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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	John W. Garrett Collection
<b>Date:</b>	1850-1880
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0171
<b>Creator:</b>	Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company Garrett, John W. (John Work), 1820-1884
<b>Source:</b>	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Transportation
<b>Extent:</b>	0.6 Cubic feet (2 boxes)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	Collection is now part of AC1086, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Records.

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## Administrative Information

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co. through Lawrence W. Sagle, Public Relations Representative, in 1997.

### Provenance

Collection transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Transportation (now Division of Work and Industry).

### Processing Information

Collection processed by Robert Harding, 1985

### Preferred Citation

John W. Garrett Collection, 1850-1880, Archives Center, National Museum of American History.  
Gift of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company.

### Restrictions

This collection has been combined with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Collection (NMAH.AC.1086)

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## Biographical Note

Garrett, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, 1858-1884, was born in Baltimore, Maryland July 31, 1820. After working for his father's financially successful commission business, during which time he invested heavily in the B. & O. Railroad, he was elected a director in 1855 and president in 1858. Under his leadership the railroad made history during the Civil War by carrying out the first military rail transport. During peacetime the railroad prospered with Garrett as president. He died September 26, 1884.

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## Scope and Contents

Includes lists of rail accidents, production and distribution of locomotives, and engine repair costs; reports on locomotive power, cost and performance, and purchases of locomotives and cars; and correspondence relating to these and other matters, all 1850-1880. Most correspondence is to Garrett from railroad supervisory staff. Includes a history of the operation of the railroad during the Civil War and additional correspondence concerning Ohio River bridges, trestles, and tunnels.

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## Arrangement

Chronological arrangement.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Railroads
- Railroads -- Buildings and structures
- Repairing

Types of Materials:

- Business records -- 19th century

Names:

- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Transportation

Places:

- Baltimore (Md.)
- Ohio River
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865