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**David McNeil Collection
1909-1998**

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Title: David McNeil Collection
Creator: David McNeil
Dates: 1909-1998
Media: Manuscripts; printed material; photographs; slides
Quantity: 0.63 cubic ft.
Location: Closed Stacks: Manuscript Shelving

COLLECTION SUMMARY

This collection includes manuscripts, printed material, postcards and photographs pertaining to railroads, including railroad timetables; newsletters of railroad-related organizations in Cincinnati, Ohio; brochures and promotional materials for various railways; an initial feasibility study for Cincinnati's proposed historic streetcar line; and slides associated with the Cincinnati Georgetown & Portsmouth Railroad.

PROVENANCE OF THE COLLECTION

This collection was acquired by the Miami University Libraries from David McNeil.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

From 1939 to 1977, David McNeil taught junior and senior high school students and also served as assistant principal of Wyoming High School in Ohio.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

The collection includes a 1980 manuscript by Harvey I. Hylton titled "The Trackless Trolley System of Dayton, Ohio." This item provides current system maps showing special work, all trolley switches, all short loops, and all access routes; historical maps from 1933; route history from 1933; roster of trackless trolley cars; and layout of car barns.

Conductor's trip envelopes from the Cincinnati & Lake Erie Railroad Company, together with a partially completed examination for trainmen and dispatchers from the Ohio Electric Railway Company, can be found in the collection.

Timetables for the Big Four Route, the Indiana Railroad System, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Norfolk and Western Railway are also housed in the collection. These timetables date from 1909, 1940, 1946, 1947, and 1955.

Visual examples of railways can be found in several postcards from the Ohio Railway Museum in Worthington, Ohio and a collection of postcards of views of trains and stations along the Dayton, Lebanon & Cincinnati Railroad circa 1912. The collection also includes information cards for four Norfolk and Western Railway locomotives: the Streamlined Passenger Locomotive, Class J; the Switching Locomotive, Class S1a; the Simple Articulated Locomotive, Class A; and the Coal-Fired, Steam Turbine, Electric Drive Locomotive.

A June 16, 1996 article from the Cincinnati Enquirer titled "Packed trolleys caused sparks to fly" provides details promoting McNeil's Life Along the Trolley Line and the scrapbooks kept by the Cincinnati Street Railway from 1901 to 1925 that he uncovered during his research. Other newspaper articles provide biographical information on McNeil. Select copies of newsletters from Cincinnati-based organizations for railroad enthusiasts that were circulated during the 1990s can also be found here.

Several forms of railroad-related printed material can be found in the collection. For example, it includes information cards about Cincinnati Street Railway street cars and motor coaches and Norfolk and Western Railway locomotives. A copy of an Electric Railway article from October 1930 offers details about Cincinnati & Lake Erie's new de luxe cars, while an official railway equipment register of the United States, Canadian and Mexican Railroads dates from January 1934. The collection also includes the official guide book and program for the Chicago Railroad Fair and the "Wheels-a-Rolling" pageant, as well as a feasibility study for Cincinnati's proposed historic streetcar line from November 1990. Other examples of ephemera include a copy of an account book for the Dayton, Lebanon & Cincinnati Railroad kept by Horace Russell between 1900 and 1922.

The collection concludes with a drawing of a Cincinnati and Lake Erie Railroad car from 1929, prints depicting the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway cats, "Chessie" and "Peake," together with a placard for the Cincinnati & Lake Erie Railroad that promotes its modern high-speed stream line cars, its "courteous, careful and experienced operators," its leather seats and headrests, and

full view windows in the rear of the car. Two boxes of slides in the final box of the collection illustrate various scenes associated with the Cincinnati Georgetown & Portsmouth Railroad, such as the 1898 and 1913 floods in various Ohio towns, destinations along its routes, and interior and exterior views of railroad cars.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

- Series I. Manuscripts
- Series II. Printed Material
 - Subseries I. Timetables
 - Subseries II. Postcards
 - Subseries III. Newspaper Clippings
 - Subseries IV. Newsletters
 - Subseries V. Miscellaneous
- Series III. Drawings, Photographs and Prints
- Series IV. Oversized Materials
- Series V. Slides

RELATED MATERIALS

The following printed material that was donated with the collection can also be found in the Walter Havighurst Special Collections:

Ashe, Sydney S. and Keiley, D.C. Electric Railways: Theoretically and Practically Treated (second edition, revised). New York: D. Van Nostrand Company; London: Archibald Constable and Company, Ltd., 1907.

Blake, Henry W. and Jackson, Walter. Electric Railway Transportation. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1917.

Davies, F.H. Electric Power and Traction. London: Archibald Constable & Co., Ltd., 1907.

Gayetty, J.W. Motormen and Conductor's Compendium of Valuable Information. Chicago: Laird & Lee, 1896.

Livermore, Virgil B. and Williams, James R. How to Become a Competent Motorman: A Practical Book on the Proper Method of Operating a Street Railway Motorcar. New York: D. Van Nostrand Co., 1909.

McNeil, David. Cincinnati and Columbus Traction Co.: Hillsboro Short Line; The Swing Line. Cincinnati: D. McNeil, 1996.

McNeil, David. Life Along the Trolley Line: A Collection of Human Interest Stories about People's Experiences with Street Cars and Interurbans As Gleaned from Newspapers in 1901-1903. Cincinnati: D. McNeil, 1989.

McNeil, David. Railroad with 3 Gauges: The Cincinnati, Georgetown & Portsmouth PRR and Felicity & Bethel RR; Also with Material on the Interurban Railway & Terminal Co. and the Ohio River & Columbus RR. Cincinnati: D. McNeil, 1986.

The Official Guide of the Railways and Steam Navigation Lines of the United States, Porto Rico, Canada, Mexico and Cuba; Also Time-Tables of Railroads in Central America, Air-Line Schedules. New York: National Railway Publication Co., 1934.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Access: This collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Walter Havighurst Special Collections, Miami University Libraries.

Preferred Citation: Researchers are requested to cite the *David McNeil Collection* and *The Walter Havighurst Special Collections, Miami University Libraries* in all footnote and bibliographic references.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the box and folder numbers shown below.

Series I: Manuscripts

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	1	Copy of A.L. Drum & Company report to the Cincinnati & Hamilton Traction Company on the cost of reproduction loss depreciation of the physical property of the Cincinnati & Hamilton Traction Company	Ca. 1924

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	2	Conductor's trip envelopes and forms, Cincinnati & Lake Erie Railroad Company	1938
1	3	The Trackless Trolley System of Dayton, Ohio, by Harvey I. Hylton	1980
1	4	The Ohio Electric Railway Company Examination for Trainmen and Dispatchers	Undated
1	5	Letter from Bill Van Doren to David McNeil regarding information on car 99	Undated
1	6	Letter from Dennis Stewart to David McNeil regarding Cincinnati-Georgetown-Portsmouth Railroad insulators	Undated
1	7	List of Dayton, Ohio T.B. routes	1980

Series II: Printed Material
Subseries I: Timetables

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	8	Timetable for the Big Four Route: Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Ry., March 1909	1909
1	9	Indiana Railroad System Consolidated Schedules for Electric Train and Motor Coach Service: The Fast, Safe, Thrifty Way between Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, Terra Haute, Kokomo, Anderson, Muncie, Seymour, Columbus, Greencastle, Peru, and Intermediate Points, Effective September 29, 1940	Ca. 1940
1	10	Baltimore & Ohio R.R. Schedules of Through Main Line Trains, issued September 29, 1946	1946
1	11	Baltimore & Ohio Railroad System Time Tables, Issued September 29, 1946	1946
1	12	Pennsylvania Railroad time table, issued December 7, 1947	1947
1	13	Norfolk and Western Railway Time Table, July 21, 1955	1955

Series II: Printed Material
Subseries II: Postcards

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	14	Postcards from the Ohio Railway Museum	Ca. 1956-1957
1	15	Twelve Days of Christmas postcards	Undated
1	16	Postcards of trains, stations along the Dayton, Lebanon & Cincinnati Railroad, ca. 1912	Undated

Series II: Printed Material
Subseries III: Newspaper Clippings

Box	Small Box	Title	Date
1	17	"Packed Trolleys Caused Sparks to Fly", The Cincinnati Enquirer	June 16, 1996
1	18	"Dave McNeil 'Has the Learning Bug'," Tri-County Press	September 4, 1996
1	19	"Author Brings Home Travel Experiences," The Cincinnati Senior Monthly	September 1996
1	20	"Army Gathers Nitrates in 1918"	Undated

Series II: Printed Material
Subseries IV: Newsletters

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	21	Cincinnati Railbuffs Newsletters	1992-1998
1	22	Cincinnati Transit Historical Association newsletters	1992-1998
1	23	Front page of the Indian Hill Bulletin, with article on the story of Redbird Hollow	May 22, 1998
1	24	Miami Valley Trolley Fans Newsletter	September 1998

Series II: Printed Material
Subseries V: Miscellaneous

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	25	Cincinnati Street Railway Street Car and Motor Coach Information Card, January 9, 1927	1927
1	26	"Cincinnati & Lake Erie's New De Luxe Cars Challenge the Steam Railroad and the Bus," Electric Railway Journal, October 1930	1930
1	27	Official Railway Equipment Register of the United States, Canadian and Mexican Railroads, January 1934. New York: The Railway Equipment and Publication Co., 1934.	1934
1	28	Chicago Railroad Fair Official Guide Book and Program for the Pageant "Wheels a-Rolling"	Ca. 1948
1	29	Front cover and table of contents, American Bank Note Company Annual Report 1981	1981
1	30	Long, W. Earl. <u>Richmond 1888: Dawn of the Electric Street Railway Era</u> . Richmond, Virginia: Lady Liberty Press, 1988	1988
1	31	Cincinnati's Proposed Historic Streetcar Line: Initial	1990

Box	Folder	Title	Date
		Feasibility Study, November 1990	
1	32	Special issue of <u>Trains</u> magazine on fifty years of railroading, November 1990	1990
1	33	Copy of Horace Russell's account book of the Dayton, Lebanon & Cincinnati Railroad, 1900-1922	1993
1	34	Brochure for the Norfolk and Western Class J 4-8-4 model, available from Garden Railway Co., Exactitude, Marketing Corp. of America, Allied Model Trains and Mehring Model Engineering	Undated
1	35	Norfolk and Western Railway locomotive information cards	Undated
1	36	Reprint of 1912 Souvenir of The Dayton, Lebanon and Cincinnati Railroad and Terminal Company and Tributary Industries	Undated
1	37	"Never Play Cards with Strangers" placard	Undated
1	38	Interurban Press book list	Undated

Series III: Drawings, Photographs and Prints

Box	Small Box	Title	Date
1	39	Drawing of Cincinnati and Lake Erie Railroad car	July 8, 1929
1	40	Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railway photographs	Undated
1	41	Currier & Ives prints of the "Lightning Express" trains and the American Express train	Undated

Series IV: Oversized Material

Box	Folder	Title	Date
2	1	Chesapeake and Ohio Railway "Chessie" and "Peake" prints	Undated
2	2	Cincinnati & Lake Erie Railroad placard	Undated

Series V: Slides

Box	Title	Date
2	Slides associated with the Cincinnati Georgetown & Portsmouth Railroad	Undated