



OFFICE *of* ARCHAEOLOGY
and HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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RESEARCH COLLECTIONS

The Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (OAHP) manages several information collections which may be of value to those interested in Colorado's archaeology and historic sites, buildings, and structures.

OAHP is a division of History Colorado in the Department of Higher Education. The mission of OAHP is to creatively engage Coloradans and their guests in partnerships to discover, preserve, and take pride in our architectural, archaeological, and other historic places by providing statewide leadership and support to our partners in archaeology and historic preservation.

The office is responsible for administering state preservation programs as defined in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. OAHP also administers state historic preservation laws. Program areas include:

- Office of the State Archaeologist
- Historical and Architectural Survey
- Centennial Farm Program
- Intergovernmental Services-Review and Compliance
- Intergovernmental Services-Certified Local Governments (CLG)
- Intergovernmental Services -Preservation Tax Incentives
- Colorado Cultural Resource Geographic Information System
- Cultural Resource Survey and Inventory
- Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification
- Compass Online Cultural Resource
- Preservation Tax Incentives Database
- State Historical Fund
- National and State Register
- Historical and Architectural Survey

Dissemination of Cultural Resource Information: Policy and Procedures

It is in the public interest to protect Colorado's cultural resources. The Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (OAHP) recognizes this need and therefore restricts access to some cultural resource information. This policy is supported by state and federal law in CRS 24-72203 (1), CRS 24-80-405(2), and the Archaeological Resource Protection Act (ARPA) of 1979 (as amended).

Although OAHP reserves the right to restrict access to various types of cultural resource data, the office also recognizes the need of scholars, researchers, archaeology and history contractors, and other public citizens to have access to these files in order to perform their jobs relating to the identification and protection of cultural resources.

The purpose of the information dissemination policy is four-fold:

- 1) Assure that only qualified users have access to restricted information.
- 2) Maintain a defensible record of who has viewed specific records.
- 3) Ensure that the user is aware of the appropriate uses and limitations of the records.
- 4) Follow consistent procedures for accessing all cultural resource information regardless of the format.

To learn more about the Dissemination of Cultural Resource Information Policy and Procedures, contact OAHP or view the full document (publication 1333) in the publications section of the OAHP website at <https://www.historycolorado.org/preserve>.

Research Collections

Preservation Publications

OAHP maintains a large collection of preservation related educational materials available for public dissemination. These materials are available in hard copy form in the office at the History Colorado Center and are available on the website at <https://www.historycolorado.org/preservation-publications>.

Reference Library

A small reference library of books and periodicals related to topics in archaeology and historic preservation is available for public use in the OAHP office.

Cultural Resource Survey

Approximately four percent of Colorado has been surveyed for cultural resources. The surveys may involve the identification of historic homes in a residential area, the recording of commercial buildings in a downtown district, or the gathering of archaeological information in a remote portion of the state.

Colorado currently has over 205,000 cultural resources with archaeological, architectural, or engineering qualities. This information collected over the last 50 years represents extensive field, laboratory and archival research by a wide variety of government agencies, local initiatives, educational institutions, preservation organizations, and the public. In addition to cultural resource forms for each site, over 41,000 survey reports provide a summary of each project.

Information from these surveys and resources are summarized in a computerized database and the original forms and documents are stored at OAHP. These resources are available to the public for a variety of research and management uses in addition to those individuals interested in Colorado's rich and diverse cultural resources. Contact: Mary Sullivan 303-866-4673

Centennial Farms

In cooperation with the Colorado Department of Agriculture, the State Historical Fund administers the Colorado Centennial Farm Award which recognizes working farms and ranches that have remained in the same family for more than 100 years. An additional award, the Centennial Farm Historic Structures Award, honors Centennial Farms and Ranches with buildings that are at least 50 years old.

Research files include individual farm applications and related photographs.
Contact: OAHP Site Records Manager 303-866-3395

Rehabilitation Tax Credits

Federal and state tax laws provide incentives for historic preservation projects which follow the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. The federal government now offers a 20% investment tax credit for the approved rehabilitation of certified historic buildings used for income producing purposes as well as a 10% credit for certain other older buildings. The state offers a similar 20% state income tax credit based on \$5,000 or more of approved preservation work on designated properties.

Property files include project applications, architectural drawings, and photographs related to preservation and rehabilitation activities. Project files may be viewed **by appointment only**. Contact: Joseph Saldibar 303-866-3741

National Register and State Register

OAHF assists property owners in listing Colorado's most historically and architecturally significant buildings, structures, and sites in the National Register of Historic Places and the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties. Colorado currently has over 1,200 listings in the National Register and more than 1,600 listings in the State Register.

Nomination files for most properties are available for public review. Access to information about fragile or culturally sensitive sites may be restricted. Some files are available in hard copy and others are available digitally. Files contain nomination forms and supporting photographs, maps, newspaper clippings, and general research materials. Contact: OAHF Office Manager 303-866-3392

State Historical Fund

The State Historical Fund (SHF) awards grants to public and non-profit organizations to preserve and interpret Colorado's architectural and archaeological treasures for public benefit. Each year, the program receives a portion of the total state tax revenues generated by gaming in the towns of Black Hawk, Central City and Cripple Creek. These funds are then redistributed for historic preservation projects in communities throughout Colorado.

Examples of projects funded include preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of historic schools, libraries, theaters, county courthouses, town halls, mining and agricultural sites, railroad cars, bridges, and historic commercial districts. Grants are also awarded for educational programs, survey and planning projects, interpretation of important historic sites and archaeological analysis.

Application and project files are available for public viewing **by appointment only**. Contact: Debbie Johnson 303-866-2716

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