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Collection Summary

Identifier

MA 33

Title

Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railway Company collection

Creator

Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railway Company

Dates

1913-1918

Extent

1.47 linear feet -- 4 boxes

Language

English

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Abstract

The Milwaukee Road, officially the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad (CMSP&P RR) was a Class I railroad that operated in the Midwest and northwest of the United States. The railroad had lines running through Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota, and the upper peninsula of Michigan. The collection is composed of a compilation of various communications of the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railroad during 1913 to 1918, including regular daily telegraph correspondence as well as way-bill information and communication with shipping customers.

Historical Note

The Milwaukee Road, officially the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad (CMSP&P RR) was a Class I railroad that operated in the Midwest and northwest of the United States from 1847 until its acquisition by and merger with the Soo Line railway in 1985–1986. The company went through several official names and faced bankruptcy several times in that period. While the railroad does not exist as a separate entity anymore, it is still commemorated in buildings like the historic Milwaukee Road Depot in Minneapolis, Minnesota and in railroad hardware still maintained by rail fans, such as the Milwaukee Road 261 steam locomotive.

The Milwaukee Road appeared as the Milwaukee and Waukesha Railroad when incorporated in 1847, but soon changed its name to Milwaukee and Mississippi. After three years, the first train ran from Milwaukee to Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, and the first passenger train ran on February 25, 1851. In 1874 the name was changed to Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul. By 1887, the railroad had lines running through Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota, and the upper peninsula of Michigan.

Contents Note

This collection originated from the Madison, S.D. Railway Depot and was then donated to Prairie Village of Madison. The barn in which Prairie Village kept the records burned down but the records were salvaged. The collection provides a variety of different communications and report information, and is an excellent source to view original documentation. However, the collection is not a complete record of all communications and so is not an effective source for researching

specific transactions, etc. It is organized into folders each containing a different form of communication used by the railroad company. The beginning of the collection contains all photocopied material. The middle of the collection contains the encapsulated material, and the end of the collection contains the samples of original records.

Because this collection was damaged in a fire all records received were photocopied with only a few original samples retained from each category of the collection. Some unique samples were encapsulated for easier handling and display.

Key Words

Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railway Company -- Records and correspondence

Administrative Information

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Megan Sikkink, 2003 February 23.

Container List

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
1	27	5pm Company Coal Report	1918
1	1	7 Reports	undated
3	1	32 Report—Sample	undated
1	2	37 Daily Telegraph Car Report	1914
1	3	49 Report	1914
3	2	49 Report—Sample	undated
1	4	Accident and Injury Report	1915
1	5	Bill of Loading Memorandum	1915
1	8	C.D. Report	undated
1	6	Cannon Ball Coal Company Flyer	undated
1	7	Cars Departing Station	1914-1918
3	3	Cars Departing Station—Sample	1913-1918
1	9	Claim Ticket	undated
1	10	Clearance Card	1918
2	10	CM&SP Railroad Samples Encapsulated	undated
2	11	CM&SP Railroad Samples Encapsulated	undated
3	4	Conductor Connection Report—Sample	undated
3	5	Conductor Connection Report—Sample	undated
1	11	Conductor Connections Report	1913-1918
1	12	Conductor Delay Report	1913-1917
3	6	Conductor Delay Report—Sample	undated
1	13	Correspondence	undated
3	7	Correspondence	undated
1	14	Daily Connections Report (32 Report)	1913-1918
1	15	Daily Crop and Car Report	1917
3	8	Daily Crop and Car Report—Sample	1917
1	16	Daily Report of Cars on Hand	1918
1	17	Diversion Form	1917
3	9	Diversion Form—Sample	1917
1	18	Empty Car Slip	1913
1	19	F.C.O. Car Request Form	undated
1	20	Foreign Car Disposition	1913
3	10	Foreign Car Disposition—Sample	1913
1	21	Freight Agent Form	1917
1	22	Inner-Company Correspondence	undated
3	11	Inner-Company Correspondence—Sample	1917
1	24	L.P.T. Car Request	1917

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
3	13	L.P.T. Car Request—Sample	1917
1	23	Load and Empty Report	1918
3	12	Load and Empty Report—Sample	undated
1	25	Operator's Order Blank	undated
3	14	Operator's Order Blank—Sample	1914
1	26	Report of Car and Engine Failure	1914-1918
3	16	Report of Car and Engine Failures—Sample	undated
3	15	Report of Cars Arriving—Sample	1917
2	9	Standard Way Bill	undated
1	28	Telegrams	1913-1918
1	29	Telegrams	1913-1918
1	30	Telegrams	1913-1918
1	31	Telegrams	1913-1918
2	1	Telegrams	1913-1918
2	2	Telegrams	1913-1918
3	17	Telegrams—Sample	1913-1918
3	18	Telegrams—Sample	1913-1918
3	19	Telegrams—Sample	1913-1918
4	1	Telegrams—Sample	1913-1918
4	2	Telegrams—Sample	1913-1918
4	3	Telegraphic Report of Accident—Sample	undated
2	3	Train List	undated
4	4	Train List—Sample	undated
2	4	Train Order Forms	undated
4	5	Train Order Reports—Sample	undated
2	5	Train Register Check	undated
2	6	Unloading Tally	undated
4	6	Unloading Tally—Sample	undated
2	7	Way-Bill Correction Form	1917
2	8	Work Sheet Madison, SD	1913
4	7	Work Sheet Madison, SD—Sample	1913