

What do people mean when they say archive?
At the moment it feels like a stopping place
allowing time to rest her scooter foot catch
up and assess what happened just now just

then back then more clinical the place
of public records from Greek arkhē
government Latin arca vessel sanctuary
like Noah's or of the Covenant cedar ark

protecting woolens from moth incursions
collected with hospitality as I am now
double socks and quiet as grandmother's
endless intricate white crocheted doilies

stacked on attic stairs in Flint trusting they
will be needed there will be a tomorrow.

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