

South Dakota Supreme Court Law Library

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Pierre, South Dakota 57501
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OPEN: 8 am - 5 pm M-F

Our Mission Statement

SDCL 16-1-14: The Supreme Court library shall consist of all constitutions, statutes, session laws, court reports, digests, textbooks, and other legal publications now owned by the state and under the control of the justices of the Supreme Court, or which may hereafter be acquired by purchase, exchange, or otherwise.

The Supreme Court library shall be under the exclusive control and supervision of the justices of the Supreme Court who are hereby authorized to make such rules and regulations regarding its use as they may deem proper.



Federal Depository Status

The library became a federal depository library in 1978. It serves the government needs of the single U.S. Congressional District that encompasses all of South Dakota. The only other depository near it is the State Library, also in Pierre.

FDLP Links

[FDLP Basic Collection](#)

Remodeling, Renovation, Restoration

In August 2015 The Supreme court began the process of restoring the Supreme Court Law library to it's original splendor. It is the last room in the Capitol open to the public which has not been restored.

As a result, select treasures, government depository materials and South Dakota law books have been moved to room 124 of the Capitol. Three computer terminals with public access Westlaw, Microfische and a copy machine have been moved to room 222 of the Capitol. Both are open to the public from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. After hours and weekend access can be arranged.

Hidden Artwork Revealed



Hidden artwork that started the restoration



The first artwork found



The first name found



First artwork found on the ceiling joists



Another view of the first artwork found



Bennett's name found



Bliss's name found



Corson's name found

Renovation Images



Original photograph of the law library



Photo of the library before renovations began



Library after equipment and book removal



Another view of the library after equipment and book removal



Artwork revealed by the bookcase removal



More reveal as bookcases were removed



Another view of the artwork behind the bookcases



Artwork as shown after the second floor removal

Current Renovation Progress



Back left corner of the library currently



Left wall of the library currently



Left wall of the library currently



Left wall of the library currently



Entire view of the library currently



View of the library revealed wood floor

The current artwork that has been revealed



Wall artwork revealed after bookcase removal



Wall artwork revealed after bookcase removal



Ceiling artwork revealed after bookcase removal



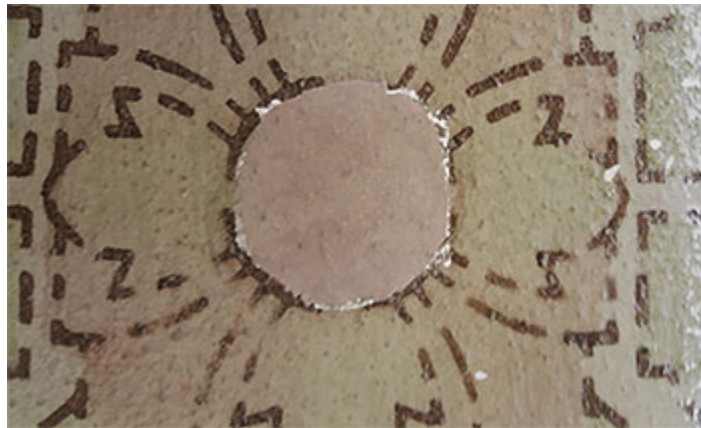
Ceiling artwork revealed after bookcase removal



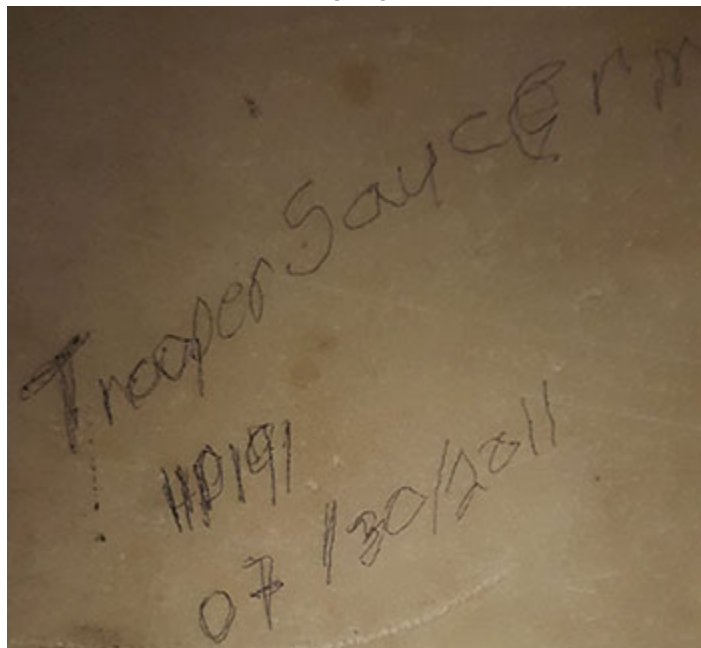
Close up of wall artwork



Close up of wall artwork



Flower artwork closeup with suspected silver paint behind the middle of the flower



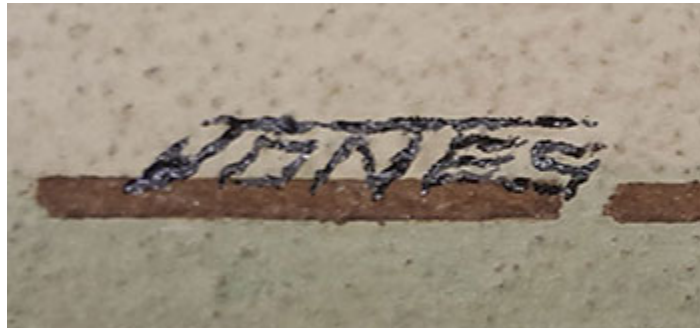
Signature of guard Trooper Saucerman in 2011



Fuller's name revealed after bookcase removal



Whiting's name revealed after bookcase removal



Artist's signature revealed on Whiting's name painting