CENTRAL INDIANA RAILWAY COMPANY RECORDS, 1903–1966 (BULK 1903–1930)

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 document case, 2 OMB boxes, 1 oversized folder in flat file storage
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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Central Indiana Railway Company had its origins as the Anderson, Lebanon and St. Louis Railroad, chartered in 1875. The line was mostly unprofitable from its beginnings. It was sold and reorganized as the Cleveland, Indiana and St. Louis Railway in 1882, and then reorganized as the Midland Railway Company in 1885. A Chicago attorney, Henry Crawford, acquired control of the line in 1891 and organized it as the Chicago and South Eastern Railway.

It was this line that was jointly acquired by the Pennsylvania and Big Four railroads in 1902, and which was incorporated 16 March 1903 as the Central Indiana Railway Company. The railroad ran a distance of 127 miles, from Muncie to Brazil, Indiana.

Ike Duffey, an Anderson, Ind., meat packer bought the line in 1951, serving as its president and attempting to revive it economically, with mixed success. The line became part of the Conrail system for ten years (1976–86), but by 1986 only the nine-mile segment running from Anderson to Lapel, Ind., would survive as the Central Indiana and Western Railroad Company.

Sources:

Materials in collection.

Simons, Richard S., and Francis H. Parker. *Railroads of Indiana*. Bloomington : Indiana University Press, c1997. General Collection: HE2771.I6 S56 1997

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The collection contains typescript mimeographed annual reports (1903-30), some with handwritten annotations; monthly operating reports (printed forms filled in by hand) showing expenses and revenues (1906–27); and completed forms for the telegraph register of trains (ca. 1908–15) and the dispatcher's record of movement of trains (1923–24). For a much later period (1960–66) the collection includes income statements and carload business reports.

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