



Regional History Book Award

The Heritage Education Commission wishes to encourage local historians to take "the last step" in their research effort by creating and sharing a compilation of their regional historical scholarship. Formalizing research into a book allows others to enjoy and benefit from your hard work and adds to the collected knowledge of a town, county, state, or region.

Examples of projects:

1. A centennial anniversary town history book.
2. A community's role in an historic event, such as Prohibition in Fargo, ND
3. A collection of stories from local people about a region's early history.
4. The history of an organization's impact on a community.

General Rules: See the introductory page entitled "Annual Family History Awards."

Specific Rules:

1. Entries must be in printed, duplicated, or PDF format.
2. Entries may be a bound book or unbound (consisting generally of 25 pages or more) in a 3-ring binder.
3. Entries must have a title page, which includes at least the title, the name of authors, and the year of compilation.
4. Entries must have a table of contents.
5. Entries must have clearly cited sources so researchers can find the sources you used. (** See information below for helpful information about citing sources.)

Criteria for Judging:

1. Usefulness to local historians and researchers
2. Organization - is the organization clear to the user? Does the project use organizational tools, such as a table of contents, charts, list of illustrations, footnotes, and an index? Indexes are very useful and are strongly encouraged.

3. Scope of the research
4. Quality of research
5. Quality of writing
6. Use of illustrations (photos, documents, charts, maps, etc.)

**If you "Google" "Genealogical Source Citations" you will find a variety of articles to study. HEC is not requiring a certain format, but we are asking that you provide enough information about a given source that another person could find it also. Citing sources adds credibility to your effort. We do want to be clear that just saying the name of a website is not sufficient. The name of the website and the specific url for the material being cited, and possibly a subject heading under which the material is located, is very valuable to a user who is studying your compilation.

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