

Historical/Archive Department Report

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In our mission statement we make the statement: “The Feather River Rail Society is dedicated to the preservation, interpretation and education of the public as to the history and people of the Western Pacific Railroad.”

While the museum has been open since May 2nd, the Archives Department has been slow to get back on track this year. With the Big Boy event and being short on operating crews, some of the museum archive staff have been working in other areas of the museum to keep things working for the general public.

Several donations have been coming in and during the summer we will be inventorying them and getting them ready for either a display or having them available for research.

Our archive team has been working in the background to continue to scan slides, work on documents and help keep the archives moving forward

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.

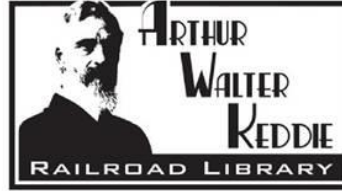
Each month we release new materials to the archives pages. Please be on the lookout for these new items. The new material is announced in the Latest Museum News column on the website.

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/archives.html"](https://wplives.org/archives.html)[https://wplives.org/wphistory wp documents.html](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.

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!



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 the archive committee to make sure we properly address the donation or inquiry.

I would also like to thank the members who are at the museum taking in archive donations when I am not available. These members perform the needed help that I need when I cannot be at the museum.

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

Kerry Cochran
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