

Historical/Archive Department Report

10/4/2021

One project that taken off and has been completed, is the reprinting of ten WP Equipment Books. These equipment books come from our archive collections and will make very good reference materials for railroad enthusiasts and modelers. They are available at both the Museum Store and at the WPRM Online Store listed under Books and can be ordered at <https://wplives.org/shop.html>.

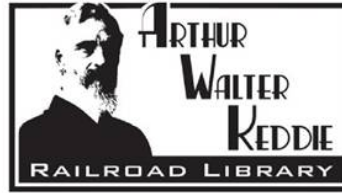
Through the website, we received a message about reprinting a WP Standards book. We do have a copy of a WP Standards book, it's about 250 pages and depending on the interest of the membership we may look into reprinting this publication.

We have been making more improvement to the H/A webpages and are bringing a new level of access to some of the collections donated to the society by our members, railroad employees and the general public.

This is just a start as to what we envision on releasing to our members and public. Please understand this is a **“Work in Progress”** and several collections have not been inventoried or processed as of yet.

Each month we release new materials to the archives pages. Please be on the look-out for these new items. The new material is announced in the Latest Museum News column on the website.

One thing that has come up is the purchase of distilled water for the humidifier in the archives car. It seems that all the stores in Portola and Quincy do not carry a lot of distilled water and we have been getting low. If anyone that is coming to the museum can pick up a couple of 5 gallon plastic bottles to help out, that would be great.



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>

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

As I point out in each of my reports, we still need some donation help with the materials needed to keep the archives moving forward and protecting them. I list the current needs in these reports and so far I can say that a few member have come through and provided us with donations as have been listed in the “Needs for the Archives”.

I would hope that other members will step-up and take notice and be kind enough to help us out.

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.

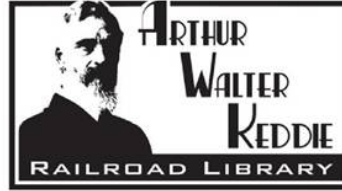
Needs for the Archives:

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.

A couple of members have stepped up and donated some storage boxes that will help store some of the archive materials. This allows us to get some of the archives out of cardboard boxes and stored properly.

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!)
- Large archival storage boxes

See the pervious message about distilled water.

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.

Kerry Cochran
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