



# HISTORICAL RESEARCH SYSTEMS

## Capabilities Statement

*Applied History · Preservation · Policy · Systems Thinking*

### About HRS

Historical Research Systems (HRS) is a cultural resources and historical research consultancy specializing in preservation compliance, institutional analysis, and AI-augmented research methods. Led by Stephen Austin, PhD — who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards in both History and Architectural History — HRS integrates rigorous archival methods with modern analytical tools to deliver defensible, high-quality work products for agencies, firms, and institutions nationwide.

### Core Services

- Architectural History & Historic Property Inventories
- Section 106 & Regulatory Compliance
- Archaeological Monitoring & Support
- Compliance Documentation (HABS/HAER, MOAs)
- Expert Historical Analysis & Litigation Support
- Oral History & Historic Documentation
- Institutional & Policy Analysis
- AI-Assisted Research Workflows

### Qualifications

- PhD, History — University of Idaho
- SOI Qualified: History & Architectural History
- 600+ Cultural Resource Investigations
- Experience across WA, ID, OR, CA, NM, TX, KY, IL and other states

### Representative Client Types

State DOTs · Federal Agencies (DOE, USACE, NPS) · Tribal Nations · Municipal Governments · Environmental & Engineering Firms · Private Developers

### Selected Project Experience

#### **General Administration Building, WA State Capitol**

HABS documentation for National Register-listed International Style building. Section 106 mitigation for planned demolition.

#### **Bruggemann Warehouse, Hanford Site**

HPI and cultural resources review for pre-Manhattan Project homestead. DOE compliance, five-nation tribal consultation.

#### **Spokane Fish Hatchery**

Assessment of 21 WPA-era structures for National Register eligibility. WDFW renovation support.

#### **Larson Road Bridge Seismic Retrofit**

Historic bridge assessment, NRHP eligibility under Criteria A and C. Section 106 and Section 4(f) documentation.

#### **WWII Naval Net Dolphin, Port Townsend**

HPI and NRHP eligibility assessment for WWII anti-submarine net anchorage structure. Puget Sound coastal defense.

#### **Wilderness Act Correspondence Analysis**

Bayesian analysis of 582 archival documents. Computational methods applied to legislative history and policy research.

#### **Dr. O.R. Nevitt Memorial Pool, Raymond WA**

HPI for rare surviving Bintz Pool design (1955). Archival research, oral history, DAHP-compliant assessment.

### **What Sets HRS Apart**

HRS combines the rigor of academic historical research with practical consulting delivery. Every project is led by a PhD-level historian who meets SOI professional standards — ensuring work products that are both intellectually substantive and regulatory-compliant. Our integration of AI-assisted workflows allows us to handle large-scale document collections with efficiency while maintaining the interpretive quality that distinguishes expert work.

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Available for projects nationwide