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9. Needs

(1) Community and statewide education regarding area's importance in early CA history (2) Cross-referencing of subjects with visual support for historical research (3) File formatting solution for changing electronic hardware preserved some of the area's rich resources for posterity (4) Images of important historical and cultural groups formally documented and centrally housed (5) Tourism bureau and local businesses have access for promotional use

10. Project abstract

200 of the best quality and most rare of Yuba County Library's historical photographs, many dating from the mid-1800's, were digitized. These photographs were of biographical, cultural & historical importance for the community.

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11. Project/accomplishments

The community has become aware of Yuba County Library's archive of historical photographs. This awareness will increase exponentially when the project is made available to the public online. In the meantime, historical & cultural groups have been active in promoting the project with their members. Local government officials have been very interested in the digitized photographs currently as available on CD. Project promotional pieces to be made available after the project goes live, will be an effective way to promote the library's website, in general, as well as a more specifically targeted awareness of the Online Archive of California and the California Digital Library.

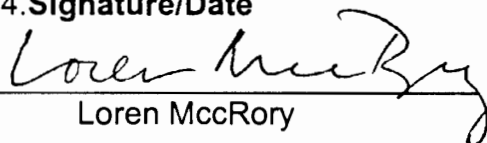
12. Subject evaluation

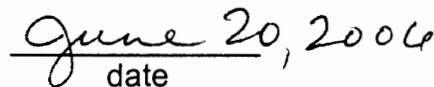
The project has been simultaneously frustrating and satisfying. Beginning with the training, the actual hands-on experience on the ContentDM software was inadequate. Time spent on theoretical and abstract information was overdone and could have been condensed in a way that would have been much more time effective. Multiple versions of the handbook contributed to the confusion in overcoming the lack of hands-on training on the ContentDM software. However, project coordinators were very patient and helpful throughout the project and the confusion and frustration was eventually remedied and the project promises to be more satisfying once completed, when materials are viewable online by the public.

13. Project continuation

Yuba County Library plans to continue the project, primarily in editing the documents that have been submitted using the ContentDM software. Additionally, major promotion of the project is planned to coordinate with the projected "online live" date in the fall. (Promoting the project to the public before the local resources are available would result in frustrated search attempts and thus be disadvantageous.

14. Signature/Date


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