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State Historical Society staff presenting photo workshop this Saturday

PIERRE, S.D. – Three South Dakota State Historical Society staff members will present a workshop on caring for photographs Saturday, Nov. 19, at 1 p.m. CST at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

Matthew Reitzel, Sara Casper and Virginia Hanson, manuscript and government records archivists, will discuss care and storage of old photographs, how to deal with digital images and provide tips for dating mystery photographs and identifying people.

“Old photographs are in scrapbooks and shoe boxes in the back of closets, and those need to be cared for in a specific way in order to ensure that they survive for future generations,” said Chelle Somsen, state archivist. “Likewise, digital images need specialized care to make sure they are identified and useable in the future. This workshop will provide the information people need in order to take action with their photographs.”

The South Dakota State Historical Records Advisory Board, with support from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, is sponsoring the workshop.

For more information see <http://history.sd.gov/Archives/SHRAB/shrabactivity.aspx> or call the South Dakota State Historical Society-Archives at (605) 773-3804.

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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.