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State Historical Society receives grant to put more historic newspapers online

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota State Historical Society-Archives was awarded a second round of grant funding in the amount of \$240,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities to continue digitizing historical newspapers.

The project is part of Chronicling America, a Library of Congress initiative to develop an online database of select historical newspapers from around the United States. As part of the grant the State Historical Society-Archives will digitize approximately 100 rolls of microfilmed newspapers pre-dating 1922 over two years.

The titles that were digitized as part of the first round of grant funding include the Canton Advocate, Black Hills Union, Black Hills Union and Western Stock Review, Pierre Weekly Free Press, Sisseton Weekly Standard, Citizen-Republican, Dakota Farmer's Advocate, Dakota Farmers' Leader, Lincoln County Advocate, Canton Daily Leader, Mitchell Capital, The Daily Press and Dakotaian, Yankton Daily Press and Dakotaian, the Press and Daily Dakotaian, Forest City Press, Hot Springs Star, Hot Springs Weekly Star, Turner County Herald, Kimball Enterprise, Saturday News and Kimball Graphic.

These newspapers can be viewed online by visiting the Chronicling America website: http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/newspapers/?state=South+Dakotaðnicity=&language.

For more information, contact the State Historical Society-Archives at (605) 773-3804. State Archives hours are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. CST Monday-Friday and the first Saturday of most months.

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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 <u>www.history.sd.gov</u> for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.