

Collections Update

May 2021

Cataloging Update

Cara continues to catalog the incoming donations. Currently working on November and September 2020, and February 2021.

Volunteer Greg Bennick is currently cataloging the June 2018 backlog, the Drew collection. Brittney is working on the October 2020 donations.

Collections Storage

All artifacts have been moved from the courthouse basement and courthouse annex buildings. It was found when moving the artifacts from the courthouse basement that the storage space had been filled with boxes of legal files. All museum artifact boxes were moved to the new annex storage on site and will be assessed to ensure that all items are there. The keys were returned to Public Works.

Volunteers

Elder Williams assisted in moving the artifacts from the courthouse basement storage. He has been training to work at the front desk and is also researching coal mines in the region.

Riley D. has completed his mentorship with the museum. He completed a basic inventory of approximately 33 fossils in the collection.

Charlene Busk has returned and is scanning documents and photographs. We will be training her to work with the large flatbed scanner for larger documents.

Collections Plan

Continuing to work on the condition of the collections. The textiles continue to be a focus. As stated previously, included in the final Collections Plan will be a recommendation to prioritize textiles with provenance and place these in the new Annex storage area. Remaining textiles will be assessed based on potential use and rarity.

Summer Internship

The intern has been chosen for this summer. Her name is Kayci Kruhmin and she recently graduated from Colorado Christian University with a bachelor's degree in History and a minor in English. She has been accepted at the University of Wyoming and will begin her graduate studies in History this fall. She will arrive in Gillette June 1st and begin at the museum June 2nd. She will be working on completing the archives project.