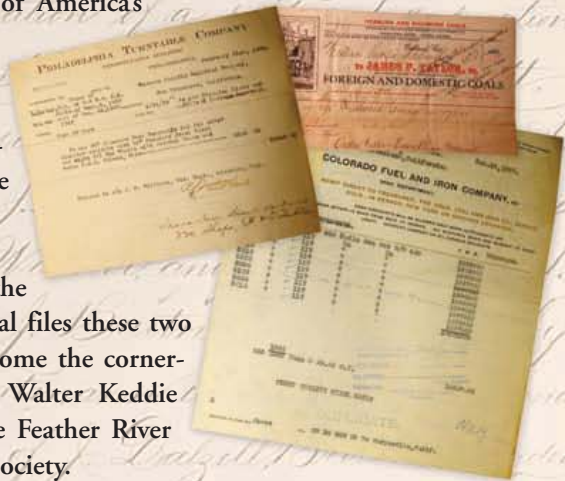


Preliminary Meeting

Western Pacific Railway Company

Help Preserve the Original 1903 Western Pacific Railway Articles of Incorporation

On loan to the FRRS/WPRRHS are two books of vital importance to the history of the WP, the original 1903 Articles of Incorporation and a huge book of invoices and receipts from the original construction era of the railroad. These paper artifacts are loaded with interesting and historically significant information on the creation and construction of America's "Last Transcontinental Railroad". The books and their contents are in a rapidly declining condition and we don't know how long we will have access to them so we are urgently recruiting donations to fund the digital preservation (scanning) of all the contents in these books before they reach a point of no return.



Our goal is to raise \$10,000, which will cover all the scanning and archiving of the approximately 4,500 digital files these two books are expected to provide and this material will become the cornerstone of the collection in the archives of the Arthur Walter Keddie Railroad Library, the official library and archives for the Feather River Rail Society and the Western Pacific Railroad Historical Society.

Fundraising for this project was kicked off at the 2010 WPRRHS Convention in Stockton, California, with a special raffle of several high-value items provided through the generosity of Athearn Trains, Marc Desobeau, "Artist of the Rails", and Trains & Travel International. Enthusiastic convention guests rose to the occasion and purchased \$1,846.00 worth of raffle tickets, immediately thrusting us to nearly 20% of our goal. The WPRRHS would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank our convention contributors for helping us achieve such a successful kick-off.

We ask our members and friends to please consider making a tax deductible donation to this project through the Feather River Rail Society, a California 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization, to help us reach the \$10,000 goal for this special project this year. Any amount you can afford to donate is extremely appreciated.



Please visit the Western Pacific Railroad Historical Society web site at www.wprrhs.org and follow the links to contribute using PayPal. You can also follow the progress of this special fund which is updated periodically. You need not have a PayPal account to donate with a major credit card and again, any amount is welcomed and appreciated. *Please donate today to help us preserve these important artifacts!*