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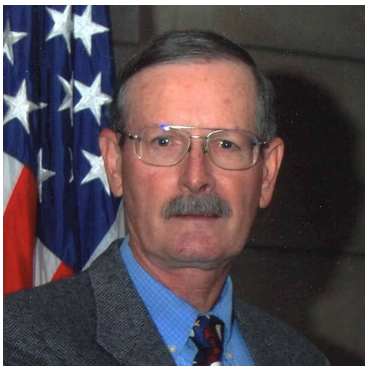
The history of our state is built on the legacies
of those who came before us.

JAMES E. POTTER RESEARCH ROOM

Through a generous gift from NSHSF donor and Board President Gail DeBuse Potter, we honored a trio of historians, including Potter's husband, last week during the dedication of the James E. Potter Research Room at the History Nebraska Headquarters.

Jim Potter (1945-2016), Tom Buecker (1948-2015), and John Carter (1950-2015) devoted the entirety of their professional careers - a combined 129 years - to Nebraska history.

This trio of historians carried out original research throughout the state, as well as in the vast collections of the Nebraska State Historical Society, for the benefit of the Nebraska public.



Jim Potter (1945-2016)



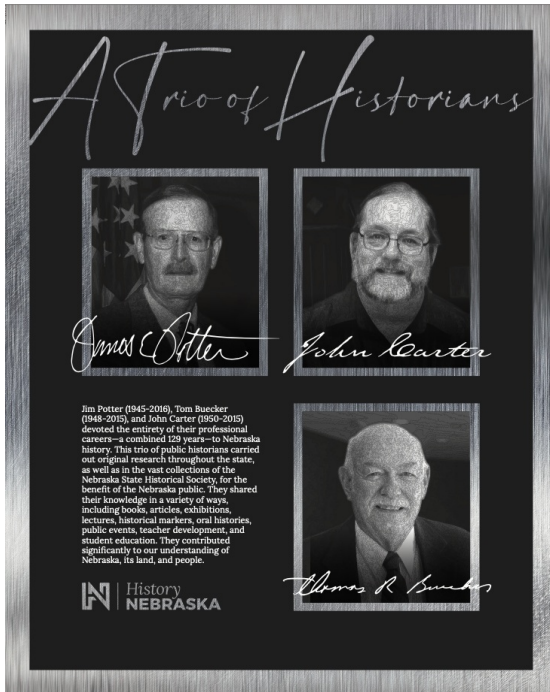
Tom Buecker (1948-2015)



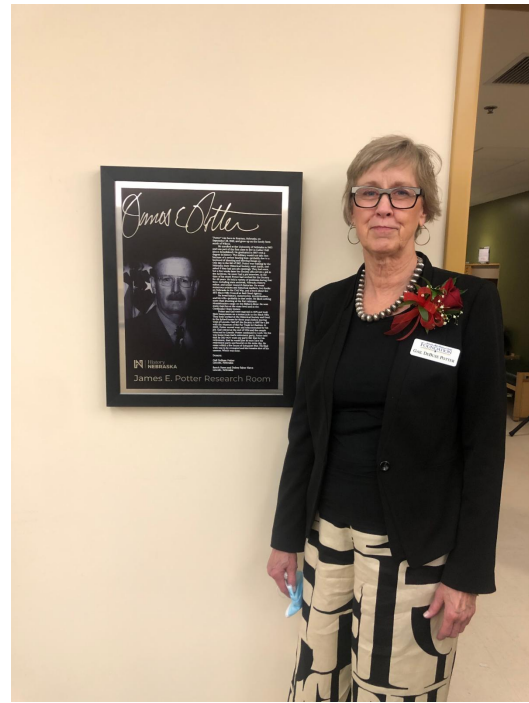
John Carter (1950-2015)

The research room at History Nebraska is now The James E. Potter Research Room. Two plaques

commemorate Potter, Buecker, and Carter inside the room. Friends and family gathered to share stories and honor the historians' lifetime of work and dedication to Nebraska history.



Plaque inside The James E. Potter Research Room commemorates the three historians.



Gail DeBuse Potter, NSHSF Board President, honored her late husband, Jim Potter.

The Foundation was privileged to honor the donor's wishes to preserve the legacy of three Nebraska historians. If you are considering making a planned gift, please contact us. We are happy to discuss more with you about the planned giving process, as well as the intentions for your planned gift.

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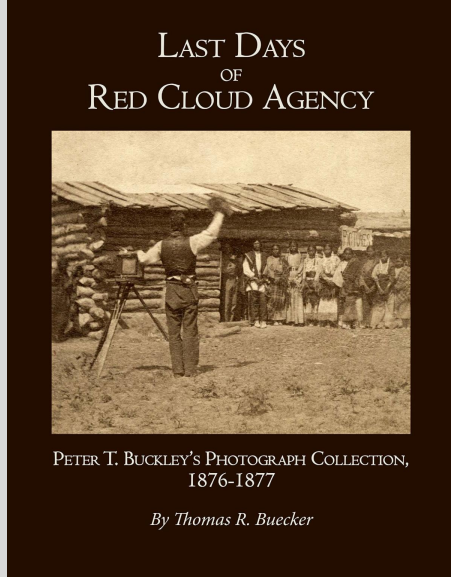
HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Need to do some last minute shopping? Visit our shop to find the perfect gift for the armchair historians in your life. Order by December 20th to receive your items by Christmas.

We have Chimney Rock postcards that make great stocking stuffers, and a collection of limited-quantity NSHSF-published books like *Last Days of Red Cloud Agency*, *A Brave Soldier & Honest Gentleman*, *Rodeo Nebraska*, and many more! [Click here to shop.](#)

Last Days of Red Cloud Agency

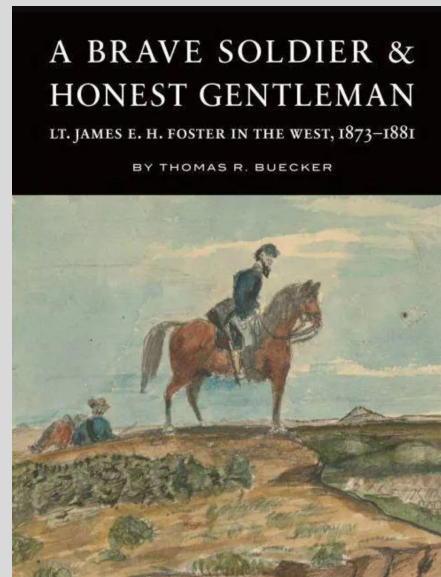
If a picture is worth a thousand words, then a cache of previously unknown photographs are surely worth a book. Especially when those images are from a period of traumatic change for Native peoples in the 1870s on the Northern Plains. This book reproduces for the first time images captured at the "Indian Agency" that marked the end of tribal traditional lifestyles and the beginning of restriction to reservations after the so-called "Great Sioux War."



A Brave Soldier & Honest Gentleman

Lt. James E. H. Foster (1848–1883) lived a short but eventful life as a junior officer on the Northern Plains. His story—and his illustrated journal—provide a rich portrait of the frontier army at the time of the Great Sioux War. Stationed at Fort McPherson, Nebraska, Foster traveled with the Jenney Expedition of 1875, filling in the large blank area on the map of the Black Hills, and making some of the earliest surviving artistic renditions of the area.

2014 Award of Merit – American Association for State and Local History



Rodeo Nebraska



Eight years ago Mark Harris set out on a mission: to portray Nebraska's contemporary rodeo culture more artistically and comprehensively in photographs than anyone ever has—and then write a book worthy of the photos. At eighty-two events in sixty-two separate locations he photographed the competition, the rural crowds, and all things connected with them. He visited ranches that breed broncs, bulls, and speed horses, and spoke to hundreds of competitors. National Geographic photographer Joel Sartore calls the book “a captivating tribute to rodeo like no other.”

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