

Historical/Archive Department Report

3/8/2021

Although we have been closed, I still receive several questions through the website and by email. My policy is to try to answer each of the questions within a couple of days, some of the answers take a bit of research to find the answer and get back to the member or general public.

We are still processing archive requests through the winter (those that can be done remotely) and are creating a list of things that need to be done once the museum opens again.

In all cases, I do answer the inquiries within about 48 hours so the person knows that we received the question(s) and are working on getting answers. There are some of the questions that will be held open for quite some time as we need to research the archives to find the answer.

If you have not noticed, the archive team has been posting to the website new materials each month since September 2020.

The new posting will appear on the 1st of each month.

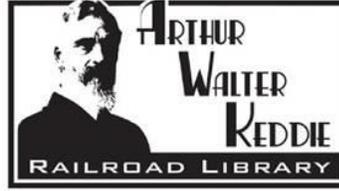
Expanding the modeling section of the website has started and new postings will appear on the 1st of each month.

I am happy to report that the modeling material that I was working on has become available this last month and has started to be posted to the website. The first posting has taken place and a new document was added on February 1st and the second set of posting has appeared on March 1st. Look for new materials and information through 2021.

If you have not visited the “MODELING the WP & Related Lines” on the website, I encourage you to visit at this link:

<https://www.wplives.org/modeling.html>

Should there be any questions on donations or the archives, please contact the Archive Department or any of the contacts on our website and someone will get back to you.



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

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.

We still need help in getting funding and storage materials for the archive department. Should you be able to help out, please let us know!

Items listed below are still 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
- Original copy of Windows 10 to be used in the Archive Department
- Archive storage boxes for 35mm slides. (We need more, as we have over 20,000 slides and counting!)

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. Thank you to all the members of the FRRS/WPRM who contribute to the society and the archives.

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