

Collections Committee Report

The Library at Garland Farm now has an online catalog. It is linked to the BFS website, making the catalog available to anyone with internet access. Along with being linked to the website, the catalog has a unique and direct URL:

<http://beatrixfarrandsociety.pastperfectonline.com>

The cataloging of the Library's collection is proceeding steadily, with about 25% of the books reclassified and reshelved. (And listed in the online catalog.) During this project, I am trying to keep the Library as presentable, and the bookshelves as neat, as possible—with, I think, moderate success.

So far, I have cataloged only one part of the Archives: the Marion Spaulding papers. I want to get the books, and the shelves, in order as quickly as I can, and that has been my first priority. I will include archives cataloging with the books cataloging as soon as the majority of the books are done.

Looking ahead, I would like the Board to consider purchasing some storage cabinets for the herbarium vouchers and for future gifts of archival materials. More important than the financial consideration will be the decision of where to put such cabinets, which will be large and reasonably unattractive. There is no space for them within the Library; they will have to be placed against a wall in another room. I think the room where the Board meets might be the best solution, but I do ask that everyone give some serious thought to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Knickerbocker, Chair

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