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GRAND RAPIDS & INDIANA RAILWAY RELIEF FUND MEMBERSHIP, 15 MAY 1922

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad Company (GR&I) was formed in 1854 in Hartford City, Indiana to build a railroad from Hartford City toward the state line in the direction of Grand Rapids, MI. GR&I's early work suffered from financial difficulties and the Civil War. As a result, the first section of the line, 20 miles stretching from Grand Rapids to Cedar Springs, was not completed until 1867. A year later, the company had to suspend construction of a second section due to a lack of funds. In 1871, the Cincinnati, Richmond and Fort Wayne Railroad (CR&FW) leased its property to GR&I until 1872, when GR&I gained control of CR&FW. This line ran from Richmond, IN to Adams, IN. The last section of GR&I opened in 1882, from Petoskey to Mackinaw City. In 1896, creditors foreclosed on GR&I. The Pennsylvania Railroad (PRR) helped GR&I financially in return for greater operational influence on the line. The company was reorganized as the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railway. In 1920, PRR combined its lines west of Pittsburgh into divisions, which largely ended GR&I's separation from PRR.

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This collection contains a membership certificate for the Pennsylvania System Voluntary Relief Department. It grants Lester S. Reamer membership in the relief fund of the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railway Company, dated 15 May 1922.

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