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Memeria and Historic Seattle Make City's History More Accessible

Memeria digitizes 3500 historical photographs for Historic Seattle -

SEATTLE, Apr. 30, 2008 – Memeria, Incorporated, a pioneer of house-call, photo-scanning, brought their equipment and personnel to Historic Seattle, the region's foremost architectural preservation organization, and scanned a significant portion of their collection of historic photographs and post cards. The photos include a rich architectural history of Seattle, its various neighborhoods and valuable architecture. The onsite scanning was donated by Memeria to lay the groundwork for a digital collection at Historic Seattle's newly developed Northwest Resource Center for Preservation on the ground level of its First Hill headquarters, the historic H.H. Dearborn residence.

Over the coming months, the newly digitized collection will be categorized and tagged with descriptions for search. accessibility. A small sample of the scanned images can be viewed online at www.historicseattle.org

"Awareness is an essential ingredient to preservation," said Kathleen Brooker, Executive Director of Historic Seattle. "Making this collection available will provide a convenient way for residents, researchers, and others to learn more about Seattle's architectural treasures."

"We are very pleased to have helped make Seattle's history more accessible" said Anthony Miller, president of Memeria. "With photos of buildings dating as far back as the 19th century, it was also a good opportunity to demonstrate the gentleness and speed of our Kodak scanning equipment."

About Memeria

Memeria, Incorporated (www.memeria.com) is a provider of services that conveniently convert pre-digital-era assets to digital ones so that they can be more easily shared, better organized, and preserved longer. The company is a pioneer in delivering house-call, scanning services to historical organizations as well as scrapbook, genealogy, and digital photo enthusiasts.

About Historic Seattle

Historic Seattle believes that buildings provide an essential link to the past, reminding us of who we are and where we came from. Founded in 1974, Historic Seattle is the only nonprofit membership organization dedicated to preserving Seattle and King County's architectural legacy. Its mission is to educate, advocate and preserve.

As both a public development authority and charitable foundation Historic Seattle is a major advocate for, and participant in, the thoughtful and meaningful preservation and rehabilitation of historic buildings. As a public development authority, it has helped protect and preserve 45 irreplaceable buildings. It also advocates for preservation by urging policy makers, developers and citizens to consider the value of historic buildings. Finally, Historic Seattle offers a year-round program of educational lectures and tours to increase public awareness of the vibrant architectural heritage in the region

Historic Seattle's offices are located in the historic Dearborn House on First Hill at 1117 Minor Avenue, between Spring and Seneca Streets (206) 622-6952; www.historicseattle.org.

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