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Illinois Traction/Terminal Collection

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Brief History

The Illinois Traction Company, later known as the Illinois Terminal Railroad Company, was commonly referred to as the Interurban within McLean County. It first began operations in 1907 and passenger service ended in 1958.

Scope

The collection includes newspaper articles, excerpts from books and magazines, timetables, maps, annual reports and other memorabilia associated with the history of the Illinois Traction Company and the Illinois Terminal Railroad Company.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Newspaper articles and advertisements
1.2 “Danvers Line Opened”, Pantagraph, January 2, 1907.
1.3 “Illinois Traction System” schedules advertisement, Pantagraph, January 9, 1907.
1.4 “The First Cars Through”, Pantagraph, April 15, 1907.
1.5 “Peoria Line Duly Opened,” Pantagraph, April 22, 1907.
1.6 “Brought $100,000,000 To Illinois Since 1900”, Pantagraph, March 14, 1914.
1.8 “Here Is Bloomington’s New Traction Station,” Pantagraph, May 19, 1941.
1.10 “Interurban dead in its tracks for 30 years,” Pantagraph, February 20, 1983.

Folder 2: “The McKinley Lines” by Middleton

Folder 3: “Illinois Terminal Historical Overview” by Lloyd

Folder 4: “The Famed Electric Railroad of Illinois’ Past: The Illinois Traction System” by Changnon
Folder 5:  “The Rise and Fall of the Bloomington Line” by Fortney

Folder 6:  “The Lincoln Land Traction” compiled by Johnson
6.1  Book excerpt from The Lincoln Land Traction, compiled by James D Johnson, 2 chapters plus main line cars list, timetable and map, Copyright 1965.

Folder 7:  “Abandonment of Interurban Railroads” by Johnson
7.1  Original typescript titled “Abandonment of Interurban Railroads” by Dick Johnson, 18 pp. including photographs December 14, 1972.

Folder 8:  “Bloomington – A Model City” by Steventon

Folder 9:  Timetables and Maps
9.1  Illinois Traction System, Timetable, November 9, 1924, reproduction.
9.2  Illinois Traction System Timetable, March 7, 1926.
9.3  Illinois Terminal Railroad Company, effective April 16, 1939, 2 copies.
9.5  Illinois Terminal Railroad Company, issued September 29, 1946, 2 copies.
9.9  “Time of Arrival of Trains at Danvers,” 1 sheet, photocopy, no date.
9.10  Information provided via email from Jack Keefe regarding interurban stops in McLean County including maps, timetables, terminal stations and stops from 1948.
9.14  Map detailing opening dates of ITS Passenger Lines and Map detailing dates of discontinuance of passenger service, no date.
9.17  Know Your Illinois Traction System map, undated.

Folder 10:  Tickets, Waybills and Envelopes

Folder 11:  Applications For Employment
11.1 Walter Bert Shyer, March 31, 1910, car cleaner.
11.2 Walter Jessie Short, July 27, 1911, car cleaner.
11.3 Charles Sherrill, September 15, 1913, repairman; June 20, 1914, night foreman.
11.5 Loyd G Sherick, November 16, 1917, truckman.
11.6 Sam Elsworth Shawver, August 28, 1920, laborer.
11.7 Frank Grey Sheffler, October 24, 1927, clerk.
11.8 Raymond Shields, September 27, 1926, truckman.

Folder 12: 1953 Equipment Trust Certificate

Folder 13: Illinois Terminal Railroad Company Reports

Folder 14: Interurban Saloon Advertisement

Folder 15: Illinois Traction Society
15.2 “The Phone Booth” newsletter, Volume 18, Number 1, Summary 2004.
15.3 Car Preservation Fund Flyer, undated.
15.4 “The Flyer,” society publication, brochure describing society membership, undated.

Folder 16: Miscellaneous