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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Boston Terminal Company Records
Date:	1899-1936, undated
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1525
Source:	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering (Compiler)
Extent:	1 Cubic foot (1 box, 6 map folders)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Collection contains records including deeds, contracts, and blueprints documenting the work of the Boston Terminal Company.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Immediate source of acquisition unknown; acquired prior to 1976.

Provenance

Collection transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Work & Industry in February 2022.

Related Materials

Archives Center, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution

Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Railroads, NMAH.AC.0060

Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company Records, NMAH.AC.0071

Division of Transportation: Railroads' Engineering Data, NMAH.AC.0207

Division of Transportation Railroad Reference Files, NMAH.AC.0523

Frank H. Waring Papers, NMAH.AC.0895

Foundation Company Records, NMAH.AC.0974

Grand Central Terminal Collection, NMAH.AC.1071

New York Central Railway Valuation Negatives, NMAH.AC.1072

Charles B. Chaney Jr. Railroad Photographic Collection, NMAH.AC.1167

Thomas Norrell Railroad Collection, NMAH.AC.1174

Railroad Station Historical Society Collection, NMAH.AC.1558

Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution

Marcel Breuer Papers, 1920-1986, AAA.breumarc

Other Repositories

Library of Congress Geography and Map Division, Plan of a survey for the proposed Boston and Providence Rail-Way, G3761.P3 1828 .H3

Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division, Map of the Old Colony Rail Road with its branches and connecting roads, prepared under the direction of the Committee of Investigation, January 1850, S. Dwight Eaton, Engineer, G3761.P3 1850 .F4

Processing Information

Collection processed by Vanessa Broussard-Simmons, archivist, 2023. Finding aid encoded by Audrey Willius, intern, 2023.

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Restrictions

Collection is open for research. Unprotected photographs must be handled with gloves.

Biographical / Historical

The Boston Terminal Company, formed in 1897 to develop South Union Station, was comprised of the New Haven Railroad, Boston and Albany Railroad Company, New England Railroad Company, Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation, and the Old Colony Railroad Company. Officially now known as The Governor Michael S. Dukakis Transportation Center at South Station it was intended to provide a single terminal to service all these railroads.

Content Description

Materials consist of deeds, contracts, and blueprints from the railroads that formed the Boston Terminal Company. These records relate to the work of the Boston Terminal Company in particular the South Union Station now known as the Governor Michael S. Dukakis Transportation Center at South Station. Materials are arranged in chronological order.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged in one series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Railroad terminals
- Railroads
- Terminals (Transportation)
- deeds

Types of Materials:

Blueprints
Contracts

Names:

Boston and Albany Railroad Co
Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation
National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering
New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad.
Old Colony Railroad Company

Places:

Boston (Mass.)

Container Listing

Box 1	Mechanical equipment of the new South Station, 1899 December
Box 1	Boston and Albany Railroad Company, Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation deed, 1900 February
Box 1	Boston and Providence Railroad Company, Old Colony Railroad Company, and the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad Company deed, 1900 February
Box 1	Old Colony Railroad Company and the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad Company, 1900 February
Box 1	Blueprints, carrying roll bracket, 1932
Box 1	Blueprints, cup for 3 1/2 00 106A roll, 1936
Map-folder 6	Blueprint, plan of location of dump doors, 1936 June 2
Map-folder 2	Detail of belt 'C', 1936 July 17
Map-folder 5	Detail of slides, 1936 July 17
Map-folder 3	General arrangement of belt 'E', 1936 July 17
Map-folder 1	General arrangement Belt 'B', 1936 July 23
Map-folder 4	Blueprint, unidentified, 1936 July 23
Box 1	Blueprints, return roll brackets, undated
Box 1	Blueprints, cut-outs, undated