



THE WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Tacoma,
Washington

5 October 1967

MEMORANDUM TO THE FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF
THE WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SUBJECT: Campaign for the New Wing

Recently you received a brochure outlining the plans of The Washington State Historical Society to build a new wing on the museum. Since the drive was launched this summer, we have received an encouraging response from friends of the Society. We would very much like to be able to count you as one of those who are concerned, to help us provide better facilities for the gathering, preservation and making available the source materials of our state and Pacific Northwest history.

You will note from the enclosed pledge card that it is possible to spread your contributions over a two year period. All contributions are tax deductible. Now is the time when we need your help most critically. May we count on you?

Respectfully,

Bruce Le Roy
Director

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WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEEDS A BIGGER AND BETTER SHOWPLACE FOR WASHINGTON'S HERITAGE.





Museum contains many Northwest wildlife displays.



Scene depicts pioneer living.

BACKGROUND

Washington State Historical Society was founded in 1891. In 1911 a five-story building was erected, 315 N. Stadium Way, Tacoma, to serve as headquarters for the society and to provide a museum for Washington's heritage.

Over the past 56 years the society's Pacific Northwest history collections have mounted to include more than one million manuscripts, 200,000 rare pictures and maps, 10,000 reference books and dozens of displays of Northwest artifacts. The museum has become a research center for students of Washington history — young and old alike. Washington visitors, pioneers, university professors, high school and college students, and thousands of grade-school children from throughout the state use the facilities of the museum and depend on them as a most important source of Washington history.

More than 200,000 persons visited the museum last year.

BIGGEST PROBLEM TODAY: LACK OF SPACE

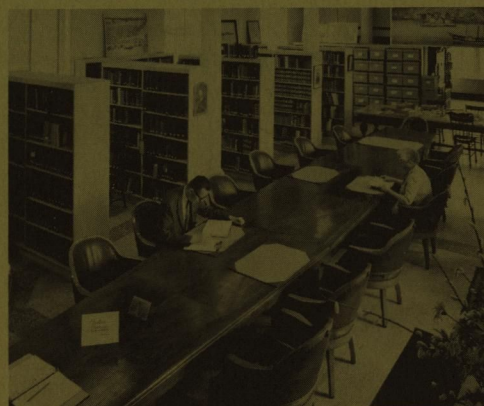
The biggest problem the historical society faces today is lack of adequate space to show and store the growing amount of historical material. The present building also lacks sufficient public meeting facilities. McCormick Hall auditorium seats only 125 people.

SOLUTION: A NEW WING

To alleviate the space problem, the historical society's Board of Curators has proposed to build a new wing on the north end of the present museum. The 30,000-square-foot building would provide additional storage and display space, a new library and auditorium facilities.

COST: \$839,000

The historical society must raise a total of \$500,000 from individual contributions to match a grant provided by the State of Washington to provide funds for the proposed addition.



Library-research center houses 10,000 books.

THE PLAN :



TO KEEP WHAT WE HAVE



AND BUILD A NEEDED ADDITION.

Here's an architect's answer to the cramped conditions at the Washington historical museum.

Facts about the proposed wing:

- to be four story, 30,000 sq. ft. addition.
- will include an expanded library.
- multi-purpose auditorium-display area with 275 person capacity.
- elevator to service both new and old facilities.
- new heating plant.
- ramps in lieu of stairways.
- plus room for additional exhibits and storage areas.

The new addition will be fireproof and burglar proof. It will eventually contain a permanent gallery of western art.

THE BUDGET

The historical society needs \$300,000, as indicated by the chart below, to reach its building fund goal of \$500,000. If the society can come up with individual contributions totaling \$139,000 to add to the \$200,000 in donations and pledges to date, the society will have reached the matching-fund sum required by the state — and the construction on the new wing could begin immediately thereafter.

The Washington State Historical Society is a tax-exempt, tax - deductible, non - profit, educational institution. Therefore, all the pledges are tax deductible, and the true market value of artifacts presented to the museum can be deducted.

The anticipated date for completion of the new wing is June 30, 1969.

Washington Historical Museum Building Fund

FIRST PHASE

Contribution requirement to	
start construction	\$339,000
Contributions and pledges to date .	200,000
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GOAL

Total needed for new wing . . .	\$839,000
State allocation	339,000
Contributions to date . \$150,000	
Pledges to date 50,000	200,000
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Needed from individual contributions	\$300,000

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO.

Please help.

Everything included in the proposed addition points out the lack of facilities in the present structure. Many people are actually holding out collections because of the overcrowded conditions in the museum.

We of the Washington State Historical Society feel the addition of a new wing to the museum is the answer to meet the need — to preserve our bountiful heritage.

If you'd like a historical society representative to visit, please contact Mr. Bruce Le Roy, director of the museum, at FULTON 3-2509. Or send your pledge or contribution to Washington State Historical Museum, 315 N. Stadium Way, Tacoma, Washington 98403.

Thanks.

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Name _____

Address _____

To provide Building Funds for the New Wing of the Washington State Historical Society, and in consideration of the contributions and pledges of others to the program of this educational and research institution, I (we)

hereby subscribe and agree to pay the sum of \$_____ cash;
or stocks, bonds and/or real property.

\$_____ annually for 2 years.

\$_____ quarterly for 8 payments.

\$_____ semi-annually for 4 paymts.

\$_____ each month for 25 paymts.

Please bill me _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Any contribution to this fund is deductible for state and federal income tax purposes in the manner and to the extent provided by law.

Please make your check payable to Washington State Historical Society.

TOTAL PLEDGE

\$_____

PAID HEREWITH

\$_____

RETAIN
THIS STUB
FOR YOUR
RECORDS



WASHINGTON STATE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

New Wing Building
Program
Tacoma, Washington

gratefully acknowledges
your pledge of

\$_____

Amount paid herewith

\$_____

From:

Date _____

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