

# THE EXHIBIT

The self-guided tour begins on the north side of the Rotunda on the third floor, outside of Room 308.

The Legislative Composite Exhibit is arranged with the House of Representatives pieces displayed to your right in the east wing and the Senate pieces displayed to your left in the west wing. The individual pieces are displayed in decades and the accompanying narratives are different for the House and Senate collections. The first House and Senate composites after statehood are displayed on the second floor in their respective lobbies along with the current composite for the sitting legislature.

All of the narratives focus on the issues facing the state during each period and how state policy makers addressed the challenges of their time. You will notice social, cultural, and demographic differences in the display of the decades.

Material for the narratives was derived from the "Wyoming Blue Book" and T. A. Larson's "History of Wyoming." Most of the composites can be seen on the third floor, with the exception of more recent ones located on the second floor, which may be viewed when the Legislature is not in session.

Many of the narratives also include a section at the bottom titled "Did You Notice," which includes fun facts or thought-provoking questions about the times.

Enjoy this collection of the Cowboy State's legislative history and your visit to the Wyoming State Capitol.

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## WYOMING LEGISLATURE COMPOSITE NARRATIVES

### SELF-GUIDED TOUR

A fascinating journey through Wyoming's legislative history from the Territorial Legislature to today.



Please proceed to the third floor on the north side of the Rotunda outside of Room 308 to begin your self-guided tour.

# THE SENATE

The exhibit displays photographs of all the individuals who have served in the Wyoming Senate and explains the issues the senators faced during their time in office. The display begins to the left of Room 308 and proceeds into the west wing. There is only one territorial composite for the Senate (Territorial Council) and it is located on the second floor at the entrance to the Senate Lobby, just opposite the elevator. The rest of the Senate composites can be viewed by proceeding to your left.



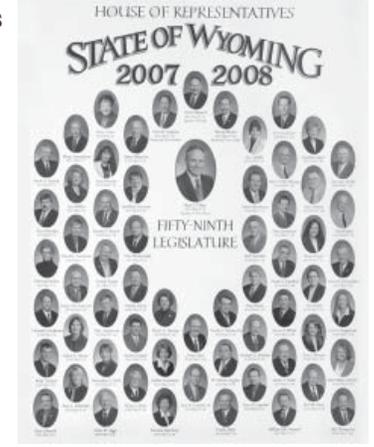
All of the composites hanging on the Senate side look much like the sample photo above, with the current Senate body composite hanging in the Senate Lobby on the second floor. Room 302, located on the opposite side of the Rotunda on the third floor is the location the Senate first convened after the Capitol was constructed.

## SENATE COMPOSITE LOCATIONS (WEST WING)

- ◆ Territorial Council: 2nd floor, Senate Lobby entrance
- ◆ 1893-1909: 3rd floor, Rotunda, north walls
- ◆ 1911-1929: 3rd floor, Senate Balcony Lobby
- ◆ 1931-1939: 3rd floor, near Rooms 303 & 304, south walls
- ◆ 1941-1959: 3rd floor, Senate Balcony, east & south walls
- ◆ 1961-1969: 3rd floor, Senate Balcony, east & north walls
- ◆ 1971-1980: 3rd floor, north staircase
- ◆ 1981-1990: 3rd floor Senate balcony, east wall
- ◆ 1991-2000: 2nd floor, near south staircase, back of Chamber
- ◆ 2001-2008: 2nd floor, near north staircase, back of Chamber
- ◆ Current & first body: 2nd floor, Senate Lobby

# THE HOUSE

To begin your tour of the photographs of the individuals who served in the House of Representatives and to learn more about the issues of the day, notice the Seventh Territorial Assembly composite is located to the left of Room 308. This composite is the oldest House composite available, since the first through sixth Territorial Assembly composites are missing. The rest of the House composites can be viewed by proceeding into the east wing on your right.



All of the composites hanging on the House side look much like the sample photo above, with the current House composite hanging in the House Lobby on the second floor. Room 308, which is located just beyond this door, was the area in which the House of Representatives convened after the Capitol was built.

## HOUSE COMPOSITE LOCATIONS (EAST WING)

- ◆ 7th-11th Territorial Assembly: 3rd floor, Rotunda
- ◆ 1893-1903: 3rd floor, near Room 311, north walls
- ◆ 1905-1917: 3rd floor, House Balcony lobby
- ◆ 1919-1929: 3rd floor, near Rooms H8 & 301, south walls
- ◆ 1931-1949: 3rd floor, House Balcony, west & north walls
- ◆ 1951-1969: 3rd floor, House Balcony, west & south walls
- ◆ 1971-1980: 2nd floor, south staircase, back of Chamber
- ◆ 1981-2000: 2nd floor, near north staircase, back of Chamber
- ◆ 2001-2008: 2nd floor, near south staircase, back of Chamber
- ◆ Current & first body: 2nd floor, House Lobby