



FHS Welcomes New Staff Member



Film slides are just one of the formats Lauren Bissonette will be working with.

Lauren Bissonette has recently joined the FHS library staff to provide archival support for digitizing, uploading and cataloging the FHS photograph and archival holdings. She recently completed digitization of the biographical files of 5,000 former employees of the U.S. Forest Service and now is working on photos from the Weyerhaeuser Company records.

Lauren holds a Masters in Library and Information Science (MLIS) with a concentration in Cultural

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Address Change!

As of January 1, 2020, we will no longer be getting forwarded mail from our old address on William Vickers Ave.

PLEASE update your records with our new address: 2925 Academy Rd. Durham, NC 27705

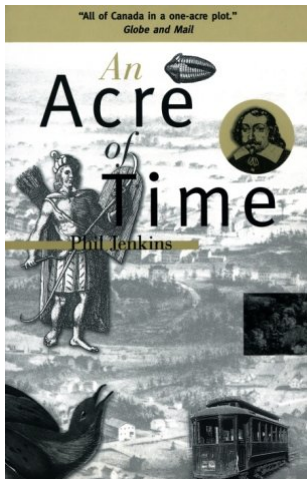
Thank you!

Heritage from Simmons University. Before moving to North Carolina, she interned at the Boston Public Library in their Fine Arts and Prints departments to inventory and research their collections, while also working as the Interlibrary Loan Specialist at Beatley Library. She has also worked as an assistant editor at Brill Academic Publishing.

Lauren lives in Durham with her fiancé and two cats, and is also a library assistant with Wake County Public Library. Welcome, Lauren!

FHS Hosting Luncheon at ASEH!

The Society is sponsoring a luncheon at the upcoming [American Society for Environmental History](#) conference in Ottawa, Canada, on March 26, 2020. All are welcome to attend.



Local author Phil Jenkins, author of the award-winning book *An Acre of Time*, will explore the history of a single acre on the river, from prehistory up through the 1960s. The future of this parcel of valuable, undeveloped land has been hotly debated for the last several years. His talk will be more than timely.

Those attending the conference can sign up when [registering for the conference](#). If you wish to join us for lunch but are not attending the conference, please contact Andrea Anderson either [by email](#) or by calling 919-682-9319. Be sure to stop by our exhibit booth to say "hello" to FHS President Steve Anderson, archivist Eben Lehman, or historian Jamie Lewis.

Korb Digital Collection Expanded

FHS on the Air!



Rocky Mountain PBS recently premiered *Colorado Experience: Forests of Change*, which uses numerous images from the FHS photo collection. View it on [YouTube](#).

ATTENTION AUTHORS!

Did you recently publish a book? Do you have one coming out soon? If so, please tell your publisher to send us **TWO** review copies: one for our magazine *Forest History Today* and the other for the journal *Environmental History*. Have them sent to:
Eben Lehman
Forest History Society 2925
Academy Road Durham,
NC 27705

All books are entered into our [bibliographic database](#), which is used by scholars around the world to find the latest publications in environmental history.





Sheep Hill Lookout and a district pack string, Nez Perce National Forest, 1960.

John W. Korb retired from the U.S. Forest Service in 1993 after 36 years with the agency. Two groupings of new slides have been added to the collection taken by John. One group features President John F. Kennedy at the dedication of the [Pinchot Institute](#) at [Grey Towers](#), the estate of [Gifford Pinchot](#), in 1963.

The other group were taken by Korb between 1956 and 1961 while working on the Nezperce National Forest in Idaho and the construction of the new Sheep Hill Lookout, sawmills, and other district operations. You can view the full slide collection [here](#).

When we informed John that the scanning work had been completed, he wrote to say,
"The [FHS Staff] did an outstanding job of assembling the material. I appreciate the Forest History Society taking on the monumental task of archiving all historic material entrusted to the Society."



John F. Kennedy arrives at Grey Towers for the dedication of

Foresters Visit, Consult with FHS Staff



Three foresters deeply involved with the centennial celebration for the [Appalachian Society of American Foresters](#) in 2021 stopped in for tours of the building and to consult with FHS staff.

ApSAF historian Derryl Walden visited with Eben Lehman and Steve Anderson and reviewed records and photos for the book-length history he's working on of the organization. Derryl has updated a manuscript prepared by Susan Yarnell twenty years ago for FHS but was never published.

Tom Davidson, immediate past chair of ApSAF, sought advice from historian Jamie Lewis on source material for scripting Tom's portrayal of Gifford Pinchot at the upcoming conference. Tom also spoke with him, Eben and Steve about what it would take to publish the ApSAF book. Tom is founder of Leadership Nature, which works with managers and leaders in the natural resources profession. His [Leadership Nature Podcast](#) is one of the few solely focused on the forestry community.

Patricia Straka has been a forester since 1974, and started working as a consulting forester in South Carolina and Mississippi in 1997. She and Jamie are members of the 2021 ApSAF Program Committee and met to discuss plans for next January's conference. Pat and her husband Tom, a forestry professor at Clemson University, are longtime members of FHS and frequent contributors to *Forest History Today*; they will have an article in the upcoming issue. Pat also donated materials relating to the Crown Zellerbach Corporation's Louisiana operations saved when she was helping close their offices early in her career.

The Forest History Society is the repository for the national office of the [Society of American Foresters](#). The collection contains some ApSAF materials.

Another Moment of Serendipity



Emile Grandjean and his dog Granny, courtesy of the Idaho State Historical Society physical photo collection.

Last fall Dick Oline, a resident at a local retirement community in Durham, visited the Society. He reported that his son David is a biology professor at Southern Oregon University who's interested in ecological variation in several tree species. During the holidays he returned with David to tour our new facilities. David shared that his wife's grandparents, from the 1950s to 2006, owned and operated Sawtooth Lodge, which incorporates the ranger station built in the early 1900s by Emile Grandjean, himself a well-known Idahoan and the first supervisor of the Boise National Forest.

Thumbing through the biographical files of the USFS Headquarters History Reference Collection housed at the FHS, we didn't find a "Grandjean" listing. But after a more thorough inquiry, we found an unpublished manuscript by Gorden Bowen about Emile. "[Grandjean: Man of the Forests](#)" provides an interesting [biography of Emile Grandjean](#) and the Grandjean family. Born in 1861 in Denmark, after receiving some forestry training Emile emigrated first to Nebraska and then to Idaho by 1883. He joined the Forest Service in 1906, and served on the

Boise from 1908 to 1922. He became so prominent before and during his service that several geographic features are named for him and the State of Idaho has a roadside historical marker about him.

Around 1940, F. S. Moore, then supervisor of the Boise National Forest, asked previous employees to send stories about their time on the Forest. Some of the letters are included in the manuscript. One such letter was by from [Lyle F. Watts](#), then regional forester in Portland for the Region 5 (Oregon and Washington); he later served as chief from 1943 to 1952. Of Emile Grandjean he wrote:

It seems like a long time ago that I reported to Supervisor E. Grandjean for duty as deputy supervisor of the Boise National Forest [May 1, 1918]... Much of any success that I have since enjoyed harks back to the fine character and strengthening influences of Mr. Grandjean. At the time, I thought he did not direct my work enough, but I now know that he was really offering me a chance for development through the assumption of as much responsibility as I cared to take. It is the Forest Service's loss that the E. Grandjeans are found no more in our streamlined organization.

Typical of his keen, dry humor was his answer to an inquiry from Joe Falck then in Fiscal Control in Ogden. It seems that the Boise [National Forest] bought four or five saddle pads and failed to show the purpose on the voucher. In answer to Falck's inquiry Mr. Grandjean wrote back that "the saddle pads in question were purchased to place between the saddle and the horse's back.

Thanks to the Olines for bringing Emile Grandjean and the history of the Sawtooth Lodge to our attention.

