Seven cubic feet
Enticing, what mysteries!
Wooden cart awaits...

by Kate Mollan

Margaret, don’t be cross:
archives now proliferate
like lakesides bunnies

by Ann Heinrichs

Hey, handsome stranger
Saw your pic in the archives
Too bad you’re dead now

by Rebecca Goldman

MULTIPLE ENTRIES BY ONE AUTHOR:

Hold time in your hands
Capture the lore of today
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pressed between fingers
epitomizes on onionskin paper
readable as Braille
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doctor Leary’s papers
preserved acid-free
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a matchbox a shower cap;
and they call these gifts!
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Rusty paperclips
Eat away my memories
Leaving only dust
by Sarah Campbell

We preserve the past
Sparkling gems pass through our hands
Shedding light on time
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Peregrinator
by Debra Baxter

Archives bring you close
The past has an asymptote
Never quite in reach

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processing the past,
lost memories remembered
Kept for tomorrow
by Kathryn Kramer

House-sized donation:
Books, music, clippings, posters.
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No, I did not say “high school”
This happens often.
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Yesterday and tomorrow
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Silver gelatin
So smooth under your fingers
Eek! Where are your gloves?
by Rebecca Goldman

archives swathed in snow
a scholar muffled in wool
germinates within
by Ann Heinrichs

curiosities
monstrous, hideous, startling
pink lotus petals
by Ann Heinrichs

Once vibrant, splendid,
your life’s work ended in dust.
Here may mine begin.
by Ann Heinrichs

Margaret Norton
surely you’re not cross, watching
bunnies from on high.
by Ann Heinrichs

Does your tunneling
slake your craving for knowledge,
cigarette beetle?
by Ann Heinrichs

XML schema
EAD Best Practices...
where is the hushed awe?
by Ann Heinrichs

speckles of sunlight
stirring, flickering, dappling
where is the hushed awe?
by Ann Heinrichs

lamplight clerk transcribes
shifting sheaves of brittle leaves
O! for just one day
by Ann Heinrichs

The proof is evidential,
my dear Schellenberg
moonlit cricket sings
by Evelyn Cherpak

Of for just one day
sipping curare cure of the soul
Alexandria
by Ann Heinrichs

frog plops into pond
toes down deep clutch mud; woe!
by Ann Heinrichs

Laid out in this vault,
dust to dust, you life’s remnants
I inhale, revive.
by Ann Heinrichs

gruff oratory
barked forth in ding-dong bazaars
this silken vellum
by Ann Heinrichs

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Nemesis: bookworm larvae
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food sneak, forget, fence,
map theft, balloon note take...
new bestiary
by Ann Heinrichs

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Hidden treasures
Await me.
by Evelyn Cherpak

The building, the documents,
Archives
all.
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DACS and EAD
EAC, APPM
And yet, ISAD(G)
by Ricky Erway

White gloves, Tyvek tape
Hollinger box, mylar sleeves
Ah, tools of the trade
by Ricky Erway

Along with the dust,
family correspondence
evokes silent tears.
by Ricky Erway

Red rot everywhere
Red rot on my new white shirt
Red rot on my hands
by Ricky Erway

Swapping recipes
Twenty courses, still not full
Virtual picnic
by Rebecca Goldman

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Haiku to poems
as More Product Less Process
is to processing
by Rebecca Goldman

Value of archives?
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my dear Schellenberg
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Trickle trickle fizz
That’s why beverages are banned
by Rebecca Goldman

Every Friday morn
From the depths of A&A
A new flower blooms
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Floodgates open wide
One message yields so many
000 replies
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ENTRIES
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Winners:

In constellations
of ink, nitrate, and now bits;
our shared narratives.
by Steven Bingo

The past lives in space
Boxes cannot hold its soul,
But light glints in bytes

by Judith Adkins

First there was chaos
Then the manifolder.
Now I can find stuff!
by Debi Griffith

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Acid-free boxes
Surrendering scarcely to Dry metadada... by Anne Wolfe

L firing stacks in rooms
Now about that proud word wide, Communism abject... by Anne Wolfe

Boxes in still dark
Morph into bright glowing screens; Luminous data. by Anne Wolfe

No musty odors
Not in hard drives, CD-ROM's-- Old papers haunt me. by Anne Wolfe

One human plus more,
A committee times many... Information solved. by Anne Wolfe

SINGLE ENTRIES:

Dusty boxes in stacks,
Patiently waiting to be discovered Historical gems. by Teddy Adele

Archival pressure:
How can one know all those things? ACA Exam by Rich Adam

Jameison's offspring
Posner, Schellenberg and all Cool seventy-five by George Bain

So long antelope?
Crowded corridors of bits Weigh on students minds. by Adam Bernstein

Weighing out the past,
Wheat from chaff, and stuff from junk, George Carlin, our Saint. by Larry M. Brown

The march of oxford gray,
Holds spring's blooms to fall's fade A Schellenberg smile by Wesly Chengad

Letters, notebooks, thoughts, Memories and history Finds for the future. by Dorothea J. Coiffe

Two birthday digits
Zero, one, zero, zero One zero, one, one by Mark Custer

Yellow paper, old-- Resting in your special box Does anyone know? by Beth Davis-Brown

Memories of you
Saved and kept in shielded rooms For new eyes to see. by Sister Sandra DeNardis

Petition our History
Documents all evidence Saves our history by Sister Sandra DeNardis

In sensible shoes.
Presidential addresses Inspire members by Patty Retig

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Half a century
Presidential addresses, for the future, for the past, for today. by Kate Mollan

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