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Digitized Okanagan History: A Regional Approach to Archival Digitization in B.C.'s Southern Interior

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Digitized Okanagan History

OVERVIEW & ORIGINS
PORTAL CONTENT
DEMONSTRATION
LESSONS LEARNED
THE FUTURE

Objectives & Outcomes

Enhance Access

to unique, local historical resources to support all forms of research

Build Infrastructure and Capacity

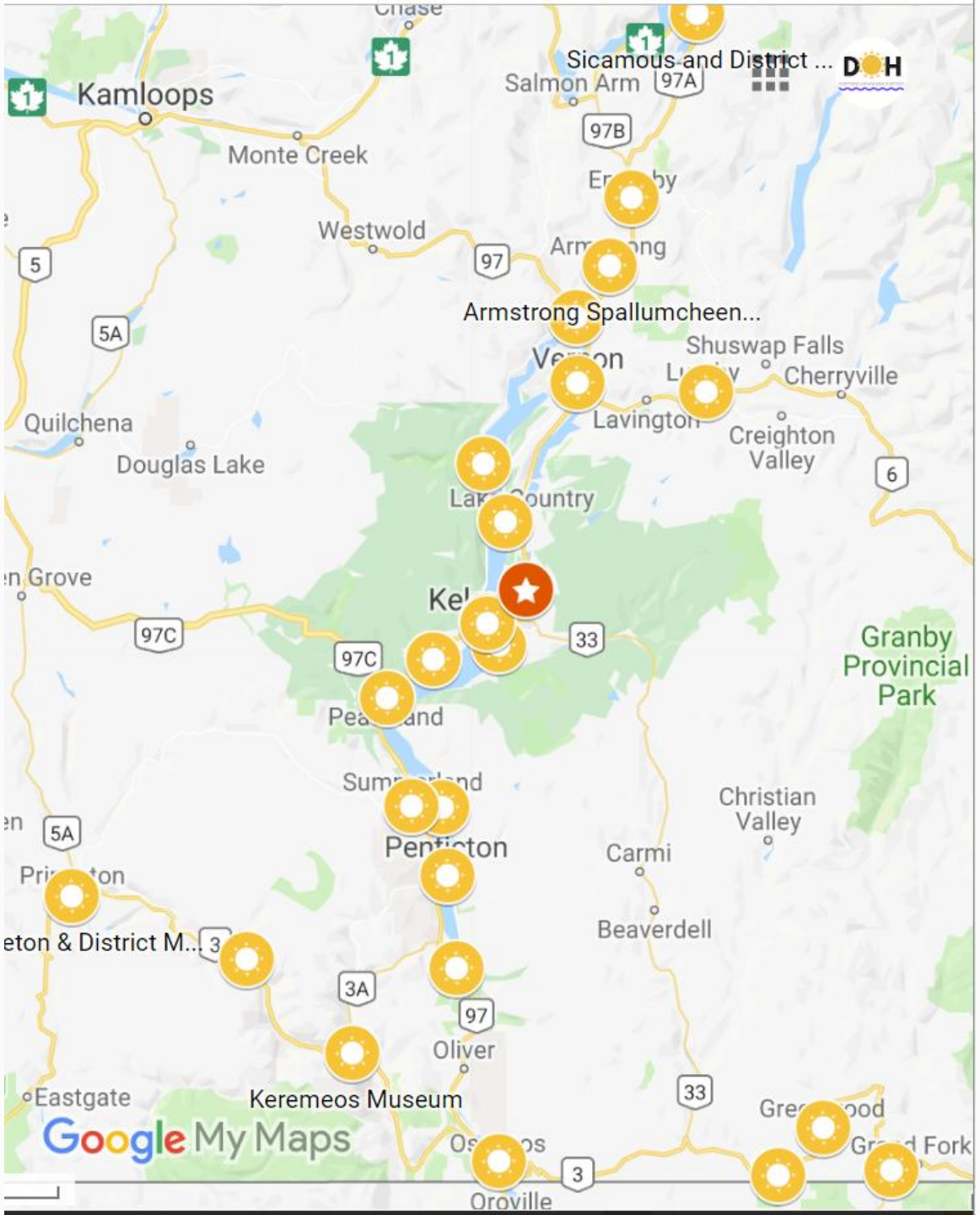
to allow small community memory institutions to participate in an inter-institutional, regional digitization project.

68,000 items

23 partners

Okanagan

Similkameen



Shuswap

Monashee

Boundary

Origins & Early Development

Project roots

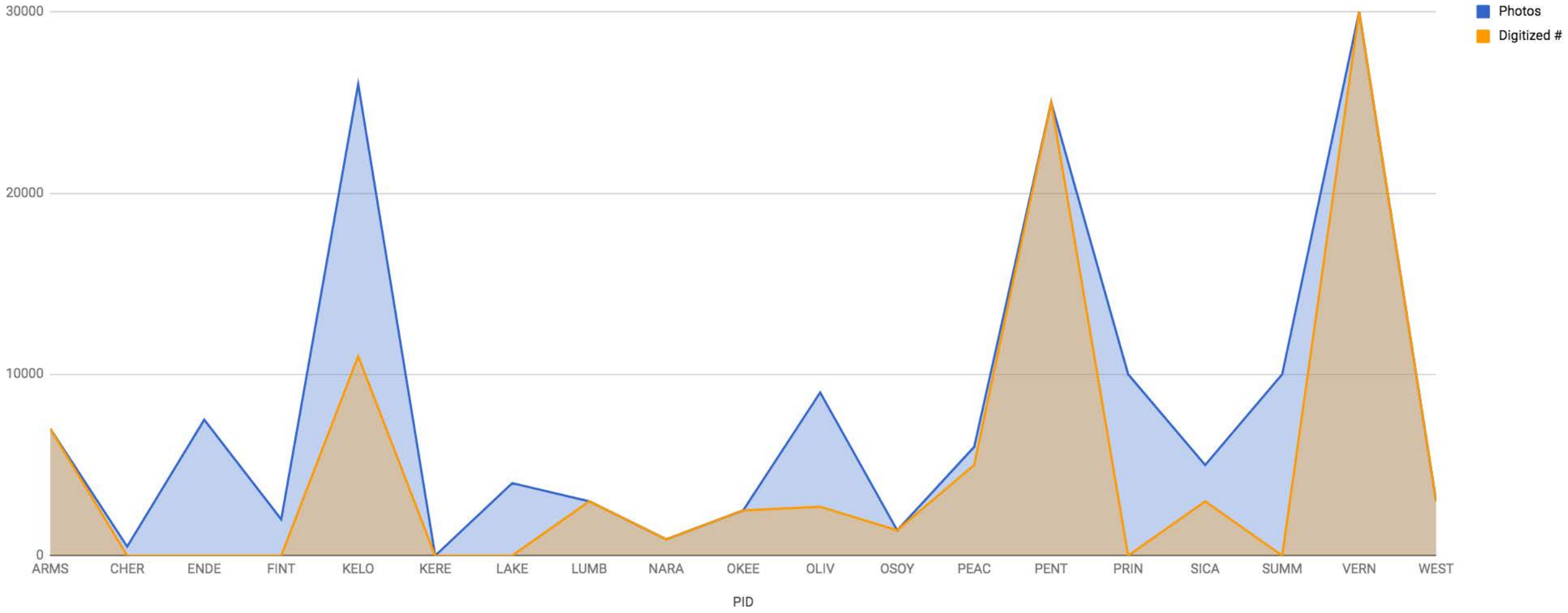
Survey & follow up site visits

Itinerant digitization model

Selection of a platform

HORSE SHOEING
F. A. CLAYTON.
WAGON REPAIRING
GENERAL BLACKSMITH.
152,000*
*Photographs only

Estimated total photos v. already digitized photos



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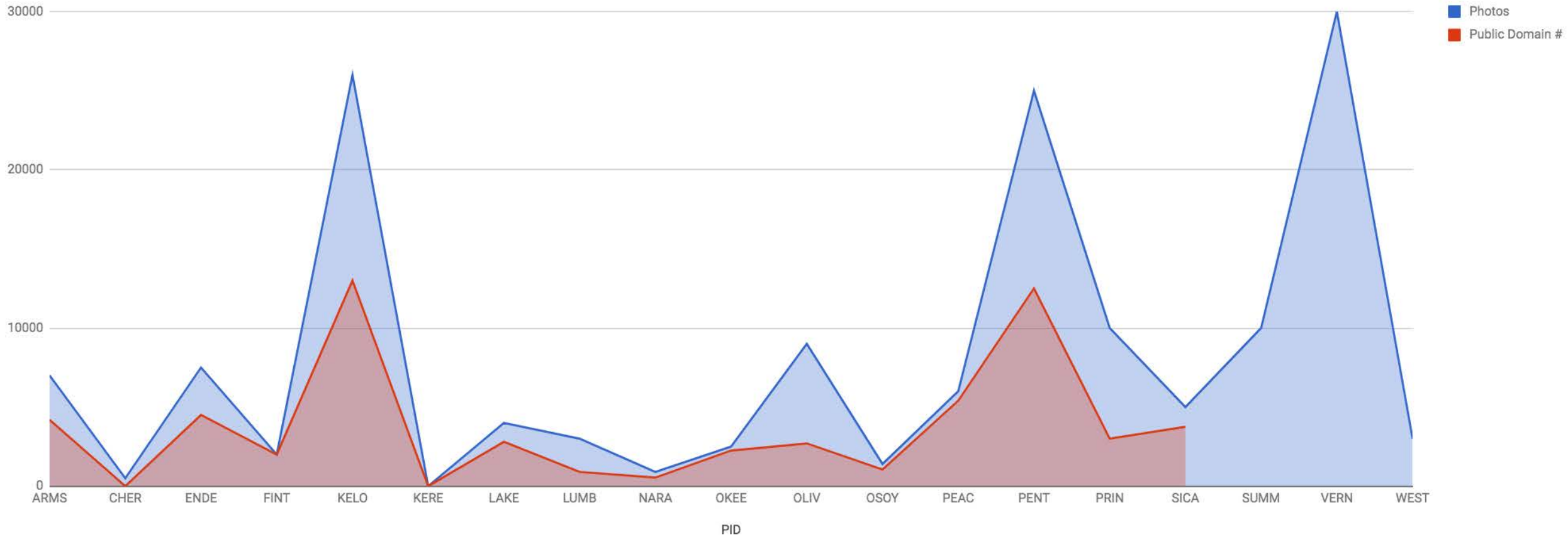

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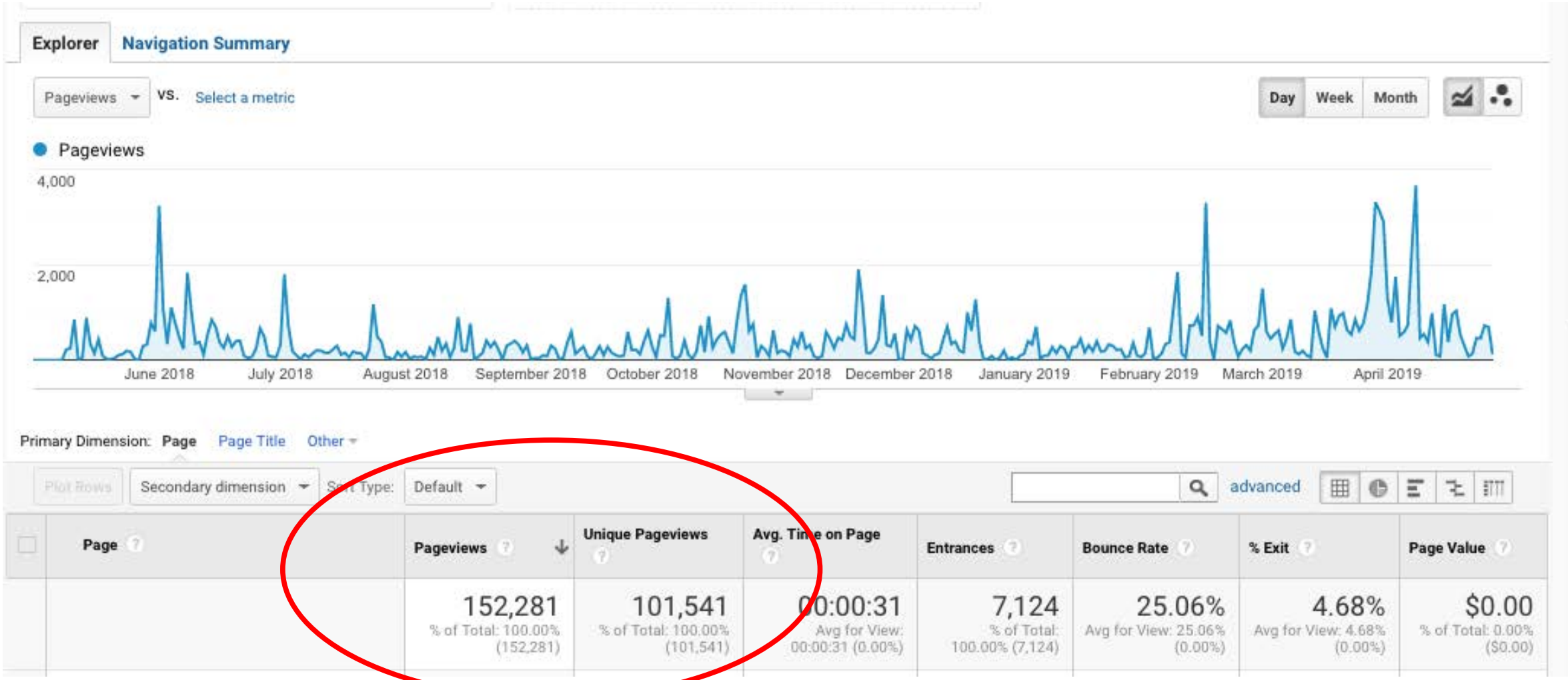

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#tbt to 1955 -- the Peachland Sawmill crew posing for a group photo! Find out more, including the names of the sawmill workers in the photo, at doh.arcabc.ca

Photograph courtesy of Peachland Museum.

#bchistory #localhistory #archives #okanagan

[redacted] anyone there that you know
Like · Reply · Message · 1w
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[redacted] Yes.. Dad and Arne Oltmanns beside him...
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[redacted] Oh good! Can always spot a Todd 🤦 I saw a few of our mothers if you go to the website mentioned. I think it is time to visit our museum 👌
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[redacted] recognized both! And Madeline is there....and Jim Clements.
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[redacted] yes...thought I recognized Madeleine ....and to think I worked with. her nephew Mike in Faro Yukon!!!
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Emma Smith and Eamon Riordan-Short, Peachland Museum, 2017

Alex Neijens and Eamon Riordan-Short, O'Keefe Historic Ranch, 2017

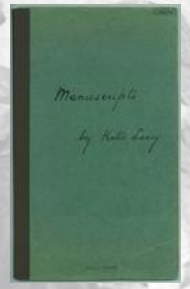
Alex Neijens, Osoyoos & District Museum & Archives, 2017

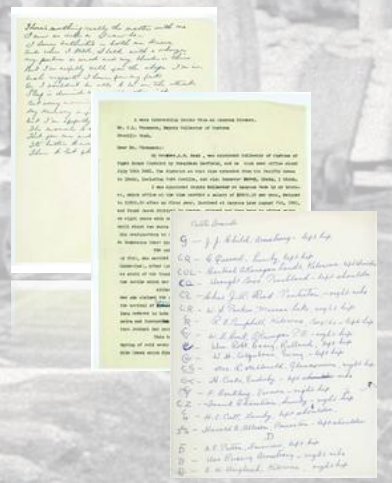
Sharon Hanna, Sicamous & District Museum, 2018

Rhiannon Wallace, Peachland Museum, 2019

Arca / D.O.H Structure

Platform → Digitized Okanagan History → Partner Repository → Collection → Objects





Portal Content

- 12,000 photographs
- Approximately 100 collections, fonds, or albums
- 80 maps
- Growing collection of oral histories
- The Prospector
- KDGS Reports
- OHS Reports
- Mining, agriculture, schools

Gaps and limitations

Filters:

- Creation, in the first instance
- Ad hoc preservation in context
- Impulse to transfer to archival custody
- Recognition of value / acceptance by repository
- Capacity to adequately describe and offer access

Resulting in relatively poor representation of:

- Women
- Indigenous communities
- Non-European immigrant communities

Countermeasures?

- Support self-selection mechanisms
- Expand beyond ‘Museums and Archives’
- Continue building relationships
- Cultivate inclusive identity for D.O.H.

Digitized Okanagan History – Portal Demonstration

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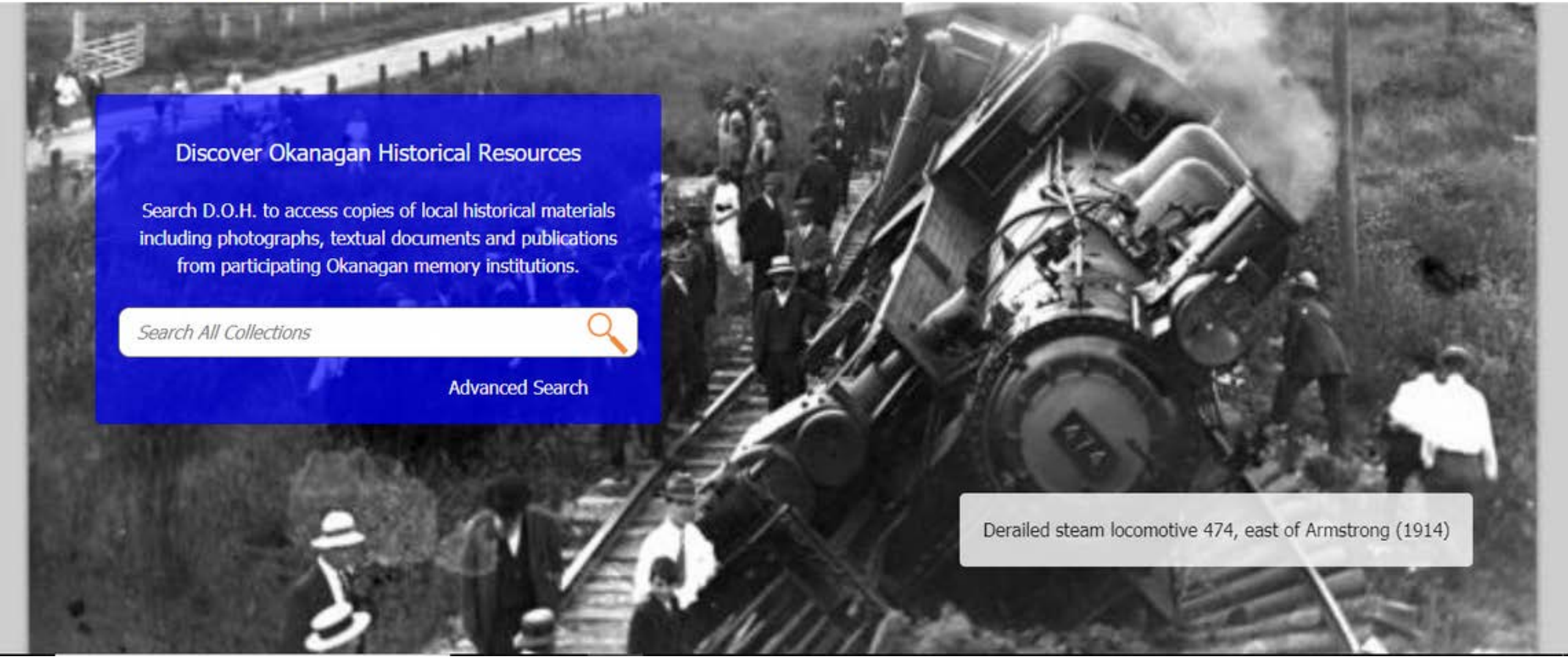

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On this day, April 16

Public School students - Teacher Eli Wilson (1906)

(270) Lambs at Eagle Bay (1939)

Arca is a collaborative initiative of British Columbia's post-secondary institutions, supported by the Province of British Columbia and the BC Electronic Library Network.

This site is a partner in Arca, British Columbia's collaborative digital repository.

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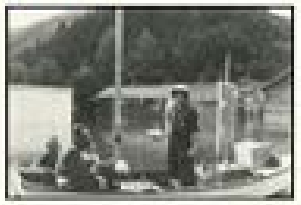
Prospector newspapers and new Sicamous photos now available!



We are pleased to announce that the next installment of photographs from Sicamous and District Museum and Historical Society has recently been made public.

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Monday, March 25, 2019 - 12:31
Tags:
DOH Materials

New Public Digitization Workstation at Kelowna Library

As of March 1st, the Okanagan Historical Society (Kelowna Branch) Community History Digitization Station will be available for use at the UBCO Innovation Library located in the O.R.L., Kelowna branch.

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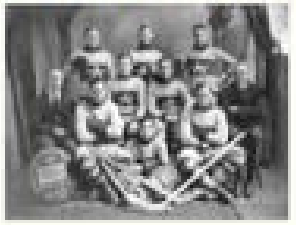
Thursday, March 7, 2019 - 15:40

Published in BCLA Perspectives



Our archivists, Paige and Chris, have written an article highlighting the collaborative nature of D.O.H. for the March edition of BCLA Perspectives, a publication by the BC Library Association.

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Monday, March 18, 2019 - 14:49
Tags:
Project Information

First Road Trip of 2019!

Chris and Rhiannon hit the road for our first trip of the year last Wednesday, February 20! We picked up materials from our new partners at Westbank Museum and dropped off materials at Peachland Museum.

Date:
Wednesday, February 27, 2019 - 15:14
Tags:
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46970 Items in 104 Collections

From its inception in 2016, the Digitized Okanagan History (D.O.H.) project has been conceived of as a unique regional partnership involving the University of British Columbia's Okanagan Campus Library and numerous community memory institutions located throughout the Okanagan, Shuswap, Similkameen and Boundary regions of B.C.'s southern interior. The objective of D.O.H. is to work collaboratively with partner repositories to improve access to a wide range of local historical resources by digitizing or collecting digital copies of photographs, archival records, maps, publications, oral histories and community newspapers and making this information more widely available through a single, integrated online portal.

If you would like to receive regular updates about our work, please subscribe to our newsletter.

At the outset of the project, materials were all scanned at partner repositories during summer visits by our student team using mobile digitization equipment. Following the site visits typically lasting three days, the team brought back the new scans as well as any existing digital content provided by the partner institutions for post-production (some light editing and description) to prepare them for upload. As the project has matured, partner repositories have become increasingly comfortable with having their materials transported to the UBCO campus for scanning. This new model provides for greater efficiency, year-round scanning activities and access to a wider array of equipment to digitize large format items, microfilm, and audio cassettes.

We upload our digitized materials to the D.O.H. repository, which is part of Arca, a collaborative initiative to support the development and implementation of digital repositories at BC post-secondary institutions. Foundational to the creation of the BC Digital Library, Arca is a province-wide network of institutional repositories that:

- provides access to faculty and student research output across multiple post-secondary institutions via a cross-repository search layer
- supports the management of institutional digital assets
- showcases BC as a hub for knowledge creation across Canada and around the world.

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Links

- Asian Heritage Month Okanagan - Online Museum
- Northern BC Digital Collection
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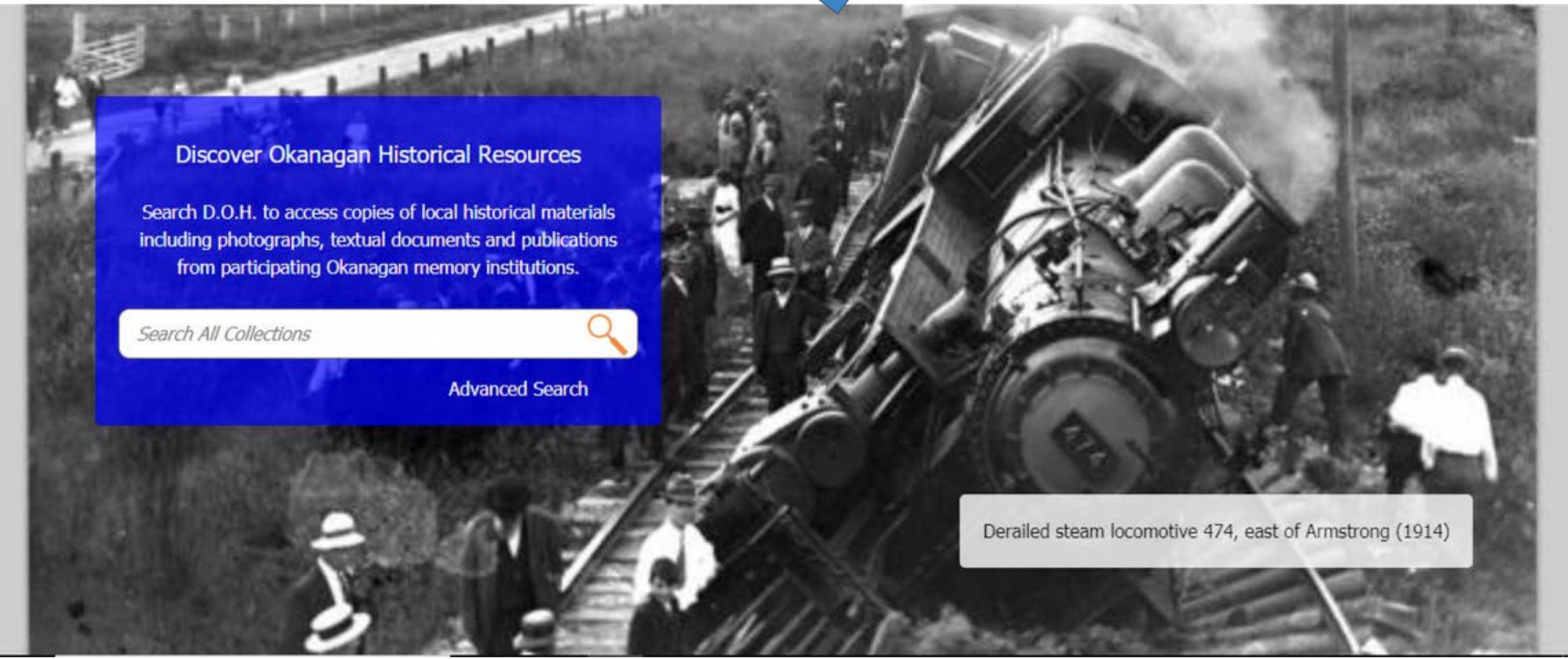

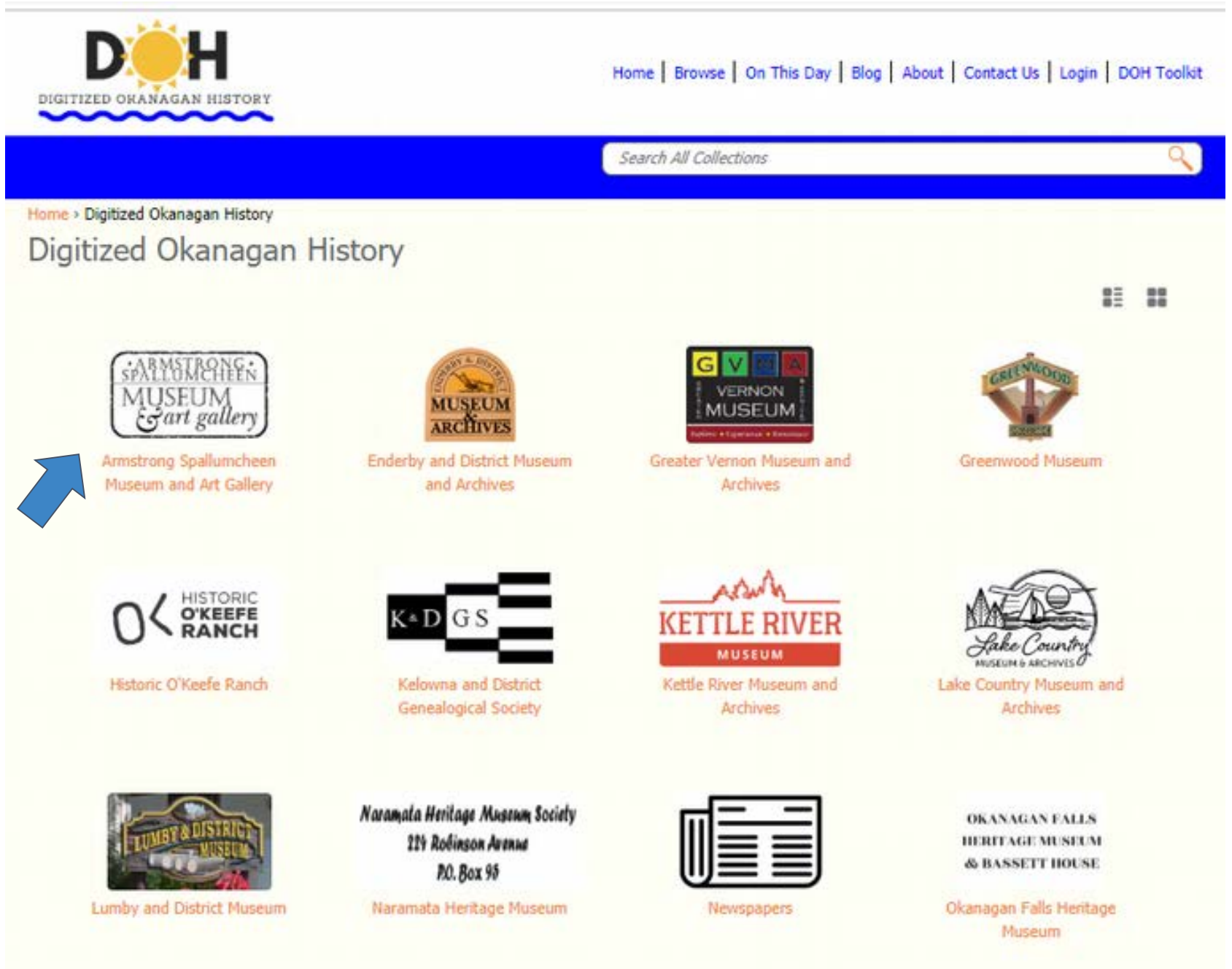
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Kelowna and District Genealogical Society
Kettle River Museum and Archives
Lake Country Museum and Archives
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Armstrong Spallumcheen Museum and Art Gallery

The Armstrong Spallumcheen Archives preserves and provides access to public records, historical documents and photographs documenting the history of Armstrong and Spallumcheen. For additional information see: http://armstrongspallmuseumart.com/armstrong-spallumcheen-museum-and-art-gallery-archives.html.

Armstrong Cheerio Club

Armstrong City Minutes, 1913 - 1948

Armstrong High School collection

Armstrong Oral Histories

Armstrong Photograph Collection

Municipality of Spallumcheen Land Rolls

Spallumcheen Assessment Rolls

Township of Spallumcheen Minutes, 1892 - 1948

Historic O'Keefe Ranch

Kelowna and District Genealogical Society

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Osoyoos and District Museum and Archives

The Osoyoos & District Museum and Archives identifies, acquires, records, and preserves archival records of enduring historic value to the Osoyoos area, including Richter, Kruger, Kobau and Anarchist mountains. For more information see: http://www.osoyoosmuseum.ca/index.php/archives.html.

John Carmichael Haynes fonds

Katie Lacey fonds

Kruger Family fonds

Okanagan Society for the Revival of Indian Arts and Crafts fonds

Osoyoos Customs House fonds

Osoyoos Photographs

Society for the Furtherance of BC Indian Arts and Crafts fonds

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Katie Lacey fonds

Katie Lacey moved to Osoyoos with her family at age 11 in 1911. She lived in the area throughout her adult life until her death in Oliver in 1963. Fonds consists of the personal records of Katie Lacey. Series include: correspondence, personal writings, research materials, notes, and sketches. For additional information see https://www.memorybc.ca/katie-lacey-fonds.

Series 1: Correspondence

Series 2: Personal Writings

Series 3: Research materials

Series 4: Notes

Series 5: Sketches

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Series 3: Research materials

Series consists of published materials, unpublished materials, and correspondence used by Katie Lacey for research or personal interest purposes.

Subseries 3.1: Correspondence 1933

Subseries 3.2: Published materials

Subseries 3.3: Unpublished materials

Subseries 3.1: Correspondence 1933

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Subseries 3.1: Correspondence 1933...

Search inside GO TEXT

A very interesting letter from an Osoyoos Pioneer.

Mr. C.L. Thompson, Deputy Collector of Customs
Oroville Wash.

Dear Mr. Thompson:-

My brother,A.W. Nash , was appointed Collector of Customs of Puget Sound District by President Garfield, and he took over office about July 10th 1881. The district at that time extended from the Pacific Ocean to Idaho, including Fort Coville, and also Bonners' Ferry, Idaho, I think.

I was appointed deputy Collector at Osoyoos Lake by my brother, which office at the time carried a salary of $2500.00 per year, reduced to $1800.00 after my first year. Iarrived at Osoyoos Lake August 7th, 1882, and found Jacob Stitzel in charge. Stitzel had then been in office seven or eight years with headquarters at Fort Coville then (then a military post) until about two years previous to my arrival,. when he was ordered to move his headquarters to Osoyoos Lake, but his jurisdiction extended from Cascade Mountains thro' Spokane Falls to Bonner'Ferry, Idaho.

The cabin occupied by Stitzel was built by John Lutz (possibly Utz), who married a Squaw by the name of Texas Catherine,(that is little Catherine). After Lutz death, Catherine moved to Kettle Falls about 75 miles south of the Boundary Line where she took up a ranch, and raised hay for the cattle which her husband left her.

Altho' she abandoned the Osoyoos Ranch, the one on Kettle River she claimed the cabin and Stitzel paid her a small sum for rent. Upon the arrival of Special Agent for the Treasury and my brother the Collector, I was ordered to take over the abandoned building, and extend $500.00 in repairs and furnishings it with a good cook stove to replace a delapidated one that Stitzel had packed in and put up with.

This building was located on a bench just above abbeautiful s spring of cold water that bubbled out of the hillside of a canyon of Nine Mile Creek which flows within thirty yards of the cabin.According to old-ti

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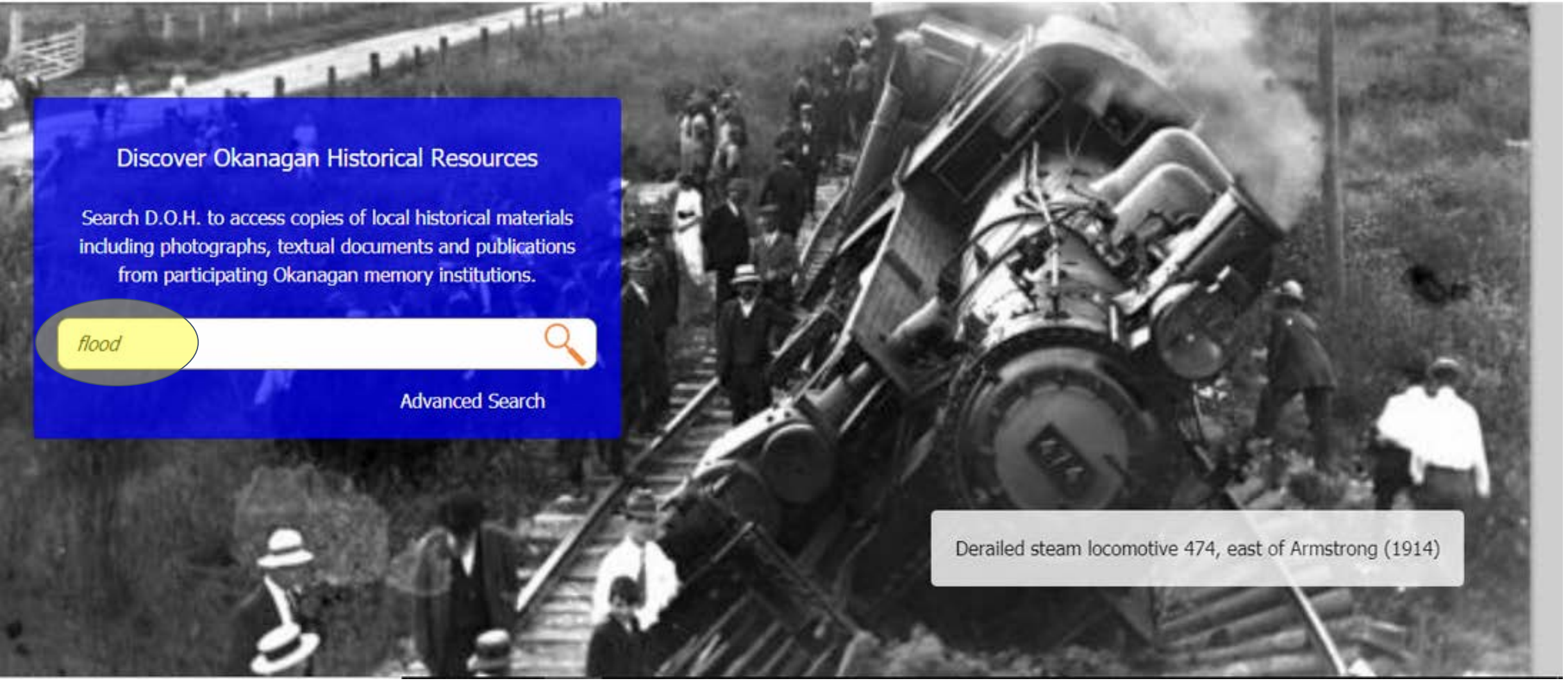

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1904 - 2019
(5 years)

Filter

Specify date range: Show

Collection

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- Okanagan Falls... (15) + -
- South Similkam... (14) + -
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- Enderby and Di... (5) + -

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- newspaper (7) + -

Type

- still image (149) + -
- text (14) + -

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Title Osoyoos flood
Date 1945
Source Osoyoos and District Museum and Archives

Title Osoyoos flood
Date 1948
Source Osoyoos and District Museum and Archives

Title A Flood
Date 1915
Source Historic O'Keefe Ranch

Title Dynamiting to break the "jam"
Source South Similkameen Museum

Title Upward slope view of Twin Creek road damage
Date 2017
Source Greenwood Museum

Title Downward slope view of Twin Creek road damage

Osoyoos flood

In collections

Osoyoos Photographs

Description

▸Details

Title	Osoyoos flood
Date	1948
Extent	1 photograph : black & white
Description	Car driving on a flooded road on east side of Osoyoos Lake
Local Identifier	2011.001.100
Source	Osoyoos and District Museum and Archives
Rights	Images provided for research and reference only. Permission to publish, copy, or otherwise use these images must be obtained from Osoyoos and District Museum and Archives: http://www.osoyoosmuseum.ca/
Type	still image
Genre	photographs
Subject	Floods
Geographical Subject	Osoyoos (B.C.)

▸Map

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(5 years)

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Source South Similkameen Museum

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Date 1972
Source South Similkameen Museum

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Date 1972
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(5 years)

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Date 1938-09-16

Title The Prospector, August 26, 1938
Date 1938-08-26

Title The Prospector, September 9, 1938
Date 1938-09-09

Title The Prospector, August 19, 1938
Date 1938-08-19

Title The Prospector, July 22, 1938
Date 1938-07-22

Title The Prospector, November 18, 1938
Date 1938-11-18

Title The Prospector, December 30, 1938
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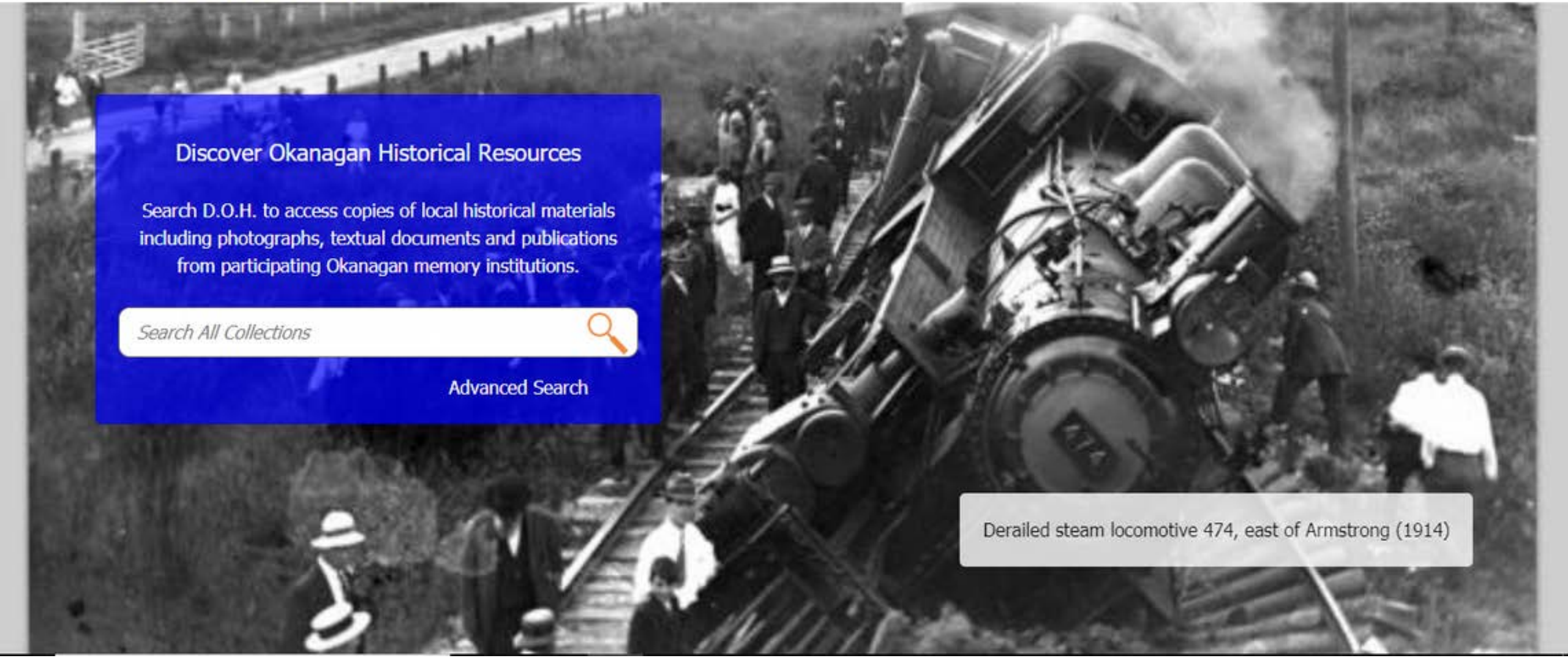

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Search Tips

- Click the + button to add more fields to your search.
- Use **AND** between terms to find items with **all** the terms.
- Use **OR** between terms to find items with **any** the terms.
- When using the Date search, use * as a wildcard. For example, use ***1964*** to find everything in 1964 or ***196*** to find everything in the 1960s.
- Select the Name/Creator field to search for items authored or created by an individual.
- Select the Subjects field to search for items about an individual.
- Select the Full Text field to search within book or newspaper items.

Lessons Learned

- Few examples of collaborative regional digitization projects
- More digitized material (particularly photographs) than expected
- Confirmation that partner repositories could not have created their own online portals for digitized material
- Opportunity to learn from and about our community partners
- Important role of relationship building in collaborative projects

Future Directions

- Sustainable model for D.O.H.
- New Columbia/Kootenay regional digitization project
- Regional community newspaper digitization project

Thank you

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Slide 3: James, J.A. (1912). Hezekiah Elliot's team of oxen in front of Enderby Public School. Enderby and District Museum and Archives, control no. 1185. https://doh.arcabc.ca/islandora/object/enderby%3A21

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Slide 36: Car rally near Fortune School. (1920). Enderby and District Museum and Archives, control no. 4800. Retrieved https://doh.arcabc.ca/islandora/object/enderby%3A131

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