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Descriptive Summary

Collection Number

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Abstract

Collection consists of a variety of transportation-related documents, maps, and images. The most numerous group in the collection is approximately 150 postcards of Washington, D.C. from the early to mid-20th century, many of which include streetcars as well as famous streets and buildings.

Creator

Truax, Robert A.

Physical Characteristics

6 linear feet (4 boxes, 1 oversize folder)

Repository

George Mason University. Libraries. Special Collections Research Center

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no access restrictions.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions on personal use. Permission to publish material from Robert Truax Washington, D.C. transportation collection must be obtained from Special Collections and Archives, George Mason University Libraries.

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Scope and Content

Collection consists of a variety of transportation-related documents, maps, and images. There are 150 postcards of Washington, D.C. many of which include streetcars as well as famous streets and buildings. The collection also includes approximately 12 maps of Washington, D.C. street railway and bus routes from 1880 and the 1940s. There are rolling stock inventories from the 1930s and conductor leave of absence reports from the 1920s. There are also a small number of World War II letters unrelated to the rest of the collection. There are also two glass plate negatives approximately 6.5 x 8.5" that contain images of Luna Park in Arlington, Virginia, and a railroad track and train in Harper's Ferry Virginia. Both images date from around 1900 to 1915. There are also a small number of materials related the postal service and stamps. Finally, there are two oversize volumes: one volume of passenger receipts from 1909. and one volume of conductor receipts from 1898.

Related Material

Special Collections Research Center holds many other transportation-related collections.

Index Terms

Geographical Names:

Washington, D.C.--Postcards.

Subjects:

Urban transportation.

Document Types:

Maps.

Postcards.

Arrangement

Arranged by subject and date.

Contents List

Glass plate negatives,

Unit Date circa 1905 - 1915

Container 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Maps and pamphlets,

Unit Date 1985 - 1986

Container 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Motorman and conductor leave of absence logbook,

Unit Date 1921 - 1929

Container 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Rolling stock and cars inventory,

Unit Date 1930s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Rolling stock and cars inventory,

Unit Date 1930s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Washington, D.C. postcards,

Unit Date circa 1900 - 1950s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Washington, D.C. postcards,

Unit Date circa 1900 - 1950s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Washington, D.C. postcards,

Unit Date circa 1900 - 1950s

Container 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

World War II letters,

Unit Date 1940s

Container 2 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Conductor receipts,

Unit Date 1898

Container 3 (Box)

Passenger receipts,

Unit Date 1909

Container 4 (Box)

Washington, D.C. street railway and bus route maps,

Unit Date 1880 - 1940s