



Historical
Society
of
Federal Way

The Historical Society of Federal Way is available for users to reference, with HSFW assistance when appropriate. Most materials are directly relevant and /or specific to the greater Federal Way area, but some general historical materials are available. Find us on the web at www.federalwayhistory.org.

This is a brief overview of what the HSFW has in its collection:

- 3D Artifacts – 2,000 (+/-) items
- Reference library: including yearbooks from Federal Way School/High School 1936-1943, 1945-1963, 1965-1973, 1978-1979, 1982-1983, 1986-1989, 1991, 1993-1999, 2000, 2003-2004, 2006, 2010; Decatur High School 1986-1989, 1994-1999, 2005; & Thomas Jefferson High School 1980, 1983, 1987-1989, 1991, 1994-1999; Lakota Middle School, 1989, 1991, 2005; Sacajawea Middle School 2007-2009; Saghalie Middle School 1997; magazines, books (some historical), etc.
- Historical public and personal documents in 15 four-drawer filing cabinets;
- Oral Histories: 17 transcribed: Anne Calavan, Jack Burns on Harding School, Theodore Cruse, Theodore Cruse on Star Lake, Aggie Webb on Hans Olsen, Helen Faulkner Love on Wellington J. Faulkner, Mr. & Mrs. Gould on Adamick's Tavern, Norman Barber (2), Fred Peacock on Billy Peacock and Hinkle's Corner; Fred Peacock, Hans Hagen Family, Mrs. Anne Calavan, Lloyd Sutherland, Fred Spurrell-Land Development Government Survey (Homestead Laws), Fred Spurrell – Logging Railroads in Federal Way, Evelyn Cissna on TV (2), and 4 partially transcribed: H. David Kaplan, Phil & Jim Eichholtz (New Lumber & Hardware), James & Lincoln Chambers, and Alan Boyce. Completed but not transcribed: Roy Miller, Marlene Beadle, Sharon Munsey, Jerry, Tim, Mike & Ken Robinson, Rick Johnson, Mary Gates.
- Scrapbooks: Harding Women's' Club Records, 1935-1948; Federal Wayside Garden Club, 1957-1965; Brooklake Woman's Club, Community Club, 1948-1971; Federal Way Garden Club 1956-1961; Fred Root photo albums and scrapbook; Federal Way Fire Department photo album 1960's-1970's
- Photograph Archive: over 850 negatives of older photos of Federal Way, over 1,000 slides of the Federal Shopping Way and greater Federal Way area, 3 file drawers with approximately 1500 photographs not digitized.
- Newspaper Archives: Federal Way News from April/May 1953 and 1969 - 2009; Federal Way Review from August 1954 – August 1955 and October 1955 – December 1955 (publication of the Federal Shopping Way); Federal Way Mirror from 2000 – May 2011; Community News from 1985 – 1991; Federal Way City Herald from 1991 – 1993; Auburn Globe Republican from 1916-1943, Auburn Globe News from 1944-1948 and 1955-1970; Auburn Citizen from 1962-1967; Auburn Sun from 1954-1958 only.
- Articles: Monographs by Dick Caster: Federal Way School History, The Barker Cabin, The Denny Cabin, Father Peter Hylebos, St. George Indian School and Cemetery, Federal Shopping Way, The Natural History & Geography of Federal Way, The Native American Presence in Federal Way; Article by Dietrick Jones: Federal Way Dance Halls; Articles by Chris Green: Harold Booker and the Struggle Against Racism in Federal Way 1962-1970, The Federal Way Teachers Strike of 1974, The Federal Way Student Strike of May 1938. (the foregoing may be found on our website at www.federalwayhistory.org, click on the Articles tab)
- Free Informational Brochures: The Denny and Barker Cabins, Visit and Explore Historic Places Around Federal Way, Military Road: A Lasting Legacy

We provide reference services for our members and the public. We can reproduce some photographic and archival material for both personal/research and commercial purposes.