

## NORTH COUNTRY RAILROADS COLLECTION

MSS. 045

1.25 ft

### History

### Scope and Contents

This collection was acquired over many years by gift and purchase from a number of sources. It is a miscellaneous collection of 1.5 linear ft. of materials relating to railroads in the North Country. Included in the collection are the following materials, dating from 1843-2007: stock certificates from railroads in the original New York Central system, photos, timetables, and business papers and ledgers of railroad companies.

Note: Any item listed as **Oversize** can be found in boxes kept in the Manuscript oversize stacks. Items marked **Double Oversize** can be found in the MSS 45 folder kept in the flat file in the Reading Room.

### Box Listing:

**Box 1: Series 1, Ephemera**

**Box 2: Series 2, Bound ledger books**

**Box 3: Series 3, Railroad Stock and Share Certificates**

### Series 1-Ephemera

#### BOX FOLDER

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| 1               | 1 | <p><b>Black River and Utica Railroad</b><br/>1854, January 25. N.Y.S. Assembly. "An Act: In relation to the Black River and Utica Railroad Company, empowering it to apply for appraisal of land on complying with certain conditions."<br/><br/>1856, June 17. Schedule. "Trenton Falls via Black River &amp; Utica Railroad."<br/><br/>1856, August 7. "Samuel T. Case, Esq." from "S.M Proposals for Ties.. Farwell" [Office of the Black River and Utica Railroad Co. - Utica] [transcript is attached]<br/><br/>1865, November 14. President's Annual Report to the Stockholders" of the Utica and Black River [sic] Railroad Company for the period October 1, 1864-September 30th, 1865.<br/><br/>Poem--"Abraham May"</p> |
| <b>Oversize</b> |   | <p>1863, March 3. Broadside. "Rail Road Meeting.....with the view of taking measures to extend their Rail Road into Lewis County." [MSS 45 Oversize Box 1]</p>   |

**Oversize** 1853, April 2. Broadside. "To the Friends of the Black River and Utica Railroad Co.....In Order to Correct Many False Reports..." [MSS 45 OVERSIZE BOX 1]

**Oversize** [1853], August 27. Broadside. "Breaking Ground on the Black River and Utica Railroad. [MSS 45 OVERSIZE BOX 1]

**Oversize** 1853, August 29. Broadside. "Black River and Utica Railroad. [MSS 45 OVERSIZE BOX 1]

**Dbl. Oversize** 1885, February 24. Broadside. Resolution concerning the death of Isaac Maynard, treasurer of the company. (Kept in Reading Room-cupboard #3, drawer #2)

**Oversize Carthage and Adirondack Railroad**  
Carthage and Adirondack Railroad Company Ledger A - 1888-1913.  
[MSS 45 OVERSIZE BOX 1]

1 2 **Chateaugay Railroad**  
1891, May 4. Schedule. Included is a map of the route from Saranac Lake to Plattsburgh.

1 3 **New York Central Railroad**  
*Central Headlight* Magazine of the New York Central Historical Society  
  
Second quarter--2006  
Fourth Quarter --2007

1 4 Brochure—Canoeing and Fishing in the Adirondack Mountains, ca. 1910  
Time table, St. Lawrence and Ontario divisions 1919  
Time table, St. Lawrence and Ottawa Divisions. 1941  
Time table, St. Lawrence Division, 1955  
Maps showing lines of major railroads in Northeast US, ca. 1920s, including NYCRR

1 5 Local operation of the **New York Central** line  
*Handbill Excursion from New York City to Canton and Potsdam and Return* (1896)  
Ticket for special train from Canton to Potsdam for basketball game, March 10, 1922  
Correspondence related to special train between Canton and Gouverneur, Oct. 29, 1901 (for SLU)  
*St. Lawrence University on the New York Central* Dining service menu (1930s or 40s)  
1955, June 6, correspondence from SLU Publicity Director to Director of PR, New York Central  
re: naming of Pullman car for St. Lawrence University  
Memo to Mr. Graynor, New York Central, re: SLU 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Facsimile of article on "The Canton Creeper" in Winter 2003 issue of *Classic Trains*, by Ted Shradly, '57

1 6 **The Northern Rail-Road**  
1847, August 2. "To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York" outlining the Northern Rail-Road Company expansion proposal and asking for passage of an act authorizing the construction of the branches mentioned.

1849, August 14. Report of the president at an informal meeting of stockholders held at the Tremont House in Boston.

1851. "Northern Railroad and Farmers' Almanac, for 1851." Ogdensburgh: Pomeroy & Byington, 1851.

1853, March 24. Certificate for 5 shares of stock owned by William Noble.

1853, "Reply to Mr. Chandler's Statement in Relation to the Location of Machine Shops of the Northern (Ogdensburgh) Rail Road at Malone"

1859, February 1. Report to holders second mortgage bonds of Northern (N.Y.) Rail-Road Company.

[n.d.] August 14. [4 leaves] "Dear Mr. Ellsworth" [Richard C. Ellsworth, Esq., - Canton] from "Watson B. Berry" [State of New York, Department of Law - New York City] [transcript is attached]

1961, April 25. "Dear Andrew Peters" from "Warder Cadbury" [The Adirondack Museum - Blue Mountain Lake, NY] as to the location of the papers of T.P. Chandler - President of the Northern Rail-Road Company 1851-1853.

Summary list of "papers" of T.P. Chandler in the Manuscript Division, the Baker Library, Harvard University Business School. Dated April 1961.

"An Act" State of New York Senate and Assembly document

1        7    **The Northern Rail-Road - Bills and Receipts**

Miscellaneous bills and receipts of the railroad company

8    Northern Railroad ledger, c.1850-52 (photocopy)

1        9    **Ogdensburgh, Clayton & Rome Railroad**

1853, February 19. "Articles of Association of the Ogdensburgh, Clayton and Rome Railroad Company, entered into this nineteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three." Listed are the names of subscribers, place of their residence and number of shares subscribed by each.

1        10   **Ogdensburgh and Lake Champlain Railroad Company**

NYS Assembly Committee on Railroads report, 1839

"Convention of citizens of St. Lawrence, Franklin and Clinton Counties praying for the construction of the Ogdensburgh and Lake Champlain Rail Road as a state work", 1841  
Twelfth Annual Report of the Directors of the Ogdensburgh and Lake Champlain RR, 1877  
Stock certificate, Sept. 8, 1866 issued to J. H. Keith, Boston

**Oversize    Portland and Ogdensburgh Railroad**

1872, December 11. Broadside. "A Public Meeting...for the purpose of meeting the president and vice-president of the Vermont Div. of the Portland & Ogdensburgh R.R."

**[MSS OVERSIZE BOX 1]**

1        11   **Potsdam and Watertown Railroad Company**

Bylaws booklet, dated 1852

Gouverneur citizens committee petition to Bd. Directors of P & W. RR. (concerns location of train depot in Gouverneur)

Typescripts of Board of Directors meeting minutes, 1852-1860

1 12 Report of the survey and estimates of the Potsdam and Watertown Railroad  
Letter to Andrew Peters (SLU Librarian) from J. Reese Price, Jefferson County Historical Association, concerning the report, May 9, 1957  
Freight transit receipts for P & W RR, 1858, 1859  
Stock certificate, Feb. 18, 1854

1 13 **Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg Railroad Company**  
Annual reports, 1860, 1867, 1868, 1870-1875  
Clipping from *Springfield Centennial* referencing Willis Phelps and Chester Chapin and Construction of R. W. & O. RR  
Broadside—"To the Holders of Consolidated Mortgage Bonds and Stock of the Rome. Watertown and Ogdensburg RR Co."  
1886 time table of R. W. & O. RR  
t.l.s to Andrew Peters from Dorothy Mezley, Springfield Collection Librarian concerning construction of R. W. & O. RR  
Andrew Peters' hand-written notes on the railroad

1 14 Photographs—Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg Railroad

**Oversize** 1864, October 31. Time Table No. 15. [MSS 45 OVERSIZE BOX 1]

**Oversize** 1876, July 17. Map and Time Table of Centennial Rates and Routes. [MSS 45 OVERSIZE BOX 1]

**Oversize** 1899-1903. Rome, Watertown & Ogdenburg Railroad Company Ledger #2. [MSS 45 OVERSIZE BOX 2]

1 15 **Railroads, photos & drawing**  
Drawing of "The O.V. Brainard." Written on drawing is "This drawing made by a draughtsman in the Rome Shops shows one of the very earliest of the Watertown & Rome Engines.

Photo of Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg locomotive "15" and crew, inscription "Ogdensburg 1885"

Photograph of a train pulling into a station.

Photo of Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg locomotive "Antwerp", c. 1860, copy photo

Photo of the "Northern New Yorker", Massena, 1925.

1 16 **Watertown and Rome Railroad**  
Bond offering flier, 1855

1 17 **Miscellaneous Railroad material**  
Deed - Theophilus P. Chandler and Wife to Samuel Haven 1842, August 10 for portion of land in the town of Brasher.

Article by Otis Clapp "The Tunnel Railroad from Tide-Water in Massachusetts to Lake Ontario and the West. [n.d.]

Article from *The Ogdensburg Republican-Journal* - Monday, February 18, 1929. "Railroad From Ontario To Atlantic Conceived To Tap Northern Wealth: Great Northern Railway Project Resulted in Excitement and Meetings Over Period of Years." Photocopy

Delaware and Hudson Canal Co. Railroad list of stations and station agents, 1891

Flier for proposed Schenectady, Sacandaga and Northern Railroad

Freight bill from Boston & Maine Railroad. Charges to Massena, NY for \$90

Speech of Thomas Loring, Esq...March 20, 1839 on the construction of the Western Railroad

Fliers—Railway Historical Society of Northern New York, Brownville, NY

**Dbl Oversize** Schedule Poster-"Great Western Railway"-1864

### Series 2-Bound ledgers

**Box 2** Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg RR, 1884

Annual Report of the Saratoga and St. Lawrence Railroad Company to the Interstate Commerce Commission of the United States, June 30, 1895

Carthage, Watertown and Sackets Harbor Rail Road ledger, 1871-1913

### Series 3-Stock certificates

**Box 3** **Stock and Bond Certificates issued by rail lines in the original NY Central System**

1	General information
2	Stocks and Bonds Issued in Canada
3	" " " " Delaware
4	" " " " Illinois
5	" " " " Indiana
6	" " " " Maryland
7	" " " " Massachusetts
8	" " " " Michigan
9	" " " " New Jersey
10	" " " " New York
11	" " " " Ohio
12	" " " " Pennsylvania
13	" " " " West Virginia
14	" " " " Wisconsin
15	" " " " Unidentified