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174. South Dakota State Historical Society

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Research center: SD State Archives

Publications: E-newsletter

Finding aids: Online

Research services: Our rare book library is non-circulating. We do, however, lend microfilm and staff development items from the collection through interlibrary loan. Most of the library collection is cataloged on the South Dakota Library Network (SDLN), which may be searched for free by anyone with Internet access. Items are searchable by author, title, keyword, or subject.

Overview:
The State Archives of the South Dakota State Historical Society collects, appraises, accessions, describes, organizes, preserves, determines significance, and makes available manuscript collections, South Dakota state, county, and town government records, photographs, maps, and other archival materials which have permanent historical and research value. Materials include City Directories; Yearbooks; County, City and Town Histories; Family Histories; County Atlases.
175. University of South Dakota Library

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Finding aids: http://www.usd.edu/library/richardson.cfm

Overview:
The Richardson Collection is made up of distinct manuscript collections focusing on South Dakota’s cultural, political, and economic history.

176. University of South Dakota, Department of American Indian Studies

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Overview:
Through the continued collection of regional oral histories, South Dakota Oral History Center (SDOHC) will enrich the understanding of events, thoughts, and cultural practices from the region’s past and ever-changing present. We understand that with the gift of an interview comes great responsibility, including the preservation, conservation, and access to those interviews for future generations. We are devoted to protecting and maintaining the integrity of words from the past for the people of South Dakota, the Northern Plains region,
and the world. Our archives contain more than 5,400 recorded inter-
views and is a combination of two distinct collections: the American
Indian Research Project (AIRP) and the South Dakota Oral History
Project (SDOHP).

- As one of the six original university oral history projects funded
  by the Doris Duke Foundation, each project’s primary goal
  was to collect the history of American Indian people from their
  perspective.
- The AIRP contains over 2,200 taped interviews, 70 percent of
  which were gathered in the field between 1967 and 1973.
- In 1970, the South Dakota State Legislature allocated funds to
  establish the SDOHP. For the SDOHP, interviews were recorded
  in every county in South Dakota, specifically with South Dakotans
  who recalled events before and around 1900. Currently this col-
  lection contains 3,178 interviews.