HISTORY

The Alpine County Archives was created in 1986-1987 with the help of a grant from the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration.

These historic volumes and documents, dating from 1864, had been stored in the Courthouse basement and other sites, including some in various local homes.

The grant paid to hire a professional Archivist, Dr. Inez Prinster. Dr. Prinster and her assistant, Mary Wood, spent about one year carefully collecting, carrying out needed preservation work, and organizing the collection for placement in the Alpine County Library building.

In 2014 the Archives moved from the main Library into its own renovated building next door, thanks to support and funding from the Board of Supervisors and the citizens of Alpine County.

September 1987

L to R: County Clerk Karen Keebaugh, Historical Records Commission Chairman Nancy Thornburg, Mary Wood, Librarian Dianne Deadrich-Rogers, Dr. Inez Prinster

ABOUT THE ARCHIVES

The Archives collection consists of leather-bound ledgers, maps, paper documents and other county generated records dating from 1864 to the present. The collection has been catalogued into PastPerfect, a comprehensive searchable collection database, thanks to the financial support of the Alpine County Board of Supervisors and the support of County Clerk/Records Manager Barbara Howard.

The Historical Records Commission meets quarterly and oversees Archives activities to ensure permanent retention, protection, and public access to the county's documentary heritage. The commission also advocates for the preservation of current historical records that document the history of Alpine County governance and development. As a member of this Commission the County Librarian helps identify, preserve, and ensure the integrity of County historical records.

RESEARCH AT THE ARCHIVES

Rules are enforced in the Archives research center to protect irreplaceable documents in the collection. Copies of these rules are available from Library and Archives staff.

- The records storage area is closed to the public.
- For on-site research please call, write or email for an appointment.
- Staff can do limited research if a patron is unable to visit the Archives.
- Please be prepared to describe your information needs as clearly as possible: names, dates, locations, and types of information sought.
- Use of digital cameras, without flash, to copy material is permitted.
- Some material can be copied or scanned on the copy machine for a small fee. Large books and fragile material cannot be copied on the copy machine but may be photographed.
- The Archives has a ScanPro 3000 for microfilm reading and printing.

WHAT RECORDS ARE IN THE COLLECTION?

The Alpine County Archives is home to permanent county generated records dating back to 1864. Some of our holdings include:

- Assessment Rolls
- Great Registers of Voters
- Naturalization Records
- Board of Supervisors Minutes
- Grand Jury Reports
- Court Records
- Wills, Deeds, Homesteads, Mortgages
- County Budgets
- Maps and Blueprints

Historic newspapers* in the Archives collection:

- Alpine Miner and Monitor Gazette (1864-1866)
- Alpine Miner (1870-1874)
- Alpine Argus/ Monitor Argus (1881-1886)
- Alpine Beacon (1962-1970)
- Alpine Enterprise (1979-2000)
- Alpine Signal (1878-1879)
- Bridgeport Chronicle-Union (1866-1892)
- Cub Reporter- Bear Valley News (1996-present)
- Mining and Scientific Press (1865-1869)
- Mountain News (1969—1984)

*Some print, some microfilm, coverage varies

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Research at the Alpine County Archives is **by appointment only**. For more information, to make a research request, or to schedule a research appointment, please contact:

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MAIN LIBRARY INFORMATION:

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9:00am-5:00pm

Closed Sunday, Monday & Tuesday

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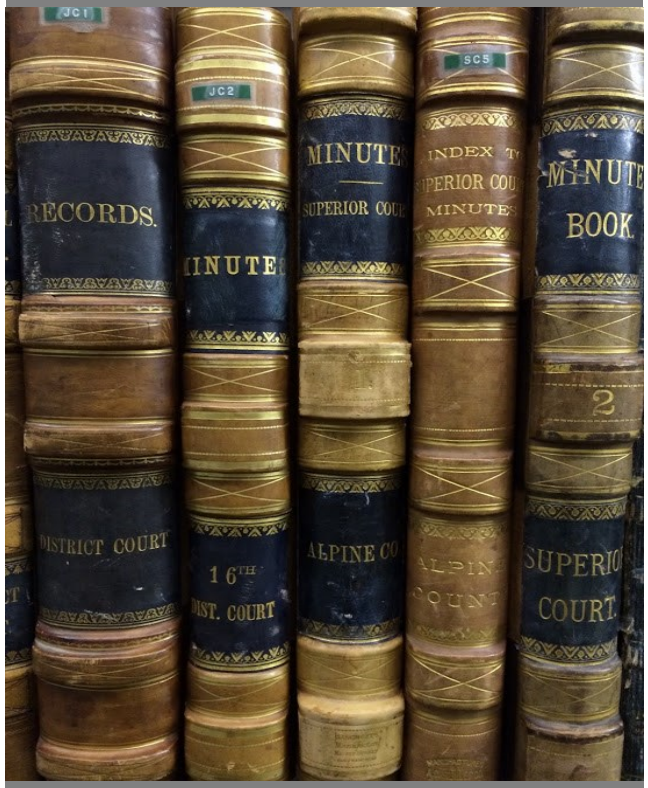

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