



Historical/Archive Department Report

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The last couple of months we have been getting several donations of various railroad artifacts.

Other than receiving some donations, there have been several inquiries via email that have been answered. Some of these inquiries will be investigated long term, as they will need to be researched in person within the archives at the museum.

As we go into the closed portion of the museum operation, I will be suspending some of the activities that need to be performed on-site. The Portola winter weather is not kind to those of us that have to spend time in a cold boxcar or archive car to retrieve or research information.

I have been in contact with John Walker and he has supplied me with some materials that will become an article for one of the *Headlight* issues.

I have been working with John for about six months in order to get this material ready and I would like to thank him for his help.

I have been fortunate to have Frank Brehm and Eugene Vicknair 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.

Paul has also created a page on the website under the Historical/Archive pages to post some of the Questions/Answers so that we can direct inquiries there for the same type of questions that have already been answered.

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](http://wplives.org/wphistory_wp_documents.html)

We continue to add more materials to the Historical/Archive web pages. Please take time to view the Historical/Archive web pages and see what's new.



### **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