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## Guide to the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway Photographs

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway Photographs
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.1075
<b>Date:</b>	1925-1942.
<b>Extent:</b>	2 Cubic feet (6 boxes)
<b>Source:</b>	Mechanical and Civil Engineering, Division of [former name], NMAH, SI. Rehor, John A. Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway History of Technology, Division of, NMAH, SI Work and Industry, Division of, NMAH, SI
<b>Language:</b>	English

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## Administrative Information

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated to the Museum's Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering in 1981 by John A. Roher.

### Ownership and Custodial History

Transferred to the Archives Center in 2007.

### Processing Information

Collection is unprocessed.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

Founded in 1871, the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway was built to haul coal from southeastern Ohio mines to the Lake Erie ports of Huron and Toledo. After World War II, WLE had several owners, the Nickel Plate, then the Norfolk & Western, and later, the Norfolk & Western and Southern (NS) merged. The WLE was dissolved in 1989 but was revived in 1990 by new investors.

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## Scope and Contents

Over nine hundred official company photographs documenting the history of the railroad. Subjects include trains, locomotives and cars; employees and employee gatherings and events; structures such as stations, track, bridges, crossings, towers, coaling stations.

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## Arrangement

Divided into 2 series: Series 1, Negatives and Series 2, Prints.

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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:

- Locomotives
- Railroad bridges
- Railroad companies
- Railroad stations -- United States
- Railroad tracks
- Railroads
- Railroads -- Buildings and structures
- Railroads -- Employees
- Railroads -- Rolling-stock

Types of Materials:

- Black-and-white negatives
- Photographs -- Black-and-white photoprints -- Silver gelatin -- 1900-1950

Names:

- History of Technology, Division of, NMAH, SI
- Mechanical and Civil Engineering, Division of [former name], NMAH, SI.
- Rehor, John A.
- Work and Industry, Division of, NMAH, SI

Geographic Names:

- Ohio
- West Virginia

