



Historical/Archive Department Report

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Member John Ryczkoski recently dropped off several boxes of archive materials, I will be inventorying these items and adding them to the archives.

Along with that, member Ed Smith donated his apprenticeship materials and his WP tools. This came after his presentation at the 2018 Convention in Salt Lake City, "*Working for the Western Pacific*".

Some of these items may be on display in the artifacts room at the museum as we update the displays.

I would like to make a request to all members, please take the time to submit articles for the *Headlight*. We are very, very short on written materials for the *Headlight* and need more photos, articles and authors to help us get this publication back on-track.

We continue to get inquiries from members, and the general public, on materials that we may have in the archives. As we open the museum for this season, we will be looking for the requested materials and getting answers back to the requestors.

With so many of the archives not being cataloged or inventoried yet, we have had some difficulties in locating some of the requested materials. Each time I visit the museum (with the help of Paul Finnegan) we look for requested materials and supply the requested items to members and the public.

While not all the inquiries have been answered yet, we are still looking into pulling the information out of the Historical/Archive files in order to answer the questions. I have been able to answer some questions, however others are still pending.

One of the areas that has come back to life is the modeling WP aspect of the Historical/Archive Department. While at the convention, and in several emails asking about items from the WP, members and the public are asking more and more for information on WP places, buildings and rolling stock. I hope to be able to revive more articles on WP Modeling.



I have been fortunate to have Frank Brehm as a resource on the Historical/Archive staff to help me in obtaining answers, or the correct resource to look for answers, for these inquiries along with Paul Finnegan who helps me all the time.

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.

http://wplives.org/wphistory_wp_documents.html

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.

Items listed below are 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
(PastPerfect) is the computer program that I have been looking at, however I have not received a cost for that program as of yet.
- Archive Storage boxes for 35mm slides
- Archive Storage boxes for 8 1/2 X 11 materials

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 archive department.

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Director, General Superintendent