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Summary Information

Repository:	Grand Rapids History Center
Title:	Grand Rapids Public Library railroads collection
ID:	Collection 197
Date [inclusive]:	1837-1960
Physical Description:	1.9 Linear Feet Four boxes
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The Grand Rapids Public Library railroads collection contains various items related to railroading, primarily in Western Michigan, which do not fit in the other collections covering specific railway lines. Included are a wide range of company instruments issued by various railroads from circa 1837-1960, including also interurban and trolley lines. Railroad company documents include timetables, stock certificates, tickets, advertising, locomotive drawings and a few photographs. Also included are non-railroad source documents including newspaper articles, booklets and maps. Most are from roads doing business in Michigan or other Midwestern states.

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Scope and Contents

The collection contains a wide range of company instruments issued by various railroads, interurban and trolley lines, as well as non-railroad source documents including newspaper articles, booklets, and maps. Most are from roads doing business in Michigan or other Midwestern states. There is some representation from two western lines; the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific. The collection dates span 1837-1960. Railroad company documents include timetables, stock certificates, tickets, advertising, locomotive drawings and a few photographs.

Railroad lines represented which served Grand Rapids include the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, New York Central Railroad and Pennsylvania Railroads. Interurban lines include the Grand Rapids, Grand Haven & Muskegon Railway and the Michigan Railway. Also represented are the Division Street Railway Co. and the Grand Rapids Railway Co. trolley lines.

The Chicago & Grand Trunk Railroad, a subsidiary of the Grand Trunk Railroad of Canada, also served Grand Rapids. Their station on Bridge Street was by Daniel Burnham of Chicago. An original document critical of the foreign ownership of this railroad (1870) was added to this collection in December 2008, along with other historical references which help explain the history of this line.

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Related Materials

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Collection 105, Grand Rapids Railway Co. / Grand Rapids Railroad Co. / Grand Rapids Motor Coach Co. Records

Collection 175, GRPL Moving Images Collection, for [Grand Rapids Railway Co. Electric Rail Coaches, ca. 1910]

Collection 248, James Winslow Collection

Collection 263, GRPL Small MSS Collection, for L.H. Stuart's History of the GR Street Railway

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Controlled Access Headings

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- Tourism -- Michigan -- History
- Railroads -- Michigan
- Street-railroads -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids

Collection Inventory

Series I. Stocks, 1840s-1910s

Title/Description	Instances	
Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis and Chicago Railway Co. (\$100), 1880s, Certificate #5955.	Box 1	Folder 1
2 Cincinnati, Sandusky, and Cleveland Railroad Co. (\$50), 1870s, Certificate #2132 and other unmarked.	Box 1	Folder 2
Cleveland, Painesville and Ashtabula Railroad Co. (\$50), 1870s.	Box 1	Folder 3
Cleveland & Toledo Railroad Co. (\$50), 8/5/1854, Certificate #2267.	Box 1	Folder 4
Cleveland & Toledo Railroad Co. (\$50), 1860s, Certificate #12599.	Box 1	Folder 5
Columbus, Springfield & Cincinnati Railroad Co. (\$50), 1870s.	Box 1	Folder 6
Division Street Railway Co. (\$100), 1/1/1876, Certificate #1.	Box 1	Folder 7
The Lake Shore Railway Co. (\$50), 1870s, Certificate #821.	Box 1	Folder 8
Michigan Southern & Northern Indiana Railroad Co. (\$100), 1850s.	Box 1	Folder 9
Michigan Southern & Northern Indiana (\$100)n 10%, 1860s.	Box 1	Folder 10

Michigan Southern Railroad Co. (\$100) 1850s, Certificate #367.	Box 1	Folder 11
Michigan Southern Railroad Co. (\$100) 8% (construction), 1850s.	Box 1	Folder 12
Northern Indiana Railroad Co. (\$100) 8%, 1850s, Certificate #146.	Box 1	Folder 13
Peoria and Eastern Railway Co. (\$100), 1890s, Certificate #A876.	Box 1	Folder 14
Syracuse & Utica Railroad Co. (\$50), 1850s.	Box 1	Folder 15
Toledo & Ohio Central Railway Co. (\$100), 1910s, 5%, Certificate #3925 Common.	Box 1	Folder 16
Toledo & Ohio Central Railway Co. (\$100) 1910s, 5%, Certificate #3752 Preferred.	Box 1	Folder 17
Utica & Schenectady Railroad co. (\$100), 1840s.	Box 1	Folder 18
Detroit, Grand Rapids and Western Railroad Co. No. 997 [2019.060], 1898-04-12	Box 1	Folder 55

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Series II. Bond, 1860s

Title/Description	Instances	
Cincinnati, Hamilton, and Dayton Railroad Mortgage Scrip (\$1,000), 1860s.	Box 1	Folder 19

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Series III. Timetables

Public 1906-1960.

Title/Description	Instances	
Boyne City Gaylord & Alpena Railroad (#39), 6/27/1915, (Wall Poster Style).	Box 1	Folder 20
Chesapeake & Ohio, 11/1/1960 "Michigan Lines" (Including car ferries).	Box 1	Folder 21
Detroit & Mackinac Railway, 9/30/1906. Form 2 System.	Box 1	Folder 22
Grand Rapids, Grand Haven & Muskegon Railway, 5/28-1919. See also 054-15.2	Box 1	Folder 23

Grand Rapids Railway Company. Time Card [schedule, timetable]. Godfrey Avenue Bus. N.d. ca. 1925. 00. [3242].1	Box 1	Folder 23.5
Three Manistee & Northeastern Railway Co., (#45), 9/7/1941 (Wall Poster).	Box 1	Folder 24
Michigan Railway Co. 7/1/1915.	Box 1	Folder 25
Michigan United Traction Co. 6/22/1915.	Box 1	Folder 26
Pennsylvania Railroad, Michigan Division (Richmond to Mackinaw City), 6/27/1920.	Box 1	Folder 27

Employee 1889-1982

Title/Description	Instances	
Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Co. 10/26/1958. Northern Region (#148).	Box 1	Folder 28
Toledo Saginaw & Muskegon Railway (#13) reproduction 4/15/1889.	Box 1	Folder 29
Grand Trunk Western Railroad: Detroit, Toledo and Ironton Railroad employee timetable [2022.032]	Box 1	Folder 57

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Series IV. Brochures, 1874-1925.

Title/Description	Instances	
Grand Rapids, Grand Haven & Muskegon Railway, c1919, "From Grand Rapids to the Lake Resorts."	Box 1	Folder 30
Grand Rapids, Grand Haven, & Muskegon Railway, 1904, "Trolley Tours".	Box 1	Folder 31
Grand Rapids Railway Co. "Pay As You Enter Car" (Car #329)., circa 1909	Box 1	Folder 32
Grand Rapids Railway Co. Grand Rapids, Mich. : Where and How To Go.	Box 1	Folder 32.5

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"How to See Grand Rapids." Form no. 22. GR : Grand Rapids Engraving Co. Folded; fragile. Includes map which shows 28 lines and a distance measurement triangle between North Park, Reed's Lake and John Ball Park: Lines of Grand Rapids Railway Company. N.d. 00.[3243].1

Where and How to Go, Grand Rapids, Michigan [pictorial booklet] P2008.021	Box 1	Folder 32.5
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New York Central Lines 1925 "New Through Sleeping Car Service -Lansing to Detroit".	Box 1	Folder 33
Pullman Palace Hotel Car 6/1/1874, "Chicago to Rochester, N.Y. Via Great Central Route".	Box 1	Folder 34

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Series V. Annual Reports / Prospectus

Title/Description	Instances	
Toledo, Ypsilanti & Saginaw Air Line Railroad, 1870.	Box 1	Folder 35
Prospectus ... the Port Huron and Lake Michigan Railroad Co. of Michigan, the Peninsular Railway Co. of Mich., the Peninsular Railroad Co. of Indiana, and the Chicago, Blue Island and Indiana Railroad of Illinois / L.D. Dibble. Battle Creek, Mich. : Review & Herald Steam Book and Job Print, 1869. Formerly M385.D54	Box 1	Folder 51

Pennsylvania Railroad Co. Annual Reports. Formerly M656.P39

Title/Description	Instances	
1906. 00.[1560].1-35	Box 2	Folder 1
1907	Box 2	Folder 2
1908	Box 2	Folder 3
1909	Box 2	Folder 4
1910	Box 2	Folder 5
1911	Box 2	Folder 6
1912	Box 2	Folder 7
1913	Box 2	Folder 8
1914	Box 2	Folder 9
1915	Box 2	Folder 10
1916	Box 2	Folder 11
1917	Box 2	Folder 12
1918	Box 3	Folder 1
1919	Box 3	Folder 2
1920	Box 3	Folder 3
1921	Box 3	Folder 4
1922	Box 3	Folder 5

1923	Box 3	Folder 6
1924	Box 3	Folder 7
1925	Box 3	Folder 8
1926	Box 3	Folder 9
1927	Box 3	Folder 10
1928	Box 3	Folder 11
1930	Box 4	Folder 1
1931	Box 4	Folder 2
1932	Box 4	Folder 3
1933	Box 4	Folder 4
1934	Box 4	Folder 5
1935	Box 4	Folder 6
1936	Box 4	Folder 7
1937	Box 4	Folder 8
1938	Box 4	Folder 9
1939	Box 4	Folder 10
1940	Box 4	Folder 11
1941	Box 4	Folder 12

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Series VI. Photographs, 1930's-1950's.

Title/Description	Instances	
2 Southern Pacific Railroad Locomotives., 1940s.	Box 1	Folder 36
4 Union Pacific Railroad Locomotives, 1930-1950; 2 Locomotive drawings, n.d..	Box 1	Folder 37

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Series VII. Maps, 1866-1901.

Title/Description	Instances	
U.S. Railroads "Appleton's Maps," 1866 (sections missing – Michigan included).	Box 1	Folder 38
Interurban Route-(Proposed) 9/7/1901. Plainfield Township, Kent County, MI over C.C. Comstock Estate.	Box 1	Folder 39

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Title/Description	Instances	
Grand Rapids Railway Co. 5/10/1902. "Complimentary Pass-H.C. White, Alderman" Book #573.	Box 1	Folder 40
Grand Rapids, Grand Haven, & Muskegon Railway Co. 1900. "Mr. A.S. Cramer, Conklin, MI" #A3887.	Box 1	Folder 41

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Title/Description	Instances	
Grand Rapids & Holland Railroad Co. Receipt-Capital Stock 4/6/1871.	Box 1	Folder 42
2 Grand Rapids, Grand Haven & Muskegon passenger receipt, 12/26/??.	Box 1	Folder 43

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Title/Description	Instances	
Chesapeake & Ohio Locomotive renumbering, 3/29/1948.	Box 1	Folder 44
Chesapeake & Ohio, Employee Seniority Engineers & Fireman Northern Region, 1958.	Box 1	Folder 45
Pennsylvania Railroad, 1924 Menu (Grand Rapids Sketch).	Box 1	Folder 46
Pere Marquette Railroad Construction Summary (non-railroad).	Box 1	Folder 47
Report, Engineers 1837, Northern Railroad Survey (became Detroit & Milwaukee).	Box 1.5	Folder 48
Articles of Association, 1855, Grand Rapids & Northern Railway.	Box 1.5	Folder 49
Miscellaneous newspaper articles, booklets, and maps, 1868-1961.	Box 1	Folder 50
Exhibit of the condition and prospects of the Michigan Southern Railroad, 1850. 00.[0605].8. Formerly M385.M582	Box 1	Folder 52

An Exposition of the Grand Trunk Railroad / by John S. Campbell. 1870. District Court of the U.S., Eastern District of Michigan. Contents: Criticism of the foreign ownership of the U.S. Railroad. 00.[3502].1	Box 1	Folder 53
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Scope and Contents

Ancillary documents in explanation of the Grand Trunk's History:

Pg. 31. on the history of Indiana/Michigan Railroads in the 19th century. In. South Bend and the Men Who Have Made It / Anderson & Cooley, 1901. Google print

1891 Grain Dealers and Shippers Gazette. Chicago & Grand Trunk Railway System. Includes Grand Rapids. Webprint

Steamtown. Special History Study. American Steam Locomotives. Grand Trunk Western Railroad No. 6039. Webprint.

National Parks Service. History section. http://www.nps.gov/history/history/online_books/steamtown/shs2h.htm

Skeleton Map : shewing the position and connections of the Michigan Southern Rail Road (from Monroe and Toledo to Chicago) with the several great rail road routes to the Atlantic Seaboard and New York City via the South Shore of Lake Erie.	Drawer FF.III.A
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Map of the Northwestern States : shewing what proportion lies North of the parallel of South Bend of Lake Michigan. It will be seen at a glance, that the unbroken line of communication with the Atlantic Seaboard, and the only winter route ...	Drawer FF.III.A
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By-Laws of Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company Pere Marquette District, Adopted at Grand Rapids 29 November 1955 [2001.113]	Box 1	Folder 56
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