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

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<td><strong>Date [inclusive]</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Abstract</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
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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

Publication Information

Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department June 1996

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Unknown, accession number 00.000
Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

Related Collections

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

Michigan Railroads.com


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
## Collection Inventory

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