



## **Get Territorial: Idaho at 150 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) about the Commemoration**

### ***What is the Idaho at 150 commemoration?***

March 4, 2013 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of Idaho Territory. “Get Territorial: Idaho at 150” is a grassroots effort among individuals, communities, and agencies across the state to educate Idahoans about their heritage and to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> milestone. The Idaho Territorial Sesquicentennial will shape our state by helping people of all ages explore and appreciate the territorial roots of contemporary Idaho and create lasting legacies for the future.

### ***Why are we commemorating a document signed 150 years ago?***

The Idaho territorial period lasted until July 3, 1890, when Idaho became the 43<sup>rd</sup> state. During that time, Idaho’s boundaries were settled, the political and economic foundations for the future state were established, and the constitution by which it is still governed was adopted. This 27-year period was perhaps the most significant quarter century in Idaho’s history and still significantly impacts the lives of Idahoans today.

### ***Where can I find more information about the commemoration?***

For more information, visit [www.history.idaho.gov](http://www.history.idaho.gov), a portal to events, programs, and resources for the commemoration. You will find a tool kit to help organize in your community, a calendar of statewide events, and much more!

### ***Our city and county had not been created by the time the territorial period ended. Why should we commemorate the event?***

Though some counties and cities came into being after statehood, the political, economic, and cultural foundations established during the territorial period have been and will continue to be instrumental in the development of Idaho. Certainly things have changed, including county boundaries and population shifts leading to new communities. But the decisions made during the territorial period are ties that bind together all Idahoans.

### ***What kinds of things might we do for the commemoration?***

For ideas, check the list of “15 Things to Do In Your Community” on the Idaho State Historical Society website or visit your local historical society.

***Is there money available to help groups and communities participate in the commemoration?***

The Idaho State Historical Society's [Community Enhancement Grant Program](#) encourages applications featuring innovative ways to commemorate the sesquicentennial. You may also want to explore funding opportunities with the [Idaho Humanities Council](#), the [Idaho Commission on the Arts](#), the [Idaho Community Foundation](#), or the [Idaho Heritage Trust](#).

***Can I use the Idaho at 150 logo and other marketing materials?***

Anyone can use the Idaho at 150 logo and Get Territorial marketing materials. There is no licensing fee or application process. We only ask that you use the logo in a manner respectful of the commemoration of the Idaho Territorial period. You will find suggested guidelines for usage at [www.history.idaho.gov](http://www.history.idaho.gov).

***Who at the Idaho State Historical Society should I contact if I have questions?***

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