and marketing. ☞



Trustee Spotlight—Janet and Brian Allison

Brian and Janet are native Nebraskans – Brian from Bellevue and Janet from West Point. They have traveled (always with their golf clubs) to almost all of the historic sites in Nebraska, particularly enjoying Neligh Mill, Fort Robinson, Toadstool Geologic Park and the Museum of the Fur Trade.

Brian is one of three company founders of Sentry Electric which was established in 1981 and is currently the sole owner. A service oriented company, Sentry's primary niche is hazardous location wiring. Janet and all of their four children, sons Aaron, Chris, Alex and daughter Bridget work for Sentry.

Active in Legatus, Brian has been in the electrical trade since 1973 and has held a State of Nebraska Electrical Contractors license since 1979. He served on both the local chapter and national board of directors of Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) and is also a member of the Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA), Association of Business Leaders and Entrepreneurs, (ABLE) and Success Group International.

Welcome Allison! ☞



Janet and Brian Allison

Trustee Spotlight—Kira Gale

Originally from Chicago and now from Omaha, Kira Gale has spent the last 25 years studying early 1800s Indian and white culture and Lewis and Clark's expedition.

Kira is the author of *Lewis and Clark Road Trips: Exploring the Trail Across America* (River Junction Press LLC, 1996) and the co-author with James E. Starrs of *The Death of Meriwether Lewis: A Historic Crime Scene Investigation* (River Junction Press LLC, 2009). In March 2015, her latest book, *Meriwether Lewis: The Assassination of an American Hero and the Silver Mines of Mexico*, will be published.

Kira has appeared on C-SPAN's "Book-TV" discussing the death of Meriwether Lewis, and on "Brad Meltzer's Decoded" on the History Channel, in the episode entitled "Secret Presidential Codes." Her website is www.kiragale.com.

Kira received the Meritorious Achievement Award of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation in 2007. Her book *Lewis and Clark Road Trips* contains more than 800 destinations, from Washington DC to the Pacific Coast, the Canadian border to New Orleans, related to Lewis and Clark and their time period.

Kira and Darrel Draper, who re-enacts figures from history, started a Lewis and Clark Study Group at the Western Historic Trails Center in Council Bluffs to read through the Lewis and Clark journals. The group began meeting in January, 2001, and has met once a week from September through May, and once a month in the summer, ever since. You are

welcome to join—contact Kira through her website for information. The Study Group will be reading Dayton Duncan's *Scenes of Visionary Enchantment: Reflections on Lewis and Clark* this fall. ☞



Kira Gale



Nebraska History Museum-on-the-Move Offers Programs Around Town

The Nebraska History Museum may be closed for renovation, but the monthly Brown Bag History Forum lecture series, held the third Thursday of each month, will continue at the Lincoln City-County Building, 555 S 10th Street. The free programs will be offered at 12 noon in the 5 City-TV studios and recorded for later broadcast on government access cable and posting on YouTube courtesy the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation.

Dates and topics for this Fall

- **September 18** "Orphan Trains" by Linda Hein
- **October 16** "Women Homesteaders," by Gail Blankenau
- **November 20** "Enclosed Army Forts on the Northern Plains, 1819-1872," by Thomas R. Buecker

- **December 18** "Archeology Q & A," by Nebraska State Historical Society archeology staff

For more information call 402-471-4764 or email tom.buecker@nebraska.gov

Family-oriented programs offered through the Fall at the Nebraska State Historical Society headquarters, 1500 R Street

- **"Hour at the Museum"** Story and activity sessions are open for all ages from 10 to 11 a.m. Dates and featured books:
- **October 14** "Eight Hands Round: A Patchwork Alphabet," by Ann Whitford Paul
- **December 23** "One Splendid Tree," by Marilyn Helmer
- **December 30** "A Boy Becomes a Man at Wounded Knee," by Ted Wood

Free Family Fun Days for children and families will be held at the NSHS Headquarters, 1500 R Street. Dates and events held 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

- **September 13** Celebrate Nebraska Archeology Month
- **November 15** Civil War Remembrance Day, celebrated with the help of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War December 13, pioneer Christmas decorations for attendees to make and take home

For more information call 402-471-4757 or email judy.keettle@nebraska.gov.



A New Look for the NSHSF Office



Please give us a call if you'd like to see our offices. We'd love it if you stopped by!

Kinman-Oldfield Suite
128 N. 13th Street #1010
402-435-3535

Come see us! Renovation is now complete and we are eager for you to see our new and improved offices. New carpeting, tile, light fixtures, and appliances were installed. Donated to the Foundation in June of 1996 by

Vada Kinman and Barney Oldfield the office is four blocks from the Nebraska State Historical Society Headquarters Building and two blocks from the Nebraska History Museum. I think Barney and Vada would be proud! ☺

Celebration at Chimney Rock

The NSHSF and NSHS were joined for an evening under the stars in celebration of the 20th Birthday of the Ethel S. and Christopher J. Abbott Visitor Center at Chimney Rock National

Historic Site on July 18th. The evening included refreshments, appetizers, and historic fun. Thanks to everyone who came out to Bayard, NE for this milestone event. ☺



From left: NSHS & NSHSF Trustee Cloyd Clark, and NSHSF President Michael Nelson

Swanson Biggs Adams Family Endowment Fund

Don Swanson has traveled all over the United States researching his family's genealogy. His travels have taken him to state historical societies, libraries, and county courthouses in Tennessee, Virginia, and Oklahoma.

During his research junkets, he experienced both the highs and lows of the research facilities he encountered.

One thing he noticed in nearly all the locations he visited was how slow and cumbersome the printing process was after the information was found. After the desired article or document was located, the microfilm it was recorded on was removed and placed on a different machine, relocated, and then printed.

“The NSHS has an amazing collection and it takes time for researchers to become familiar with all of its holdings so I’m thankful for the time savings when conducting research for myself or a customer.”

GAIL BLANKENAU

Such was the case when Don and other researchers visited the Nebraska State Historical Society's Reference Room.

During one of his research trips, he discovered the ease and convenience of a reader/printer combination machine. The reader/printer makes it possible for the user to locate the article of interest, read

it, and print it without reeling the microfilm back, moving to another machine to load the film, scrolling to the desired article, and then printing the article. He thought the Nebraska State Historical Society should have the same technology.

Don initiated a discussion that led to a \$15,000 grant from the Swanson Biggs Adams Family Foundation to purchase a Canon MS-800 digital microfilm scanner with laser printer. The machine was installed on July 21, 2003, and Don was there for the inaugural print (see photo at right). He said, "This will make the research process go very quickly because they can find the article and print it right on the spot."

The efficiency of the machine is a definite benefit to its users, but Don also wanted to provide access to the reader/printer as a benefit to Society members.

Gail Blankenau, a professional genealogist and NSHS member, is a regular visitor to the archives. Gail is delighted with the reader, as they allow her to be more efficient. "The NSHS has an amazing collection and it takes time for researchers to become familiar with all of its holdings so I'm thankful for the time savings when conducting research for myself or a customer."

Society members can reserve the machine for three-hour blocks on Saturdays and two-hour blocks Tuesday through Friday.

"In the past we've looked at possibilities of offering membership discounts in the Reference Room, and the generosity of the Swanson Biggs Adams Family Foundation enables us



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to offer that. We think that members will be thrilled to get free copies and that this will expedite their research immeasurably," said Andrea Faling, associate director for Library/Archives at the Nebraska State Historical Society.

Andrea further reports that in 2013, "97 distinct individuals used 595 blocks of time (i.e. three-hour blocks of time) on the two reader-printers. This was one more person than in 2012, but the number of reserved times increased by 59. So the machines were pretty well occupied!"

The gift from the Swanson Biggs Adams Family Foundation makes it possible to provide free prints of the research materials on microfilm to members. Non-members pay 50 cents per copy and are restricted to 15-minute blocks of time on the reader-printers. ☺

NSHSF Historical Happenings

Valentine, NE

Saturday, September 13, 2014

Join us in Valentine for a Meet & Greet at 1:30 p.m. on the 13th. You should have received your invitation in the mail, and we hope to see you there.

The afternoon's events will include:

Special Delivery, A History of the Valentine Post Office Mural, a presentation by the Society's Bob Puschendorf of the New Deal mural entitled "End of the Line," along with a tour of the old post office.

New Stories from Old Sod: When Science and Sod Houses Collide!, a presentation by the Society's John Carter, followed by a tour of the Cherry County Museum.

A tour of Centennial Hall, Nebraska's oldest standing school building, built in 1897, and presentations by NSHS Director Mike Smith ("Your State Museum") and Leslie Fattig ("Historical Connections").

In the morning, before our event, the Niobrara Council is sponsoring Nebraska Pioneer Days in the Valentine City Park. From 9:00 a.m. to Noon you can learn about candle-making, bison history, dutch-oven cooking, and pioneer games. All stations are free and will be located next to the Girl Scout Cabin in the City Park.

Brownville, NE

Saturday, October 11, 2014

Join us in Brownville for an afternoon fundraiser on Saturday, the 11th, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

From 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. we'll have wine and cheese at the historic Furnas House, built in 1868 and home to early Nebraska governor Robert Furnas. And it's a moveable feast! In addition to the Furnas House, we'll get a private showing at the Flatwater Folk Art Museum, where George and Eva Neubert display the folk-art collection they've acquired over 40 years. We'll also get to tour the Thompson House, built in 1869, the Lorraine Rohman Bridge, and the Schoolhouse Gallery. All sites are within walking distance of each other and all will serve refreshments.

For those who'd rather ride, Randall Smith of Brownville will be providing trolley service. The Schoolhouse Gallery will showcase work for sale by local artists. Kenneth Be', art conservator at the Society's Gerald R. Ford Conservation Center, will show us a conservation project with a Brownville connection, and will serenade us with his lute music.

Ticket prices are \$75 per couple. Look for your invitation mid-September. To order tickets, call the Foundation at 402-435-3535.

We are working to secure multiple patrons to underwrite the October 11th event. A \$200 gift will qualify for Patron level and acknowledgment in the program.

Brownville has something going on every weekend, and the theme that day is Old Time Autumn. You can take a river boat cruise, a hay rack ride or a buggy ride, and watch craftsmen and plein air painters at work. For more information, visit www.brownville-ne.com.

Sunday, October 12, 2014

Join us at 2:00 p.m. for the program with Bruce Hopkins's book *Truth in the Rivers* (essays and poetry)

Sunday at the Museum
John G. Neihardt State Historic Site
306 W. Elm St., Bancroft
402-648-3388, neihardt@gpcom.net

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

Join us from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. hear the book *Eight Hands Round: A Patchwork Alphabet*, written by Ann Whitford Paul

Hour at the Museum-on-the-Move
NSHS Headquarters (HQ), 1500 R St., Lincoln
402-471-4757, judy.keetle@nebraska.gov

Thursday, October 16, 2014

Join us on October 16th, when members of the Society Board will join Barb and me for a tour of our office while they are in Lincoln for the NSHS Trustees meeting. We will provide the same orientation we did for our trustees.

Friday, November 21, 2014

We had some extraordinary good fortune last month when entrepreneur Allen Dayton, a new Foundation trustee, suggested we have a Meet & Greet in his Lincoln home. The home, originally owned by the Seacrest family, longtime owners of the Lincoln Journal, will be open on Friday, Nov. 21, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Refreshments and appetizers will be served. We hope you will join us! Watch for an invitation mid-October.

Upcoming Events for 2015

The Society and Foundation are tentatively looking at the following locations for Meet & Greet events in 2015. If you have suggestions for a Meet & Greet event or are interested in sponsoring, please contact Leslie Fattig.

Hastings

West Point

Chadron

Sidney

Deshler

Lexington/Cozad/Holdrege

Join us in North Platte in April 2016 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the end of the North Platte Canteen. =

For more information on Upcoming Events, please contact the NSHSF at 402-435-3535.

Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

BY ROD WALKER, CHAIRMAN, INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

What is the only thing in Nebraska we have more of everyday? The answer is our history. Tomorrow, today's future will be the present, and today will become history. The Nebraska State Historical Society was founded in 1897. Its Mission is as follows: The Society collects, preserves and opens to all, the histories we share.

The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation was founded in 1942. The Foundation's Mission is to support the preservation, interpretation, and appreciation of Nebraska history. Its Statement

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of Purpose is as follows: The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation organized for the purpose of soliciting and administering funds and other property from individuals, corporations, and foundations for the purpose of promoting and preserving the history of Nebraska primarily by supporting the mission of

the Nebraska State Historical Society. In accepting funds or other property the Foundation becomes a fiduciary which imposes a legal obligation to invest and manage the funds and property in a manner in which a person of prudence, discretion and experience would invest and manage their own assets in order to grow the Foundation asset base while meeting current needs.

The Nebraska State Historical Society is an agency of State Government and thus receives State funding annually. This supports only part of the Society's mission. The Society receives other funds from gifts, grants and other sources. The Foundation provides many different types of financial support annually.

Many individuals, foundations, and companies have generously given to the Foundation over the years. We want to sincerely thank you for your support! Going forward, we plan to communicate with you in ways you can help in the future. Planned giving can provide advantageous ways for you to provide future support. The following are some examples. The donation of appreciated stock can offer you the current value of the stock as a tax deduction and allows you to avoid the capital gains tax. In the past, donations of stock from a personal IRA have not been subject to income taxes. This tax break is expected to be renewed in late 2014. You may also consider the Foundation in your estate plan. We would like you to think about how you could help in the future.

Rod Walker

Many individuals, foundations, and companies have generously given to the Foundation over the years. We want to sincerely thank you for your support!

Please let us know if you have any questions and if we can be of assistance. We would be more than happy to visit with you by phone, email, letter and perhaps a personal visit at your request. ☞

Rod Walker is the current NSHSF Investment Committee Chair and joined the Foundation in 2006. Rod retired from Mutual of Omaha as Senior Vice President of Investment Management. He and his wife Vicki live in Omaha.



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