

Boston & Maine Railroad Historical Society
Report OF Hardware Committee for The Year Ended December 31, 2020

To the Board of Directors and Members of the Boston & Maine Railroad Historical Society:
The Hardware Committee is pleased to submit the following report to the calendar year ended December 31, 2020

Our Hardware Collection is housed and maintained in an annex in North Chelmsford, MA. occupying an area about 1,000 square feet for storage, work and research.

We collect material related to the Boston & Maine Railroad, its predecessors and successors, and other New England Railroads. The Collection is owned by the Society and managed by the Hardware Committee, made up of volunteers who are interested in railroad history and the preservation of historical materials.

The Hardware Committee members are Frederick Brown, Richard Faucher, Daniel Hyde, William Marnik, Richard Nichols, James Nigzus, and Mal Sockol, ***logged in 230 hours for 2020*** Member Carl R. Byron proof readies the Hardware Collections website & inventory list. We scheduled once a month meeting. The average attendance at our meetings, inclusive of members, 4 in 2020.

The work at our meetings consists of registering railroad hardware, organizing our collection, processing and filing new acquisitions. ***We have now registered 2357 items.***

In 2020, a total of 111 --- donations of artifacts have been received from the following:

B&MRRHS Archives items Transferred to Hardware Collection, Anonymous Donors, Scott Batson, Christopher Childs, Rosalie Dunbar, Daniel Hyde, Marguerite Gropp, Paul T. Kosciolk, Thomas P. LeCompte Sr, Michael C. Lennon, Paul C. McCutcheon, Gregg McFarland, Richard Nichols, Richard Oedel, Ron Palmquist, Bruce Pettinen, Dennis J. Snook, Vincent & Maureen Terrill, Jr., David West

During the year, we have uploaded a variety of photographs of the Hardware Collection to the Society's web site, ***bmrhs.org***. This involved preparing a copy of photographs from each file with the help of the Webmaster, Frederick N. Nowell, who shares responsibility for updating the site with Richard Nichols (Hardware).

Our Committee welcomes new members. We need researchers, catalogers, and organizers. No experience required-just an interest in Railroad History.

Contact the Hardware Committee for details. E-Mail: railroad.nichols@gmail.com

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