

The Lost Photographs of the Kittitas Division of the Yakima Project

**Free Presentation by
Kelsey Doncaster
Thursday, Oct 18th at 6pm
Kittitas County Historical Museum**

Kelsey Doncaster, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Historian, will present a lecture about the lost photographs of Kittitas Division of the Yakima Project. Do you know that Reclamation has a historic photograph collection? Reclamation photographers have documented construction projects and the local communities associated with these projects for decades and in some cases even before the irrigation project was started with investigation studies.

Construction of the Kittitas Division started in 1926 and was completed in 1933. Reclamation photographers not only documented the construction, but also non-irrigation system views of the Kittitas Valley from the Kittitas County Fair to Ellensburg's Cooperative Creamery to Luther Harrell's pure bred Belgian horses. In fact, thousands of photographs were taken by these photographers from the 1920s-1930s in the Kittitas Valley.

Since the 1930s, these photographs have remained in the basement of Kittitas Reclamation District, until their discovery. The presentation will be a wide selection of the 2,000 photographs to show what the Kittitas Valley looked like in the 1920s-1930s, before and after the Kittitas Division of the Yakima Project was built.

