

Historical/Archive Department Report

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We received a wonderful donation in December from Budd Wuelfing and his father's trust. The donation, "Keddie Roundhouse Diorama". A diorama of the Keddie Roundhouse with very detailed buildings, scenes and equipment.

The diorama will join the other Western Pacific Railroad train layouts in the museum store. When the museum opens again for the 2026 season, come by and take a look at it.

Thanks to Ethan Doty for meeting with Budd Wuelfing and getting it into the museum.

As a close out to 2025, we received a donation from Geoffrey Hubbs of Colonie, New York. He donated his collection of 172 color slides of the Western Pacific in the Feather River Canyon.

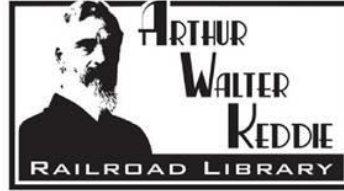
These have been scanned and uploaded to the archive's pages on the FRRS website.

During 2025 there were 28 recorded donations to the archives. These donations included books, model trains, educational books, magazines, railroad timetables photography's, and several miscellaneous items in memory of members, friends and people associated with the Western Pacific Railroad.

A complete list is on file in the archives for reference and to meet other reporting requirements.

There were 43 recorded questions directed to the FRRS via the website on various questions on the Western Pacific to the general operation of the FRRS/WPRM museum. All 43 questions were answered within the normal 48 hours set to answer questions.

Questions were answered by many of the FRRS staff and archive members. The complete listing of questions and answers are on file in the archive.



Please understand this is a **“Work in Progress”** and several collections have not been inventoried or processed as of yet.

We are getting more and more of the archives moved into certain storage locations so it is easy to find things and have them in groupings so that like collections are kept in one location.

We have been working with several members of the public and our membership to deliver several requests for materials for articles for our publications and help out with other organizations for their publications.

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)

As soon as we complete this large task, I hope to have a new list on the website so that members can see what we have and available.

We still need help in getting funding and storage materials for the Historical/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.

Kerry Cochran
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