

Historians Report 2015

2015 was a year of change for the Historians position. Bob Spear, after having served in this position for many years (Thank You Bob!), stepped down and turned the reigns over to me. This involved a transfer of the FFLA data and photo archives to my safekeeping. While I can't say that this didn't go off without a few troubles (i.e. incompatible computer systems), the transfer was finally completed late last year and I now have the entire set of archives on both my personal PC as well as backed up on two external hard-drives and a full set of DVD's.

No inquiries for historical data and/or research were received in 2015.

In 2015 the organization celebrated its 25th anniversary – quite an accomplishment from that small meeting in wintry Pennsylvania back in 1990.

My personal research during the past year continued to focus mainly on the states of Ohio, South Carolina and West Virginia. In Ohio, contact was made with the state Division of Forestry, and after a lengthy review by their attorneys of my request to visit them and look through

the archives, permission was granted in late September. A trip is planned there for 2016, as well as additional trips to the West Virginia DOF offices in Farmington and Milton (Regions 1 and 3).

Respectively submitted,

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