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CHICAGO, SOUTH SHORE AND SOUTH BEND RAILROAD COLLECTION, 1903–1990

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Chicago Lake South Shore & South Bend, an electric interurban passenger line, running from South Bend, Indiana to the Illinois-Indiana State Line in Hammond, Indiana began in 1907. Although passenger service was booming in the beginning, the advent of the automobile and good roads reduced passenger revenue.

The South Shore first provided freight service in 1916, eventually serving two electric generating stations of the Northern Indiana Public Service Company as well as the Burns Harbor Plant of Bethlehem Steel Company.

In 1925, the Chicago Lake Shore & South Bend was purchased by Samuel Insull after it went into bankruptcy. It was renamed the Chicago South Shore and South Bend. The Railroad was modernized with higher voltage and newer passenger cars, allowing it to carry passengers all the way into Chicago.

Chesapeake and Ohio purchased the Chicago South Shore and South Bend in 1967, after which public funds were obtained to subsidize passenger service losses and replace the 1927–1929 vintage passenger cars in 1978.

In 1984, Chesapeake and Ohio sold South Shore to Venango River Corporation, and subsequently the Railroad experienced a growth in revenue through aggressive marketing and operating programs.

Sources

Materials in the collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Series One: History consists of articles of incorporation, by-laws, and other historical information.

Series Two: Daily Operation contains a business plan, a director's file (which includes information on various aspects of the corporation), and reports of various kinds, including an annual report, wheel reports, and freight crew hour reports. Also, it contains studies done on various aspects of the company such as train car operations and rail service in Indiana. Pages about supplies are included, as well as informational booklets used by the Railroad staff to correctly run the operation.

Series Three: Correspondence contains company correspondence and memoranda on various subjects, including joint contracts, track and train delays, and passenger revenue.

Series Four: Meetings includes minutes and agendas from various groups, including the Board of Directors, general staff, and stockholders.

Series Five: Financial Records contains a variety of financial information, including mortgages, financial reports, audits, a tax return, and refinancing.

Series Six: Legal Documents consists of various cases and legal issues affecting the corporation, including the South Shore Railway Labor Act Case, various financial dockets, litigation to determine status, and applications for grants.

Series Seven: Contracts, Mergers, and Correspondence with Other Companies contain three bound volumes that list business conducted with various companies.

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