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HISTORY BOOK: An on-going project, nearing completion. We must be patient. Much work has gone into this. It will be worth it.

NEEDS NEEDS NEEDS
...Flat files for maps, and a 41.5 inch steel exterior door for the archives room.
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