

PROJECT OVERVIEW

PURPOSE: The Montana Memory Project provides free and open access to Montana-related digital materials, which provide opportunities for education, genealogy research, business, pleasure, and lifelong learning. The MMP encourages cultural institutions to digitize historic and contemporary resources to make these items discoverable and accessible.

SCOPE: The Montana Memory Project is an online collection that includes maps, photos, rare books, documents, publications, diaries, oral histories, audio recordings, video recordings, paintings, illustrations, art, and other cultural materials. The items can be historic or contemporary as long as they relate to Montana's cultural heritage.

MISSION: The Montana Memory Project encourages cultural institutions to digitize historic and contemporary resources reflecting Montana's rich cultural heritage and to make them freely available for lifelong learning.

VISION: The Montana Memory Project is the premier resource for Montana's digital cultural heritage information.



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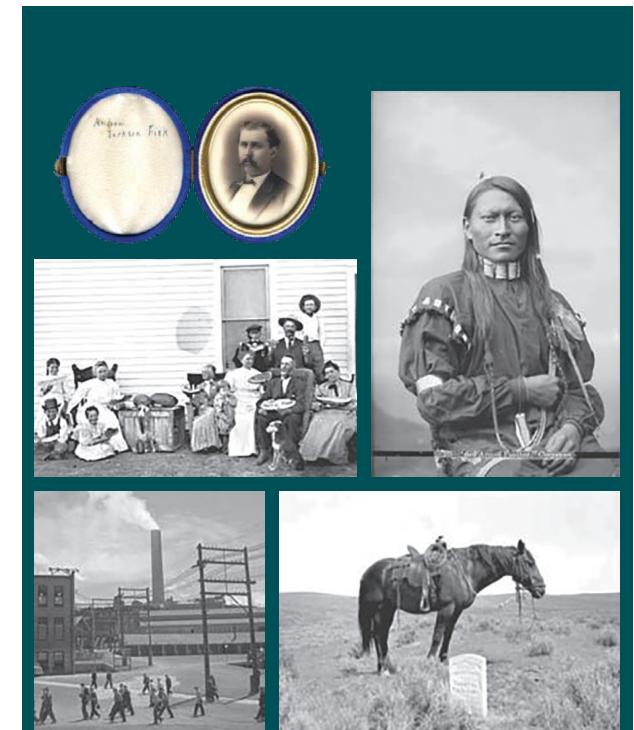
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Andrew Jackson Fisk, 1850-1900
Watermelon Feast, 1909
Red Sleeve, 1879
Coming to work and stack, 1942
Sergeant Butler's marker, 1926

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Meets Its People*

BACKGROUND

The Montana Memory Project (MMP) provides access to digital collections that relate to Montana's cultural heritage and government.

All Montana libraries, museums, archives, and schools are encouraged to become contributors to the Montana Memory Project.

The MMP is a collaborative project of the Montana State Library and the Montana Historical Society, which share the responsibility of providing technical and cataloging support, as well as training and consultations for current and potential participants in the MMP.

The MMP makes previously unavailable historic and cultural content available to the general public. The software used to host and present the digital images makes them discoverable. A separate long-term storage and preservation solution for master images is available to contributors.

This project is funded with Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) monies provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and through a funding partnership with the Montana Historical Society. All Montana libraries, museums, archives, and other cultural institutions are invited to contribute to the Montana Memory Project. Individuals who would like to contribute to the MMP must work in collaboration with a participating institution.

WHO CAN CONTRIBUTE?

All Montana libraries, museums, archives and other cultural institutions are invited to contribute to the Montana Memory Project. Individuals who would like to contribute to the MMP must work in collaboration with a participating institution.

Typical costs to create a collection may include preparing and scanning collection materials and the time spent creating collection metadata and uploading the collection to the Montana Memory Project. Grant funding is available to interested applicants. There is no fee to contribute to the MMP.

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

Contributing to the MMP is easy! Just follow these simple steps.

1. Familiarize yourself with all the materials at:
libraries.msl.mt.gov/home/statewide_projects/montana_memory_project
2. Complete the required MMP Collection application.
3. Once your application has been approved by the MMP's selection committee, you will work in collaboration with the Montana State Library as you continue forward with contributing your collection.



Lambs Grazing in the Little Belt Mountains,
1947 Judith Basin County Free Library