

Historical/Archive Department Report

5/9/2023

The joint NMRA/PCR/FRRS 2023 Convention is over. I hope that all the members that were able to attend had a great time.

The Historical/Archive department had its usual display of archive materials along with materials from Eugene Vicknair's collection.

The convention committee will be holding its final meeting on May 22nd to report on the issues and suggestions to the convention committee. I expect this to give us an idea of how the membership and the PCR thought the convention went.

It will also give us a chance to hear how to improve things as the issues are brought up and how to resolve them.

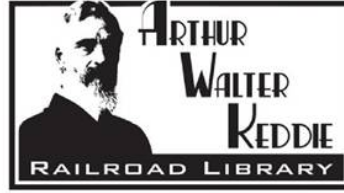
An FRRS Convention report will be in a separate report to the [FRRS](#) Board of Directors.

We have scanned several documents from one of the collections we received last year. ~~We are~~ are getting ready to prepare to share some of this material with the members and public on the Historical/Archive pages as soon as we get the items ready to go into one of the new collection galleries.

While the museum is open now for the 2023 season, the [Historical/Archive](#) Department will reopen on a limited basis as staff is available. (Please contact the archive staff to make arrangements to visit.)

We have been making more improvement to the H/A webpages and are bringing a new level of access to some of the collections donated to the society by our members, railroad employees and the general public.

This is just a start as to what we envision on releasing to our members and public. Please understand this is a **“Work in Progress”** and several collections have not been inventoried or processed as of yet.



Each month we release new materials to the archives pages. Please be on the lookout for these new items. The new material is announced in the Latest Museum News column on the website.

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

Members and the general public mostly contact us through our website using the Info@wplives.org or Historical Archive_dept@wplives.org, when asking questions. These are directed to a mailing list so that they can be addressed.

As I point out in each of my reports every month, we still need some donation help with the materials needed to keep the archives moving forward and protecting them.

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 one of the archive staff or archive committee to make sure we properly address the donation or inquiry.

Thank you to all the members of the FRRS/WPRM who contribute to the society and the archives.

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Director/General Superintendent/Archive Manager