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I am happy to report that I was able to purchase all the materials on my list. At about that time the building where our archives were stored decided to use the space for something else and gave us thirty days to move out. So, the boxes were transferred to several different locations-- all private. In October we were able to move into a building owned by Marion County Fire District. It has a full bay for a fire truck, two half-bays for our collection of hose and chemical carts, and an inner, heated room with a locking door for our archives. We have gotten about half the boxes moved in to the new location and I have begun the process of going through it all one box at a time. We are so excited to be able to get photos and documents-- some dating back to the 19th century-- into proper archival storage boxes and folders. I am taking photos as I inventory the collection, so I will send you another update in a few months when I hope to have more to report. We are just so grateful for the grant!

Sincerely,

Shirley Tormey