

**Collection #
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**CONNER JESTER
MATERIALS, 1925-80**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION DATES: 1925-80

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Indiana Museum of Transport and Communication (IMOTAC) or the Indiana Transportation Museum, as it is now known, was incorporated on September 1, 1960. The museum was formed in order to collect, restore, and operate buildings or equipment to arouse interest in and promote knowledge of the history of transportation and communications in Indiana history. The museum is located in Forest Park, Noblesville, Indiana and is still in operation today. The museum currently operates 38 miles of tracks from the former Nickel Plate Road line for different events and excursions, such as the Harvest Train, the Morse Lake Dinner Train, and the Polar Bear Express train.

Conner Jester (November 3, 1914-June 16, 1995), a resident of Greenwood, Indiana, was an early member of IMOTAC and served on the Board of Directors of the museum.

Sources:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains the records of the Indiana Museum of Transportation and Communication (IMOTAC), now just known as the Indiana Transportation Museum, as well as some personal items and memorabilia belonging to Conner Jester, a long time member and leader with the IMOTAC organization.

Series 1 contains the records relating to IMOTAC, which account for the time period 1960-1978, which happens to be the founding and early days of the organization. The majority of the items are photocopies, but there are some original items, such as maps, plans, museum training/operation manuals and assorted correspondence.

Series 2 contains railroad memorabilia items collected by Conner Jester. The majority of the items are bridge and building records for various rail/interurban lines. Some of these records contain just a photograph of the bridge and building, but others are attached to a record that lists vital information about the structure, such as construction date, maintenance record, etc.

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