

What's New with the Utah Division of State History?

Sixty one young scholars went to the National History Day competition in Washington, D.C.



Since 1897, the Division of State History has helped to keep Utah engaged in its past and prosperous, by preserving and recording significant history. In fiscal year 2014, nearly 700,000 users accessed the Division's digital and in-person resources, including archaeological records, tax credits, National Register listings, cemetery dataset, library catalog, community heritage development tools, photographic collections, and historical resources.

Of all the states, Utah has the second largest number of known archaeological sites: more than 100,000. Utah also has one of the smallest, most efficient State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) staffs in the nation. Last year, the SHPO staff processed 1,751 cases, skillfully balancing the protection of our heritage resources with economic development.



Local owners rehabbed the former Salt Lake Tribune Building, originally built in 1924, using federal and state tax credits. The \$14.6 million projects now houses Neumont University and includes 28 student apartments and facilities for its technology-focused programs.

The Division's on-line research catalog includes 64,000 books, pamphlets, manuscripts, collections, and more. Staff inventoried over 27,000 objects and provided direct historical research assistance to over 10,000 patrons.

The Division's Certified Licensed Government (CLG) program is the second largest in the country, empowering over 90 communities to wisely maximize their local archaeological and architectural resources and heritage tourism.

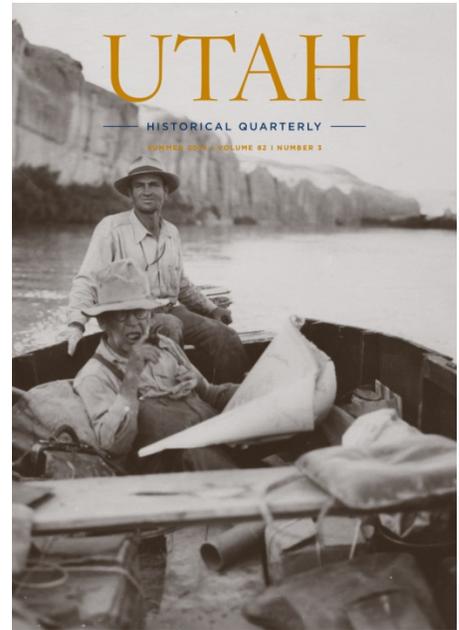
Over seven million people tour Utah's historic sites annually, resulting in \$718 million in direct/indirect spending and over 7300 jobs. Last year, statewide historic preservation projects led to directly creating 201 jobs and indirectly 148 jobs. Heritage tourism is vital to Utah's economy!

The Division also fosters individual learning and connecting to our shared 12,000-year history.

For more information, go to
www.heritage.utah.gov

2013 – 2014 Highlights

- Launched a fresh, newly designed *Utah Historical Quarterly* and free on-line “extras” to make our existing assets– including *I Love History*, *History to Go*, the entire run of the *Quarterly* since 1928, and a vast collection of scholarship – increasingly accessible and useful to students, scholars, and the general public.
- Expedited four programmatic agreements for oil and gas development, coal extraction, and transportation projects. One agreement, for example, allowed for the expeditious consideration of cultural resources to allow over 40 million tons of recoverable coal near Alton.
- Helping to keep landowners unburdened by the discovery of human remains, the Division provided prompt and respectful ancient remains assistance, including the receiving 17 sets of human remains, preparing 11 cultural reports, interring 21 individuals, repatriating two individuals, and providing four trainings to law enforcement.
- Made 32,025 archaeological site records available on-line to assist contractors and agencies, contributing to local economic development throughout the state.



- Over 4,000 4th to 12th graders participated in the Division’s inaugural History Day Program, where they use history research to develop critical skills.
- Due to the Division’s tax credit programs with 76 projects, approximately \$3,951,000 remained in Utah that otherwise would have gone to the federal government.
- \$208 million in salaries and wages were paid as a result of federal and state tax credit projects between 1990 and 2014.

- 84,587 on-line photographs are critical to students, educators, researchers, family historians, communities, media, publishers, and businesses.

