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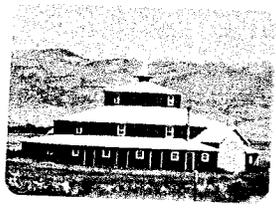
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preserves Montana's treasures



HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Working to save historic sites, including the Doncaster Round Barn near Twin Bridges



MUSEUM

Exhibits like the new C. M. Russell gallery—showcasing the work of Montana's favorite artist



EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Educational resources for children and adults, such as Archeology Day and the new Montana history textbook



PUBLICATIONS

Montana The Magazine of Western History, published since 1951, and books by the Montana Historical Society Press



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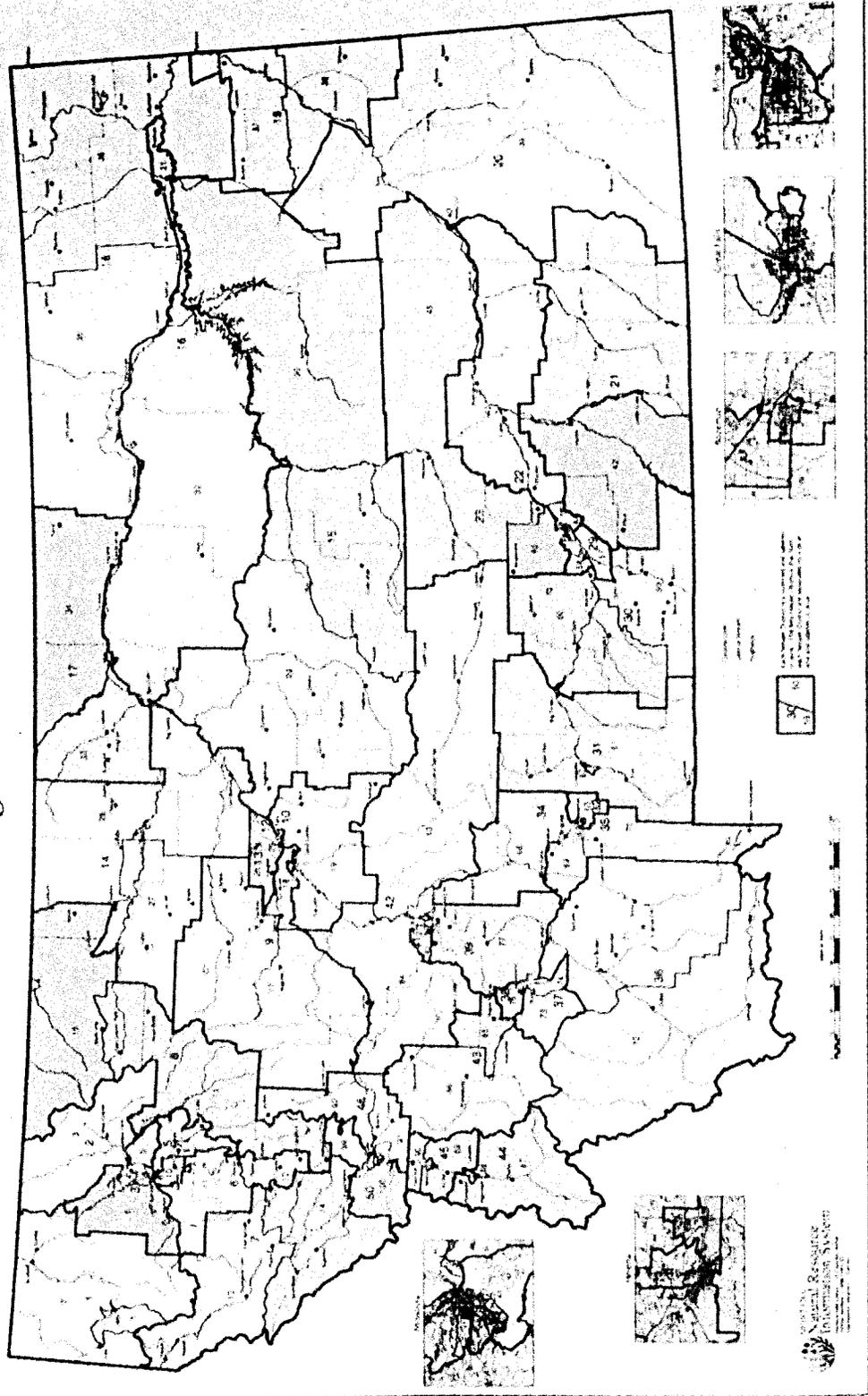
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**Services Provided to the
Citizens of the Treasure State by the
Montana Historical Society,
2007 to 2010
(Data arranged by county)**

Montana Legislative Districts 2005-2014



Montana Historical Society

Statewide Services

The five operational programs of the Montana Historical Society— Education and Outreach, Historic Preservation, Museum, Research Center, and Publications—provide essential services to Treasure State citizens living in all of Montana’s fifty-six counties. Listed below is a brief summary of just a few of the Society’s statewide offerings between 2007 and 2010. On the pages that follow, more detail is given in regard to some of the specific services rendered to the residents of each county.

- **The Big Read:** This program, funded through grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, was designed to reach rural middle and high school students. It served seventeen schools across the state, providing books and bringing public programs to these communities and MHS services directly to the classrooms.
- **Centennial Farms & Ranches Program:** The 2009 Montana Legislature created the Montana Centennial Farm and Ranch Program to recognize and commemorate the agricultural traditions of Montana. Through this program, farm and ranch families that have owned or lived on their land for 100 years or more may be recognized for their contribution to Montana's history. Fifteen farms and ranches located in ten counties have been recognized.
- **Exhibits and Tours:** The Montana Historical Society Museum features both long-term and temporary exhibits. Currently, the Education and Outreach Services Program offers a variety of docent-led, age-appropriate tours of the *Montana Homeland Exhibit*, *Neither Empty nor Unknown: Montana at the Time of Lewis and Clark*, and the *Mackay Gallery of Charles M. Russell Art*. Additionally tours are provided to the special exhibit *Land of Many Stories; The People and Histories of Glacier National Park* which commemorates the 100th anniversary of the formation of Glacier National Park. Pre-visit and post-visit lessons for some tours are also available on-line for teachers to complete with their students before and after their visits to the Museum. In addition we offer guided tours of the Montana state capitol, “the People’s House,” and the Original Governor’s Mansion. School and other youth groups, adult groups, and individual citizens from all parts of the state regularly take advantage of these offerings.
- **Exhibits – Traveling:** In addition to in-house exhibits, the Museum also maintains an active traveling exhibit program, making available high-quality exhibits to museums and other educational institutions all across the state. In addition, the “Camp to Capital” program offers tours of historic Helena and serves hundreds of local and visiting public school children each year.
- **Footlocker and Curriculum Resources:** The Montana Historical Society provides a wide range of resources created for use in the classroom and by home-schools. Footlockers contain hands-on objects and User Guides on nineteen different topics; the User Guides provide instructions for classroom/home-school use and include historical narratives, a bibliography, lessons, and information on the ways in which these resources comply with Montana Standards for Social Studies guidelines. The Society also offers an ever-growing selection of other resources, including lesson plans, through its website for use by both educators and students.
- **Montana Certified Local Government Program:** The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) passes through 10% of its federal preservation funding to local communities and

counties participating in the National Park Service Certified Local Government (CLG) program for historic preservation, under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. In 2010, \$78,500 was sub-granted to local historic preservation offices in 15 Montana CLGs, including Anaconda-Deer Lodge County, Billings-Laurel-Yellowstone County, Bozeman (Gallatin County), Butte-Silver Bow County, Carbon County, Deer Lodge (Powell County), Great Falls-Cascade County, Hardin-Big Horn County, Havre-Hill County, Helena-Lewis & Clark County, Lewistown (Fergus County), Livingston (Park County), Miles City (Custer County), Missoula (Missoula County), and Virginia City (Madison County).

- **Montana County History Initiative:** The Montana County History Initiative (MCHI) is the a statewide outreach effort to build relationships among people working with Montana's local history and heritage resources, and to provide support in the form of training and expertise. The Montana Historical Society hopes to assist counties and local governments, museums, librarians, and educators in celebrating the riches of their own community heritage.
- **Montana Digital Newspaper Project:** In 2009 the Montana Historical Society was a recipient of a National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP) grant from the Library of Congress and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Funding was received to digitize 50,000 newspaper pages from microfilm in the Research Center's collections. These newspaper pages will be made available through the Library of Congress' Chronicling America website, <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>.
- **Montana History Conference:** This highly anticipated annual event brings together quality speakers from across the state and nation to celebrate Montana heritage, regional history, and local communities. Now entering its 38th year, the location of the Montana History Conference rotates around the state. In the past four years it has been held in Helena (2007), Glasgow and Fort Peck (2008), Great Falls (2009), and Helena (celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Glacier National Park, 2010). Next year's conference will be held in Missoula and will examine the role that armed conflict has played in Montana history.
- **Montana History Wiki:** The Montana History Wiki is an online electronic collection of information gathered to help guide researchers to the resources available through the Research Center. It is designed to assist researchers in finding the best resource for their projects or topics. The wiki includes sources not available elsewhere, such as indexes for the MHS Montana Newspaper holdings and vertical files. The Wiki also contains collaborative projects designed to meet the needs of particular groups: these include the Lewis and Clark County History Project and the County Initiative supported Montana County History Project. It includes bibliographies for a wide range of Montana topics from Montana African Americans to Women's Clubs as well as a section on Montana Trivia. The Montana History Wiki is designed to expand with the needs of and evolving interests of Montana's citizens and others interested in Montana's rich history and cultural heritage.
- **Montana Memory Project:** The Montana Memory Project (www.mtmemory.org) is an on-line collection of digital materials relating to Montana's cultural heritage. Access is free and open through the Internet. Many of the items housed in the Montana Memory Project are digitized copies of historic material; some items are contemporary. All serve as a resource for education, business, pleasure, and lifelong learning. Many Montana libraries, museums, archives, and cultural institutions have added and are in the process of adding materials to this comprehensive collection. Contents include digital newspapers, maps, copies of photographs, rare books, historic documents, diaries, oral histories, audio and video clips,

paintings, illustrations, art, etc. The Montana Historical Society Research Center provides financial and technical support for the project, and is a contributing institution.

- **Montana Preserve America Program:** Since 2006, SHPO has successfully applied for and received a total of \$569,327 in grants from the national Preserve America program administered by the National Park Service. SHPO sub-granted or contracted 90% of this funding to competitive local and statewide preservation and heritage tourism projects benefiting certified Montana Preserve America communities in Billings, Boulder, Bozeman, Butte, Fort Benton, Great Falls, Havre, Kalispell, Lewistown, Miles City, Missoula, Red Lodge, Stevensville, Terry and Virginia City.
- **Montana State Antiquities Database:** The Montana state antiquities database, managed by the State Historic Preservation Office, holds information on all recorded historic, archaeological, and traditional cultural places recorded in Montana. Over 50,000 properties have been recorded. Additionally, over 35,000 cultural resource studies and reports are also curated by the SHPO. This information guides development activities in all Montana counties in compliance with national, state, and local preservation laws. The database is currently undergoing a major transformation into a more efficient and comprehensive geographic information system (GIS) to facilitate more accurate and timely project reviews and planning.
- **Montana: Stories of the Land:** In 2008 the Montana Historical Society published a much-needed and long-awaited, middle school-level, state history textbook. The Society reprinted *Montana: Stories of the Land* in 2009. Due to generous grants from the Washington Foundation, the Steele-Reese Foundation, the Office of Public Instruction-Indian Education for All Office, and others the Society has been able to donate 10,470 free copies of this textbook to over 250 schools and libraries located in fifty-five of Montana's fifty-six counties.
- **National Register Sign Program:** Since this program began in 1990, over fourteen hundred National Register signs have been placed across Montana, providing recognition for properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places while improving public knowledge of Montana's rich and colorful heritage, and adding to Montana's tourism infrastructure. Through the sign program, the Society reaches every corner of the state; National Register signs can be found in fifty-one of Montana's fifty-six counties.
- **Online Training:** In collaboration with Montana State Library, Research Center staff conducted a series of webinar workshops featuring resources and services provided by the MHS Research Center. These included "Using the MHS Research Center Website" and "MHS Resources for Librarians." Librarians and Reference personnel from across the state participated.