



IDAHO HERITAGE TRUST

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Idaho Heritage Highlights

July 2014

I learn so much about our history as I visit sites and meet such lovely people all working to preserve the stories of our past. I think our Board Member, John Hiler, sums it best when he says "Idaho has so many hidden treasures"!

Highlights in this newsletter include stories from folks in New Meadows and Dover about their quaint towns and history, new developments in the restoration of the Canyon Creek Stage Stop on the Oregon Trail, and a special visit to the Campbell's Ferry Ranch in the whitewater corridor of the main Salmon River.

If you are in the Challis area on July 9th, please stop in and say hello. Idaho Parks & Recreation is hosting an Open House for the Trust at the Land of the Yankee Fork Visitor's Center. Details of the event follow.

Thank you for your continued interest and support in following the preservation projects around our great state. We wish you all a joyous celebration of freedom this Fourth of July!

Respectfully yours,

Katherine Kirk
Executive Director



Historic Pacific & Idaho Northern Depot New Meadows

"Without the railroad coming to New Meadows and establishing this depot, New Meadows would not be here" says Anissa Qualls, a New Meadows local.

Learn about the history of New Meadows and the P&IN Railroad and how with the help of the Idaho Heritage Trust, the restoration of the abandoned depot brought new life to one of New Meadows's prominent buildings.



New Meadows Train Depot

Watch videos of Historic Preservation Projects around the state on the Trust's new Video Blog Site:
<http://idahoheritage.org/blog/>

Happy Independence Day!

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Grant Applications

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Grant Application
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Applications must be postmarked on or before September 30, 2014

Submit three hardcopies of your application to:

Idaho Heritage Trust
PO Box 140617
Boise, ID 83714

Historic Community Church Dover

"Can you imagine this church coming down the river and staying together as it did? It's really amazing!" says Gloria Ballou, a local Dover resident.

Lifetime residents and members of the Community Church in Dover share stories of their quaint town and historic church. From its relocation on barges down the Pend Oreille River in the 20's to their memories of childhood, community, and their preservation efforts.



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Canyon Creek Stage Stop, Main Oregon Trail Mountain Home

The Archibald Daniel's family homesteaded and built the Canyon Creek Station in 1873. It was an important campsite providing travelers on the Oregon Trail, Overland Stage Route, and the Kelton Freight Road with food, shelter, and a safe place to rest their livestock. It was and is a valley of green grass and a meandering creek.

The station was built using hand forged lava rocks from the surrounding canyon and mortar with horsehair. The station operated until the death of Marion Daniels in 1921. An unfortunate fire destroyed the station in 1976 leaving only the exterior walls.

Without a roof, water has caused the station to further collapse.



The Norstebon family (current owners) have maintained the site and are committed to preserving it for the public. Encouraged by their engagement the Idaho Heritage Trust, the California-Oregon Trails Association Idaho Chapter, and the Bureau of Land Management are partnering to restore the station. Matching grants provided by the IHT and CA-OR Trails Association have enabled work to begin on the west wall. The goal is to reconstruct the walls and roof of the station. The station is one of two remaining stage stops and the only one with public access along the Main Route of the Trail.



IHT provides 50/50 matching grants for the preservation of Idaho's historic buildings, sites, and artifact collections.

Please answer all questions as outlined in the grant application found on our website at the following link: [Grant Application](#)

Upcoming Events

Open House with the Idaho Heritage Trust

Wednesday July 9, 2014
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Land of the Yankee Fork
Visitor's Center

Junction of Hwy 73 and Hwy
95, Challis, Idaho

Come learn about grant opportunities and other preservation projects from around the state.



Board of Trustee's Fall Tour

September 10 - 13, 2014
Custer County

Tour will include the Stanley Museum, Basin Butte Lookout, Bayhorse, Whiskey Springs Homestead, White Knob Mine Hill, and the Antelope Creek Guard Station



2014 Pacific Northwest Preservation Field School

August 31 - September 20,
2014

Campbell's Ferry Ranch Main Salmon River

The discovery of gold near Monumental Creek in 1896 set off the Thunder Mountain Gold Rush. The miners traveled from Grangeville to Dixie, swam the Salmon River and packed through the Chamberlain Basin Wilderness to access a trail to Thunder Mountain. So in 1900 an enterprising William Campbell built a ferryboat to transport the miners and their stock across the river. Between 1900 and 1902, it is estimated that Campbell's Ferry transported nearly 1,800 miners.



Subsequent owners of Campbell's Ferry continued to carry travelers until 1956. One of the infamous residents was Frances Zauhmiller Wisner who lived at the ranch from 1940 to 1986. For 40 years, she wrote a column for the Grangeville newspaper about life in the Idaho wilderness, which garnered national attention. In 1954 she promoted the construction of a pack bridge to replace the ferry through her column and a letter-writing campaign to Idaho Senators initiating enough pressure to insure approval and funding. In 1956, the US Forest Service built an airstrip to bring in the materials to construct the bridge which was officially named the "Frances Zauhmiller Wisner Memorial Pack Bridge".



Today Campbell's Ferry Ranch is surrounded by the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness as well as the Nez Perce and Payette National Forests. Six of the original structures are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and are protected by a Scenic Conservation Easement. The Campbell's Ferry Partners (current owners) are committed to preserving and maintaining the ranch and the education of it's history for the public. The site is only accessible by plane, boat or by foot and is worth the effort as the experience is a treasure to never forget. And those who do are deeply grateful.

Fisher Bottoms the 1901 homestead of Joseph & Temperance Fisher, parents of prominent writer Vardis Fisher, South Fork of the Snake River

NOW accepting online applications:

[NW Preservation Field School](#)

The hands-on preservation school is designed to attract participants from all walks of life from those with no experience in preservation to students and practicing professionals.

IHT is a sponsor of the event and our own Fred Walters has been a Faculty member since 1999.



Cemetery Preservation Workshop 2014

September 19-20, 2014
(Tentative)
Silver City Pioneer Cemetery

Stay tuned for upcoming information about IHT's Cemetery Preservation Workshop 2014.



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