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Indians Camped near Red Cloud Butte, near Ft. Robison, Nebr.



Letter from Foundation President

Since our last annual meeting, THE NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOUNDATION has had a vibrant year as it continued to focus on its mission and develop resources complimenting its core capabilities. The Foundation was pleased to welcome Leslie Fattig as our Executive Director and Barbara L'Heureux as our Business Manager. Through efforts of Leslie and Barbara, the Foundation has positioned itself to enhance the Nebraska State Historical Society's ability to assure that Nebraska's history continues to be accessible to future generations.



This year's annual meeting provides an opportunity to recognize those officers and board members that are leaving. A special debt of gratitude goes to our retiring Board of Director members, Jim Hewitt, JoAnne Kissel and Jim Nissen, all of Lincoln. Each of them was generous with their time and provided the Foundation with strong leadership. Retiring as Trustees are Carrie Bence, Lincoln; Nancy Caudill, Lincoln; Ann Hudson, Lincoln; Jeanne Salerno, Omaha; Gertrude Stromberg, Lincoln; Jeff Wightman, Lexington; and Reggie Yates, Omaha. During the tenure of these trustees the Foundation benefitted from their support.

This past year saw the Foundation lose two outstanding Trustees: Lester Buss, Gothenburg and John Doyle, Lincoln. Their contributions will be missed, but let there be no doubt that their legacies live on.

The Gerald R. Ford Conservation Center is one of the resources that helps preserve Nebraska history and heritage and is a facility that the Foundation helps support. Partial support of the Ford Conservation Center comes from gifts and bequests from Omaha businessman James M. Paxton to the Foundation. The Ford Conservation Center houses state-of-the-art technical laboratories for the examination, evaluation, and specialized conservation treatment of art and antiquities. Kenneth Be', Head of Paintings Conservation Laboratory, and Deborah Long, Head of Objects Conservation Laboratory, provide leadership and expertise in this important area of preservation.

The next several years should see, among other projects, the renovation of the Nebraska History Museum, the proposed expansion of the visitor's center at Chimney Rock, and the development of a master plan for the Neligh Mill State Historic Site. With the broad support of all of you and those individuals that love Nebraska History, the mission of the Foundation has a bright future.

I have been honored to serve as President of the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation these past several years. I have appreciated the outstanding support that the Foundation receives from across our great State. Thanks to all who have provided support to the Foundation as we work together to preserve Nebraska's rich heritage for future generations.

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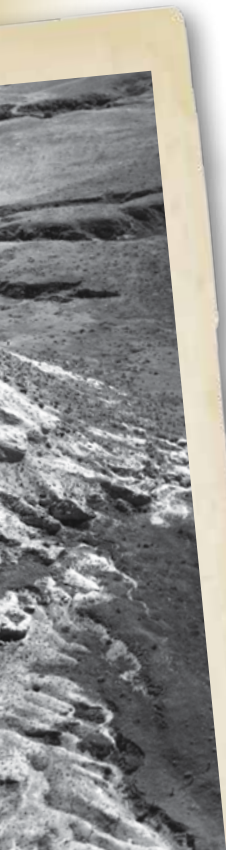
Left: The young Bartlett Richards (seated, center) and several cowboy companions were photographed in Wyoming about 1882. NSHS RG2455-52

Center: Indians camped near Red Cloud Butte, near Fort Robinson, NE. NSHS RG1517-18-25

Right: An aerial view of Chimney Rock, rural Morrill County, NE circa 1960. RG2273.PH

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Carol A. Zink".

Carol A. Zink, President
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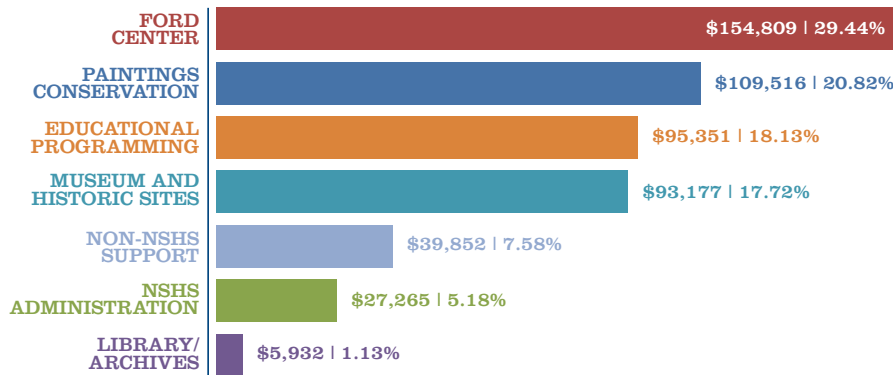
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The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation supports a range of activities whose aim is to increase knowledge and appreciation for Nebraska's unique heritage which includes, but is not limited to, the projects and programs of the Nebraska State Historical Society.



Society Support: \$486,050
Non-Society Support: \$39,852 **TOTAL: \$525,902**

AREAS OF SUPPORT:

The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation has the privilege of supporting Nebraska history in a variety of ways: resources made possible by endowed and invested funds, direct donor gifts, unrestricted funds, and absorbing into our operating budget those items and events that would not otherwise be possible without private support.

The **GERALD R. FORD CONSERVATION CENTER** received funding for full-time conservation assistants, necessary upgrades to the HVAC Systems, and building repairs.

Funds for **PAINTINGS CONSERVATION** provide for full-time staffing, the purchase of lab equipment and supplies for the Paintings Conservation Laboratory.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING has become a priority for funding. Funds provided for educational programming at the History Museum, Brown Bag Lecture filming, and the Nebraska Trailblazer.

The **MUSEUM/HISTORIC SITES DIVISION** received funding to advance and promote museums and historic landmarks across the state. Funds were used to support the Cowboy Exhibit and a Falter Exhibit; U.S. Highway Markers for Mud Springs and the Lincoln Highway; the History Museum art re-housing and research grants and an Art Education intern.

NON-NSHS SUPPORT includes funds dedicated to Foundation property expenses, those non-NSHS organizations that have endowments managed by the Foundation, as well as a series of scholarships for Nebraska students that are made available each year.

NSHS ADMINISTRATION funding makes possible the advancement of Nebraska history that restricted budgets are unable to support. The Foundation was able to support a portion of the NSHS Awards with grants to individuals who have championed Nebraska history in their own way, as well as covering expenses for history-related conferences and retreats.

THE LIBRARY/ARCHIVES DIVISION received assistance from the Foundation for a variety of projects ranging from rebinding books and periodicals, and purchasing items for the Library/Archives collection.

Acknowledging Donors July 2012 - June 2013

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