

Digital history of Minnesota planned at SCSU

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ST. CLOUD, Minn. -- A \$300,000 grant received by St. Cloud State University will pay to create a digital collection chronicling the first 50 years of Minnesota.

The collection of 6,000 to 10,000 images is called "Minnesota Reflections." It will feature images created before 1908, 50 years after the state was formed.

The collection becomes more significant in 2008, when Minnesota turns 150.

"We're launching this project so we'll have a big splash for 2008," said Kristi Tornquist, dean of learning resources and technology services at St. Cloud State.

"Minnesota Reflections" is a pilot project that will belong to a digital library combining dozens of cultural collections from across Minnesota.

The larger project, called the Minnesota Digital Library, is spearheaded by St. Cloud State. Other participants include the University of Minnesota, the Minnesota Historical Society and the St. Paul Public Library.

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