

Nebraska State Historical Society

Policy on the Use of Personal Cameras in the Reference Room

The Nebraska State Historical Society allows patrons to use personal cameras in all areas of the Reference Room with the exception of the ***Archival Materials Research Area***. All patrons who use personal cameras in the Reference Room agree to the following conditions:

- Photography may be used only for personal reference and research purposes. Patrons who require images for publication or broadcast in any media or for display online must fill out a Use Form and pay applicable fees.
- Use of a flash, outside lights, personal scanners, tripods, templates, or other portable image technology equipment is prohibited.
- The preservation needs of the material outweigh the technical limitations of the camera.
- Materials must remain flat on the desk or in a stand/cradle provided by the NSHS.
- Patrons may not push on bindings, stand on table/chairs, or hold up materials while photographing.
- Reproductions and transcriptions from NSHS collections cannot be sub-leased or sold by the user, nor may the user permit others to reproduce the materials or any facsimiles of them by any means for any purpose. They also may not be transferred, donated, or sold to another person or organization.
- Photography of other patrons or staff is prohibited.
- The patron accepts full responsibility for determining whether or not US copyright law protects the materials from being copied and whether or not his or her use exceeds the limits of fair use.
- The patron will adhere to any and all of the restrictions that govern the research use of a specific collection.
- The NSHS reserves the right to prohibit the photographing of any of its collections for preservation purposes.