



Historical/Archive Department Report

4/5/2022

One of the next society's events will be the WP Convention being held in Reno May 12-15, 2022. Sign-ups are being taken, both by mail and through the website. Plus, special events at the museum on Sunday May 15th.

Please plan on attending the convention this year and help us keep the WP history alive.

As the museum moves toward opening for 2022, the Historical/Archive Department has been working on several projects during the winter.

Several things that take time, such as scanning of slides and other documents that normally are not done at the museum, are moved into the winter months to get completed. These items are normally in the hands of the archive staff and are worked on while not at the museum. This gives the archive staff more time to work uninterrupted during this sometimes long hard work.

With the start of 2022, some donations are coming into the museum. As we progress, the Historical/Archive Department will be making several new collections available on the website for the members and the public to view. Please watch the website and the Historical/Archive pages for new postings and information.

There are several open questions to the Historical/Archive Department that will have to wait until we can return to the museum and perform research. Most of the members and public that have asked those questions understand that we will not be able to report back on our findings until the museum opens again.

Again I would like to remind all that most all the work taking place in the Historical/Archive Department is a **"Work in Progress"**.

One of the museum's larger collections, the Virgil Staff Collection is being inventoried so that we can start the process of scanning all of the black and white negatives in this collection.

There are several other parts to the Virgil Staff collection that have been used in the past for articles and notes about the WP.



If you have not visited the Historical/Archive Department web pages recently, please consider looking at them to see “What’s New”, <https://wplives.org/archives.html>.

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.

Needs for the Archives:

I know that I place this in almost all of my archives reports, however there is still a need for materials to keep the archive stored safely and accessible to be used. As we inventory more and more of the materials in the archives, we need more proper storage materials to keep the collection in.

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!)
- Large archival storage boxes

Should any member receive any donation and/or get an inquiry about a donation, please get in touch with one of the archive staff or archive committee to make sure we properly address the donation or inquiry.



Thank you to all the archive staff who take the time to help us out.

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

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