

The *Colorado Historical Advisory Board (CHRAB)* is pleased to announce the awardees for its 2017 regrant program. CHRAB will be offering eight grants of up to \$5,000 to the following organizations:

Pioneer Historical Society of Bent County – Collaborating with the Las Animas-Bent County Library District to catalog to process, catalog and index a collection of historic documents, memorabilia and photographs encompassing 200 years of local history. This history includes several prominent and historic figures including Curtis Gates, better known as “Festus Hagen” of the Gunsmoke television series. Homesteading, the Depression and the Dust Bowl era are also topics covered in this collection.

Museum of Western Colorado – To digitize and overlay aerial photographs in Google Earth which demonstrate the changes in Colorado’s Western Slope over the past 80 years. The regrant funds will also be used to process the collection and complete rehousing to current best standards.

Fort Collins Museum of Discovery – To digitize 165 oral histories with Fort Collins region community members that were gathered from 1974-2007. The recordings capture the diversity and perspective of lives in the region during an era of massive change.

First Unitarian Society of Denver – To improve access of early church records (1871-1910) by cataloging and digitizing them to be hosted online. The records detail the building of their church, a historic landmark in the City of Denver and contains a unique example of work from the Watkins Stained Glass Studio. The records also tell the story of the Church’s community involvement in a rapidly growing city.

East Morgan County Library District – For digitizing newspapers from 1912-1943 to be part of the Colorado Historic Newspapers project.

Colorado Railroad Museum – Partnering with Denver Public Library’s Western History and Genealogy Department, they are cataloging and digitizing a portion of the Ralph E. Hallock Photograph collection of approximately 250 images. This collection includes photographs taken between 1944 and 1950, depicting prominent railroads of the West.

Colorado Mountain Club – To rehouse, process, catalog and digitize a portion of their archives with attention focused on trip reports, scrapbooks and photograph collections, which document the history of mountain climbing and hiking throughout the nation and state.

City of Leadville – To digitize early (1882-1910) city police records which capture the history of the American West with detailed accounts of the Colorado Gold Rush and the boom and bust of mining towns. The city is collaborating with the Leadville/Lake County Library for online hosting of the digitized images.