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# ACCOUNTING HISTORIANS ASSOCIATION HERITAGE ASSOCIATION FORMED

The Accounting Heritage Association has been established in Woodbridge, New Jersey. The Association will be dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of accounting by way of a museum. The collection is already off to a fast start with antique adding machines, an accounting ledger, circa 1873, and a clock that was the "standard" for schools and businesses in 1886.

The accounting museum will be housed in Green Anderson and Company; an

accounting firm based in Woodbridge. Leonard C. Green, managing partner of Green Anderson and Company, said "one of the goals of the Association is to bring in young adults who have an interest in accounting to view these antiques and compare them with the new technological advances made in accounting. Students will be able to learn about accounting's history and apply it to the future."

The Accounting Heritage Association is looking for people to donate artifacts that



Lois Green and Pamela Iovino discuss a "Felt and Tarrant" adding machine of the 1930's displayed at the museum.

pertain to the field of accounting. All donations are tax deductible and members will receive a certificate of merit. Anyone interested in donating accounting collector's items, or in seeing the exhibit, should call Pamela Iovino at Green Anderson and Company at (201) 634-5100, extension 277.

Ms. Iovino has found it rather difficult to obtain information on some of the museum artifacts because most of the adding machine manufacturers no longer exist. Although she has contacted a number of museums and the AICPA, these sources have not possessed the information needed. A list of adding machines which have been donated are listed below. If you have any information on old adding machines, suggestions, comments, ideas concerning the museum, or know of individuals interested in donating to the museum, Ms. Iovino would appreciate your help.

### ADDING MACHINES

- BURROUGHS-** Mfg: General Adding Machine, Detroit, Mi.  
 Circa: 1915  
 Patent: #29696  
 Description: glass front panel, stands on base
- UNDERWOOD-** Mfg: Underwood Mfg.?  
 Circa: 1917  
 Patent: Standard type 5  
 Description: typewriter. In the foreground of the photo
- FELT & TARRANT-** Mfg: Felt and Tarrant Mfg Company, Chicago, Ill.  
 Circa: 1930's?  
 Patent: #12556270  
 Description: photo subject

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**OLIVER-** Mfg: Oliver Typewriter Co., Chicago, Ill.  
 Circa: 1912  
 Patent: #9  
 Description: typewriter with green base and no shield for keys.

**WALES-** Mfg: ?  
 Circa: 1920's?  
 Patent: ?  
 Description: rectangle base, handle on right side 9 rows of keys, roll cartridge on back

**FREIDEN-** Mfg: San Fernando, Ca.  
 Circa: 1940's?  
 Patent: #s10-107911  
 Description: (serviced February 6, 1973) electric, gray with green keys. Square with rectangle cartridge on back.



### THOUGHTS FROM THE PAST!

"The world is full of plausibilities....

Plausibilities not only rule the investments of large numbers of our people, but likewise more or less control our thinking. During the World War we, all of us, instinctively felt, as was preached from the housetops, that with the ending of the war peace would at once return and prosperity would be the portion of the victors. Perfectly plausible, and yet we now know that such was not and could not have been the case."

Frank Wilbur Main  
*The Certified Public Accountant*  
 April 1926, p. 98.