

Historical/Archive Department Report

4/6/2021

As we progress toward opening the museum for 2021, I have been pondering the actions we need to take to reopen the archives.

Although we have been closed, I still have been receiving questions and materials for the archives by both through the website and by email.

My policy is to try to answer each of the questions within a couple of days, some of the answers take a bit of research to find the answer and get back to the member or general public.

In all cases, I do answer the inquiries within about 48 hours so the person knows that we received the question(s) and are working on getting answers. There are some of the questions that will be held open for quite some time as we need to research the archives to find the answer.

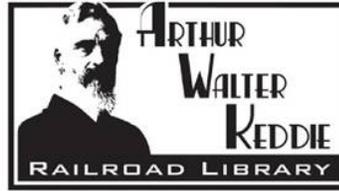
If you have not noticed, the archive team has been posting to the website new materials each month since September 2020. The new posting will appear on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

Expanding the modeling section of the website has started and new postings will appear on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

I am happy to report that more modeling material has become available and has started to be posted to the website.

If you have not visited the “MODELING the WP & Related Lines” on the website, I encourage you to visit at this link:

<https://www.wplives.org/modeling.html>



If you have not visited the Historical/Archive Department web page recently, please consider looking at them to see “What’s New” in the Western Pacific Documents page.

[https://wplives.org/wphistory\\_wp\\_documents.html](https://wplives.org/wphistory_wp_documents.html)

As I point out in each of my reports, we still need some donation help with the materials needed to keep the archives moving forward and protecting them. I list the current needs in these reports and so far I can say that a few member have come through and provided us with donations as have been listed in the “Needs for the Archives”.

I would hope that other members will step-up and take notice and be kind enough to help us out.

Should there be any questions on donations or the archives, please contact the Archive Department or any of the contacts on our website and someone will get back to you.

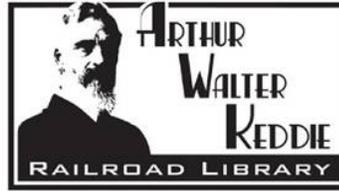
### **Needs for the Archives:**

We are always looking for help in getting materials properly stored and we need the support of the membership with helping supply storage materials for the archives.

We still need help in getting funding and storage materials for the archive department. Should you be able to help out, please let us know!

Items listed below are still needed to help keep our collection stored properly and should you wish to help us out, we certainly would like your donation and help.

- Computer program to track all the Historical/Archive items
- Original copy of Windows 10 to be used in the Archive Department
- Archive storage boxes for 35mm slides. (We need more, as we have over 20,000 slides and counting!)
- Large archival storage boxes



Should any member receive any donation and/or get an inquiry about a donation, please get in touch with Eugene, Frank, myself or any member of the board of directors so that we may follow up with the donor to make sure we properly address the donation or inquiry.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers that help us in the Historical/Archive Department. Thank you to all the members of the FRRS/WPRM who contribute to the society and the archives.

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