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make a substantial pledge (\$15,000 or more payable over five years) to the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation (NSHSF) that can be used for critical upgrades and expansions to the facilities and exhibits of the Nebraska State Historical Society ("History Nebraska") and the NSHSF. These individuals and organizations are making a historic "citizens' response" to the 2013 Nebraska Legislature, which dedicated \$8 million to the upgrading of our Nebraska History Museum on the beautiful Centennial Mall in Lincoln.

A permanent display in the newly-upgraded Nebraska History Museum will recognize the donors to the 150 Fund for their contribution to the preservation of our state's history. Some donors to the 150 Fund may be recognized at other pertinent sites across Nebraska as well.

The 150 for Nebraska History Fund is "catching fire" in the wake of our 150th year of Statehood. It is going to be something very special, and we would love to meet with you in person to talk about this historic campaign in support of Nebraska History. Please contact Tony Dworak at 402-314-4848, or at tdworak@nshsf.org if you have any questions, comments, or ideas as to how we can do our job better. Thank you!

Dr. Rod Basler



Rodney S.W. Basler, M.D., attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln after graduating as valedictorian of Plainview High School and transferred after his junior year to accept an invitation for early admission to UNMC. He was elected as a junior into Phi Beta Kappa, and was a member of the very first Arts and Sciences Student Advisory Board. After graduating from UNMC, Dr. Basler completed dermatology residency training at the University of Michigan and served on active duty with the U.S. Air Force. He then entered into academics as Asst. Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Arizona. In 1978, he returned to Lincoln to begin a dermatologic practice with offices in Lincoln and Fremont, and for over 30 years, has continued to serve UN-L by providing dermatologic care at the

University Health Center, and consultation in dermatology to the Husker athletic teams. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the U of N Foundation. In 2000, Dr. Basler was honored by his peers by being elected Chairman of the Advisory Board of the 12,000 member American Academy of Dermatology, and was nominated as Vice President of the national group. Dr. Basler served on the Board of Trustees of the Dermatology Foundation and as Chairman of the group's Annenberg Circle Committee and state Leaders' Society. He is an Adjunct Associate Professor at UNMC, mentoring medical, PA, and Nurse Practitioner students, and has also been a prolific writer, publishing over 70 articles and textbook chapters.

"Both of my parents were teachers, so education was always a big part of our home life as I was growing up, and I minored in History at the University of Nebraska. I have always had a great deal of interest, and pride, in the history of our state." – Dr. Rod Basler, 2019

Judge Cloyd Clark



Honorable Cloyd Clark is a retired County Judge for the Eleventh Judicial District in Red Willow County. He and his wife, Linda, have one son. Cloyd earned his B.A. and J.D. from the University of Nebraska.

His community and professional involvements include: Rotary, St. Alban's Episcopal Church; Nebraska Bar Association; National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; High Plains Historical Society; McCook Arts Council, the McCook Community Foundation, former History Nebraska Trustee and President and Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation Trustee.

Cloyd helped found the Buffalo Commons Storytelling Festival — an event dedicated to telling the story of our life on the plains.

Except for time served in the Army, Cloyd has lived his entire life in Nebraska. He has a passion for Nebraska and its history. His mother's family came by wagon to the Norwegian community on Deer Creek, northwest of Holbrook. His father's family began businesses in McCook including the livery barn and a plastering company.

Harl & Kay Dalstrom



Professor Harl Dalstrom, Ph.D., is Professor Emeritus of History at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, where he retired in 2003. Dr. Dalstrom served on the faculty of UNO from 1963-2003, and chaired its History Department from 1971-1975. He has authored *Eugene C. Eppley: His Life and Legacy* (Lincoln: Johnsen Publishing Co., 1969), and *A.V. Sorensen and the New Omaha* (Omaha: Lamplighter Press, Douglas County Historical Society, 1988). In addition to numerous scholarly articles, Dr. Dalstrom also has done extensive work with historical societies, museums, and the Prospect Hill Cemetery Historical Site Development Foundation in Omaha.

Kay Dalstrom earned her B. A. in 1964 from Municipal University of Omaha (Now UNO), where she also undertook extensive graduate work in French and English. From there, Mrs. Dalstrom went on to a 30-year career at

UNO's Department of Foreign Languages. Kay has also enjoyed a prolific career of research and publication, co-authoring numerous publications since the 1970's, focusing largely on Plains history, and in particular the history and culture of the Midwestern dance band era.

The Dalstroms are co-authors with Lawrence H. Larsen and Barbara J. Cottrell of *Upstream Metropolis: An Urban Biography of Omaha and Council Bluffs* (2007), which is considered the first scholarly history of our largest urban area and continue to work on various local and regional projects. Harl and Kay reside in the Ponca Hills area of North Omaha, and spend much of their summers in Minnesota and Canada. Reflecting their summer residence, they have written "We Were Not Worried at Dinner time": *The October 1938 Forest Fires and the Last Frontier in the Rainy River-Lake of the Woods Borderland* (2009).

"The Nebraska State Historical Society performs an important function for the people of the state and of the region. Preserving our past is essential to understanding the social, political, economic and agricultural heritage of Nebraska and the surrounding areas. The State Historical Society excels in this and with support will continue to do so for future generations of Nebraskans." – Harl and Kay Dalstrom, 2016

Nancy and Bob Davis



Nancy and Bob Davis were both born and raised in Nebraska—Nancy in Broken Bow and Bob in Norfolk. Their family histories in the state go back well over 150 years.

Born in Broken Bow and raised in Lincoln, Nancy is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, majoring in English and Education. As an active volunteer in the community, she also taught in the Lincoln Public Schools and tutored children for many years. Prior to her retirement, she worked for ten years at Talent Plus as an interviewer.

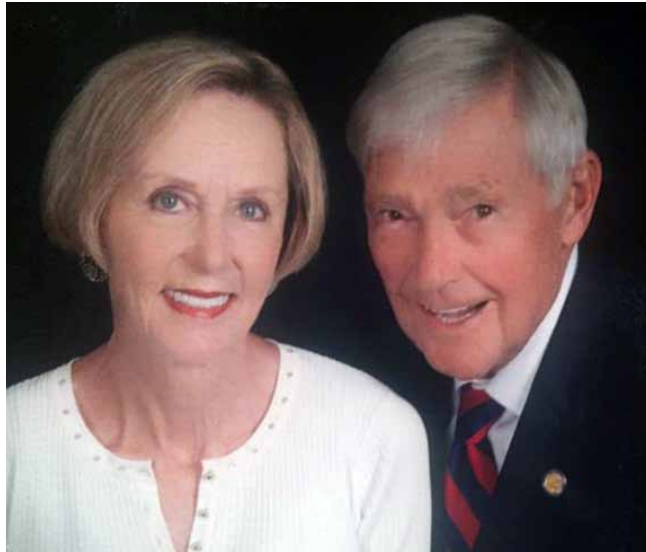
Bob graduated from Stanford University with an BA in International Relations. After five years as a Foreign Service officer, he obtained an MBA degree in Finance from Syracuse University and changed his focus to private

business. The majority of his career was spent either living overseas or working from the United States in international operations.

Married for ten years, Bob and Nancy are currently living in Omaha. Nancy has served as a Trustee and a Board member of the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation and both have participated in Foundation events, including meet-and-greets and archaeological digs. They enjoy learning more about Nebraska history and find it especially rewarding to meet others from across the state who have a love for Nebraska and its history. It has also sparked an interest in genealogy research on both their parts, with Bob having recently completed a Davis family history.

"We cannot successfully meet the challenges of the future without a firm grounding in history." – Bob and Nancy Davis

Judy & Don Dworak



Don Dworak (1934-2018) was a former Nebraska State Senator (1974-1982) from Columbus, Nebraska. He earned his B.S. in Education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and was a high school teacher and coach at McCook and Arapahoe before entering the insurance business. Judy Kosch Dworak earned her B.S. in Medical Technology from Creighton University before marrying Don, with whom she then co-founded two insurance businesses based in Columbus.

Both David City natives, Judy and Don have two grown sons, Don Paul and Tony (Tam Moore), and three grandchildren. Retired since 1984, they have traveled all seven continents. Judy continues to live in Columbus. In 2017, Don and Judy were named Philanthropists of the Year by the Columbus Area Philanthropic Council.

"Our history is the story of who we are, how we got here, and the great potential we have. Nebraska history is a cause we are eager and proud to support." – Judy and Don Dworak, 2017

Tony & Tam Dworak

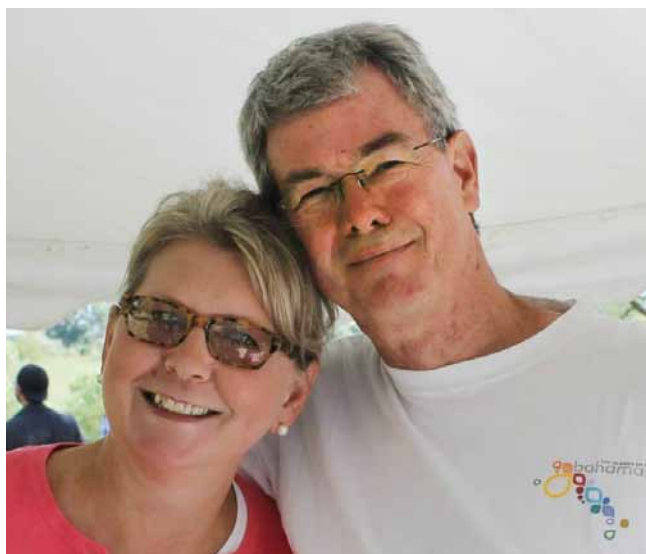


Tony and Tam are both natives of Columbus, Nebraska, where they were married in 1996. They are the proud parents of three children, Audrey, Joe, and Tommy. Tony is currently the director of development for the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation (NSHSF), and Tam is a special education teacher at Lincoln Pius X High School.

Tony came to the NSHSF from Nebraska Wesleyan University in December of 2015. Prior to that, he had served as director of development for the Silverton (Oregon) Hospital Foundation (2008-2011), the Columbus Community Hospital Foundation (2004-2007), the University of Nebraska College of Law (1999-2004), and the Nebraska Division of Travel and Tourism (1994-1999).

"We hope our gift to the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation will help connect great Nebraskans to a great cause for many years to come." – Tony and Tam Dworak, 2016

Marty and Leslie Fattig



Marty Fattig has been involved in healthcare for over 30 years. He began his career as a bench medical technologist. He expanded his technical skills to include radiology and electrocardiology. Later on he entered the field of healthcare administration and has served in various capacities including laboratory manager, director of ancillary services and hospital CEO. He has also served as a laboratory consultant and computer systems manager for a regional reference laboratory. He is currently the CEO of Nemaha County Hospital in Auburn, Nebraska. He has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Technology and a Masters degree in Healthcare Administration.

Prior to joining the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation as its Executive Director, Leslie was the Founder and President of AmeriMax Financial Corporation in Frankfort, Illinois. She has more than 30 years of experience in executive level management and operations. Leslie graduated from Peru State College, Peru, NE, with a Bachelor of Applied Science in Management, and is currently working toward completion of a Master of Science in Organizational Management.

Marty and Leslie live in Auburn, Nebraska. They have four children and four grandchildren, and enjoy raising Quarter Horses, and showing in cutting competitions when not busy gardening on their Fox Run Ranch.

"Marty and I donate because we are proud of the events that have made Nebraska and Nebraskans who we are today. We believe in the importance of history and want that historical evidence saved for future generations." – Leslie & Marty Fattig, 2016

Dr. Don R. Gerlach



Don R. Gerlach, Professor Emeritus of History at the

University of Akron, Ohio, received bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees from the University of Nebraska from 1954-61, and was an instructor there before moving to the University of Akron in 1962. He retired in 1994, and returned to his hometown of Harvard, Nebraska in 2010, where he resides in the 1919 home that his grandparents acquired in 1929.

Dr. Gerlach has written numerous books and articles on Philip Schuyler and the American Revolution, and other subjects of early American history, such as Samuel Johnson of Connecticut – an Anglican convert and missionary, and first president of King's College, which became Columbia University.

While in Nebraska, he has contributed articles for the Clay County Historical Society on numerous subjects, including a War of 1812 veteran buried in the Harvard Cemetery, and the five generations of Gerlachs in Clay County since 1886. He has contributed to or written

texts for 4 State of Nebraska historical markers in Harvard, out of a total of 6, a number that is only matched by Willa Cather's hometown of Red Cloud.

Always willing to fight for historic preservation, Dr. Gerlach recently led a drive to rescue Harvard's historic jail house from dilapidation – a building over 100 years old and featured in David Hendee's *Nebraska; 150 Years Told Through 93 Counties* (2016). The jail house received national publicity in 1943 when an enterprising teenager bought it for back taxes and then "sold" it to ventriloquist Edgar Bergan's Charlie McCarthy for \$10,000 to help fund the purchase of a new ship for the U.S. Navy.

Dr. Gerlach is currently working on behalf of the Harvard Community Club collecting and writing articles for updating Harvard, Nebraska! 100 Years +2 (1973), in anticipation of the city's sesquicentennial in 2021-22. In gratitude for his education, he has endowed the Gerlach Professorship of Early American History at the University of Nebraska Foundation.

"The Nebraska State Historical Society is a valuable institution for preserving and publicizing our remarkable heritage. To quote Sir Walter Scott, 'Breathes there a man with soul so dead who never to himself hath said, this is my own native land.'" – Professor Don R. Gerlach, 2017

Butch and Dobey Haws



C. W. “Butch” Haws and Janet “Dobey” Falter Haws grew up in Falls City and were married there in 1969.

Butch graduated from Peru State College with a degree in Industrial Arts Education. He taught in the Lincoln Public Schools before going into business on his own.

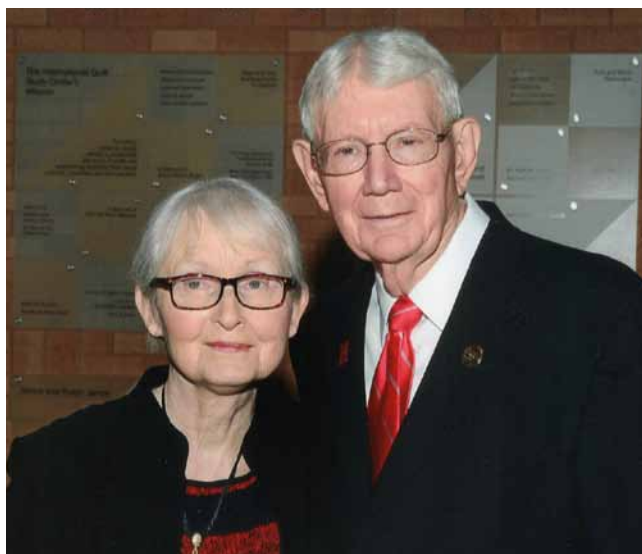
After graduating from UNL, Dobey taught elementary physical education in the Lincoln Public School system for 40 years.

In 2015 they helped open the John Philip Falter Museum in Falls City.

“Nebraska’s rich and proud history is on display at various locations throughout the state. These sites provide valuable lessons and learning experiences in which we can all take great pride.”

– Butch & Dobey Haws, 2017

Martin A. and Ruth A. Massengale



Martin A. Massengale is President Emeritus of the University of Nebraska, Chancellor Emeritus of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Founding Director Emeritus of the Center for Grassland Studies and Foundation Distinguished Professor Emeritus. Dr. Massengale came to the University of Nebraska from the University of Arizona in 1976 as the Vice Chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Ruth A. Massengale graduated from the University of Wisconsin–Madison with a B.S. degree in Home Economics education and taught in the public schools both in Wisconsin and Arizona. She retired from teaching and became a Household Executive before serving as first lady of the University of Nebraska.

Dr. Massengale earned his B.S. degree from Western Kentucky University and his M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin–

Madison. Prior to Nebraska, he was the associate Dean of the College and Associate Director of the Arizona Agriculture Experiment Station. He is a highly accomplished scholar, researcher and administrator, and has received numerous awards and recognitions for his work. Dr. Massengale has provided leadership at all levels of university administration, and has served as chair of the College Football Association (CFA), the President's Commission of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture's National Advisory Board for Research, Education, Extension and Economics.

Dr. Massengale has and is serving on numerous commissions, corporate boards, advisory boards, and committees including the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation.

Dr. Massengale and his wife, Ruth, have two children: Alan and Jennifer.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Massengale have a strongly held belief that Nebraska history should be preserved and used for the benefit of its citizens and in planning for the future of the state. – Martin A. Massengale, 2019

Trevor Jones and Kate McDougall



Trevor Jones and Kate McDougall are new residents of Lincoln, Nebraska, where Trevor has assumed the duties of director/CEO of the Nebraska State Historical Society. Trevor brings almost two decades of experience in historical organizations and museums in Iowa, Illinois, North Carolina, and Wisconsin, prior to becoming the director of Historical Resources at the Kentucky Historical Society in Frankfort.

Trevor holds a bachelor's degree in history and German from Grinnell College and a master's degree in history and a museum studies certification from the University of

Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He is a graduate of the Seminar for Historical Administration and is a certified project management professional. He is active in the American Association of State and Local History, and the American Alliance of Museums, where he has served on the board of the Leadership and Management Professional Network and as a Museum Assessment Program reviewer. Trevor replaces Michael J. Smith who retired in June of 2016 after 10 years as director/CEO.

Kate is a practicing psychologist in Lincoln, and the couple has two grown daughters.

"I am excited to join an institution with creative staff, renowned collections, and a distinguished history. I look forward to creating more opportunities for Nebraskans to explore and appreciate their past, learn more about themselves, and enhance their decision-making through the use of their history." – Trevor Jones, 2016

Cynthia and Bob Milligan



Although not a Nebraska native,

Cynthia Milligan's family moved to Nebraska from Michigan when she was 8 years old when her father became Chancellor of the University of Nebraska.

Cynthia started her career as a practicing attorney, first in Washington, DC, then in Lincoln. She served a term as Director of the Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance, then was the founder and CEO of a consulting firm for banks throughout the Midwest. In 1997, she became Dean of the UNL College of Business Administration. She has retired from the University but continues to serve on several corporate and community boards.

She loves to read and travel but her major focus is on their five children, their spouses, and fifteen grandchildren.

Her favorite historical spot in Nebraska is the Oregon Trail site near Fairbury. She is interested in the stories of the pioneers who traveled through there and the ones who

stayed and also in the history of the Native

American tribes who lived in Jefferson County.

Robert Milligan was born and raised on a farm in Dodge County, between Hooper and Scribner. Except for 10 years on the east coast for military service, graduate school, and early career, he has always lived in Nebraska. His parents and grandparents were also born and raised in Dodge County.

Robert began his career in the family farming operation before graduating from UNL and founding a transportation company. Following law school, he enjoyed a career with the federal government in Washington, DC. After leaving government, he founded MI Industries, a food-processing company that also produced all-natural pet products.

His favorite hobbies include spending time with his large family, traveling, hiking, reading and gardening. His favorite Nebraska spot is the Sandhills of western Nebraska and Fort Robinson.

"We are Nebraskans by choice and greatly appreciate the Nebraska Good Life!" – Cynthia and Bob Milligan, 2017

The Nebraska 150 Friends Foundation

Nebraska was granted statehood on March 1, 1867. Nebraska's 150th birthday in 2017 presented a unique opportunity in time to honor the state's heritage, celebrate its growth and plan for the future. The Nebraska 150 Friends Foundation was organized to commemorate this historic occasion and celebrate the great State of Nebraska and its diverse history and cultures by engaging, educating and inspiring its citizenry, and leaving a legacy for future generations.

The Foundation strives to serve as a catalyst for a movement that goes beyond 2017 – a strategic initiative that promotes a spirit of pride, growth, engagement and connection within Nebraska by:

- Bridging Nebraskans across different communities, perspectives and cultures.
- Building a connection with every Nebraskan to the celebration and the state.
- Instilling in every citizen an even greater sense of pride.

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Michael and Christie Nelson

Michael and Christie Nelson were career journalists, engaged professionally in the writing, editing and publishing of news stories, and so helped craft what is sometimes called “the first draft of history.”

They are University of Nebraska graduates. They met in the newsroom of The Kansas City Star, and married in 1984.

Christie, a native of Ogalala, was the assistant editor of The Star’s Sunday magazine, and a columnist for it for 25 years.

Michael was The Star’s assistant managing editor.

They returned to Nebraska in 2008 when he was named editor-in-chief of the Lincoln Journal Star, from which he retired in 2012.

They have been trustees of the Nebraska Historical Society Foundation since 2013. Michael served as its president from 2014 through 2017.

Diane Oldfather



Diane Oldfather of Lincoln is a long-time leader, supporter and friend of the NSHS Foundation. Her late husband, Charles Oldfather (1927-1998), served as president of the Foundation from 1991-1994.

In 1997, Diane helped establish the Charles E. Oldfather Endowment Fund at the Foundation. This Fund provides critical investment income for the organization to carry on its day-to-day operations in support of the Society's mission.

Diane met Charles while both were students at the University of Michigan. They married and moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, where they had two children, David and Jane. Diane first worked in Lincoln as a junior high school teacher. She then owned and operated Hearts Content Needlework Shop in Lincoln from 1977-1993. Diane was an accomplished needlework instructor and designer, and was a member of the Embroiders Guild of America, and the American Needlepoint Guild.

"History was always a love of mine. When I married and moved to Lincoln, I found the history and development of this area to be of particular interest, as it was to my husband. It seems important to preserve our knowledge of this heritage for future generations." – Diane Oldfather, wrote upon being named as a Trustee of the NSHS Foundation in 1998

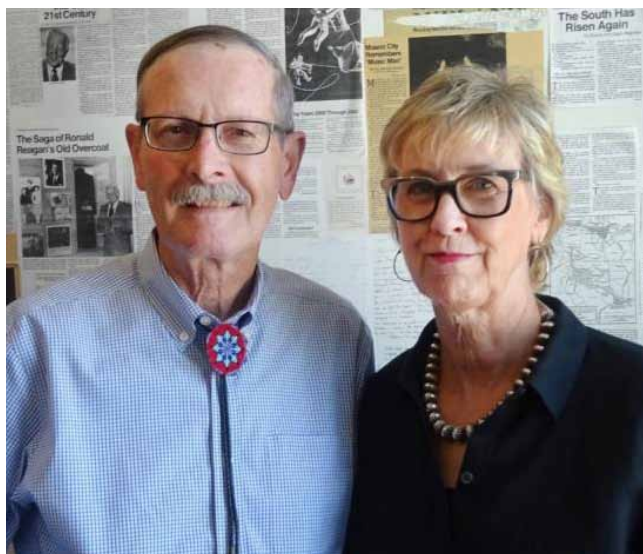
Gary and Allison Petersen

Allison and Gary Petersen grew up in Nebraska and are now enjoying retirement at their acreage near Walton. Allison has supported History Nebraska and the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation for many years. She served as the first female president of History Nebraska (formerly Nebraska State Historical Society), and continued in that capacity at the Foundation. She now serves as secretary of the Board.

"Nebraska history is our history and we want to support it so that generations can enjoy, learn and respect what it means to be connected to this remarkable state and all its people."

– Gary and Allison Petersen, 2019

Jim and Gail Potter



The James E. and Gail DeBuse Potter Fund

Jim and Gail have spent their entire careers working in the field of American history, Jim at the Nebraska State Historical Society (NSHS) in Lincoln, and Gail at the NSHS and at the private, nonprofit Museum of the Fur Trade (MFT) in Chadron. They have established an endowment fund at the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation to support the ongoing work of the several divisions of the NSHS.

James E. Potter (1945-2016) grew up on a Franklin County, Nebraska, farm and graduated from Wilcox High School. After his graduation from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) in 1967, he began working at the NSHS as assistant state archivist, later serving as state archivist,

and then served as director of publications and editor of *Nebraska History*. At the time of his passing on August 6th, 2016, he was the senior research historian in the NSHS publications division.

Gail DeBuse Potter was born in Omaha and graduated from Burke High School and UNL. In 1973 she joined the NSHS museum collections department as registrar. She was the museum collections manager and National Graves Protection and Repatriation Act coordinator for the NSHS at the time of her appointment as director of the MFT in 1997. Gail retired from the latter position in 2014.

Both of the Potters have authored or edited several books and numerous journal articles published by their respective institutions or other publishers. Having gained their livelihood and much enjoyment from "doing history," they decided it was appropriate to support the NSHS, Nebraska's flagship historical organization, which has been central to their careers.

– Jim and Gail Potter, 2016

Bruce and Sandra Rippeteau



Bruce Rippeteau is a 4th generation Nebraskan, and a career scientist in archaeology and radiometric dating, who followed both of his parents Darrel (Architecture; Clay Center) and Donna Hiatt (Home Economics; Beatrice) to UN-L, and graduating in 1968. At CWRU and U Az, he became a prehistorian, the first ever to have been State Archaeologist of two states (SC and CO), and later vice-president of a Petroleum Information Corporation Division. In Columbia, SC Bruce was president of the Downtown Club, the 20th largest of 34,000 worldwide, and co-founded Celebrate Freedom Foundation remaining President-Emeritus. Retired with Sandra to Lincoln, he is the co-founder of the Anthropology Department at UN-Lincoln's Alumni Friends and Advisory Board, and

especially admires the NSHS Foundation and History Nebraska.

Sandra Rippeteau is a 5th generation native of Nebraska, born in Grand Island and educated in Lincoln at Lincoln HS and the University of Nebraska (1968). A retired career tax expert, she dotes on our grandchildren (both 7th generation) here in Lincoln: Isaac, a senior, and Lily, a freshman, at Lincoln Southeast HS. Sandra was "Miss Nebraska Civil Defense" in 1965. Sandra and Bruce have two children, Astrid in Brussels, Belgium with her husband Steve, and works for the US Government, and Lucius, a Division leader at Lincoln Industries, and his wife Erika who is with the Nebraska Press. Sandra's family settled in the Wood River area in 1858, and she has always been supportive of Nebraska History.

"The Prehistoric and Historic Peoples--and their past Worlds--of this great State of Nebraska, must continue to be Discovered, Documented, and kept forever Dear". – Bruce and Sandra Rippeteau, 2017

David and Trixie Schmidt



Natives of Lincoln and graduates of the University of Nebraska, David and Trixie Schmidt have pursued their varied careers in the same great city they still proudly call home. The Schmidts truly enjoy “The Good Life,” and continue to give back in many ways, including their current service as Trustees for the Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools (LPS), the Lincoln Children’s Zoo, and the NSHS Foundation.

As retired president and owner of Concorde Management & Development (a company he founded over 30 years ago), David remains active in the development of condos, business properties and apartments throughout Nebraska and Iowa. David has also played a

leadership role in several local boards and organizations over the years, including the Nebraska Trails Foundation and the Great Plains Trails Network.

Trixie, now retired, is a lifelong educator who has served the children of our state as an LPS teacher, a grant coordinator at UNL, and director of public engagement for the Foundation for LPS. She owned and operated a Montessori School and child care center, and served on local and state boards for over 40 years, including The Lincoln Children’s Museum, Humanities Nebraska, The Nebraska Cultural Endowment, Audubon Nebraska, and Spring Creek Prairie, to name just a few.

“We are proud of our two children, Dana and Karli, who have followed our same ‘Nebraska Strong’ life career paths! The whole family knows Nebraska from one end of the state to the other. We also appreciate the importance of preserving and passing on Nebraska’s varied history and culture for own children and grandchildren to enjoy. With such outstanding staff, collections, exhibits, and a beautiful new museum building, the NSHS is truly a treasure beyond measure for all Nebraskans. We are lucky to have such a recourse and opportunity that is open to all to learn and grow.” – David & Trixie Schmidt, 2016

Bob and Carmen Shively

Bob and Carmen are fourth generation Nebraskans with a deep love of Nebraska, its people, and its history.

Carmen Ohls Shively was born in Columbus, Nebraska, and raised in Lincoln. Her Nebraska ancestors were farmers and merchants in Clay, Saline, and Otoe Counties. Carmen is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and has been an interior designer with Paul Daniels Interiors for over 35 years.

Bob is a native of Columbus, with ancestral roots in Cedar and Dixon Counties in northeast Nebraska. Bob is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of Nebraska College of Law. He has had a private law practice in Lincoln since 1985.

Bob and Carmen have two children, Michael and Nicole, who are also graduates of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and who continue to make Nebraska their home.

"We are proud to serve as Trustees of the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation, and to further support the mission of preserving Nebraska's past through our gift to the 150 Fund for Nebraska History." – Bob and Carmen Shively, 2017

Joe Stehlik



Joe Stehlik grew up on a farm in Pawnee County, where his life-long love of Nebraska history was initially planted by his parents, who were active in historical efforts for Table Rock and Pawnee County, as well as each being State President of Czech Fraternal and Cultural association known as ZCBJ.

Joe Stehlik graduated from the University of Nebraska cum laude in 1968, and earned his law degree from the Nebraska College of Law in 1971. Upon graduation, Stehlik commenced law practice in Pawnee City, and has been practicing there ever since. Today, the firm includes his daughter, Jennifer, who is a 2000 Nebraska Law College graduate, the current Pawnee County Attorney, and mother to Joe's grandson, Mason. Joe has two other adult daughters, Elizabeth and Valerie, who both reside in Lincoln.

Stehlik served as Pawnee County attorney from 1975-1987, and has been the city attorney of Pawnee City since 1987. He is the Chairman of the Pawnee County Democratic Party (1974-2008, 2012-present), and served in the United States Army Reserves from 1970-1979, where he attained the rank of captain.

Joe's volunteer and civic interests are extensive and broad. Prominent among these has been his work with the Czech and Slovak Educational Center and Cultural Museum in Omaha (co-founder); the Pawnee County Promotional Network (co-founder); the Nebraska Czech Language Foundation (co-founder), the Southeast Nebraska Economic Development Association (co-founder), the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and AM Vets.

"What I enjoy about Nebraska history is the coming together of the cultures and heritages of the emigrants of the various European countries. This blending of people, economically and socially, really energized the state; and agriculture has been the constant underpinning throughout our history." – L. Joe Stehlik, 2016

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Our Mission

The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation raises money in support of the cause of history, including projects of History Nebraska, formerly the Nebraska State Historical Society. The Foundation solicits funds and support from individuals and organizations, across the state and beyond, who value Nebraska's unique heritage and wish to play a personal role in assuring that Nebraska's history will be accessible to future generations. The Foundation is a 501(C3) not-for-profit corporation.



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