

Boston & Maine Railroad Historical Society
Report OF Hardware Committee For The Year Ended December 31, 2014

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, 2014

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. Daniel Hyde, Mal Sockol, Richard K. Hurst, James Nigzus and Richard Nichols.

We scheduled weekly meeting in 2014. The average attendance at our meeting, inclusive of members, was 3 in 2013, 5 in 2014. The work at our meetings consists of registering railroad hardware, organizing our collection and processing and filing new acquisitions.

We have logged in a total of 760 donations in 2014, as compared to 670 donations in 2013. 780 Hours spent in 2013, 6 Months, as compared to 1,382 Hours Spent in 2014, 12 Months. Total Hours Spent in 2013-2014 by Hardware Committee 2,090 hours.

In 2014, donations have been received from the following:

William Coffey, David Donovan, Robert Farrenkopf, Francis Giacoma, Robert Grodzicki, Daniel Hyde, Preston S. Johnson Collection, Richard K. Hurst, Jack Keene, Mary Ellen McGrath via Rick Nowell, Dave McMillian, John Parkhurst, Richard Nichols, James Nigzus, David C. Paguette, Sandy Shepard, Michael & Carolyn Tokarz, Robert Warren, Paul Prendergast, Larry Shelby, Sandy Shepard, H. Arnold Wilder Collection, Newton Wesley, John Whitworth.

The Hardware Committee has organized the collection into sixteen files:

- File No. 1 Badge's – Button's – Hats – Uniforms
- File No. 2 Coupling Devices
- File No. 3 Dining Car – Silverware
- File No. 4 Engine Builders & Number Plates
- File No. 5 Engine & Crew Maintenance equipment
- File No. 6 Hand Tools & railroad equipment
- File No. 7 Lanterns – Marker Lamps – Switch Stand Lamps
- File No. 8 Miscellaneous
- File No. 9 Photographs – Posters – Notices
- File No. 10 Rails – Ties – Spikes
- File No. 11 Signal equipment
- File No. 12 Switching & other equipment
- File No. 13 Tickets & other station equipment
- File No. 14 Railroad Station Signs
- File No. 15 Railroad Signs – Model Trains
- File No. 16 Office Furniture

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, III 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 chairman for details.

Respectfully submitted

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