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CHICAGO, SOUTH SHORE AND SOUTH BEND RAILWAY RECORDS, 1924-1944

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 4 folders, ca. 60 items

COLLECTION DATES: 1924-1944

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Chicago, South Shore and South Bend Railway is an electric, high speed interurban railroad. The operation was started by Samuel Insull in 1901. By 1908, it had connected the Northwest Indiana cities of South Bend, Gary, Hammond, and East Chicago. The company had an initial problem of obtaining a right of way from the Illinois state line to Chicago. At first the electric trains had to stop at the state line where they were pulled by steam engines of the Illinois Central to Kensington from where the passengers had to board Illinois Central suburban trains for downtown Chicago. In 1911 the South Shore cars were attached to Illinois Central trains at Pullman for a more direct means, and a short time later, a direct line from South Bend to Chicago was established. The trains traveled at frequent intervals in the morning and evening to accommodate commuters who worked in Chicago.

Source: Moore, *The Calumet Region*, pp. 171-172.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of the correspondence files of R.E. Dougherty, the railroad's vice-president, dating from 1924-1944. Included are letters received, copies of correspondence, financial reports, etc., regarding their offer to sell the line to the New York Central.

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1: Records, 1924-1944, folder 1 of 4

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4: Records, 1924-1944, folder 4 of 4 (also OM 0062, Flat File: FF 11-f)

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