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THOMAS HOBACK RAILROAD COLLECTION, 1903–1989

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 manuscript box, 1 oversized manuscript folder, 1 folder of OVA size acetate negatives
COLLECTION DATES:	1903–1989

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July 2002

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Thomas Hoback is a native of Peoria, Illinois. He attended Golden Gate University in San Francisco, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in transportation and economics. In 1986 he founded the Indiana Rail Road Company, an Indianapolis-based regional railroad serving south central Indiana and eastern Illinois. He is also the owner, president and CEO of Central Midland Railway, a freight railroad serving the St. Louis region.

He is a board member of the Railway & Locomotive Historical Society and the George Krambles Transit Scholarship Fund. He also serves on the editorial advisory board for *Railroad History*, a scholarly journal covering railways. Hoback was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Indiana Historical Society in 2002, and has a long association with the society, having co-founded the Midwest Railroad Research Center in 1997. He also serves on the Society's executive committee and collections committee.

Sources:

Rund, Christopher. *The Indiana Rail Road Company: America's new regional railroad*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2006. General Collection: TF724.I6 R8 2006.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of seven manuscript folders, arranged alphabetically, and one flat file folder. The first four manuscript folders contain printed reports and historical sketches of railroads in Indiana. There is also a folder containing empty stock certificates, and one of correspondence from Willis A. McCaleb. McCaleb was the company photographer for the Nickel Plate Railroad during the transition from steam to diesel in the 1950s.

The flat file folder contains time tables from Indiana Railroad, Northwestern Pacific Railroad Co., and Ohio Electric Railway. There are also two blueprints of cars.

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Amended Ordinance, Common Council vs. L.R. & N. Traction Co., Special Session, 30 Apr. 1903

Car blueprints, 1903

Fort Wayne-Lima Railroad Company, Time Table #44, May 1928

Historical Sketches of those parts of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway Company visited by the President, 28–30 Oct. 1925

Indiana Railroad, time tables, 1931–38

Indiana Service Corporation, Northern Division, time tables, Sept. 1930

"The Little Train that Could," *Indiana Alumni Magazine*, Nov.–Dec. 1989

Model Railroader, articles, Apr. 1963

Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company, time tables, 1940

Ohio Electric Railway, time tables, 1910

A Report on the Passenger Transportation Problems of East Chicago and Whiting, Indiana, May 1925

Stock certificates, blank, n.d.

Willis A. McCaleb, correspondence, 1932–74

Transparencies of car blueprints, 1903–1936

Illinois Terminal Company engine, photograph, n.d.

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