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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | Archives Center, National Museum of American History |
| Title: | Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad photographs (PCC and St. Louis) |
| Identifier: | NMAH.AC.1079 |
| Date: | 1925-1928 |
| Extent: | 0.3 Cubic feet (1 box) |
| Creator: | Merker, Walter H., Jr. PCC and St. L Railroad |
| Language: | English |
| Summary: | The collection consists of photographic prints of railroad construction in Pierron, St. Jacob, and Collinsville, Illinois, from 1925-1927. |

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Walter H. Merker, Jr., on November 1977.

Provenance

Transferred to the Archives Center in 2007 from the Division of Engineering and Industry (now called the Division of Work and Industry).

Processing Information

Processed by Amber Covington (intern), March, 2011; supervised by Vanessa Broussard Simmons, archivist.

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Biographical / Historical

During the bustling age of railroad transportation in the late 1920s, Illinois became a focal point for railway construction. In earlier decades small corporations had built railroads connecting the state's borders, but by the late 1880s many of these companies had joined together into larger corporations. The Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago, and St. Louis Railroad was a combination of several railroad companies that merged for financial reasons. PCC and St. Louis was later absorbed into the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains photographs documenting the relocation of the main railroad line between Pierron and Collinsville, Illinois from 1925 to 1927. Photographs include views of stations, track and bridge and of a railroad accident. The collection is arranged sequentially by photograph number and then chronologically.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in one series by photograph number.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Bridges -- Illinois
- Railroad accidents
- Railroad bridges
- Railroad construction
- Railroad stations -- United States

Types of Materials:

- Photographs -- 1920-1930

Container Listing

Photographs , 1925 - 1928

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| Box 1, Folder 1 | Pierron to St. Jacob, Illinois, No.18117-18387, 1925 - 1926 |
| Box 1, Folder 2 | Pierron to St. Jacob, Illinois, No.18388-18743, 1926 |
| Box 1, Folder 3 | Pierron to St. Jacob, Illinois, No.18744-19345, 1926 |
| Box 1, Folder 4 | St. Jacob to Collinsville, Illinois, No.18867-193449, 1926 |
| Box 1, Folder 5 | St. Jacob to Collinsville, Illinois, No.19356, 1926 |
| Box 1, Folder 6 | St. Jacob to Collinsville, Illinois, , April 1927 to August 1927 |
| Box 1, Folder 7 | St. Jacob to Collinsville, Illinois, , August 1927 to October 1927 |
| Box 1, Folder 8 | St. Jacob to Collinsville, Illinois, , October 1927 to November 1927 |
| Box 1, Folder 9 | St. Jacob to Collinsville, Illinois, , November 1927 |
| Box 1, Folder 10 | St. Jacob to Collinsville, Illinois, , undated |
| Box 1, Folder 11 | Unidentified train wreck, , undated |
| Box 1, Folder 12 | Unidentified group of men, , undated |

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