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Abstract

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Creator

Norfolk and Western Railroad Company (1881-1896)

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Norfolk and Western Railway Company (1896-1982)

Extent

0.3 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Use Restrictions

Permission to publish material from Norfolk & Western Railroad and Railway Company Records must be obtained from Special Collections, Virginia Tech.

Acquisition Information

The Norfolk & Western Railroad and Railway Company Records were purchased by Special Collections in March 2017.

Processing Information

The processing, arrangement, and description of the Norfolk & Western Railroad and Railway Company Records was completed in June 2017.

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Historical Note

The Norfolk & Western Railroad originated with the 1838 chartering of the City Point Railroad, a line between Petersburg and City Point, Virginia. The line was purchased by the South Side Railroad in 1854, which, in turn, merged with the Virginia & Tennessee Railroad and the Norfolk & Petersburg Railroad, forming the Atlantic, Mississippi & Ohio Railroad in 1870. The AM&O fell into bankruptcy and was purchased in 1881, the new owners incorporating under the name Norfolk and Western Railroad, with a line extending from Virginia's coast to Southwest Virginia. The N&W went into receivership in 1895 and was reorganized as the Norfolk & Western Railway the following year.

Scope and Contents

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Related Materials

Special Collections continued to collection materials relating to railroad history. We have more than 30 collections of materials from the Norfolk & Western Railroad Company, the Norfolk & Western Railway Company, and many subsidiary and associated companies. A list of Norfolk & Western collections can be viewed [here](#). A list of larger list of all our railroad manuscript collections can be viewed [here](#).

Keywords

Railroad

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Arrangement

Series I: Administrative Records, 1883-1935, n.d., primarily includes internal handwritten and type reports and a variety of billing documents and receipts. In addition, it contains one published 1892 N&W Railroad agreement, some internal circulars, some ephemeral notes, and three maps/blueprints.

This series is arranged by type of material. Within each folder, whenever possible, materials are in

chronological order with undated items as the back of the folder.

Series II: Correspondence, 1876-1914, n.d. contains letters written to and from N&W Railroad Company and N&W Railway Company between 1876 and 1906. It also includes a small collection of telegrams to the company, sent between 1896 and 1914. The correspondence exchanges between the railroad and other companies, individuals, and clients.

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Description of Subordinate Components

Series I: Administrative Records

Unit Date 1883-1935, n.d.

Agreements and Circulars

Unit Date 1892-1903

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Billing and Receipts

Unit Date 1883-1914, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Blueprints and Maps

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Notes

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Reports

Unit Date 1933-1935, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Series II: Correspondence

Unit Date 1876-1914, n.d.

Letters

Unit Date 1876-1906, n.d.

1876-1893

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

1894-1896

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

1897-1898

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

1899-1906, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Telegrams

Unit Date 1896-1914

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)