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Museum Installs New Exhibit

Casper, Wyoming – Fort Caspar Museum has installed a new temporary exhibit in the Multi-Use Room of the museum. The exhibit is a collection of 30 historic maps from the Jack Rosenthal Collection, on loan from the Nicolaysen Art Museum.

The collection of maps, dating from 1853 to 1921, illustrate the evolution of Wyoming through the pre-territorial years prior to 1868 when the area of that would become Wyoming belonged to the territories of Oregon, Nebraska, Idaho, and Dakota; the years 1868 – 1890 as the Wyoming Territory; and early statehood from 1890 through the early 20th Century.

Visitors to the exhibit can enjoy the artistic value of the maps, find mistakes made by early mapmakers as the area is explored, discover some of the first uses of Wyoming place names, and trace county development from 5 counties to the current 23 and see a few name changes along the way. Visitors may also study the development of railroads, locate forts, examine geographic features mapped for the first time, or follow the development of Pease County, Wyoming which will eventually become Sheridan, Johnson, Big Horn and Washakie Counties.

The map exhibit will be at Fort Caspar Museum through the end of September, 2009. Fort Caspar Museum is currently open Monday – Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with admission of \$3.00 adult, \$2.00 youth, and children 12 & under free. For information call 307-235-8462 or visit our web site at www.fortcasparwyoming.com.



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