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Abstract

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Extent

0.2 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Use Restrictions

Permission to publish material from Virginian Railway Photographs must be obtained from Special Collections, Virginia Tech.

Acquisition Information

The collection was donated to Special Collections in June 2011.

Processing Information

The processing, arrangement, and description of the Virginian Railway Photographs was completed in March 2013.

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Historical Note

Created in 1907 from the merger of two existing railroads, the Virginian Railway Company (VGN) operated as an entity until 1959, at which point it became part of the Norfolk & Western Railway. A brief history of the VGN can be found on the Norfolk and Western Historical Society [website](#).

Scope and Content

The collection contains 85 photographs of the Virginian Railway and 2 images from a Virginian Railway Company Annual Report. Photograph subjects include locomotives, people (none identified), and railway accidents. Dates on the photographs range from 1948 to 1959. 42 of the photographs are neither dated nor identified. Identified photographs are of trains at specific stations and rail cars associated with Lima Locomotive Works, Incorporated. One particular photograph cites the place, date, and even time of the train passing by in the image.

Many of the photographs depict train accidents, but do not provide identifying information about the accidents. Several individuals also pose next to these scenes. A group of these accident photos contain the date January 1958, possibly when the images were either taken or developed.

Keywords

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Railroad

Virginian Railway

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in three folders. The first folder includes photographs that are identified with notations on the back. The second folder consists of photographs with approximate or exact dates. The third folder contains photographs with no identifying information.

Description of Subordinate Components

Identified Photographs

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Dated Photographs

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Non-Identified Photographs

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)