

**July 2018 MAHFAB Grant Update:
Tread of Pioneers Museum's Oral History Transcription Project Phase III**

- Project process: digital audio files are uploaded to Rev.com's website and within 1-2 days the museum receives the transcript in a MS Word document via email. Once the files are received, \$2,500 of the museum's in-kind match will be spent on staff time to listen to the audio files, compare them to the transcription, verify the speakers, and correct any errors. This phase of the project will be referred to as editing/reconciliation.
- We had previously digitized all of the Phase III oral history cassettes to audio CDs and external hard drive and have always made them available to researchers. This was not part of this grant project, but was completed by the museum over the last ten years.
- In this project, to date we have transcribed 79 files, for a total of \$4,640. We spent the museum's \$2,500 cash match this fall, and approximately half of the MAHFAB \$5,000 grant that is eligible for reimbursement. We have another \$2,800 left to spend on additional transcriptions. Further, we have begun reviewing and correcting the files to complete the in-kind \$2,500 worth of staff time. We have spent approximately \$685 to date on staff time on this project. We plan to complete the project by the beginning of the fall.
- Examples of interviews in the museum's oral history collection now transcribed:
Ann Casey – ranching on current Casey's Pond location
Don Lufkin – philanthropy, ranching, real estate
Bill & Betty Neish – ranching and town history
Vernon Summer – town history and rodeo history