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## JOHN R. MICHAEL RAILROAD MATERIALS, 1883–1990

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### COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 manuscript box, 4 oversize manuscript folders, 3 folders of photographs
COLLECTION DATES:	1883–1988
PROVENANCE:	Mrs. John R. Michael, Tuesday May 08, 2001
RESTRICTIONS:	None

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**ALTERNATE FORMATS:**

**RELATED HOLDINGS:**

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**NOTES:**

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Born February 26, 1919 to Seth and Ollie Michael, John Richard Michael was the first of two sons. Like his father and Grandfather, John went to work in the Railroad industry. Grandfather John S. worked for the Chicago and Atlantic Railroad while Seth and John R. worked for the Erie Railroad. John R. Michael was also a collector of railroad materials.

John R. Michael married Eloise Ruth Bickel on March 27, 1937. The couple had three sons, Stephan John, Thomas William, and Christopher Charles.

**Sources:**

Huntington County Historical Society. *Huntington County, Indiana: History & Families 1834-1993*. Turner Publishing Company, 1993. LOCATION: Reference Collection: rr F 532 .H9 H86 1993.

Mrs. John R. (Eloise) Michael

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The John R. Michael records (1883–1988) consist of a large number of timetable charts from the Chicago and Atlantic Railway and the Chicago and Erie Railroad (ca. 1883–1903). Also among the contents is a book labeled “Long tally” which contains descriptions, calculations and notes on railroad bridges. This book, estimated to be from the 1880’s, gives an extract of the specifications of the Kentucky & Indiana Bridge. Further pages describe a bridge project in Buffalo NY, and other general bridge engineering descriptions and formulas. The collection also holds a figuring book which details delays of trains during May 1928. This book also held various loose documents which are now held in folders 7 through 11. An included log book lists various notes from the operations in rail yards and on rail lines during 1939. Filling out the rest of the contents are various receipts, orders, photos, clippings, and publications relating to railroad work.

**SERIES CONTENTS**

**Series 1: Manuscript Materials**

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“Long Tally” [railroad bridge descriptions] [1880’s?]

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Box 1, Folder 1

Rail company data sheets, miscellaneous [September 1995?]	Box 1, Folder 2
Railroad fliers [1982], article [1949].	Box 1, Folder 3
Train Orders [1883, 1884, 1891, 1963, 1968]	Box 1, Folder 4
Wabash RR [1947], Train derailment [1949], Train Order regarding President McKinley [1901]	Photographs: Folder 1
Log Book [1939]	Box 1, Folder 5
Figuring Book [May 1928]	Box 1, Folder 6
Railroad accident, Huntington, Ind., [November 18, 1946]	Photographs: Folder 2
Railroad Operations Documents [1902, 1936–1946]	Box 1, Folder 7
Professional Correspondence [1868, 1933–1953]	Box 1, Folder 8
Workplace Humor [n.d.]	Box 1, Folder 9
Souvenir Confederate Currency [n.d.]	Box 1, Folder 10
Ticket stubs, Railroad insignia [1904, 1950]	Box 1, Folder 11
Nickel Plate, Erie Railroad Stationery [n.d.]	Box 1, Folder 12
Railroad Postcards [1949, 1957]	Box 1, Folder 13
Personal Correspondence [1955–1990]	Box 1, Folder 14
Train Depots and lanterns [1977?]	Color Photographs: Folder 1

## **Series 2: Timetables, 1883–1968**

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