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INDIANAPOLIS RAILWAYS LEDGER AND MINUTE BOOK, 1922-1938

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Indianapolis Street Railway Co., founded by Hugh J. McGowan, purchased the existing electrical powered streetcar infrastructure from The Citizen's Street Railroad Company in 1899, and was combined with the Indianapolis Traction and Terminal Company in 1919. In 1932, Indianapolis Railways, Inc. purchased the system, becoming the first transit operator to use the trackless trolley in downtown traffic. This type of vehicle completely replaced the traditional streetcar because of the expense of rail maintenance and the lack of maneuverability of the traditional streetcar in automobile traffic. The remaining streetcar lines were phased out by 1953, and the trackless trolleys and buses took their place. However, by 1957, the city also decided to forgo the trackless trolleys and entirely replace them with buses.

The Peoples Motor Coach Company operated buses between downtown on the Circle and Riverside Park beginning in 1923, and steadily expanded routes that were not served by streetcars. The Indianapolis Street Railways Co. bought all the shares in Peoples in 1927 and integrated bus and streetcar routes in the city.

Sources:

Bodenhamer, David J. and Robert G. Barrows. *The Encyclopedia of Indianapolis*.
Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1994.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains two bound volumes. One is a ledger for general office payroll at Indianapolis Railways/Peoples Motor Coach Co., which lists the names, positions and sometimes home addresses for the office employees along with their weekly pay rate. The other is a volume of photostats taken in 1938 by Lucius G. Winn of the Advance Photo Copy Co. of the minutes of the Indianapolis Street Railways Co. Employee Pension Fund Association.

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