

## Talking Paper

### Status Report - 8 mm Film Digitizing Project

As of 07 April 2015

**Background:** NRHS received a \$20,000 donation in mid-2014 to digitize the 8 mm film collection.

**Discussion:**

Graduate students at Chestnut Hill College scanned most of the regular 8 mm films during Fall 2014 semester. Three films were damaged when they were donated to NRHS. The students scanned 140 reels of film. All work is finished on 109 reels; 19 reels require some further quality control work; and 12 reels are being image-stabilized this week.

We currently have no plans to use the college for any further work on this project.

37 reels of film are awaiting scanning and image stabilizing, including films recently received from the James Bistline family. Tom Coughlin expects to complete the work on these films by June 2015.

There are roughly 60 reels of super 8 mm sound film awaiting both scanning/image stabilization, and clean-up work on the sound track. Also, there are several new films that were part of a recent donation of 35 mm slides, along with a loan offer for a few films of the last days of the Norfolk, VA streetcar operations prior to discontinuance in 1948, that have not yet been worked. Project committee members' employment demands are currently impacting this volunteer work, but we expect to finish digitizing these by the end of CY 2015.

**Conclusion:** Work on the 8 mm film collection is proceeding, but not as quickly as we had hoped last year when we started this project.

**Recommendation:** None - info only.



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