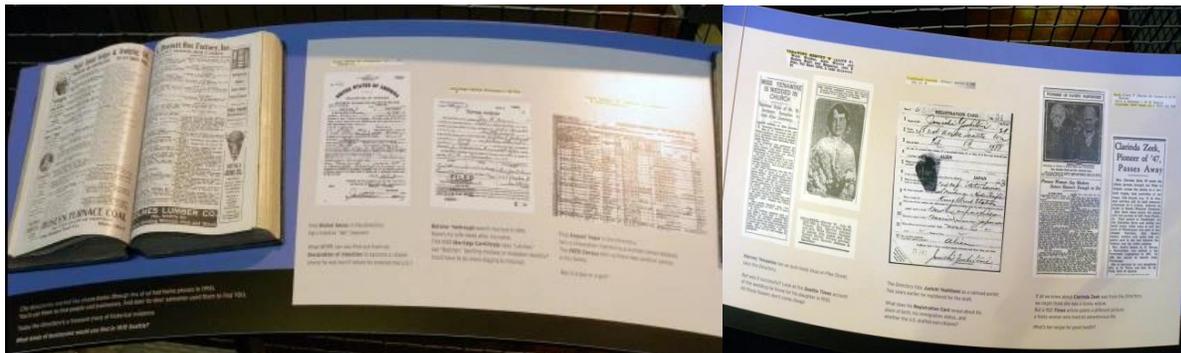


This is a volunteer project I completed in 2012 for the new MOHAI, (Museum of History and Industry), 860 Terry Ave N, Seattle, WA 98109.



When the Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI) moved to a new facility in Seattle in December 2012 it was an opportunity for them to update and redesign all of their exhibits. MOHAI hired a design firm for the grand overall project but Dr. Lorraine McConaghy, the public historian at MOHAI, wanted to add smaller exhibits with research done by local historians about various aspects of Seattle history from the 1850s to the present. The plan was enthusiastically approved by the official design firm.

In 2010 six, sometimes seven, of us joined the volunteer research team. We met every few weeks. We received a long list of possible research projects and we each chose ones we were interested in and would have time to complete. Some broad categories were entertainment, ethnic groups, industry,

transportation, government, crime, education, labor and others. We used a wide variety of local sources and images. We were also looking for first person quotes from all time periods.

Some of the projects I worked on included war brides, McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary photos, advertisements for biergartens, the Chinese in the Seattle area, articles on Black River in Renton, and the XYZ Project.

The above photos are the final product of my research for the XYZ Project. I was asked to randomly choose ten people whose surname started with X, Y or Z from the 1919 Seattle city directory and find information for each of them. The goal was to show what biographical or genealogical documents were available on ordinary people. I submitted my work to the designers, and they chose one document for six of the entries. Much of the information obtained was in the form of newspaper articles. If the designers were interested in something referred to in an article, I would expand my search. They were responsible for any copyright issues involved in the material they used. The exhibit is on the northeast corner of the second floor of the new MOHAI, 860 Terry Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98109. It includes the documents and the X, Y, Z pages of the 1919 directory.

I used this project as one of my work samples for me Certified Genealogist renewal application for the Board for Certification of Genealogists in January 2015.

