

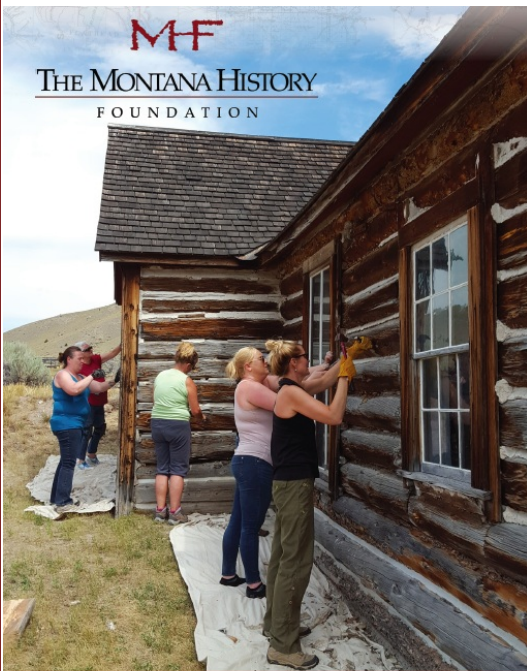


# THE MONTANA HISTORY

FOUNDATION



## 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



2019 Annual Report

We recently completed our **annual report** for 2019. Inside, you'll find highlights of the year's events and details on some of the projects made possible by your donations. We continue to be ever grateful for your support!

### Thanks to you...



...we helped restore the bell tower on the Paradise School in Sanders County.



...we provided funding to replace the roof on Montana's oldest building (1847) at Fort Connah near St. Ignatius.

## 2020 GRANTS AWARDED



In late March we announced the recipients of our 2020 grants. This year, 29 projects are receiving grant funding that will put \$164,800 into 27 Montana

communities. Those projects bring the grand total of History Foundation grants made across the state since 2012 to **\$1,008,785!** You can find the complete list of our 2020 grant recipients on our website: [www.mthistory.org/grants](http://www.mthistory.org/grants)

## WAITING TO BRING PEOPLE BACK TOGETHER FOR HISTORY

Due to Covid-19, it has been disappointing - yet necessary - to postpone recent events that were scheduled for our book, "The Best Gift: Montana's Carnegie Libraries" and its traveling exhibit. We will continue working with our Carnegie librarians to reschedule the exhibit and author Kate Hampton's lectures when it is safe to do so. In the meantime, please follow the events page on our [website](#), as well as our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages, for the very latest updates.

## FEATURED PROJECT



# Teton Canyon Oral History Project, Old Trail Museum

Old Trail Museum in Choteau documented the oral history of descendants of homesteaders, Métis, dude ranchers, cabin owners, and writers living west of Choteau near/on the North and South Forks of the Teton River with help from a \$5,000 grant from the History Foundation in 2018. Those recordings can be found on the Montana Memory Project website.



Historian Candi Zion interviewed 13 people over the course of four months in the summer and fall of 2018 for this project. Zion is herself a resident of the area, where her family has a cabin on the north fork of the Teton River. She says the interviews are a “slice of canyon resident history and how they relate to each other.”

The Teton Canyon area is located 26 miles west of Choteau along the Rocky Mountain Front. The Métis were some of the first settlers of the area, arriving in the mid to late 19th century.



**Al Wiseman July 28, 2018 Part 2**

Al continues from Part 1 and talks about the Metis living on Edward Creek (Salmon Ranch, now David Letterman Ranch), how the Metis came from Canada to the Teton County Oral Histories



**Amy Guthrie Sakariassen July 7, 2018**

Amy Guthrie Sakariassen talks about her stepfather, famous Montana author, A. B. Guthrie, and life in the Teton Canyon and at Bud's Twin Lakes property, once the Teton County Oral Histories



**Bud Bruno and niece Linda Watson and her husband Chuck August 2**

Bud talks about his 40 years as a heavy equipment operator working on Yellowstone, Swift Dam and on county roads affected by the 64 Flood, as a kid growing up at the Teton County Oral Histories



**Chuck Blixrud October 22, 2018 Part 1**

Chuck Blixrud, past owner of Seven Lazy P and current owner of Deep Canyon G Ranch, discusses his life growing up in a cabin on the Front and on their family ranch. Teton County Oral Histories

Zion's interviews can be found on the Montana Memory Project website by searching “Teton County oral histories.” Each entry includes the audio file and a transcription of the interview, along with photos of the interview subjects. Hard copies of the transcripts are also available at the Old Trail Museum and the Teton County Library in Choteau. Zion will continue her efforts to document the oral histories of the Métis descendants – this time in Central Montana – with a 2020 grant from the History Foundation.

Read more about this month's featured project, the [Teton Canyon Oral History Project](#), on our website!

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