Photo Archives Report

2025 February BOD Meeting

Don Toon

Current Updates - The Board authorized funds for updated technology. Don Toon purchased a laptop, 27 inch monitor, Laser-Jet Printer and Epson flatbed scanner and installed at Salem in January. The laptop is loaded with Microsoft 365, Epson Scan Software. The scanner is capable of color and black and white slides, negatives in 35mm, and 120 formats. The HP printer has a scan option for misc. smaller scans, the Epson is a flatbed capable of 11x17 scans. The laptop will be loaded with Zoner photo software for image corrections, sharpening, organization and presentation.

Herley 35mm Slide Scans-Collection, The Monon & Milwaukee 35mm slides have been scanned as High Resolution TIFF Files, image data and file naming is underway, smaller JPEG files have created to give to the family on a thumb drive. A PowerPoint presentation was created from the first scan set and presented at the mini convention in Salem, a second presentation was given with a second set of conversions at the 2024 Annual Meeting.

Herley Black & White Photos-Test scans were done to determine best practices for scanning the paper which has a pebble finish making for many images likely not being able to be used in THL, Scans have been completed, with processing and naming underway.

J David Ingles, The Society received 35mm Slides from the group that is fulfilling the families' wishes for his work to go to historical societies. This collection has been scanned as High-Resolution TIFFS, with naming and metadata portions of project on hold until Herley project is finished.

A sampling of JDI Slides was converted into JPEG for the last Annual Meeting in Bedford.

These new additions have not been added to the current archives Access file based on changes to the database and using Excel moving forward.

Don Toon created a conversion file in excel from Ron Marquardt's last Access database file. This file is available to give easier searching and sorting capabilities for members that do not have database/query experience, or do not own an Access License.

The Board will continue to honor requests on a time available basis to members.