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RAILROAD COMPANY WAYBILLS COLLECTION, 1896–1904

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Terre Haute & Indianapolis Railroad Company was originally chartered the Terre Haute & Richmond Railroad Company in 1847. By the end of the Civil War the TH&R found itself part of an increasingly important east-west trunk line and in March 1865, to better reflect reality, the Indiana legislature changed the name of the TH&R to the Terre Haute & Indianapolis Railroad.

The TH&I represented an important asset by connecting Terre Haute to Indianapolis and eastern markets. In June 1887, the TH&I was sold to Henry Ives & Company, who also owned the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton. After a string of bad years the TH&I stockholder's voted to consolidate the company into an all new Vandalia Railroad Company. The vote passed and at midnight on 31 December 1904 the 58-year history of the railroad came to a quiet end, and the next day the new Vandalia Railroad took its place.

The Toledo-East St. Louis line was nearly dead when gas and oil were discovered along the line. It was reorganized as the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City Railroad, and adopted a clover leaf as its emblem. The road developed a good freight business, particularly in eastbound livestock and perishables received from connections at East St. Louis. The TStL&KC went bankrupt in 1893. The railroad was sold to its bondholders and became the Toledo, St. Louis & Western.

The Toledo, St. Louis & Western continued as a fast freight line, particularly in competition with the Wabash. In 1903, the TStL&W acquired a half interest in the Detroit & Toledo Shore Line. In 1923, the Nickel Plate, the Lake Erie & Western, and TStL&W were consolidated as the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad.

The Wabash Railway Company formed in 1877 with the reorganization of the Toledo, Wabash & Western. In 1879 the Wabash Railway Company, operating east of the Mississippi, and the St. Louis, Kansas City & Northern, operating west of the Mississippi, merged into the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific Railway Company. In 1915, after foreclosure and reorganization, the Wabash Railroad Company was sold to a new Wabash Railway Company, incorporated under the laws of Indiana.

The Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Co. of Illinois was incorporated on 18 March 1887, and the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Co. of Indiana was incorporated on 13 April 1887. The Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company came into existence in December 1888, when the Indiana company was formally merged into the Illinois one; it officially began operations on 1 January 1889.

In 1898, the EJ&E came under the ownership and control of the newly created Federal Steel Company. The United States Steel Corporation came into existence in 1901 acquiring the Federal Steel Company and control of Illinois Steel, and with these came ownership of the EJ&E. The Chicago, Lake Shore & Eastern was merged into the EJ&E in

December 1938.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of nine waybills, documents giving details and instructions relating to a shipment of goods. Four are from Terre Haute & Indianapolis Railroad Company (1901–02); two are from the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City Railroad (1899–1900); and one each from the Toledo, St. Louis & Western Railroad Company (1904), the Wabash Railroad Company (1897), and the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company (1896).

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