# NEW YORK CENTRAL SYSTEM PHOTOGRAPHS: JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY TRAIN, 1941

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### HISTORICAL SKETCH

Railroads that comprised parts of the New York Central Railroad system began operating in 1850. The Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Lafayette line began operations in the late 1860s and was extended to Chicago in 1873 on Illinois Central trackage. During the 1940s New York Central passenger trains made six daily round trips between Indianapolis and Chicago. The line was abandoned in early 1976.

Sources: Materials in the collection.

"Commemorative Covers in Rail Mail," *National Railway Bulletin* 60, no. 2 (1995): 24. General Collection: HE2715.N482

Simons, Richard S."New York Central Railroad." In *The Encyclopedia of Indianapolis*, edited by David J. Bodenhamer and Robert G. Barrows, 1046–47. Bloomington & Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 1994. F534.I55 E4 1994

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The collection contains thirteen black-and-white photographs that document the introduction of the James Whitcomb Riley diesel passenger train on the New York Central Railway line in April 1941. The photographs appear to have been made for publicity reasons, possibly by Ed Nowack, the official photographer for the New York Central system during the 1940s. Exterior photographs show the streamline diesel locomotive and dignitaries at the dedication ceremony. The dignitaries include Governor Henry F. Schricker and Governor Schricker's wife, Maude. The place of the dedication is not noted. Interior photographs show passengers and crew in the day coach, dining car, and club car.

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