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**RAILROAD MAIL CAR ACCIDENT  
PHOTOGRAPHS, 11 NOVEMBER 1936**

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## **HISTORICAL SKETCH**

Indiana has always been a crossroads for many railroad lines. Its peak railroad transportation years were from the end of the nineteenth century through about World War I. There was also a small boom of railroad use in Indiana in the mid-to-late 1930s, leading up to World War II.

Railroads were the primary mail transportation from post-Civil War to around World War II, when planes and vehicles became the dominant transportation.

Sources:

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

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains five black and white photographs of a mail car accident from 1936. The car is identified as car #63.

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Photographs of wreckage, 11 November 1936

### CONTAINER

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