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Guide to Southern Iron & Equipment Company Records, 1903-1960

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Southern Iron & Equipment Company Records
Date:	1903-1960
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0354
Creator:	Southern Iron & Equipment Company (Creator) Bond, Edward
Extent:	2.5 Cubic feet (7 boxes)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The written and photographic records of the Southern Iron & Equipment Company were purchased from the company at the time of its dissolution by Mr. Witbeck, a collector of railroad photographs. The records were subsequently purchased from him by Mr. Edward Bond of Marietta, Georgia. Mr. Bond donated them to the National Museum of American History in December 1988.

Provenance

The collection was transferred from the Division of Transportation to the Archives Center on September 25, 1989.

Other Finding Aids

An [inventory](#) for the Southern Iron & Equipment Company photographs is available.

Processing Information

Processed in the Division of Transportation, National Museum of American History, 1989.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

The Southern Iron & Equipment Company, a family owned business located in Atlanta, Georgia, was a major reconditioner of locomotives in the period ca. 1900-1960. The company purchased locomotives, refurbished them, and then sold them. In addition, the company did repair and reconditioning work on behalf of various railroads.

Scope and Contents

These records document the rebuilding of locomotives by the Southern Iron & Equipment Company during the period circa 1903-1960. They consist of one folder of "Memorandum of Locomotive Numbers" and a number of 4" x 6" cards recording sales of rebuilt locomotives. The "Memorandum," (forty-eight pages) lists the locomotives by number and shows the company from which it was purchased, type of locomotive, manufacturer, and to whom it was sold. The cards, alphabetically arranged by purchaser, record the type of locomotive, manufacturer, its number, and the purchase price. The cards contain the most complete information on the period circa 1903-1924; after that, only the number of the locomotive was noted on the card.

Arrangement

The collection is divided into two series.

Series 1: Locomotive Sales Cards

Series 2: Photographs

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Locomotive industry
- Locomotive works -- Georgia
- Locomotives
- Railroad equipment industry
- Railroads -- Equipment and supplies
- Railroads -- Rolling-stock
- Repairing
- Transportation

Types of Materials:

- Card files

Names:

- Southern Iron & Equipment Company

Places:

- Atlanta (Ga.)

Georgia

Container Listing

Series 1: Locomotive Sales Cards

Box 7 4" x 6 " cards recording sales of rebuilt locomotives

Box 5 Edson notes and Southern Iron and Equipment Catalog, undated

Box 6, Folder E ["Memorandum of Locomotive Numbers"](#)

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Series 2: Photographs

Box 1	Prints of locomotives and other background material, numbers 1-599
Box 2	Prints of locomotives and other background material, numbers 600-900s
Box 3	Prints of locomotives and other background material, numbers 1000-1500s
Box 4	Prints of locomotives and other background material, numbers 1600-2400s
Box 6	Unnumbered negatives 28 Glass negatives

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