Bingham County was established in 1885. It was one of the first counties in Idaho and has some of the earliest records recorded in eastern Idaho. The Bingham County Historical Society formally organized in 1983 to preserve these and other historic records. Their mission is to archive Bingham County pictures, photos, family histories and documents.

The historical society’s office is called the “Gallery” because of its large collection of photographs and pictures. It is housed in the historic Standrod Bank building which was constructed in 1912.

Located at the corner of N.W. Main and Bridge streets (3 N.W. Main Street), the Gallery is easily accessible to all who wish to learn more about the history of Bingham County.
This timeless museum offers visitors a peek into the past and particularly into the lives of one of Blackfoot’s former prominent families. Once the social center of Blackfoot, the home of John G. and May Brown was built in 1905.

The Brown home is uniquely constructed out of lava rock and features Greek columns that support a balcony. The balcony and front porch are decorated with gingerbread railings. Inside, the home has 15 rooms, including a sunroom and a promenade.

The museum displays rare artifacts reflecting life in Blackfoot at the turn of the century. The museum is located at 190 N. Shilling Avenue and is open four days a week or by appointment.

March - November: 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Monday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday
(208) 785-9906

The Union Pacific Caboose No. 25457 was built by Union Pacific in their Omaha, Nebraska shops in 1959. This “pool” caboose was used system-wide and measures 40’ 6” in length and 17’ tall by 10’ wide.

The design features a high, centered cupola which makes UP steel cabooses one of the most recognizable cabooses in North America. The caboose is equipped with an axle driven generator and a diesel oil stove.

UP Caboose No. 25457 was retired in 1991 and sold to the Bingham County Historical Society for $6,000.

The caboose is open by appointment only by calling Idaho Potato Museum staff at (208) 785-2517.

This unique museum boasts an eclectic display of potato history, the growing and harvesting process, nutrition, trivia and educational facts. Museum exhibits include antique farm equipment, the world’s largest potato crisp, priceless photos, farming displays, a posse of Mr. Potato Heads and much, much more.

Housed inside a century-old railroad depot located at 130 N.W. Main Street, the museum itself is a historic artifact!

When you visit, be sure to have your photo taken with our world-famous giant potato and the life-sized Marilyn Monroe sporting an Idaho Potato sack.

Browse through the museum’s Spud Cellar Gift Shop which offers almost any potato gift imaginable or shop the museum’s online gift shop by going to idahopotatomuseum.com.

April-September: 9:30 am to 5:00 pm • Monday-Saturday
October-March: 9:30 am to 5:00 pm • Monday-Friday
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