

Collection #
M 1229

INDIANAPOLIS UNION RAILWAY COMPANY RECORDS, 1894–1925

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Indianapolis Union Railway Company was founded in the early 1850s. During the twentieth century the company was operated by a consortium of railroads. These included the Pennsylvania Railroad; the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railway (Big Four); the Nickel Plate Railroad; the Monon Railroad; and the Illinois Central Railroad.

The Indianapolis Union Railway Company owned and maintained the Union Railway Passenger Station (Indianapolis Union Station) and approximately one mile of track around the facility. In 1882 the company leased railway equipment, track, and facilities from the Indianapolis Belt Railroad and Stockyards Company. The Belt Railroad line covered fourteen miles of track from North Indianapolis to Brightwood on the eastern edge of the city. Industries along the line included the Indianapolis Stockyards Company, the Westinghouse Lamp Company, the Imperial Drop Forge Company, and the Carter Lee Lumber Company.

Around 1920 the Indianapolis Union Railway Company began a two-phase project to elevate the Union Station tracks and the Belt Railroad. The first phase, the elevation of the Union Station tracks, was completed by 1924. The second phase, approved in April 1925, involved elevation of the Belt track “from a point near West New York Street to a point near English Avenue, and from East Michigan Street to a point near East Thirteenth Street.” (*Annual Report*. Indianapolis Union Railway Company, 1925). The project included construction of new bridges in Marion County, including a bridge over the White River near Raymond Street and Bluff Road. Construction of elevated track continued into the early 1930s.

Sources:

Collection Guide M 0780

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains financial and land records pertaining to the Indianapolis Union Railway Company. Items include documents and correspondence regarding cancelled bonds, 1894–1925; two title abstracts, 1914 and 1915; and a bound time book, 1896–1898.

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