

Historical/Archive Department Report

12-1-2017

Donation are still coming in to the Museum. Thank you to all who help in receiving them.

With winter fast approaching, most of the activities will subside until the spring. I have several boxes of slides that I will be scanning over the winter and inventorying.

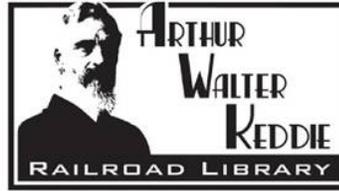
While not all the inquiries have been answered yet, we are still looking into pulling the information out of the Historical/Archive files in order to answer the questions. This has become a large task as most of the archives are not cataloged yet. I have been able to answer some questions, however others are still pending.

During the last month Eugene Vicknair, Frank Brehm and I have been able to answer several inquiries to the museum about various questions about the Western Pacific Railroad. Several these inquiries have been from individuals researching the WP for their own personal work and interests in the WP.

Several of these inquiries have come via email to the Museum Store, which in turns sends them to both Eugene and I for answers.

I have been fortunate to have Frank Brehm as a resource on the Historical/Archive staff to help me in obtaining answers or the correct resource to look for answers for these inquires.

While Paul Finnegan (the webmaster) and I have been working on getting more items/articles ready to be published on the web pages for the history of the WP and the FRRS. Paul has been a great resource in this endeavor, he has provided me with great insight in reviewing documents prior to us publishing them



Needs for the Archives:

The last two months I have placed this heading in my report.

Charlie Spikes responded in November that he had an old Window 7 computer, which he will donate to the Historical/Archives for our use.

THANK YOU, Charlie

Other items are listed below, should you wish to help us out.

- ~~• We need to get a Windows 7 computer for the archives. I have donated a Multi-Function Printer-Copier-Fax-Scanner to the archives, it is waiting for a computer so that we have it available for use in the archives department.~~
- Computer Program to track all the Historical/Archive items. (PastPerfect) is the computer program that I have been looking at, however have not received a costs for that program as of yet.
- Archive Storage boxes for 35mm slides
- Archive Storage boxes for 8 1/2 X 11 materials

The lists that I mentioned in the last couple of reports, are NOT attached to the report, as there is no big change from last month.

(I will only sent out the attachments when there are large changes)

Should any member receive any donation and/or get an inquire about a donation, Please get in touch with Eugene, Frank, myself or any member of the Board of Director so that we may follow-up with the donor to make sure we properly address these issues.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers that help us in the archive department.

Kerry Cochran
Director, General Superintendent.

