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## Museum Photo Collection Access Available to Public, but More Always Needed

The Museum has great resources that are available to all volunteers and members of the public. One of the most used resource is the photograph collection. This Collection contains over 60,000 photographs, tintypes, glass plate negatives, and photo albums. Subject matter ranges from downtown Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County towns, historic neighborhoods, local people, events and businesses. The bulk of this collection dates from about 1890 -1925. We are in need of photographs documenting Sioux Falls and the surrounding Minnehaha County communities from 1925 to the present. Please contact Julie for more information about accessing this Collection or to make a donation of photographs at 367-4210 ex. 3021.



This photo of the Cataract Hotel in 1891 is an example of the historic photos in the collection from 1890-1925



The collection storage area in the Old Courthouse Museum. You can see more artifact storage at the Behind the Scenes Tour Feb. 9th!

## What's Going on in February?

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| <i>2/3 Movie Night at the Museum-The Muppet Movie (1979) 6:45 p.m.(OCM)</i>                       | <i>2/19 Swing Dance Program 1-4 p.m. (OCM)</i>           |
| <i>2/5 Starlab Inflatable Planetarium 1,2,3 p.m.</i>  | <i>2/20 Museums closed for President's Day.</i>          |
| <i>2/5 Swing Dance Program 1-4 p.m. (OCM)</i>   | <i>2/23 Ceili Dance Program 6:30 p.m. (OCM)</i>          |
| <i>2/9 Bobbins and Pins Lace Makers 10 am.-7 p.m.</i>   | <i>2/26 The Long Winter Book Discussion 2 p.m. (OCM)</i> |
| <i>2/9 Behind the Scenes Tour of the Old Courthouse Museum. 6:30 p.m.</i>                         |  |
| <i>2/12 Victorian Valentine Tea at the Pettigrew Home &amp; Museum. 2 p.m.</i>                    | <b>Call 367-4210 ext. 0 for registration information</b> |
| <i>2/16 Kid's Activity Day- Masquerade! 9-11:30 a.m., 1-2:30 p.m. Call OCM to register. (OCM)</i> |  |

## Education Department Help Needed for Events!

The Education Department is still looking for a few volunteers to help with our March 2nd Movie Night at the Museum. An American Tale will be shown at 6:30 in conjunction with Downtown's First Friday events. Visitors are invited to bring a blanket or pillow (or grab one of our chairs) and settle in for a warm evening of big screen entertainment. Admission is FREE, and popcorn and drinks will be available for sale. We are in need of volunteers to help with sale of refreshments as well as directing visitors to seating, restrooms, etc.

We are also gearing up for many Spring cooperative festivals including Ag Day and the Water Festival. We are looking for volunteers to accompany staff to these events to help with the hands-on activities.

**Ag Day** is an annual event celebrating our region's agricultural heritage. The museum participates by offering a hands-on corn-shelling activity – messy, but fun! Our booth also includes a selection of historic farming photographs from our collection, as well as an overview of historic farming practices. Ag Day takes place at the Washington Pavilion on March 24th from 10-2. The event usually includes

free pork sandwiches – yum!

**The Sioux Empire Water Festival** is a two-day celebration of everything water! Approximately 2,500 3rd and 4th graders attend the event each year. The museum participates in the Exhibit Hall portion of the event, offering hands-on activities that show how water use in daily chores has changed over the years – for the better or worse! The Water Festival takes place on the USF campus on March 19th and 20th from 8:50-2:10 each day. Lunch is provided.

In addition, the museums are hosting the **S.D. District 1 National History Day** competition again this year. National History Day is project-based historical research competition for middle and high school students. Students participate on a regional level for a chance to move on to state and national competitions. On March 14th our staff and building will be host to these students and their creative projects. We are looking for judges for each of the project categories: papers, performance, exhibit, documentary, and web site. We could also use some help with monitoring doors and directing participants to rooms.

If you would like more information or are able to help with any of these events, call Kevin Gansz at 367-4210 ext.3030.

## Collections Department Behind the Scenes Tour

Have you always wanted to see what happens behind the scenes of the Old Courthouse Museum? Have you ever wondered “where do they keep all of that stuff?” Come and tour the Collections storage area's and get into spaces of the building you may have never been! Members of the Collections Department will take you from the basement to the attic of the building. The tour will take place Thursday, February 9th at 6:30. Please call the reception desk at the Old courthouse Museum to sign up or for more information 367-4210 ext. 0.

## Volunteer Committee

Clarissa Thompson will be the new Administration Representative on the volunteer committee. Welcome Clarissa!

### Thank You!

Thank you again to Marlene Kollias and Patty Ridpath for all the help with the lunch sales at the Old Courthouse Museum Winter Concert Series!

### Docent Training

If you are interested in giving tours at the Pettigrew Home, remember docent training takes place for three consecutive days on February 14th, 15th, and 16th. Each session will be from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. If this time does not work for you please let give Julie a call at 367-4210 ext. 3021

## Volunteer Committee Update

The next Volunteer Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8th from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the Pettigrew Home & Museum.

### Volunteers:

Cindy Steinhauer  
Nancy Renner-SHM Alliance  
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### Staff:

Julie Breu  
Shelly Sjovold  
Jill VanVeldhuizen  
Grant Wilson  
Clarissa Thompson

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## Happy Birthday Volunteers!

2/8 Bev Pyn  
2/10 Joyce Borgen



## Monthly Meeting Schedule

2/2 Siouxland Heritage Museums  
Board 11:30 a.m. at OCM.

2/9 Siouxland Heritage Museums  
Alliance Board 5:30 p.m. at OCM.

2/2 Sioux Valley Genealogical  
Society 7 p.m. at OCM

2/16 Minnehaha County Historical  
Society 7 p.m. at OCM

### Volunteer Stats for December 2011

How much time volunteers gave in  
December 2011:

**169.75 Hours**

Number of volunteers who gave  
time in December:

**35 Volunteers**

OCM volunteer hours:

**132.75 Hours**

PHM volunteer hours:

**44 Hours**

### Museum Attendance

**Total Attendance for  
December 2011= 4,777**

**Total Attendance for 2011=  
79,299**

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## Staff Research Justin Pettigrew

Justin Andrew Pettigrew was the second oldest child of Andrew and Hannah Pettigrew and the oldest son. He was born on January 19, 1838 in Ludlow, VT where his father owned a grocery store. In 1854 the Pettigrew family moved to Wisconsin to the town of Union and later Evansville. Like his father Justin grew up to be a businessman and merchant and ran a shop in town called "The Little Store 'Round the Corner" which sold a variety of items to the people of Evansville and Rock County.

On April 20, 1869 Justin was married to Zevelia S. Prentice in her father, Harvey Prentice's home in Evansville, WI. About this same time Richard F. Pettigrew, Justin's younger brother went out to Dakota Territory as a chainman on a government surveying team. He sent back positive reports to his family in Evansville so much so that in 1872 Justin had closed his store and planned to move to Vermillion, Dakota Territory. Life in Vermillion was probably not unlike many who ventured to Dakota Territory and there have been rumors about the cleanliness of Vermillion. In mid-January 1876, Harvey Prentice received word from Justin that his daughter Zevelia was dangerously sick with typhoid fever so he jumped on a train for Vermillion. Her sickness was up and down with positive reports reaching the people of Evansville on January 19th followed by her father's return to Evansville. But on February 6, 1876 Zevelia passed away at the age of 27. The Evansville paper reported the tragedy to the dismay of many who knew her.

Evansville, not unlike many small towns was populated by families who seem to be connected in some way or another. One of Zevelia's cousins, Marion C. Jones, or Minnie was the niece of Harvey, her mother, Sarah Prentice-Jones being his sister. No doubt Justin had met Minnie on numerous occasions and after Zevelia's death he was probably not ready to be alone. Six months later on August 1, 1876 he had married Minnie most likely at the home of Minnie's step-father Levi Leonard and her mother Sarah. Minnie had a son, Lyle Sidney Humphrey, from her previous marriage to

Algernon Sidney Humphrey who died in 1874 from tuberculosis. Justin became a step-father to Lyle and not long after the marriage they left for Vermillion. In April 1879 Minnie became deathly ill with spinal meningitis and passed away on April 25 in Vermillion. Lyle, her son was about seven when she died and for unknown reasons was moved back to Evansville to be raised by his grandparents Levi and Sarah Leonard.

The next few years Justin spends in Dakota Territory, involved in politics with his brother Richard and at some point around 1879 he moved from Vermillion to Watertown where he had investments. The information on Justin is limited after Minnie's death but on November 23, 1880 he was married to Nellie F. Prentice in LeRoy, New York where she was living with her mother and her two children Mary E. and Cora (Daisy) M. Prentice. Justin was now step-father to two girls and in 1882 he is living with Nellie and the girls at 309 N. Duluth. Justin's newest business venture in 1881 was the St. Olaf Roller Mill in St. Olaf, SD, now Baltic, which he managed and was owned with his brother Richard. A few days before Christmas in 1890 Justin came down with kidney stones and became seriously ill. It was rumored that his wife Nellie, an ardent Christian Scientist had convinced Justin to reject conventional medical treatments and on December 31, 1890 he passed away at the age of 51. Richard had arrived in Sioux Falls and called in several medical doctors but they were too late to save Justin. Nellie remained in Sioux Falls until about 1895 when she sold the Duluth house to Charles O. Bailey.

Justin's life was one evident of the times; he was married to three different women, two who died from serious illness, had three step-children, and tried his hand at various business ventures, not unlike his brother Richard. He had high hopes for Dakota Territory and helped to establish it as a place for people looking for an opportunity to venture out on their own. He was the oldest brother of a large family that made a name for itself in Dakota Territory and while life was probably nowhere near easy, he made an effort to make the most of it.

## **Volunteer Committee Annual Banquet April 12th**

Mark your calendar for the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet! The banquet will be held Thursday, April 12th at the Old Courthouse Museum in the second floor main courtroom. The banquet and program will begin at 6:00. This year's theme is

*Flag's* which will be the next exhibit that opens June 14th, 2012. Invitations will be sent out at the end of March with an RSVP request by April 1st. Volunteers are able to bring a guest. We look forward to seeing you! If you have any questions please contact Julie at 367-4210 ext. 3021.



### **A Look Into the Past**

#### **1883 Masonic Temple of Sioux Falls**

Built in 1883, the Masonic Temple was located at 210-214 W. 10th Street and was constructed in the Second Empire architectural style. In 1886, a clock was placed in the tower to provide the town with a central time piece. In the interior of the building were numerous rooms including a main hall, which according to the *Argus Leader*, "was one of the largest, best situated and best furnished Masonic lodge rooms in the northwest." Other rooms on the upper two stories included the Red Cross room, the reception room, a parlor, a banquet hall and armory. On the first floor were storerooms and offices, which included the Fargo Insurance Company relocated from Fargo to Sioux Falls in 1883. Minnehaha National Bank was a long-time resident in the structure from 1898 until 1929. The three-story building was purchased by Porter Peck in 1905, and became known as the Peck Block. The structure passed through many hands until the Kresge Company purchased the property and built the Kresge building in 1929, which resulted in the demolition of the Masonic Temple.

If you're interested in the Masonic Temple or any other irreplaceable structures that once lined the infant streets of Sioux Falls, come to the Pettigrew Museum and see the exhibit *Wallace Dow Prairie Architect*. The exhibit encompasses over 60 buildings, many which were icons in Sioux Falls.