

Locations of Railroad Genealogical Materials, April 18, 2012

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Updates at: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/railroad.html>

Individual Railroads

Ann Arbor Railroad

Employee Rosters - 1940s-1970s
Ann Arbor Railroad Company Collection
Central Michigan University
Clarke Historical Library
Mount Pleasant, Mich. 48859
(989) 774-3352

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway (Santa Fe)

Employee Listings - California State Railroad Museum Foundation
<http://www.csrmf.org/doc.asp?ID=272>
Listings from 1894 to 1950
MFL also available from the Family History Library, Salt Lake City

Employee Rosters - Vanished History Mall Web Site
Transcribed advertising roster for the Albuquerque Division, showing
train and station employees in 1942.
http://www.vanished.com/pages/seniority_guide_time_book_for_19.htm

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad

Employee Listings - Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum
Attn: Hays T. Watkins Research Library & Archives
901 West Pratt Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21223
Phone: 410-752-2490 ext. 224
Email: research@borail.org
Partial employee listings 1905-1971

Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad

Employee Rosters - Operating crews, yardmen and agents/operators, 1950s. Online at:
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/blerosters.html>

Employee Listings - Last Bessemer crews on steam-powered runs. Online at:
<http://www.rr-fallenflags.org/ble/ble-stm.html>

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Boston & Maine Railroad

Employee Listings - University of Massachusetts-Lowell
Center for Lowell History
Patrick J. Mogan Cultural Center
40 French Street
Lowell, Massachusetts 01852
Phone: 978-934-4997
<http://library.uml.edu/clh/BMlistA.htm>
Employee listings taken from collections of the B&M Railroad Historical Society. The names of about 6,000 employees mentioned in records generated between 1874 and 1939 are indexed, with the index available online at the above URL.

Employee Roster - Numerous Operating Department rosters, 1908 – 1944 from the webmaster's collection. Indexes at:
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sponholz/bandmrosters.html>

Chesapeake & Ohio Railway

Archives - The C&O Historical Society has a partial collection of the corporate records, including meeting minutes books and annual reports. Archives at 312 E Ridgeway Street, Clifton Forge, VA 24422, phone 540-862-2210, email: cohs@cohs.org

Employee Magazine - Entire run of the C&O Employee Magazine beginning in 1913, in collection of the C&O Historical Society. Collection is at the Archives office in Clifton Forge, VA (see above). No index is available.
<http://www.cohs.org/archives/>

Chicago & Alton (Alton Railroad)

Employee Roster - Operating crew roster from 1947, the last roster issued prior to the merger into the Gulf, Mobile & Ohio Railroad.
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sponholz/altonrr1947.pdf>

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad (Burlington Route)

Archives - Newberry Library
60 W. Walton St.
Chicago, IL 60610
<http://www.newberry.org/collections/Railroad.html>
Includes personnel listings

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Chicago Great Western Railway (See also Chicago & North Western)

Personnel Listings - Hub City Heritage Museum, Box 300, Oelwein, Iowa 50662

Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville Railway (See Monon Railroad)

Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad (Milwaukee Road)

Archives – Milwaukee Public Library, Central Branch. Extensive online listing of employees based on records indexed by the Milwaukee Road Historical Association. A major resource for researching Milwaukee Road employees. Browse at:
<http://content.mpl.org/cdm4/browse.php?CISOROOT=/MilwRoad>

Archives – University of Missouri, John W. Barriger III National Railroad Library
<http://www.umsl.edu/barriger/bmore/hscollect/hscollect.htm>
Corporate records, may be of limited genealogical use.

Employee Listings - Railroad employees in the Aberdeen, SD area, 1911-1913, compiled by Theophil Schaffer. Available from:
Allen County Public Library
P.O.Box 2270
200 East Berry Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2270
<http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/>

Employee Listings - Employees of the Rocky Mountain Division, 1907-1977
Compiled by Lilly B. Zwolle, Lewistown, MT
In "Central Montana Wagon Trails," Lewistown Genealogical Society
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sponholz/MILWRDRMDIV.pdf>

Employee Magazine – Extensive scanned copies of the Milwaukee Road Magazine and other documents are available at the "unofficial" Milwaukee Road Archives:
<http://milwaukeeroadarchives.com/IndexPage.htm>

Chicago & North Western Railway

Employee Rosters - Dakota Division operating department rosters covering engineers, firemen, conductors, brakemen and switchmen operating out of Huron, S.D. Advertising roster corrected to Nov. 11, 1943 and published by Charles C. Moore of Huron. Also includes 1919 roster, the first published for trainmen by the Osborn Clothing Store, updated to 1943. Webmaster's collection.

1919 Index:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sponholz/cnwdakota1919.pdf>

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Chicago & North Western Railway (Continued)

1944 Index:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sponholz/cnwdakota1944.pdf>

PDF of actual roster pages:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sponholz/cnw19191944dakotadiv.pdf>

Personnel Rosters/Records – Extensive lists and records available through the C&NW Historical Society. http://www.cnwhs.org/archives_genealogy.htm

Contact: Craig Pfannkuche, 8612 Memory Trail, Wonder Lake, Illinois 60097, Email: craig@pfannkuche.com

Veterans Association - There is an active C&NW Vets group with a website:

<http://www.cnwvets.org/>

Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad (Rock Island)

Personnel Listings - The Rock Island Technical Society has some station lists and other documents scanned that show names of some operating and traffic department employees. Browse documents at:

<http://www.rits.org/www/history.html>

Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railroad (Omaha Road)

See Chicago & North Western Railway

Delaware & Hudson Railroad

Employee Rosters - Several Susquehanna Division rosters, from 1903 through the 1920s. Webmaster's collection.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sponholz/dandhmrosters.html>

Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad

Personnel Records – Steamtown National Historic Site (National Park Service)
Records mainly cover MOW employees from the Scranton area

Archivist – Patrick McKnight
150 South Washington Avenue
Scranton, PA 18503-2018

Email: Pat_McKnight@nps.gov

Employee Rosters - 1936 advertising roster from Binghamton, NY area, published by Lebert's. Also includes Erie and D&H employees. PDF images from webmaster's collection.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sponholz/Binghamton1936.pdf>

Employee Magazine - Many issues online in PDF format at: <http://companypubs.elhts.org/>

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Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic Railway

Employee Listings - Upper Peninsula Digitization Center Collections

<http://204.38.55.89/u/?Perron,87>

Listing of operating employees, 1887

East Tennessee and Western North Carolina Railroad ("Tweetsie")

Corporate Archives - East Tennessee State University, Archives of Appalachia

<http://archives.etsu.edu/index.php?p=collections/controlcard&id=485>

Includes records related to operations as well as photos.

Erie Lackawanna Railroad

Employee Magazine - Published for two years - Issues online in PDF format at:

<http://companypubs.elhs.org/>

Official Archives – University of Akron

(330) 972-7670

<http://www3.uakron.edu/archival/ErieLack/erie1.htm>

Erie Lackawanna Historical Society Archives

ELHS Archives currently inaccessible pending move from Akron to Cleveland State University.

<http://www.rielackhs.org/ELHS/ELHSArchivesCollection.html>

Contact Larry DeYoung Email: larry.deyoung@verizon.net

Or Scott Randolph, Curator Email: srandolp@purdue.edu

Personnel Records – Steamtown National Historic Site (National Park Service)

Records mainly cover employees from the Scranton and Port Jervis areas

Archivist – Patrick McKnight

150 South Washington Avenue

Scranton, PA 18503-2018

Email: Pat_McKnight@nps.gov

Erie Railroad

Personnel Records – Steamtown National Historic Site (National Park Service)

Records mainly cover MOW employees from the Scranton area and from Port Jervis, NY.

Scranton Index at:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/Steamtown.html>

Port Jervis Index at:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sponholz/pjrecordindex.pdf>

Steamtown NHS

Archivist – Patrick McKnight

150 South Washington Avenue

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Erie Railroad (Continued)

- Personnel Listings - Extensive listings, rosters and transcriptions, including 1898 engineers listing and partial index of Erie Magazine (employee magazine)
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/erie.html>
Contact: jsponholz@hotmail.com
- Employee Rosters - Rosters from several divisions online, from Jon Liles:
<http://www.jon-n-bevliles.net/RAILROAD/rosters/rosters.html>
- Employee Rosters - 1936 advertising roster from Binghamton, NY area, published by Lebert's. Also includes DL&W and D&H operating employees. PDF images from webmaster's collection.
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sponholz/Binghamton1936.pdf>
- Employee Rosters - Various rosters by division, both advertising and official.
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sponholz/rosters.html>
- Employee Magazine - Many issues online in PDF format at:
<http://companypubs.elhts.org/>
Partial last name index online at:
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/erie.html>
- Oral Histories - Oral histories of 19 Youngstown-area Erie employees, taken by Youngstown State University students between 1975 and 1980.
<http://jupiter.ysu.edu/search~S0>
Search on "Erie Railroad Project"

Grand Trunk Western Railway

- Employee Rosters - Rosters, listings and obituaries, indexing in process.
Michigan Railroad History Museum
<http://www.sdl.lib.mi.us/mrhma/collectiondetails.htm>

Great Northern Railway

- Archives - Minnesota Historical Society
<http://www.mnhs.org/genealogy/family/genieguide/railroad.htm>
Includes Personnel Files Index
MFL also available from the Family History Library, Salt Lake City

Green Bay & Western Railroad

- Rosters - Mark Mathu's GB&W Site
1930 Engineer's Listing
1943 Operating Department Listing
<http://www.greenbayroute.com/senioritylists.htm>

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Gulf, Mobile & Ohio Railroad

Archive - GM&O Historical Society collection
Includes personnel records and employee magazine
University of Missouri, John W. Barriger III National Railroad Library
<http://www.umsl.edu/barriger/bmore/hscollect/hscollect.htm>

Illinois Central Railroad

Archives - Newberry Library
60 W. Walton St.
Chicago, IL 60610
<http://www.newberry.org/collections/Railroad.html>
Includes personnel listings

Employee Listings - Kheel Center for Labor-Management Documentation and Archives
Cornell University Libraries
Martin P. Catherwood Library
227 Ives Hall, Cornell University
Ithaca, NY 14853
(607) 255-3183
<http://rmc.library.cornell.edu/EAD/htmldocs/KCL05295.html>

Includes miscellaneous employee lists

- Illinois Central Historical Society
IC Clerks Seniority Roster, Fulton Division (Paducah to Memphis), 1946
IC Truckers and Freight Handlers List, Kentucky Division, 1946-1947
Both online at:
<http://icrrhistorical.org/links/Miscellaneous.htm>

Lehigh Valley Railroad

Employee Listing - From the Luzerne County PGenWeb site, 1938 Employee Rosters, primarily Maintenance of Way on the Hazleton (PA) Branch of the Lehigh Valley:
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~paluzern/LehighRR.htm>
Also hosted at the Schuylkill County, PA USGenWeb Archives site:
<ftp://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/pa/schuylkill/xmisc/lvrr.txt>

Employee Listing- 1934 membership of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Veterans Association, online at:
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/lvvets1934.html>

Long Island Railroad

Employee Roster - Roster of engineers and firemen as of April 1, 1970.
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sponholz/LIRR041970.pdf>

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Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company

Archives - UW-Milwaukee Urban Archives
Includes portraits and bios of the veterans' association
<http://www.uwm.edu/Library/arch/rail.htm>

Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad (See Chicago & North Western Railway)

Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway (See Soo Line Railroad)

Missouri Pacific Railroad

Employee Listings - Little Rock Telegraphers' Seniority District, 1948, roster of operators, also Little Rock Division Telegraphers' Roster, 1966. Rosters posted by Cliff Satterfield :
<http://members.aol.com/cliffs1948/index.htm>

Monon Railroad

Employee Listings - Indiana Historical Society
450 West Ohio St.
Indianapolis, IN 46202
317-232-1882
800-447-1830
Miscellaneous records including some rosters and retirement listings.
http://www.indianahistory.org/library/manuscripts/collection_guides/m0376.html

Employee Listings - The Monon Railroad Historical-Technical Society is in the process of developing a database of employees based on rosters, seniority lists, personal recollections, newspaper articles, obits, summary cards, etc. The current database is up to 4,000 records and includes full name, nickname, positions & locations on the railroad, specific years worked, birthdate, deathdate, comments/misc., all where available. Ken Weller of the Dept. of Past Personnel will do look-ups – email: WellerK@aol.com
Website: <http://www.monon.org>

Nashville, Chattanooga & St Louis Railway

Employee Listings - NC&St.L Preservation Society, Inc.
Developing list of personnel based on submissions by relatives and descendants of employees.
<http://www.ncps-576.org/people/index.htm>

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New York Central Railroad

Employee Roster - Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse Divisions Roster, published in December, 1924 by Harry S. Torrey, official Watch Inspector for the railroad in Rochester, NY. Covers engineers, firemen (both road and yard), brakemen, and conductors, with seniority dates on those divisions going back to 1863.
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sponholz/nyc1924.pdf>

New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad (Nickel Plate Road)

Employee Magazine - Nickel Plate Historical & Technical Society is posting selected articles from the magazine on their web site at:
<http://nkphts.org/empmags/>

Officers/Agents - Listing from 1951, online at the NPH&TS site at:
<http://nkphts.org/officersagents/>

New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad

Archives - University of Connecticut
Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, Archives & Special Collections
405 Babbage Road, Unit 1205
Storrs, CT 06269
860-486-4500
<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/online/research/specplib/ASC/findaids/NHRR/nhtrains.htm>
Also:
<http://railroads.uconn.edu/>

UCONN states there is little of use to genealogical researchers in the corporate collection of the New Haven

Employee Rosters - New York District, 1943, Trainmen and Yardmen, from the Edward F. Donegan Papers collection, UCONN
<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/online/research/specplib/ASC/findaids/donegan/MSS20050078.html>

New York, Ontario & Western Railway

Employee Listings- Ontario & Western Railway Historical Society
<http://www.nyow.org/>
Developing an employee database based on seniority lists and other records of the O&W. Also holds O&W corporate archives.

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Norfolk & Western Railway

Employee Listings - Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
<http://ead.lib.virginia.edu/vivaead/published/vt/vivadoc.pl?file=viblv00066.xml>
Accounting Dept. employees, 1874 - 1905
Relief & Pension Dept. records from 1930 – 1957, Lists compiled for the
Railroad Retirement Board in the 1950s

Corporate Records - Berea College Special Collections
<http://www.berea.edu/hutchinslibrary/specialcollections/saa63.asp>
Collection includes company leases, deeds, lawsuits and petitions.
Unknown if any personnel information exists. Also includes deed
information from the Ohio and Kentucky Railroad, 1899-1901.

Northern Pacific Railroad

Archives - Minnesota Historical Society
<http://www.mnhs.org/genealogy/family/genieguide/railroad.htm>
Includes Personnel Files Index

Biographies - Some online from John A. Phillips at:
<http://pw2.netcom.com/~whstlpnk/genealogy.html>

More great research suggestions from John A. Phillips and the Northern
Pacific Railway Historical Association:
<http://research.nprha.org/Miscelanous%20Documents/Genealogy-NPArticle.pdf>

Pennsylvania Railroad

Employee Listings - Pennsylvania State Archives
Harrisburg, PA
<http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/BAH/DAM/railroadgencards.htm>
Voluntary Relief Enrollment Cards, 1865-1837
Deceased and Left Service Cards 1880-1960
Contact: snelson@state.pa.us

Employee Listings - Railroaders Memorial Museum
Railroaders Callboard
1300 Ninth Ave.
Altoona, PA 16602
<http://callboard.railroadcity.com/>
Some entries based on rosters

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Pennsylvania Railroad (Continued)

Employee Rosters - Rosters for the Western & Northwestern regions, Fort Wayne Division and the Grand Rapids Branch, compiled by John Perrey. Available from:
Allen County Public Library
P.O.Box 2270
200 East Berry Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2270
<http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/>

Engineers and Firemen, Western Region, Southwestern Division (formerly St. Louis Division), January 1, 1951.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sponholz/prr1951swdiv.pdf>

Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen members, Divisions 299, Crestline, OH; Div. 219, Pittsburgh, PA; Div. 630, Canton, OH; Div. 711, Conway, PA. Published in 1942 by the BLF&E, J.L. Jarman Printing Co., Alliance, OH.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sponholz/prrblfe1942.pdf>

Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen,
Eastern, Cleveland and Marietta Division lodges, January 1, 1954.

Published by H.K. Saddler, Pittsburgh, PA.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sponholz/prrblfe1954.pdf>

Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers members, Divisions 306, Crestline, OH; Div. 590, Freedom, PA; Div. 735, Canton, OH. Published in 1956 by the BLE.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sponholz/prrble1956.html>

Directory - Pittsburgh Division Veterans Organization 1902 Directory, showing railroaders and former railroaders who had at least 21 years of service on the Division and who belonged to the organization. Great photos!
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sponholz/prrvets.html>

Pullman Company

Archives - Newberry Library
60 W. Walton St.
Chicago, IL 60610
<http://www.newberry.org/collections/Railroad.html>
Includes personnel listings

Employee Listing - Internet Registry of African American employees of Pullman from 1800s through 1969 (not from company archives) published in "An Anthology of Respect: The Pullman Porter National Historic Registry," by Lyn Hughes, available from the A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum:
<http://www.aphiliprandolphmuseum.com/anthology-of-respect.htm>

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Pullman Company (Cont'd)

Personnel Records - The South Suburban Genealogical and Historical Society has records on shops employees of the Pullman Car Works, Pullman (Chicago), IL. Also copies of "The Car Builder" magazine from Pullman are also available. They do not hold records for company administration nor for Pullman porters or conductors.
<http://www.ssghs.org/pullman.htm>

Reading Railroad

Employee Research - The Reading Company Technical & Historical Society has some leads for researching Reading employees:
<http://www.readingrailroad.org/employees.shtml>

Rio Grande Southern Railroad

Archives - Center of Southwest Studies
Fort Lewis College
1000 Rim Drive
Durango, CO 81301
970-247-7126
<http://swcenter.fortlewis.edu/inventory/RGS.htm>
Reference request: <http://swcenter.fortlewis.edu/reform.htm>
Includes personnel records and seniority lists from 1890 through 1963.

Employee Listing- Ridgway Railway Museum
P.O. Box 588
Ridgway, CO 81432
Online employee list gathered from a variety of personnel record sources:
<http://www.ridgwayrailroadmuseum.org/Employee.html>

Seaboard Air Line Railroad

Employee Roster- Jacksonville Car and Locomotive Shops Roster as of January 1, 1948. Company employee roster listing Boilermakers, Machinists, Laborers, Carmen, Sheet Metal Workers, Electricians, Cranemen and Engine Maintainers, including Helpers and Apprentices. This is a Jim Crow roster with several employment categories segregated by race. 1,371 employees listed. Transcription at:
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sponholz/SALShops1948.pdf>

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Soo Line Railroad

- Archives - Minnesota Historical Society
<http://www.mnhs.org/genealogy/family/genieguide/railroad.htm>
Corporate records primarily
- Employee Listing- Veteran Employees Association of the Soo Line Railroad membership list, October 1, 1973. Transcription available online at:
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sponholz/soovets.pdf>
- Employee Roster - Company employee roster for the Bridge & Building division of the Engineering Department, systemwide. Includes Carpenters, Painters, Helpers, Foremen and Crane Operators, May 20, 1964. Transcription at:
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sponholz/soo1964engrdept.pdf>
- Employee Roster - Company employee roster for the Maintenance of Way Department, systemwide. Includes Section Foremen, Assistant and Relief Foremen, Track Inspectors, and Sectionmen, April 1, 1964. Actual roster images online at:
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sponholz/soolineMOW1964.pdf>

Southern Pacific Railroad

- Archives - California State Railroad Museum Foundation
<http://www.csrmf.org/doc.asp?ID=272>
Includes seniority lists and Sacramento Shops employee lists
- Employee Magazine - Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society
Some issues available, collection housed at the Sherman Library and Gardens, Corona del Mar, CA.
<http://www.sphts.org/archives.php>
- Employee Listing - Cochise County, AZ Genealogical Society
<http://www.mychochise.com/rrbrake.php>
Seniority lists of trainmen on the Tucson and Rio Grande Divisions, 1958

St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad (Frisco)

- Archives - [Curtis Laws Wilson Library](#)
[University of Missouri-Rolla](#)
1870 Miner Circle
Rolla, MO 65409-0060
573-341-4874
<http://web.umar.edu/~whmcinfo/shelf15/r362/guide.html>
- Employee Magazine - Many issues online in PDF format at:
<http://thelibrary.springfield.missouri.org/lochist/frisco/frisco.cfm>

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Frisco Railroad (Cont'd)

Employee Records - Some available online at:

<http://thelibrary.springfield.missouri.org/lochist/frisco/frisco.cfm>

Also at Fred Veregge's Web Site:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~veregge/frisco.htm>

Texas & Pacific Railway

Employee Lists - Read postings about T&P employees at the "Route of the Eagles" Forum:

<http://www.texaspacificrailway.org/eagles/forums.cfm>

Union Pacific Railroad

Employee Rosters - 1935 UP Seniority Roster, Nebraska Division, Maintenance of Way Employees, hosted by the Keith County, NEGenWeb project online:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nekeith/uproster.html>

1949 UP Seniority Roster and Time Book, Denver, CO, published by H.E. Weylan and Robert P. Weiss. Includes Switchmen, Switch Tenders, Engineers, Firemen, Hostlers, Brakemen and Conductors. Images of roster (no index) available online at:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/uprr1949denver.pdf>

Employee Rosters - 1953 UP Seniority Roster, Cheyenne, WY. Includes Switchmen, Switch Tenders, Engineers, Firemen, Hostlers, Brakemen and Conductors. Covers Cheyenne to Green River, Cheyenne to North Platte, Cheyenne to Sidney, Cheyenne to Laramie, and Cheyenne Yard. Images of roster (no index) available online at:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sponholz/uprrcheyenne1953.pdf>

1956 UP Seniority Roster, Nebraska Division, Second and Third Districts, covering Engineers, Firemen, Hostlers, Conductors, Brakemen and Switchmen, from North Platte-Sidney, North Platte-Grand Island, and North Platte Yard. Index contains 1,257 employees. Source: advertising roster published by E.D. Johnson and S.V. Berryman, North Platte, NE. Record images online:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/UP1956Nebraska.pdf>

1959 UP Seniority Roster, Nebraska Division, Second and Third Districts, covering Engineers, Firemen, Hostlers, Conductors, Brakemen and Switchmen, from North Platte-Sidney, North Platte-Grand Island, and North Platte Yard. Index contains 1,073 employees. Source: advertising roster published by E.D. Johnson and S.V. Berryman, North Platte, NE.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/uproster1959.html>

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Waynesburg & Washington Railroad (Waynesburg, PA – Pennsylvania Railroad)

Employee Listing - Cornerstone Genealogical Society has posted a list of employees from June, 1898, online at:

http://www.cornerstonegenealogy.com/waynesburg_washington_railroad.htm

Yosemite Valley Railroad (*Merced to El Portal, CA*)

Employee Rosters - Employee listing beginning around 1890 for all categories of employees
Compiled by Clayton J. Guest and online at:

<http://www.yosemitevalleyrailroad.com/General.Subjects/Employe.roster.html>

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Government Agencies

U.S. Department of Transportation ICC Historical Railroad Investigations Reports 1911-1994

Reports of accidents investigated by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Reports contain employee last names through about 1946.

<http://dotlibrary.specialcollection.net/>

Other accidents may have been investigated by state bodies such as public service or railroad commissions or departments, and records may be in custody of individual state historical societies.

U.S. Railroad Retirement Board

From the RRB's website: "The U.S. Railroad Retirement Board administers a Federal retirement benefit program covering the nation's railroad workers. The records it maintains deal primarily with the administration and payment of these benefits. The Board will provide information from its records on deceased persons for the purpose of genealogical research. However, it will not release information on persons who are still living without the written consent of that person.

The Railroad Retirement Board, like the Social Security Administration, was not established until the mid-1930's, and it began maintaining its own records of all covered rail service in 1937. Therefore, the Board's service records are limited to individuals who worked in the rail industry after 1936. If a person was not actually working for a railroad after 1936, he or she would not be listed in these records. Nor would the Board generally have any pertinent records of persons whose rail service was performed on a casual basis and/or was of short duration. Also, the Board's records are only on persons whose employers were covered under the Railroad Retirement Act. Employers such as street, interurban, or suburban electric railways are not covered under this Act."

Some records are held by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), including work the RRB did early on to establish prior service records of employees. RRB will make the referral if NARA holds records that may be of help.

<http://www.rrb.gov/mep/genealogy.asp#Railroad>

NARA:

<http://www.archives.gov/research/guide-fed-records/groups/184.html>

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Union Records/Publications

Order of Railway Conductors and Brakemen

- Local 65 and 137, Osawatomie, KS, Missouri Pacific Railroad, 1890 –1969
Attendance registers and minutes books, service records, payroll information, retirement lists, membership rosters, seniority lists
Kansas State Historical Society
Howard L. Brown Collection
http://www.kshs.org/research/collections/documents/personalpapers/findingaids/brown_howard.htm
- Div. 115, El Capitan, San Francisco, CA, 1892-1969
Membership rosters, Minutes

Division 267, Pacific Division, Vancouver BC, 1891-1911
Membership rosters

Division 575, Paris, TN, 1965-1968
Membership rosters

Miscellaneous records from several hundred locals

Kheel Center for Labor-Management Documentation and Archives
Cornell University Libraries
Martin P. Catherwood Library
227 Ives Hall
Cornell University
Ithaca, NY 14853
(607) 255-3183
<http://rmc.library.cornell.edu/EAD/htmldocs/KCL05148.html>

Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen (BRT)

- Lodge 191, Fort Howard, WI, Fond du Lac, WI and Milwaukee, 1886 –
Attendance registers and minutes books.
University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee
UWM Libraries, Archives
P.O. Box 604
Milwaukee, WI 53201-0604
<http://www.uwm.edu/Libraries/arch/findaids/mssew.htm>
- Lodge 105, Oil Creek Lodge (Oil City, PA) 1885-1959
Record books and insurance registers

Lodge 187, Buffalo, NY, 1898-1927
Record books and insurance registers

Lodge 96, Perseverance Lodge, Oneonta, NY, Ladies Auxiliary
Lodge 595, Sunshine Lodge, Albuquerque, NM, Ladies Auxiliary, 1917-1945
Minutes and roll books

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Lodge 927, Cleveland, OH, 1941-1945

Miscellaneous correspondence

Lodge 143, Syracuse, NY, 1925-1968

Membership applications, grievance files

Lodge 1, Oneonta, NY 1893-1894

Request for beneficiary claims, all lodges

Lodge 122, Ladies Auxiliary, 1946-1953

Minutes books

Local 311, Mechanicsville, NY

Claims correspondence

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<http://rmc.library.cornell.edu/EAD/htmldocs/KCL05149.html>

- Lodge 42, Keystone Lodge, Harrisburg, PA
Record books

Pennsylvania State Archives

Special Microfilm Collections

<http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/BAH/DAM/railroadgenealogy.htm>

- Chicago Great Western Lodges
in Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri
Employee rosters and seniority lists, along with other artifacts from 13 BRT locals.

Minnesota Historical Society

Manuscript Collections

345 W. Kellogg Blvd.

St. Paul, MN 55102-1906

<http://www.mnhs.org/library/findaids/00072.html>

- Lodge 671, Cherry Blossom Lodge, Dallas, TX
Texas and Pacific Railway
Membership ledgers and other records from 1908.

The University of Texas at Arlington

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/utarl/00095/arl-00095.html>

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Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen

Grievance files and publications

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<http://rmc.library.cornell.edu/EAD/htmldocs/KCL05141.html>

BLE Eureka Lodge #14, Indianapolis, IN, including bound minutes and rosters

Manuscript and Visual Collections Department

William Henry Smith Memorial Library

Indiana Historical Society

450 West Ohio Street

Indianapolis, IN 46202-3269

http://www.indianahistory.org/library/manuscripts/collection_guides/BV3429.html

Listing of BLE Divisions, 1888:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/BLE%20Divs%201888.html>

Locomotive Engineers Journal, monthly magazine. Several years of issues have been digitized and are available from Google Books:

<http://books.google.com/books?lr=&q=locomotive+engineers+journal&btnG=Search+Books>

Brotherhood of Railway Signalmen, New York Central Railroad, General Committee Signal Dept. Seniority Rosters

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<http://rmc.library.cornell.edu/EAD/htmldocs/KCL05182.html>

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Rootsweb Message Boards

Occupations:

<http://boards.ancestry.com/mbexec?htx=board&r=rw&p=topics.occupations>

Railroad Workers

Ohio Railroads

Arkansas Railroads

Occupations/Transportation:

<http://boards.ancestry.com/mbexec?htx=board&r=rw&p=topics.occupations.transportation>

California Railroads

Colorado Railroads

Georgia Railroads

Illinois Railroads

Indiana Railroads

Iowa Railroads

Kentucky Railroads

Maine Railroads

Michigan Railroads

Minnesota Railroads

New Jersey Railroads

New York Railroads

North Carolina Railroads

Pennsylvania Railroads

Tennessee Railroads

Virginia Railroads

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West Virginia Railroads

Wisconsin Railroads

Disasters/US/Railroad Accidents:

<http://boards.ancestry.com/mbexec?htx=board&r=rw&p=topics.disasters.usa.rraccidents>