

Finding aid for the Detroit, Lansing and Northern Railroad Co. collection Collection 193

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Creator	Detroit, Lansing and Northern Railroad.
Title	Detroit, Lansing and Northern Railroad Co. collection
Date [inclusive]	1874-1892
Extent	0.83 Linear feet One box
Language	English
Abstract	This small collection documents the ongoing business affairs of the Detroit, Lansing and Northern Michigan Railroad Co. during the late 19th century, circa 1874-1892. Included are select annual reports and a timetable.

Biographical/Historical note

The Detroit, Lansing & Northern Railroad (DL&N) came into existence in December 1876 as the result of a foreclosure sale of the Detroit, Lansing & Lake Michigan Railroad Co. The newer road operated from Detroit through Lansing, Ionia and Greenville to Howard City. Later branches were added to Stanton, then through Edmore to Big Rapids. The road also operated over the Saginaw Valley & St. Louis Railroad and in 1888 built the Grand Rapids, Lansing and Detroit from Grand Ledge to Grand Rapids, providing a more direct connection for itself.

For several years during the late 1880s and early 1890s, the line and the Chicago & West Michigan were operated under a single management. In 1896 the road became the Detroit Grand Rapids & Western Railroad, which in 1899 was folded into the newly formed Pere Marquette Railroad Co.

Scope and Contents note

Contains various annual reports (1874-1892) and an 1884 timetable. Early annual reports include references to construction and extensions of the road. All annual reports document the affairs of the line with regard to earnings, expenses and comparisons and history of prior years. Some of the annual reports include maps of the line. Also included are statements on track, structures and equipment. The 1884 "special" timetable documents an inspection of the line by Michigan Governor James G. Blaine.

Administrative Information

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Unknown, accession number 00.000

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

Related Collections

Archives of Michigan: Railroad holdings, Circular No. 13 – Railroad Records

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mhc_sa_circular13_49702_7.pdf

Michigan Railroads.com

<http://www.michiganrailroads.com/RRHX/Railroads/RailroadMenu.htm>

William Alden Smith, U.S. Senator bio, Biographical Directory of the United States Congress

<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=S000629>

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Detroit, Lansing and Northern Railroad.

Genre(s)

- business records

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

Subject(s)

- Railroads -- Michigan

Annual Reports

Collection Inventory**Series I Annual Reports 1874-1892**

	Box	Folder
Annual report 1874	1	1
Annual reports 1879-1887	1	2-10
Annual reports 1891-1892	1	11-12

Series II Timetables 1884

	Box	Folder
"Special Train" October 15, 1884	1	13