

The Board of Ada County Commissioners is pleased to present Ada County's Making History Award to Dr. Frank Thomason for his contributions in preserving Ada County's history for future generations.

Dr. Thomason grew up in Ada County on a 40 acre farm in between Meridian and Kuna. He graduated from Meridian High School. After high school he went to the College of Idaho where he obtained a B.A. in European History. He also earned a M.A. in History at the University of Utah as well as a M.S. and Ph.D from Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Thomason's career was spent in the Newspaper business. In 1982, he started the *Kuna Melba News* and in the late 1990's he resurrected the *Valley Times* a weekly newspaper for Eagle and Meridian.

Dr. Thomason has been involved with a number of historical groups. In the early 1990s he served two (2) years as a volunteer officer of the Friends of the Historical Museum. He was their first male president. One of the major projects he worked on was an update of the biographical sketches with photos of Idaho's First Ladies.

He also served for 25 years on the Meridian Historic Preservation Commission as well as 5 years on the Eagle Historic Preservation Commission.

Dr. Thomason has written a number of books on the history of Boise and Meridian. These books include *Images of America – Boise*, *Postcards of America – Boise*, and *Images of America – Meridian*, the last of which co-authored with his partner Polly Ambrose Peterson.