

Historical/Archive Department Report

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Since the museum is open for the 2023 season, the Historical/Archive Department will be open on a limited basis as staff is available. (Please contact the archive staff to make arrangements to visit.)

Ethan Doty has been working on the magazine collection and we have purchased 120 magazine boxes for them. Ethan has started an inventory and placing the magazines into the new boxes. Ethan has made good progress on getting all the magazines sorted and into magazine boxes as well as starting to get the magazines inventoried.

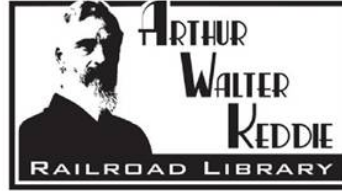
Since I have been working on the train crew when I am at the museum this season, I have not had a chance to tend to some other projects that I expected to get to earlier this year. I am spending this week at the museum to have some time to make more progress on some of those projects.

We have been making more improvements 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. The updates contain several different aspects of our collection and modeling items and I hope that we can continue to add to the photo albums that we have been working on.

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. Emails sent to 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.

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

Kerry Cochran
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