



IDAHO STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Idaho State Historical Society is a system of cultural and historic resources comprised of the Idaho State Museum, Idaho State Archives, State Historic Preservation Office, and Historic Sites Program. The agency was established by statute in 1907 and is organized within the Department of Self-Governing Agencies. The agency's core functions include Idaho Code, Chapter 41, Title 67-4126 and Federal Code (54 U.S.C. 300101).

Mission: To preserve and promote Idaho History.

The Governor of Idaho appoints the Board of Trustees.

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Foundation for Idaho History: The Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) partner organization, dedicated friend, and fundraiser to the Idaho State Historical Society.

Board of Directors are: Boise: Mary Ann Arnold, President; Jessica Anderson, Ernest A. Hoidal, Dixie Grant, David H. Leroy, Evelyn Self, Chris Smith, Alice Whitney
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Statewide Community Support: The agency is supported by over 200 volunteers and affiliate groups including the Friends of Stricker Ranch, The Franklin Pioneer Association, The Friends of the Bishops' House and the J.Howard Bradbury Logging Museum.

Destination Facilities: Idaho State Museum, Idaho State Archives and State Records Center, Idaho History Center

Historic Sites: Old Idaho State Penitentiary, The Bishops' House, Assay Building (State Historic Preservation Office, Boise), Shoshone County Courthouse (Pierce), Rock Creek Station and Sticker HomeSite (Hansen), Franklin Historic Properties (Franklin)

State Owned Collections under Agency Stewardship:

- 50,000 Museum artifacts 100,000 Cubic feet of government records 40,000 Rolls of microfilm
500,000+ Photographs 5,000 Films and videos 3,100 Oral histories
32,000 Maps and architectural drawings 20,000 Books and periodicals 61 Historic structures
130,000 Archaeological artifacts





# AGENCY IMPACT

- Curatorial services preserve and protect the state's irreplaceable legacy collections
- Idaho's archival resources provide essential information about our state
- Programs of SHPO give Idaho voice to federal decision making
- Dynamic educational services build 21st century skills and support Idaho school curriculum
- Historic sites reveal a sense of place critical to personal and community identity
- Government records management services are vital to state agencies and official jurisdictions

## Idaho State Historical Society Contact Information

### Administration

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### Idaho State Museum

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### State Historic Preservation Office

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### Old Idaho Penitentiary and Historic Sites

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### Statewide Sites:

- Franklin Historic Site
- Pierce Courthouse
- Rock Creek Station & Stricker HomeSite

### Idaho State Archives and State Records Center

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Preserving the past, enriching the future.

**Idaho State Museum:** The museum illuminates Idaho's history through its anchor exhibition: *Idaho The Land and Its People*. Opportunities for learning include: school field trips, traveling trunks, special changing exhibitions, National History Day in Idaho, and Pioneer Village Interpretive Garden. The museum experience includes facility rentals, M Store, lecture series, workshops, and community events. The museum serves over 60,000 visitors and students annually.

**Old Idaho Penitentiary:** The Old Idaho Penitentiary dates to 1872 and explores Idaho's social justice history through historic prison buildings such as the *The Women's Ward* and exhibitions including *Faces of the Idaho State Penitentiary*. Opportunities for learning include: special events, school field trips, 30 historic buildings, programs, and special exhibits such as the J. Curtis Earl Memorial Exhibit. The Old Pen experience also includes the *Behind Gray Walls* pod cast, Frighten Felons annual Halloween event, and the Old Idaho Penitentiary Store. The Old Pen serves over 75,000 visitors and students annually.

**Idaho State Archives and State Records Center:** Provides information and understanding about Idaho history through access to essential government records and documents including: newspapers, books, periodicals, oral histories, military records, maps, blueprints, photographs, microfilm/fiche, digital assets, and business and organizational records. Opportunities for learning include school tours, and its anchor exhibition, *A. Lincoln His Legacy in Idaho Exhibition*, the largest collection of Lincoln materials on exhibit west of the Mississippi. The State Records Center provides records management services to 36 agencies within state government and serves over 4,000 requests annually.

**State Historic Preservation Office:** Fulfills the mandates of the National Historic Preservation Act including the National Register of Historic Places, Certified Local Government grants, Federal Historic Tax Credits, and Section 106 Review and Compliance. Oversees the Archaeological Survey of Idaho and its western repository and manages information about Idaho's archaeological and historic sites.

Manages and provides access to approximately 173,000 cultural resource-related documents, including survey reports, site and project review files. Opportunities for learning include: Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month and Archaeological Field Schools.

**Agency Administration:** Governance, statewide outreach, finance and grants administration, human resource management, information technology, fundraising, marketing and communications, maintenance and operations, and office of the State Historian.

### Statewide Interpretive Centers and Exhibitions:

- *Oasis in the Sage*, Rock Creek Station and Stricker Home Site
- Pioneer Byway Interpretive Center
- Bishops' Hatch House
- Franklin Relic Hall, Franklin, Idaho
- *Governing Idaho: How People and Policies Shape Our State*, Idaho State Capitol

