



*Hunting party near Arlington, S.D.  
in 1898. SD State Archives*

The SDSHRAB consists of public officials and private citizens. The board is part of a nationwide effort to connect federal, state, and local repositories in order to preserve the nation's documentary heritage. The SDSHRAB is supported by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), which is a part of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).



*Crew at the Holy Terror  
Mine, Keystone, S.D., 1900-  
1905. SD State Archives*

## *Publications of the SDSHRAB*

- South Dakota's Documentary Heritage, Planning for the Future; Strategic Plan 2002-2006
- Guide to Historical Repositories in South Dakota
- So you have a Box of Papers.. A quick lesson on Archives and Manuscripts
- A Beginner's Guide to Oral History

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*Pioneer family near Philip, South Dakota,  
undated. SD State Archives*

# Mission of the SDSHRAB

The South Dakota State Historical Records Advisory Board (SDSHRAB) advocates for the preservation of historical records, educates the public and records caretakers about the importance of the historical record, and leads the historical community in preserving, promoting, and providing access to the state's documentary heritage. To accomplish this mission the SDSHRAB investigates and reports on the state of historical records in South Dakota; develops state-wide plans for records preservation activities; determines priorities for historical records projects; coordinates cooperation between repositories; and reviews grant proposals submitted to the NHPRC by South Dakota institutions.



*Big Foot Pass in the Badlands. SD State Archives*

## What are historical Records?



*Northern State's Cale Neal crossing the finish line during a 440 heat at the 1957 SDIC track meet. Photo courtesy of Northern State University Archives.*

Historical records are the letters, diaries, photographs, minutes, reports, petitions, maps, licenses, architectural plans, birth certificates, ledgers, business correspondence, motion pictures, tape recordings, computer files, and other items or materials that document the events, people, and places of our community and the world.

Records protect the individual rights of South Dakota residents. They ensure the accountability of government, business, and other institutions. They foster self-understanding and are a source of our cultural memory and historical reflection. Through records we learn about our society, our families, our past, our future, and ourselves.

## SDSHRAB Goals

### Access to Archival Collections

Encourage the creation of descriptive tools and finding aids for collections as well as improving the physical access to the records.

### Public Awareness of archives and historical records

Increase the public awareness of the importance of the historical record; encourage the participation of archivists in state conferences; improve communication between archivists and other record keepers; and encourage under-documented groups to preserve their records.

### Records at risk

Cooperate to locate repositories with records at risk and help to develop a preservation and access plan; support responsible collecting that meets archival standards.

### Education and training

Encourage South Dakota colleges and universities to sponsor internships, courses and seminars on related topics; seek funding for workshops on archival topics; and encourage archivists to attend conferences and workshops on archival topics.

### Funding

Seek funds to continue the projects and meetings of the SDSHRAB and provide support in developing strategies for the preservation of South Dakota's documentary resources.