



Historical/Archive Department Report

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Since the museum is now closed for the winter, the Historical/Archive Department will be on very limited operations. Most of the work that will be done during the time the museum is closed will be items that can be worked on at home by the Archive Staff.

This last weekend (December 2nd) Eugene Vicknair meet Dale Sanders at the museum to receive several boxes of archive materials that Dale had taken to scan for the museum. While at the museum Eugene and Dale, along with the help of Greg Elems, sorted more of the archives materials and Dale took several boxes of Virgil Staff and Stephens archive materials to scan.

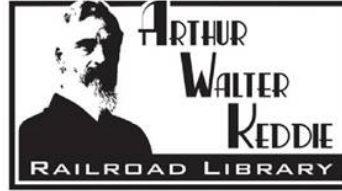
Over the last few years, Dale and I have had several conversations on the archive materials and Dale has continue to support the work in the archives. He will be scanning the materials he has been loaned and we will see the scanned items returned to us when completed.

Dale has also been approached about helping with the Jim Lekas book project and he has made several suggestions on how to go about creating a great book.

I need to say “Thank You” to all the archive staff member for all the help with the archives, we are making great progress on getting the materials in the archives sorted and inventoried.

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.

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