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## SOUTHERN INDIANA RAILWAY COMPANY COLLECTION, 1895–1953

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 4 bound volumes, 5 manuscript boxes.

COLLECTION DATES: 1895–1953

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## HISTORICAL SKETCH

With its headquarters in Indianapolis, the Southern Indiana Railway Company was officially incorporated on August 5, 1939 in order to obtain and operate a portion of the Indiana Railroad. Though this is the official date of incorporation, there are ledgers in this collection which bear the railway's name but date from the late 1800's and early 1900's. The reason for this discrepancy could not be definitively determined. The Southern Indiana Railway Company operates on a section of track which runs from a current junction with CSX Transportation at Watson, Indiana for roughly five miles to Speed, Indiana where it has its engine house for its three locomotives. At Speed, Indiana the Southern Indiana cars take cement from the Louisville Cement Company to the CSX junction at Watson. This cement transport had been provided by the Indiana Railroad for years before Southern Indiana was incorporated. The Southern Indiana Railway Company operates the last active section of the Indiana Railroad. Southern Indiana Railway is an independent, short line railroad and also goes by the acronym SIND or SINDY.

Sources:

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Series 1: Spanning 1895–1935, this series contains nineteen bound volumes that pertain to various aspects of the Southern Indiana Railway Company's operations before its official incorporation in 1939. The Bulk of the ledgers fit into two general categories: accidents and employment records. Within the accident category are personal injury ledgers. These personal injury ledgers list, by the employee's name, brief records of the incident which include injury description, and date. Additionally, the record indicates if the injury was fatal and when the person was released from medical care, if applicable. The other main category is employment records. Some of the volumes list only the termination of employees, some list only the addition of employees, and others list beginning and end of employment as well as any transfers. In some cases, the records, listed alphabetically by name, give brief detail of an employee's professional background. This series also contains a volume listing fire claims and a volume containing maintenance correspondence and ticket records.

Series 2: This series contains five folders whose contents range in dates from 1915–1953. In this series is a cash book from a Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Ticket Station, a mileage ledger, a conductor's book, a timetable, and a telegraphic cipher code book. These are stored as collection number M 0895.

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### **Series 1: Southern Indiana Railway Operations Ledgers, 1895–1935**

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Accident Reports to Interstate Commerce Commission: May 1908–July 1, 1913	BV 3541
Monthly Report of Railway Accidents: August 1918–June 1921	BV 3542
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Maintenance Correspondence and Ticket Records:  
1901

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Dempsey's Telegraphic Cipher Code, Adopted by  
CM&S Railway: December 1, 1915

Box 1, Folder 3

Train Orders: September 14, 1929–July 28, 1936

Box 1, Folder 4

Chicago, Terre Haute & Southern RY. CO.  
Conductor's Book: February 1918

Box 1, Folder 5

C, M, St. P, & P RR. CO., Terre Haute Division, Timetable  
No. 14: May 1953

Box 1, Folder 6

