



Historical/Archive Department Report

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Now that the museum is fully open, we can start to resume work on the archives at Portola again.

While staying at the museum for the week of May 25<sup>th</sup> thru June 1<sup>st</sup>, work continues on working on requests made to the Historical/Archive department.

While at the museum on Monday May 27<sup>th</sup>, after caboose train operations, Kenneth Finnegan was able to set-up and load software on a computer that was donated by Eugene Vicknair for the archives. Currently this computer is in the office car while it starts its new life for use by the Historical/Archive Department. Thanks, Kenneth and Eugene.

Kenneth and Paul Finnegan have been a big help with some of the computer records and consulting on how to store electronic data and files for the archives. We were able to look at the network at the museum and this will help us come up with a plan to improve computer access to the archives.

I have been fortunate to have Frank Brehm, Paul Finnegan, Kenneth Finnegan and Eugene Vicknair as resources on the Historical/Archive staff to help me in obtaining answers, or the correct resource to look for answers, for these inquiries.

Frank has passed on 30 more CD's of archive materials to me that he has scanned so that we have more in electronic format. These will be stored on our new data storage system that will be explained to the FRRS Board of Directors at the August board meeting.



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 Historical/Archive Department.

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