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**Testimony on HB244
House State Administration Committee
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The Montana Historical Society supports HB244 which designates Terry, Montana as the home of the Evelyn Cameron Gallery.

Evelyn Cameron is a significant historical figure in Montana. As an early woman homesteader and professional photographer she is unique. Her portraits of early Montanans' homesteading experiences contain some of the most significant documentation of eastern Montana in existence today.

As this bill states, the only permanent exhibit of Evelyn Cameron's photographs is the one housed at the Evelyn Cameron Gallery in Terry.

The staff of the Montana Historical Society has worked for many years with the citizens of Terry to assist them in the creation of that very fine exhibit.

We believe this bill will assist the town of Terry economically by attracting more visitors and will provide an excellent opportunity to educate the general public about this extremely important and significant Montanan.

I urge your support of HB244.