

Transportation Ephemera Subject Files
1899-2011
(bulk 1974-2010)

Collection Summary

Creator: Intentionally assembled by Special Collections Division staff, beginning at an unknown date, probably in the late 1960s, and collected on an ongoing basis.

Title: Transportation Ephemera Subject Files

Inclusive Dates: 1899-2011 (bulk 1974-2010)

Summary/Abstract: Includes a wide variety of material, mostly from the late twentieth century, relating to transportation in Middle Tennessee and in particular, Nashville. This includes public and private enterprises, mass transit and personal vehicles, movement of passengers and freight, and subjects of a related nature.

Physical Description/Extent: .25 cu. ft.

Language: In English.

Stack Location: Closed stacks workroom

Repository: Special Collections Division, Nashville Public Library, 615 Church St., Nashville, TN 37219

Scope and Contents of the Collection

A wide variety of material relating to transportation in Nashville, Tenn. Major subject areas concern transportation in general, automobiles, aviation, boats, buses, railroads, and streetcars. The vast majority of materials date from the late twentieth century, and focus on transportation in the greater Nashville area. This includes public and private enterprises, mass transit and personal vehicles, movement of passengers and freight, and subjects of a related nature. Formats include brochures, pamphlets, illustrated booklets, advertisements, timetables, schedules, route maps, promotional materials, histories, tickets, reports, transportation studies, statistics, invitations, special events programs, rider guides or instruction manuals, and a wide variety of other material. Quantity of materials ranges from a single item to several folders. Most folders contain less than five items, and often only a single item. Some items are photocopies.

Highlights include the first issue of *The Exhaust* magazine, produced in 1911 for automobile enthusiasts. Particularly noteworthy is an ad for an electric car. Driver's manuals from 1959 and 1973 are also part of the collection.

Aviation materials include a children's activity book from 1977 containing mazes, word-finds, coloring pages and puzzles; a program from Aviation Days in 1968 featuring the Navy's Blue Angels; and a brief historical essay about Hampton Field, an early airfield in Nashville.

Other highlights in the collection include the opening of the MTA bus terminal, Music City Central; an essay by Jesse Burt about William Tecumseh Sherman and railroads during the Civil War; the initiation of commuter rail service with the Music City Star in 2006; and pocket-sized newsletters (1908-1926) issued by Nashville Railway and

Light Company, providing helpful hints for riding the streetcars, as well as local attractions and events, jokes, news briefs, and other content.

Organization/Arrangement of Materials

Organized by type of transportation. Arranged thereunder alphabetically.

Restrictions

Restrictions on Access: In library use only. Available by appointment.

Restrictions on Use and Reproduction: Some items may be restricted by copyright law or donor restriction.

Index Terms

Personal Names:

Sherman, William T. (William Tecumseh), 1820-1891 -- Military leadership

Corporate Names/Organizations:

Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company

Metropolitan Nashville Airport

Music City Central (Bus terminal : Nashville, Tenn.)

Music City Star (Commuter rail line : Nashville, Tenn.)

Nashville and Davidson County (Tenn.). Metropolitan Transit Authority

Nashville, Chattanooga, and St. Louis Railway

Nashville Municipal Airport (Tenn.)

Nashville Railway and Light Company

Subjects:

Advertising – Automobiles – United States

Air travel – Tennessee – Nashville

Airlines – Tennessee – Nashville

Airlines – Timetables

Airports – Tennessee – Nashville

Antique and classic cars – Southern States – History -- Sources

Automobiles – Periodicals

Automobiles – United States – History – 20th century – Sources

Bus travel – Tennessee – Nashville

Central business districts – Tennessee -- Nashville

Cities and towns -- Growth

City planning – Tennessee – Nashville

Economic development – Tennessee – Nashville

Local transit – Tennessee -- Nashville

Motor vehicle drivers – Tennessee – Handbooks, manuals, etc.

Passenger trains -- Tennessee

Railroad travel – Southern States
Railroads – Commuting traffic
Railroads – Tennessee
Railroads -- Timetables
Regional planning – Nashville Metropolitan Area (Tenn.)
Street railroads – Tennessee – Nashville
Tourism – Southern States
Tourism – Tennessee – Nashville
Towboats – Cumberland River (Ky. and Tenn.)
Transportation – Marketing
Transportation – Planning -- Tennessee – Davidson County
Transportation – Tennessee – Nashville
Urban transportation – Tennessee – Nashville

Places:

Davidson County (Tenn.) – Description and travel
Davidson County (Tenn.) – History – Sources
Nashville (Tenn.) – Description and travel
Nashville (Tenn.) – Economic conditions
Nashville (Tenn.) – History – Sources
Southern States – Description and travel
Tennessee – Description and travel
Tennessee, Middle – Economic conditions
Tennessee, Middle – History – Sources

Genre/Document Types:

Advertisements
Booklets
Brochures
Bus route maps
Fliers (printed matter)
Histories (literature genre)
Manuals (instructional materials)
Manuscripts (document genre)
Maps (documents)
Programs (documents)
Reports
Schedules (time plans)
Tickets
Timetables
Transportation maps
Transportation timetables

Added author – personal name:

Burt, Jesse Clifton, 1921-

Added author - corporate heading:

Nashville and Davidson County (Tenn.). Metropolitan Transit Authority
Nashville Railway and Light Company

Associated and Related Material

Related materials in the Special Collections Division include:

Numerous maps relating to transportation may be found in the Nashville Room Map Collection.

Items related to transportation-related businesses – *as businesses*, rather than as means of transportation - such as automobile manufacturers, for example – may be found in Businesses Ephemera Subject Files.

A significant portion of the Nashville Electric Service Public Relations Records concerns streetcar and bus transportation in the city prior to 1950.

Separated Material

Some items may have been separated for storage to an oversize box, drawer, or the Nashville Room Photographs Collection. Separation notices have been used to indicate such removals.

Administrative Information

Copyright: This material may be protected by copyright law (Title 17 U.S. Code)

Preferred Citation: [folder title or item description], [type of transportation], Transportation Ephemera Subject Files, Special Collections Division, Nashville Public Library.

Processing Information: Weeded by staff members Linda Barnickel and Carol Kaplan, 2003. Processed by staff member Linda Barnickel, 2015. All actions part of overall ephemera subject files reprocessing project.

Accruals: Additional accruals are expected.

Detailed Description of the Collection

In general

Transportation study, 1974; Analysis, northeast corridor, 1981

Automobiles (3 folders)

1. *The Exhaust* magazine vol. 1 no. 1 (Sept. [1911]) [very fragile!]
2. Driver's manuals, circa 1959, 1973
3. WeCar car sharing, 2010

Aviation (3 folders)

1. Aviation days (1968); Hampton Field essay (n.d.); West Terminal dedication dinner (1961); activity book for children (circa 1977)
2. Reports, 1956-57; 1964-65
3. Flight Guides (timetables), 2005, 2010, 2011

Boats

Article from *The Lifeline* magazine, featuring towboat *Kentucky* built by Nashville Bridge Co., 1941

Buses

MTA (5 folders)

1. Newsletter & history, 1974-1983
2. "Nashville's Economy Car" (encouraging bus ridership), 1976
3. Brochures, 2006-2007
4. Music City Central city bus terminal opening brochures, 2008
5. Brochures, 2009

Southern Coach Lines

Schedule (Nashville, Madison, Donelson, Old Hickory), 1943

Railroads

In general or multiple lines

"Sherman, Railroad General" by Jesse Burt, reprint from *Civil War History*, 1956

Louisville & Nashville (L&N) (3 folders)

1. Timetables, 1958, 1969
2. "Past and Present: Louisville & Nashville Railroad," 1961 [2 copies]
3. Annual report, 1969; "Growth Climate U.S.A.," 1963

Music City Star (commuter rail) (2 folders)

1. Items relating to start of service, Sept. 2006
2. 2002-2010: Ticket, Ride Guides, "East Corridor...Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program" report 2002-2003

Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis (N.C. & St. L.) (2 folders)

1. Timetable, 1957
2. "The Central South: Where Industry Goes to Work" booklet, circa 1954; employee newsletter, Feb. 1949

Southern Railway

Timetable, 1941

Streetcars

Nashville Railway and Light Co. (2 folders)

1. Route directory, 1924
2. Newsletters for riders, 1908-1926

Nashville Street Railway

Passbook, 1899