2011 Washington Rural Heritage Grants

Washington Rural Heritage (WRH) is an initiative that supports small and rural libraries in the development of digital projects that aim to serve historically unique items and collections online. Primary candidate institutions are those without the means to digitize and serve online such items without outside support. The initiative encourages collaborative efforts between eligible public libraries and collaborative partners in the community (e.g., museums, genealogy societies, schools, etc.).

Grant: 11-WRH-002 **Award:** \$5,347 **Organization:** Connell Heritage Grant, Mid-Columbia Libraries

Title: Connell Heritage Grant

Abstract: The Connell Branch of the Mid-Columbia Library System will digitize historical collections from the Connell Heritage Museum, the Franklin County Graphic (local newspaper), and the library. They will also digitize photos of murals of Connell depicting scenes from the past. The theme of the collection will be: Historical Buildings in Connell, Family Life, and Homesteading & Farming.

Grant: 11-WRH-003 **Award:** \$9,981

Organization: Ellensburg Public Library

Title: Douglas MacArthur Historic Barn Photograph Collection

Abstract: Ellensburg Public Library staff will describe and digitize approximately 200 color photographs of historical barns in Kittitas County taken by local photographer Douglas MacArthur. In addition they will continue their project of scanning and describing the Fred Breckon Collection of photographs of early Ellensburg citizens that began as part of the 2008 Washington Rural Heritage (WRH) grant cycle.

Grant: 11-WRH-004 **Award:** \$10,000

Organization: North Central Regional Library

Title: Gathering Our Voice: Foodways & Byways of North Central Washington

Abstract: Gathering Our Voice—The Omak Library, a branch of North Central Regional Library, will work with the Initiative for Rural Innovation & Stewardship (IRIS) and local museums to gather, digitize, and share photographs and other materials that can be used to tell the story of food harvest, processing and distribution across the region. This project will include obtaining new photographs through a photo-drive conducted with five partnering NCRL branch libraries (Ephrata Library, Chelan Library, Waterville Library, Republic Library, Omak Library). Images will be digitized, edited for web display, cataloged with the CONTENTdm Project Client software and uploaded to the Washington State Library server. The digitized images will also be transferred to IRIS and local museums for safekeeping in their archives and for use in telling the story of food in their region. Some of the photographs will be incorporated to tabletop displays and educational materials that highlight the project.

Grant: 11-WRH-005 **Award:** \$5.000

Organization: Roslyn Public Library

Title: Roslyn Heritage Collection: Frank Schuchman Collection

Abstract: Using existing staff and contracting for specific services, the Roslyn Library will digitize and catalog photographs from the private collection of Roslyn resident Frank Schuchman and upload them to the Roslyn Heritage Collection with the Washington State Library. Mr. Schuchman is the grandson of Roslyn's last mine superintendent for the Northwest Improvement Company, the railroad and coal mining company that founded the Roslyn community.

Grant: 11-WRH-007 **Award:** \$4,505

Organization: Odessa Public Library

Title: Original History of the Town of Odessa

Abstract: The Odessa Historisches Museum board, the sophomore English class and two independent historians of the area are participating in this project to allow for the most complete collection of information from the early history of the Town of Odessa and its founders/settlers at the turn of the century. A combination of photos, letters, business establishment ledgers, photos of the original buildings (both then and now) and some individual family histories have

been chosen for this grant project.

Grant: 11-WRH-008 **Award:** \$8,767

Organization: Everson McBeath Community Library, Whatcom County Library System

Title: Nooksack Valley Memories

Abstract: Everson McBeath Community Library, in partnership with the local Friends' and volunteers, propose to develop a long term project of digitization and preservation through this jumpstart of grant funding. The library has background in local history efforts and recently hosted Whatcom Memories, a monthly series of local history presentations which not only generated a renewed interest and enthusiasm in local history but also led to the realization of the numbers of related negatives, photos and slides in storage on and off site including some at the Lynden museum. The purpose of this project is to digitize, catalog and share as many of these items as possible, and as time and funding permit, also initiate cataloging and sharing of audio and video recordings, recognizing that the ideal is a sustainable plan to continue this work after the grant ends.

Grant: 11-WRH-010 **Award:** \$5,623

Organization: Asotin County Library **Title:** Asotin County Rural Heritage Project

Abstract: Asotin County Library will digitize and catalog 102 researched and labeled photographs from the Eva Lynn Thomson collection documenting the history of Wilson Banner Ranch and the Silcott area. Asotin County Library will continue its partnership with the Asotin County Museum by providing a digital picture frame to promote the Rural Heritage Collection in the museum and will continue conversations about other possible items to digitize.