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COMPUTER HISTORY

GOOD-BYE CCARP, LONG LIVE CLIR

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From 2014 to 2020 we researched and cataloged over 5000 items (hardware, software, and text) at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, California. We sometimes blogged about our experiences and the fascinating items we encountered; this post is part of that set.



CCARP group at the Computer History Museum

On October 29, 2015, we said good-bye to our two-year computer artifact cataloging project, which was sponsored by the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, California.

As a group of about 15 volunteers, we cataloged about 10,000 items and completely eliminated the museum's artifact backlog. We enjoyed helping to identify and describe interesting items (for example, IBM 7030 Stretch, the first transistorized supercomputer) and some that were not so interesting (for example, the many SDS modules and terminators, and ALL THOSE power cables).

All things considered, it was a wonderful project, well organized and managed, and we met a lot of delightful people and made some new friends. Some of us (including Dick and me) are going on to the two-year archiving project, called CLIR.



Our intrepid supervisors, Sarah and Gretta



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