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BEDFORD & BLOOMFIELD RAILWAY MATERIALS, 22 JULY 1931; N.D.

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Bedford and Bloomfield Railway Company (B&B) was originally part of a larger plan to link Effingham, Illinois with Bedford, Indiana. Four narrow-gauge railway properties were formed to accomplish this goal. The properties, from west to east, were: the Springfield, Effingham & South Eastern line ran from Effingham, Illinois to the Illinois/Indiana state border; the Bloomfield Railroad ran from the state border to Switz City, Indiana; the Bloomfield Rail Road ran from Switz City to Bloomfield, Indiana; the Bedford, Springville, Owensburg & Bloomfield ran from Bloomfield to Bedford, Indiana.

The B&B brought together the latter two of these properties under one name. In 1883, the Bedford, Springville, Owensburg & Bloomfield was reorganized as the B&B. The next year the B&B bought the Bloomfield Rail Road (not to be confused with the Bloomfield Railroad). Only two years later, on 1 April 1886, the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago Railroad bought the B&B.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains a letter from A.E. Gordon, Chairman of the Indiana State Legislative Board of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, dated 22 July 1931. In the letter, Gordon writes about two covered railroad bridges on the "B&B." Also in the collection are two photos of the covered bridges, one over the White River and one over Indian Creek.

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