

Collection #  
SC 3028

## MONON RAILROAD MATERIALS, 1947–1997

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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## **HISTORICAL SKETCH**

Indiana settlers chose to name several rivers "Monon" after the Potawatomi Indians' words metamonong or monong, which meant "tote" or "swift running." Soon thereafter, a town near these rivers in White County, Indiana was christened Monon, Indiana, and it was here that two major lines of railroad eventually crossed. One railroad, established between 1847 and 1853, ran from New Albany, Indiana to Michigan City, Indiana; the other, which formed an X with the first in Monon, Indiana, was an "airline" which ran from Indianapolis, Indiana to Chicago, Illinois.

Because of this crossing, the railroad running from New Albany to Michigan City was eventually renamed "Monon—the Hoosier Line." The Railroad has played a part in important events throughout Hoosier history, such as the Civil War, the passage of the Lincoln Funeral Train, and the limestone construction industry.

Sources:

Materials in the collection.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains materials regarding the Monon Railroad, including a color print of the railroad, as well as papers and a historical packet from the Monon Railroad Historical-Technical Society.

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Monon Railroad "Hoosier Line," Gosport Meet, 1947.  
[color print]

Paper concerning commemorative railroad spike, ca.  
1995. [paper details new route of Monon Railroad in  
Lafayette, Indiana]

Monon Railroad Historical-Technical Society, Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting agenda, Feb. 10, 1996.

Monon Sesquicentennial Special Report: the Hoosier  
Line, ca. 1997.

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