



Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation

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A Fond Farewell To Carolyn Hove



Carolyn Hove, our Development Coordinator, is leaving the NSHSF for Colorado. She has accepted a position with Colorado State University's University Advancement Department in Fort Collins and will move in early February.

Carolyn began working with us in 2022 as a grant writer for the Pershing Mural project before moving into her current role as Development Coordinator. She has been instrumental in working with the Pershing Mural project, the Statewide Grants Program, and the Walk To The Rock Capital campaign over the past two years.

We wish her the best of luck in her new endeavor.

Boyer Family Matching Grant

In December we shared news about the generous support from the John K. and Lynne D. Boyer Family Foundation, which contributed a \$25,000 matching grant to [NSHSF's Statewide Grant Program](#). The Boyer Foundation has already donated \$25,000 to the program and has committed to an additional \$25,000 if we can match that amount by April 1, 2024. This means a potential of \$75,000 to support this program in its 2024 cycle!

Examples of our 2023 grantees include the [Valley Community Historical Museum](#), [Nebraska National Guard Museum](#), [Nebraska Indian Community College](#), [Nebraska Prairie Museum](#), [Keya Paha County Library](#), and [Dawes County Historical Museum](#). Check out all the grantees on our [website](#).

We're excited to report that we've raised \$13,655 towards the match so far. However, we still have a significant gap of \$11,345 to reach our \$25,000 target. Your donation today will not only contribute to this worthy cause, but will also be matched by the John K. and Lynne D. Boyer Family Foundation, doubling the impact. Help us fund more historically-focused 501(c)(3)s in Nebraska by donating today.

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Oldfield Brigade – Jack and Sally Campbell



Jack and Sally Campbell's involvement with the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation began with their friendship with Barney Oldfield, a longtime supporter and donor to the Foundation. (The Oldfields donated the condo to the Foundation that served as our office space up until last year and are who the "Oldfield Brigade" is named after.) Jack had done some personal

business with Barney, and Sally and Barney worked together at Nebraskaland Foundation, so the Campbells originally became familiar with the Foundation's work through Mr. Oldfield.

However, Jack and Sally's interest in Nebraska history has roots before their affiliation with Barney Oldfield. Jack and Sally are both lifelong Nebraskans. Jack was born and raised in Lincoln and has lived here his entire life (besides a few years in the service), while Sally is from Kearney. Jack's "Grandpa Gus" was a German immigrant who "came to the new land to make a better life" as one of eight children when he was only 19 years old. He knew he had family in Omaha, but when he stepped off the boat in Baltimore without documentation, he had no idea where Omaha was. He eventually made his way to Nebraska where he settled in Scottsbluff. Grandpa Gus played a pivotal role in establishing the sugar industry in western Nebraska. Jack has fond memories of time with his grandparents in Scottsbluff while growing up. He is proud that his family were some of the original homesteaders in the Great Western Sugar Company.

As it happens, his Grandpa Gus married his grandmother Nellie Endecott, whose family was one of the original founding fathers of the Massachusetts Bay Colony in the early 1600s. Jack is tickled that his first-generation immigrant grandfather married into the family of the original founders of the United States. Of this interconnectedness, Jack said, "That's Nebraska for you!"

Adding to his long-running Nebraska genealogy, his mother and her 4 siblings all graduated from the University of Nebraska in the 1920s (a rarity at the time), with one serving as starting guard of the football team, and one serving as student body president during their tenures. Jack graduated from the Business School but took many electives in history throughout undergrad. Sally and Jack both graduated from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln with distinction.

Throughout our conversation, Jack said he would be happy to do anything to help grow and further the Foundation's work. The Foundation is honored to have lifelong, noteworthy Nebraskans like Jack and Sally Campbell involved in the Foundation. Thank you for your commitment to our great state!

If you are interested in joining the Oldfield Brigade Program, please contact Leslie Fattig at lfattig@nshsf.org.

Pershing Mural Update



Status Report on the Pershing Mural's Restoration and Reinstallation Within Historic Wyuka Park

Last year, LB 411 was introduced by Senator George Dungan (26th District). LB 411 proposes funding supporting the Pershing Mural's reinstallation within Wyuka State Park and Cemetery, listed on the National Register of Historic Places and established by the Legislature in 1869.

The Pershing Mural's installation within Historic Wyuka Park will be considered a Nebraska Cultural Landmark. As such, it will become a destination for Nebraskans and out-of-state visitors. For that reason, the Pershing Mural Historic Preservation Committee

is collaborating with public officials to obtain a portion of the reinstallation funding from the State.

If you would like to support LB 411 - public funding for the project - we encourage you to email a message to Senator George Dungan at this address: gdungan@leg.ne.gov

We also encourage sending a direct note of support to your State Senator using the information on this webpage: https://nebraskalegislature.gov/senators/senator_list.php

The Pershing Mural Historic Preservation effort continues to move forward with tile restoration and framework engineering/design, proceeding in unison with the refurbishment of Wyuka's pond, currently underway.

The Committee is almost halfway through its fundraising for this historic preservation effort and continues to seek donations, grants and public resources to complete the restoration, reinstallation and fund the permanent maintenance endowment. As before, the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation will continue to receive donations or contributions in support of the Pershing Mural's restoration and reinstallation within Historic Wyuka Park.

For more information or questions contact Liz Shea-McCoy, (402) 430-5923 or lizwshea@gmail.com

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