

Historical/Archive Department Report

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Since the museum is now closed for the winter, the Archive Department will be on very limited operations. Most of the work that will be done during the time the museum is closed will be items that can be worked on at home by the archive staff.

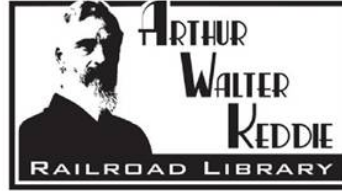
Ethan Doty has been working on the magazine collection. Ethan has made good progress on getting all the magazines sorted and into magazine boxes as well as starting to get the magazines inventoried. His work is ongoing and he has been able to find a couple of articles for me in some of the modeling magazines. This will sure help when modeling questions come up.

In late September, Member Jim Dias contacted me about some modeling magazines. I meet with Jim and he donated 7 magazine boxes of modeling magazines that are specific to the Western Pacific Railroad. I am currently in the process of making an inventory of those magazines and checking the articles so that I may update our current listing of WP articles magazines list.

Jim is another wonderful WP modeler and if you ever are in the San Francisco Bay Area for one of the NMRA/PCR open houses or conventions, Jim's layout may be open for viewing it would be time well spent.

We have been making more improvements 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 lookout for these new items. The new material is announced in the Latest Museum News column on the website. The updates contain several different aspects of our collection and modeling items and I hope that we can continue to add to the photo albums that we have been working on.



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

Members and the general public mostly contact us through our website using the Info@wplives.org or Historical_Archive_dept@wplives.org, when asking questions. Emails sent to these are directed to a mailing list so that they can be addressed.

As I point out in each of my reports every month, we still need some donation help with the materials needed to keep the archives moving forward and protecting them.

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

Kerry Cochran
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