

Archives Committee Report

C&O Canal Association Annual Meeting

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The Association's archives reside in the Special Collections Research Center of George Washington University's Gelman Library. The collection consists of Association records such as financial records, minutes of board and annual meetings with committee reports, correspondence, and reports on projects such as through hikes, Monocacy aqueduct restoration, and the Georgetown boathouse project. The collection also contains some miscellaneous material donated by Association members.

The records are maintained off-site from the Gelman library. By submitting a request to the staff of the Special Collections department in advance of your visit, the material you want to review can be retrieved and brought to the library. The current procedures for visiting the library and requesting materials are posted on the library website. (library.gwu.edu/special-collections-research-center).

The library developed a finding aid to help with searching Association records. There is a link to the finding aid on the Association website. You can find it by going to our website "candocanal.org", clicking on "Association Info ", then clicking "About", then on that page, clicking on "Archival resources."

I have Association records and materials related to the Georgetown boathouse, the Carderock CCC Wayside project, and the World Canals Conference to submit and will be contacting the library to learn how to transfer the items. I also continue to sort through other donated material. Unfortunately, I do not have room to store more items so if you have Association specific records that you believe belong in the Archives, please hang on to them for a while longer.

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