

South Dakota Federal Courts Historical Society
Annual Report for Calendar Year 2011
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During 2011, the United States Courthouse in Rapid City was renamed after the Honorable Andrew Wendell Bogue, who served as a district court judge in South Dakota from April of 1970 until his death in June 2009. A naming ceremony was held during the Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference in August 2011.

The District of South Dakota hosted the 2011 Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference in Rapid City. This “judges only” conference was attended by Justice Samuel Alito and his wife. To highlight the Black Hills and surrounding area, the conference activities included trips to Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse monuments, the Black Hills Discovery Center, the Badlands, and the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, including a program conducted in part by the Oglala Sioux Tribe at Red Cloud Indian School and a visit to the Wounded Knee Massacre site. Chief Judge Karen E. Schreier, with the assistance of Judge Jeffrey Viken, devoted many hours toward planning and ensuring a successful judicial conference.

Plans for 2012 include completing oral histories for senior status judges Honorable Lawrence L. Piersol and Honorable Charles B. Kornmann, probably through having formal or current law clerks interview them on video. Another plan for 2012 is to scan and digitize certain historical material for the sake of preservation and organization.

The account for the South Dakota Federal Courts Historical Society was closed a number of years ago, so there are no funds on hand.

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