

Facts and Statistics about the CCHS Scanning Center

As of November 10, 2025 these are the statistics of our Internet Archive digital library:

- Went Live with Internet Archive on June 12, 2019
- Hired Julie Burpie as our digital archivist in Fall 2019
- Then Covid hit.
 - The bad: The momentum to tie in multiple stakeholders was brought to a standstill.
 - The good: With limited access to the center by the public, Julie and Chelsea Vaughn, CCHS curator, had a lot of time to get a jump on the Digital Archive.

To Date:

- Total number of collections 41 (last one is a new collection for the Columbia River Maritime Museum)
- Total Views: **489,917**
- Total Items: **4,187**
- Our digital library has almost ½ a terabyte of storage in **82,025** files.
- 42 restricted pioneer raw video interviews of people in Clatsop County. Includes all captions in text and included in Meta Data for full text search.
- Almost 16 hours of recordings of people such as Bob McEwan, Dick Fedig, Denny Holmes, Richie Schroder, Russ Earl, Mike Manion and many more.
- 18 Publicly available videos. These include several short 8-10 minute vignettes of some of our pioneer interviews.
 - Includes three presentations made at the CCHS Thursday Night Talks or the Seaside Museums History and Hops talks.

Top 10 collections by views since June 12, 2019

1. [Clatsop Community College Historic Preservation & Restoration Digital Archive](#)

Views: 90,993

2. [Astoriana Ephemera and souvenirs from Astoria's rich past.](#)

Views: 84,500

3. [City Directories](#)

Views: 43,894

4. [Yearbooks](#)

Views: 39,413

5. [Cumtux](#)

Views: 33,272

7. [Peace First Lutheran Church](#)

Views: 24,446

8. [Clatsop Plains Historical Records, Incl. Surf Pines and Gearhart](#)

Views: 24,195

9. [Photo Albums](#)

Views: 18,872

10. [School Records](#)

Views: 17,693

Top Regions (Last 30 Days)

Region	Country	Views
California	United States of America	1,278
Unknown	United States of America	1,191
Ontario	Canada	953
New Jersey	United States of America	798
Oregon	United States of America	782
Texas	United States of America	449
Washington	United States of America	407
Ohio	United States of America	315
New York	United States of America	314
Utah	United States of America	293

The Paul See Digital Scanning Initiative

Preserving History Through Digitization

In 2018, the devastating Aberdeen, WA Armory fire destroyed an irreplaceable local historical museum, highlighting the urgency of preserving historical documents and photographs. Inspired by this loss, the Clatsop County Historical Society (CCHS) launched a digital scanning initiative to safeguard our shared heritage for future generations.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Huisiking Foundation in 2018, CCHS established a state-of-the-art digital scanning center, featuring professional high-speed scanners and access to the **Internet Archive (IA)**—the world’s largest online library with over 49 million books and documents and 10 Million Videos.

Since late 2018 to August 2025, more than **\$265,000 in donations** has enabled the scanning center to hire a digital archivist and upload over **41 major collections**. As of October 2025, the initiative has digitized **4,187 documents**—totaling **82,025 files**—and amassed over **489,917 internet views** from history enthusiasts worldwide.

These donations have allowed CCHS to digitize its own substantial collection and help local organizations preserve their archives at no cost. Beneficiaries include the **Seaside Museum, Warrenton Heritage Museum, the Astoria Golf and Country Club, Clatsop Plains Historical Records (including Gearhart and Surf Pines), Peace First Lutheran Church, the Westport, OR Collection, LCPS**, and many more.

A Unique Opportunity to Double Your Impact

Now, we have an exciting opportunity to expand this work! A generous donor will **match all contributions** to the scanning center **dollar for dollar—up to \$20,000**. We need your support to meet this goal by the end of 2025! If realized, this means that by the end of this year over \$300,000 will have been raised to support our county and its many stakeholders.

Your Support Preserves History

As a **501(c)(3) non-profit organization**, all contributions to CCHS are **tax-deductible**. Your donation—no matter the size—will help ensure Clatsop County’s history remains accessible for future generations.

How You Can Help

- **Mail:** CCHS, PO Box 88, Astoria, OR 97103
- **Phone:** 503-325-2203
- **Online:** Donate with a credit or debit card at astoriamuseums.org/support-us/donate
(Be sure to specify that your gift is for the Scanning Center to count toward the match!)

Together, we can preserve the stories of our past. Don’t miss this chance to **double your impact**—help us unlock the full \$20,000 match by contributing today!

Explore our growing collection on the [Internet Archive](https://www.archive.org/) and join us in safeguarding our region’s unique heritage. Every dollar makes a difference!