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“Banking in South Dakota” Photo Display at Cultural Heritage Center

PIERRE, S.D. – “Banking in South Dakota” is a new photo display in the Education Room of the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre featuring 11 images of various bank scenes found online at the South Dakota Digital Archives.

“Banks and banking have always played a major role in South Dakota’s history,” said state archivist Chelle Somsen. “The display images include both internal and external views of banks, as well as showing the significance of banks in their communities.”

The South Dakota Digital Archives, an online resource launched in January 2012 by the South Dakota State Historical Society-Archives, provides researchers digital access to unique historical records.

There are currently over 54,000 photographic images from throughout the state available for viewing by visiting history.sd.gov/archives and clicking on the link to the “South Dakota Digital Archives.”

The Cultural Heritage Center is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. CDT, and Sundays and holidays from 1-4:30 p.m. There is no fee to view these images, but standard admission fees apply for visitors wanting to go into the museum galleries. The Education Room is occasionally in use. Visitors may want to call ahead to confirm access to the display.

Standard museum admission fees are as follows: children (17 and under) and South Dakota State Historical Society members-- free; adults-- \$4; seniors (60 and over)-- \$3. AAA members receive a discount. There is free admission for everybody the first Sunday of each month.

Editor’s Note: Several men and two steam tractors are moving the Lamro State Bank to Winner in this image featured in a new photo display at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. (Photo courtesy South Dakota State Historical Society-Archives)

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About the South Dakota State Historical Society

The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Education. The State Historical Society, an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is headquartered at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center houses the society’s world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit www.history.sd.gov for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.