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**INDIANA RAILROADS
PHOTOGRAPHS AND GRAPHICS, CA. 1894-1980**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

New York Central Railroad: The New York Central Railroad evolved through Indiana from the merger/lease of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern (merged in 1915), the Michigan Central (leased in 1930), and the Big Four-Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago, & St. Louis (leased 1930).

Nickel Plate Road: Nickel Plate Road was made up of the New York, Chicago, and St. Louis Railroads in the 1881. The line was operated by the New York Central until 1916. In 1923, the Lake Erie and Western Railroad and the Clover Leaf Railroad merged with the Nickel Plate to create an expanded system in Indiana.

Central Indiana Railway: The Central Indiana Railway began in 1875 and was a 127 mile stretch of track that ran between Muncie, Indiana, and Brazil, Indiana. The railroad went through several name and ownership changes as well as various abandonments over the decades. Despite all of the changes, the railroad managed to survive in one form or another until 1986.

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad: The original B & O Railroad began in 1828. Between 1896 and 1927, the B & O acquired the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad, the Baltimore, Pittsburgh, & Chicago Railroad, and the Cincinnati, Hamilton, & Dayton Railroad. The railroad operated three different lines throughout Indiana, making it Indiana's sixth largest system. The B & O was acquired in 1963 by the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway.

Chicago, Attica, and Southern Railroad: The Chicago, Attica, and Southern Railroad was, at 141 miles, Indiana's longest short line. The railroad began in 1922 as a freight carrier line and ran until 1946 when the Interstate Commerce Commission granted total abandonment.

Indiana Northern Railways: Indiana Northern Railways was a short 2 mile connecting road in South Bend, Indiana. The railway began in 1893, performing switching duties. It eventually became part of the New Jersey, Indiana, and Illinois Railroad which was acquired by the Wabash Railway in 1926.

Wabash Railroad: The Wabash Railroad came about through the reorganization of the Wasbash, St. Louis, and Pacific Railroad in 1889. The Pennsylvania Railroad acquired control of the Wabash Railway in 1928 (the name changed from Wabash RR to Wabash RY between 1915 and 1942, when it changed back to Wabash RR). In 1964, the Norfolk and Western Railway leased and later bought the Wabash, renaming it the Norfolk Southern Railway.

Monon Railroad: The Monon Railroad did not receive this name until 1956. Previous to this the railroad was called the Chicago, Indianapolis, and Louisville Railway, which began in 1897 as a reorganization of the Louisville, New Albany, and Chicago Railway. When at its largest, the Monon was the fifth largest system in Indiana and operated as a hauler of coal and other freight. The railroad was purchased by the Louisville and Nashville Railroad in 1971.

Sources:

Simons, Richard S., and Francis H. Parker. *Railroads of Indiana*. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 1997.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection is made up of photographs and graphics of Indiana related railroads and trains. It includes images of passenger trains, freight trains, interurbans, and trolleys as well as several images that show railway workers. The major railroad companies represented in this collection are New York Central Railroad, Nickel Plate Road, Central Indiana Railway, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, Union Traction, Indiana Union Railway, Indiana Railroad, and the Big Four.

The graphics include one full set and one partial set of train related posters (letter size) from the Teacher's Kit produced by the Association of American Railroads in the 1940s and 1950s.

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