Personnel

The archive is primarily student created and faculty/staff managed. A staff person, a recent MS graduate in Geology, managed the earliest iteration of the archive, funded by the first NSF grant. She recruited (with NSF stipend support) an undergraduate and high school student to work with her for a summer scanning and reshooting images. Over the academic year, the staff person worked with high school teachers and their students to acquire additional images.

During the second phase of the project, another staff person was hired for a year and he coordinated a group of four interns who scanned for the summer along with a high school teacher. All the interns also described and keyworded images. These people were all paid stipends for their 8 to 10 weeks of work. As a result of the summer's scanning, the archive broke the 10,000 image barrier. Much of the image description and keywording was done by current and former students during the fall and winter when they were paid by the hour.

The current archive has had full time staff person support for two years. The staff person handles the day-to-day logistics of running the archive including image management, intern recruitment, and answering public requests for images and information.

In addition to full-time, salaried staff, the archive has been built and improved by a number of part-time, temporary employees. Very often, these employees were undergraduate or graduate students who had just finished their degrees in Geology. The archive was able to provide employment for several months. Examples of the work done by these temporary employees include: cropping and adjusting images, keywording, describing images, and building modules such as the one used for dating images.