Chronology of a Horological Library

The American Horological Society called upon all watch and clockmakers in Chicago to attend a meeting Thursday evening on June 9th, 1892 in order to set about forming an association "which shall encourage and improve American horology." Theodore Gribi was the first president of the organization.

The Horological Institute of America was formally established in October 1921 at a meeting of the National Research Council in Washington DC. The organization set about standardizing certification in order to improve the technical skills of its members. The HIA founding president George W Spier bequeathed \$10,000 to the organization.

The United Horological Association of America (UHAA) was founded in May 1934. It began publishing the American Horologist in January, 1936.

HIA's 15th annual meeting in DC in May o 1936 marked the start of cooperation between HIA and the United Horological Association of America (UHAA

Donald Leverenz as president of AWI (1963-64) participated in the return of the Packard collection to AWI from the Smithsonian.

Under the presidency of Ewell Hartman, AWI established the Educational, Library, and Museum Charitable Trust (ELM Trust), which continues to manage the upkeep of museum and library collections.

In January, 1977 AWI published its first issue of Horological Times.

Under the presidency of Orvill Hagans (1978-79), the AWI staff produced an index of library materials, and instituted a more effective system of book lending.

On June 28th, 1987 the ELM trust approved a rededication of the library as the Henry B Fried Resource Library. The board also dedicated the museum to Orville R. Hagans.

In 1989 Mrs. Helen Bensch secured the donation of her husband Otto Bensch's horology library of 1000 volumes to the Henry B Fried Library. Henry B Fried made large donation in 1991. The volumes were fully incorporated by June 28th, 1991, and the ELM trust announced a completed fifty-five page index in 1992 as the culmination of a four year project.

On March 19th, 1996 Henry B Fried passed away.

On June 13th, 1997 the first AWI class graduated.

There was a meeting of the New York Uhrmachers Verein in March 26th, 1866, which was founded by German immigrants to encourage communication between watchmakers and to lend aid to its member

J Andrew Key and Adelbert Weiss led the first meeting of the Associated Watchmakers of America on August 13th, 1917 in St.

Interest in precision grew with the First World War. H. E. Howe, who was chairman of the Division of Research Extension of the National Research Council, examined concerns of the industry in May of 1921. He and the researchers found a shortage of competent watchmakers, a need for stabilizing and standardizing repair techniques, wider edu cation, and more formalized certification.

Upon his death in 1928, James Ward Packard of Packard Motors signed his collection of 31, highly-intricate watches to HIA.

Committees met in 1958 to discuss plans for unification of HIA and UHAA, and the charter convention in June, 1960 completed negotiations for the new American Watchmakers Institute (AWI).

Henry B Fried became president of AWI in 1970. He had taught Horology for the New York City Board of Education for more than 30 years, and was a founder and fellow of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors (NAWCC).

In June, 1976 AWI acquired a building in Harrison, Ohio to house its national

The late 1970's ushered a period of concern over the future of the watch industry as the digital and quartz watch industry grew. Many repairmen were not adequately trained in the repair of these watches; AWI sought to meet these demands.

In 1986 the library collection grew through the donation of materials by the estate of Milton Birnbaum and the Dorothy

Packard Watch No. 11 for 1.3 million dollars to the Philipe Patek Company. On October 18th, 1988 Watchers No. 4, 10 and 12 were sold for 2.5 million.

After years of deliberation the board of AWI approved the construction of new headquarters. The groundbreaking took place September 30th, 1994. On June 23rd 1995 the new building opened with the Henry B Fried Resource Library, the Marvin S Whitney training center, and the Orville Hagans Museum under one roof.

Four scholarships were established in 1996 to fund future students in watch repair at AWI.

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Process of Data Entry

The original spread sheet of the library index lacked thorough organization. The spread sheet did not have columns for publisher information, page numbers, ISBN, or the language of the item. The spread sheet accounted for most of the individual items on shelf, but was not complete, and did not include a fuller count of copy numbers. In the overhaul of this spread sheet, it became apparent that many items were missing from the library, but that many more had not been added to the original index.

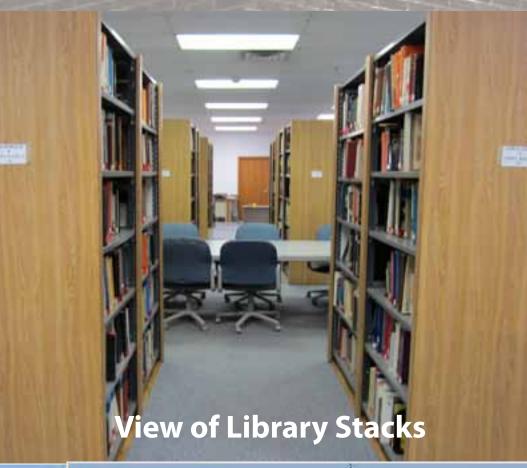
Indexing Project at the Henry B. Fried Resource Library At the American Watchmakers - Clockmakers Institute

Materials in Collection:

The collection of the Henry B Fried includes a pamphlet collection, a library of technical documents, an index of watch and clock making articles, and a small microfiche collection. The library has been underused in the past few years on account of its disorganization. There are plans in the future to make the index available online, but in a format that may better facilitate searches than in an Excel or PDF document. A number of programs are being considered, and cost is the main concern.

The next phase of the overhaul is to account for the material in storage. Now that the process of constructing book call numbers is known, it is possible to add new titles to the library index. There is a growing pile of documents left without a folder in the library of technical documents, and it is imperative that these receive proper storage. There is uncertainty as to what the pamphlet collection contains, and it is necessary that this collection be reviewed.









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