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JOHN DUNN MURPHY COLLECTION

1890-1997

[4.86 lin. ft., 7 boxes]

Series I. Correspondence (1935-1991)
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Biographical Note

John Dunn Murphy, who assembled this collection, was born in Albany on January 31, 1909. He lived all his life in the city, most of it at 118 Morris Street. He graduated from the Cathedral Academy in 1927. Murphy went to work with the Municipal Gas & Light Company, and was laid off early in the Great Depression. In 1930, he joined the Albany Fire Department, where he rose to lieutenant in the early 1940s and served until 1955. He then served 30 years on the staff of the New York State Civil Service Commission. After his second retirement, he was an Albany County Court attendant until 1997, the year he died. He never married. Murphy was for many years a committeeman for the Albany County Democratic party. Also active in the Roman Catholic Church, he served as a trustee of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, and as a life member of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, which provided services to the poor.

John Dunn Murphy took many of the photos in this collection, but he acquired the majority of them from other collectors and dealers through trades and purchases. One of the documents (undated) in the collection mentions the price of 20 cents per print.

Scope and Content Note

The John Dunn Murphy Collection spans the period from 1894 to 1997 and primarily contains photographs and documents relating to his interest in electric street railways and other railroads. The collection is divided into ten series: Series I. Correspondence; Series II. Lists of Photographs and People; Series III. News Clippings; Series IV. Publications; Series V. Ephemera; Series VI. Photographs; Series VII. Photograph Albums; Series VIII. Oversize items.

The collection was donated to the Albany Institute in 1998 by the executors of the estate of John Dunn Murphy.

Series I. Correspondence (1935-1991) One document in this series is a 1941 notice from the City Civil Service Commission notifying Murphy that he had passed an examination for lieutenant in the fire department, ranking 14th. This series contains mainly letters and postcards to Murphy concerning street electric railway pictures. Some are from other collectors from whom Murphy acquired photos; these include Byron F. Velie of Schenectady, and George N. Walrath of Hoboken, NJ, (and later Yonkers). Several letters are responses from people to whom Murphy sent requests for information about the Troy & New England Railroad. An undated letter describes the route signs (and their colors) of the United Traction Company trolleys in the Albany and

Series III. News Clippings (1931-1948, n.d.) The series is comprised of a rather eclectic group of clippings, mostly undated, and includes two Albany City Directory pages of ads for the United Traction Company and the Albany and Hudson Railway. Other clippings are a column from the Knickerbocker News (April 1, 1948) about W.E. Wood, a supervisor for United Traction; the final run (undated) of the Albany and Hudson; an undated review of business by Ernest Murphy, general manager of United Traction; an undated report on the 20th anniversary of Glenn Curtiss' pioneer Albany-New York flight; a classified ad offering for sale trolley car bodies of the Fonda, Johnstown & Gloversville; an undated reminiscence of Albany in 1880; a feature story in the Albany Evening News (Feb. 23, 1931) about "Yankee Doodle"; an undated report in the Knickerbocker Press of the retirement of Troy's last gas lamplighter. The others appear to be undated and miscellaneous. Some clippings also concern fires and firefighters.


Occasional Publications are mainly promotional material issued by transit companies. Examples here were issued by Berkshire Street Railway, Albany and
Hudson Railroad, for Electric Park at Kinderhook Lake (1903); Schenectady Railroad (Trolley Tours: Hudson-Mohawk Valleys); CP Rail System (formerly D&H); Union Pacific (for the Chicago World's Fair, 1933-34); Pike's Peak by Rail; Merchants & Miners Transportation Co. (a steamship line).

Series V. Ephemera (1894-1984). This series comprises six subseries: Ephemera; Time Tables; Tickets & Transfers; Other Railroad Forms; Maps; and Fan Trips.

Ephemera (1903-1970) comprises such items as: United Traction Company Instructions to Conductors, Line to Line Transfers (1923); West Sand Lake Grange, Diamond Jubilee (June 10, 1970); Delaware & Hudson dining service menu (undated); New Cars for Schenectady Railway, Street Railway Review (undated); copies of letters from J.M. Jones’ Sons and Taylor Electric Truck Co., both of Watervliet, to Boston Elevated Railway Co. re orders (1903); flyer for book Third Rails, Pantographs & Trolley Poles (undated); Albany Hudson Fast Line by William Reed Gordon (undated); announcements of Albany Public Library reception marking publication of The Albany Fire Department -- One Hundred Years of Paid Fire Service (1968); invitation to Social by Steamer 9, Albany Fire Department (1894); announcement of Chapman-Magin wedding (1952); Mr. Murphy's baggage claim check on cruise ship Bermuda Star (undated).

Time Tables (1908-1984) includes two groups, instate (1908-1946) and out of state (1909-1984). Instate timetables include: Troy and New England, (1908 original), (1912 photo), and undated photo; Hudson Valley Railway (1912 and undated copy); Official Electric Railway Guide, New York State, (May 1911); Fonda, Johnstown & Gloversville bus, (1942 & 1946); Albany Southern (1910); Eastern N.Y. Utilities (1927); Lake George Steamers (1911), Hudson River Day Line (1946); Boston & Albany Railroad, partial (undated). Out-of-state includes Pennsylvania Railroad (1912), Berkshire Street Railway (1909); Philadelphia Transportation Co. (1944); Connecticut Co., New Haven trolley (1941); Strasburg (Pa.) Railroad (1984); Boston and Maine Railroad (1939); and Albany & Southern Railroad (1908).

Tickets and Transfers (1917-1946, n.d.): Transfers -- several of United Traction Company line 6 (Second Avenue), August 10, 1946; Saco & Biddeford (Me.) Railroad (undated). Tickets (nearly all undated) -- Hudson Valley Railway, strip of four for various trips, conductor's check, policemen's or firemen's ticket, employee annual pass (1917); Schenectady Railway, employee pass (single trip); Troy & New England, photocopy of ticket; Albany Transit Co., Inc, (Gray Line), book of tickets owned by Mr. Murphy; Fonda, Johnstown & Gloversville, school ticket; Chautauqua Traction Company, exchange coupon; Buffalo & Erie Railway (1926); Buffalo & Erie Traction, agent's stub; International Railway Co. (Buffalo), cash fare receipt; French railroad (unnamed), Nice to Paris ticket; Italian railroad (unnamed), 50 lire tickets.

Other Rail Documents (1908-1946 n.d.) includes: Hudson Valley Railway: material order (1927), freight bill (1908), ticket inventory (1926); Schenectady Railway: daily sales (1929), blank conductor's report (undated), conductor's report envelope (undated); Fonda, Johnstown & Gloversville: train record (undated), train order (1934),...
blank delay report (1930s), daily car report (undated), station inspection report (1936); Southern N.Y. Railway: train order (1918), blank clearance card (1920s), blank delivery freight bill (undated), ticket sales report (1925); Otsego & Herkimer: cars on siding report (undated); Oneonta & Herkimer Valley: blank car defect report (undated); blank freight forwarding report (1900s); Buffalo & Erie Railway: blank purchasing requisition (undated); Patrick Flood manufacturer, Albany: letterhead (1900s). This subseries also includes a United Traction Company poster promoting use of buses and trolleys to save gasoline for national defense (ca. 1942), and car cards announcing the substitution of buses for trolleys on four Albany city lines of United Traction Co. (1946), and replacement of trolleys by buses on the Saratoga Division (1941), and of changes in bus routes (1942) on Schenectady Railway (filed in Oversize, Box 7, Folder 82).

Maps (1947, n.d.) include: Ballston Terminal R.R., photocopy (undated); Hudson Valley Railway, photocopy (undated); Schenectady Railway, (undated); United Traction, Albany division (undated); Troy & New England, tracing 2 sheets (undated); photocopy 8x10 inches (drawn 1947), photostat 8-fold 8x10 inches (drawn 1947); Saratoga Springs and outside district, photocopy (undated); Mechanicville (photocopy); Stillwater (photocopy), Glens Falls (photocopy). This subseries also includes map of Troy & New England (34x22 inches), and photo of map of Hudson Valley Railway (11x14 inches) (filed in Oversize, Box 7, Folder 82).

Descriptions and Histories (1900-1959) include: Troy & New England, from Street Surface Railroads (1904), typescript, including list of stations (undated); Ballston Terminal Railway, typescript, including notes on Troy & New England and Albany Railway (undated); Hudson Valley Railway, from Street Railway Review (1902); typescript by James M. Slattery of Albany (1940); Chemin de Fer de la Bonne Sainte Anne (Quebec), seventieth anniversary account (1959); Last Horse Car in U.S., typescript, from Railroad Magazine (1940).

Fan Trips (1940-1946) include: postcard announcements of: United Traction Co. car 301 (1940); Schenectady-Saratoga line (1940), also (1941); Connecticut Co. New Haven lines (1941); trips in Hartford, Utica and New York (1946), postcard re: meeting of Capital District Railroad Club (1942), flyer re: East Broad Top R.R. & Coal Co. (1946).

Series VI. Photographs and Negatives (1895-1964). The photographs in this series cover images of John Dunn Murphy, trolley cars, other railroads, and the Albany Fire Department and Albany fires. Negatives in this series are, with few exceptions, of trolley and railroad lines.

The first folder in the series contains pictures in which John Dunn Murphy appears. The trolley and rail photographs following (excluding those in photograph albums, filed in Series VII) are catalogued by company to the extent possible. Several are in undifferentiated groups; some are not identified. All are undated, except as specified. The folders are grouped as follows: Albany Railway and early United Traction Company; special purpose cars of UTC; Lumber District horsecars; additional United Traction (12 folders); mixed lines in Troy; Schenectady Railway (6 folders); mixed lines in Saratoga Springs; Hudson Valley Railway (6 folders); Albany & Hudson
Railroad and successors (3 folders); Troy & New England Railroad (3 folders); mixed lines, including Catskill Traction, Glens Falls, Sandy Hill & Fort Edward Railway; Hudson Street Railway; Amsterdam; Kingston; Stillwater and Mechanicville Street Railway; Saratoga Traction Co.; Plattsburgh Traction Co.; Oneonta, Cooperstown & Richfield Springs; Kaydeross Railroad; Brattleboro VT; Berkshire Street Railway. Other mixed lines include New York City, Buffalo, Utica, Rochester; Niagara Gorge Railroad. Mixed lines out of state include cars in Wilkes-Barre, Wyoming Valley, and Philadelphia PA; Saco & Biddeford (ME) Railway; Toronto; San Francisco; Montreal; Connecticut Company; Kennebunkport (ME) trolley museum; mixed lines, not classified; Albany street scenes, some without trolleys (2 folders); Albany riverfront.

The photographs of fires and fire departments include several images from original images of the Capitol fire (March 1911); fires at the Medwin Building (1914), the Hygienic Ice Company (1940); Cox Brass foundry (1944), Creamery Package Company (1914). The fire houses and apparatus include: Engine 1 house at Washington, Western and Sprague Place; Steamer 1, Engine 1, Steamers 2 and 4, Engine 4, Engine 4 house on Hudson Avenue, Steamer 5, Steamer 6 crew, Engine 6, Steamer 7, Chemical 7, Hosecart 8, Steamer 8, Chemical 9, Steamer 10, Chemical 10, Albany's first steamer the McQuaid, Ladders 1 and 2, A three-horse hitch labeled The Last Roundup 1920, parade day 1911, 2 unidentified steamers, Albany Fire Protectives (6 photos). Photos of firefighters include: fire chiefs in parades, Battalion Chief Warren Abriel, Capt. Philip M. Reilly, Engine 3 crew, and miscellaneous. There is also a photo of Chemical 9 in front of Steamer 9 house, Second Avenue and Sand Street (1900) (filed in Oversize Box 7, folder 82).

The negatives, mostly 2-1/2 x 3-1/2 inch format, are generally undated. They are housed in smaller envelopes, as follows: Albany & Southern (2), Fonda, Johnstown & Gloversville (20), United Traction Company, Hudson Valley Railway, Schenectady Railway (3), Kingston NY, miscellaneous electric cars, miscellaneous scenes, scenes of Cincinnati; Boston & Albany Railroad, New York Central (7), Boston Elevated, United States Railroad Administration locomotive of World War I, Delaware & Hudson wreck at GE Works (1934), New York Central wreck at Rotterdam Junction (1939), Hudson River Day Line ship Alexander Hamilton.

**Series VII. Photograph Albums.** This series holds seven albums that primarily contain trolley line photos, except for one album and part of another that are of steam engines and other trolleys displayed at the New York World's Fair of 1939-40. Most of the photos are labeled "from the collection of Byron F. Velie."

The John Dunn Murphy collection was processed by Francis S. (Doc) Rivett in the summer of 2000.
### Series I. Correspondence

| 1 | Correspondence | 1935-1992 |

### Series II. Lists of Photographs and People

| 2 | Lists | 1940-1962 |

### Series III. News Clippings

| 3 | Trolleys | 1932-1948 |
| 4 | Mixed subjects | 1930, n.d. |

### Series IV. Publications

**Periodicals**

| 5 | The Call Board | 1988-1989 |
| 6 | The Call Board | 1990-1992 |
| 7 | The Call Board | 1992 |
| 8 | Rollsign | 1987-1988 |
| 9 | Rollsign | 1988 |
| | Locomotive & Railway Preservation | 1995 |
| | The Modern Tramway | 1943 |
| | Toy Train Operating Society Bulletin | 1981 |

**Occasional Publications**

Series V. Ephemera

Arranged in seven subseries: Ephemera; Timetables; Tickets and Transfers; Other Rail Documents; Maps; Histories; Fan Trips.

Ephemera 1894-1978


Timetables 1908-1984


14 Berkshire Street Railway (1909); Pennsylvania Railroad (1912); Boston and Maine Railroad (1939), The Connecticut Co. (1941); Philadelphia Transportation Co. (1944), Strasburg Rail Road (1984)

Tickets and Transfers 1917-1946, n.d.

Series V. Ephemera, con’t.

Other Rail Documents 1909-1938, n.d.


Maps 1942-44, n.d.

17 Troy & New England (8-fold photostat and 3-sheet tracing); United Traction Albany Division (1944); Schenectady Railway (n.d.); Philadelphia Transportation Co. (n.d.). Photos of Ballston Terminal; Hudson Valley, Saratoga Springs, Mechanicville, Stillwater, Glens Falls (all n.d.). Changes in bus routes (1942) on Schenectady Railway see: Oversize, Box 7, Folder 82

Histories n.d.

18 Troy & New England (1900-1946), Ballston Terminal (1903), Hudson Valley Railway 1902, 1940), Chemin de Fer de la Bonne Sainte Anne (Quebec), Last horsecar in U.S.

Fan Trips 1940-1946

19 Cards for trips in Albany (1940), Schenectady-Saratoga (1940-1941), New Haven (1941), Hartford, Utica, New York City (1946). Flyer for East Broad Top Railroad & Coal Co. (1946)
Series VI. Photographs and Negatives

Arranged in three subseries: John Dunn Murphy; Trolleys; Albany Fire Department

Trolleys  (1890-1987)

21  United Traction: Early cars: at North Albany barn, on Arbor Hill with horsecars (1890), on North Pearl with horsecar, car labeled Ridgefield (c.1903)

22  United Traction Co.: Special cars for electric express, sand, inspection

23  Lumber District Horsecars (no date)

24  United Traction: West Albany car 176 (1905); Country Club open car 145; Albany-Troy car 44, Albany-Troy car 197, open car at North Albany, Car 82 on Madison Ave., West Albany open car (1912), open car 243, open car 187, car at Brookside Park (1920s), open car 146 passing UTC building on Broadway

25  United Traction Co.: Views at North Albany barn cars in scrap yard; exterior of paint shop; rear of repair shop; open rear of barn, interior of paint shop

26  United Traction Co. Car 301: passing Quail Street barn from south; on Special run at Delaware and Bohl Avenues; passing Quail Street barn southbound; turning from North Pearl Street to Clinton Avenue; waiting for Inspector Frost to throw switch; formal photo on Second Avenue lines

27  United Traction Co.: various cars numbered 427, 512, 522, 571, 601, 617, 625, 659, 724, 910
United Traction Co.: Cars in 800 series: 801 at Plaza (1916); 801 on Broadway (c. 1930); 822 at State and Pearl; 822 on Quail Street; 824 on Madison Avenue (color); 824 on Delaware Avenue; 826 with motorman at step; 828 at State and Broadway; 836 (color, 1942); 842 on Delaware Avenue; 851 on Belt Line downtown; 855; 864 at Madison and Lark (1942); 864 on Delaware Ave (1942); 869 on State Street (color); 824 (c. 1930)

United Traction Co.: Cars promoting World War I savings plans: Car 609 on State St. for savings stamps (1918); train of open cars led by 202, for war bonds (1917); single car for bonds (1917)

United Traction Co.: Postcards of various cars, exterior and interior, published by "Old Albany" Nostalgia Shop

United Traction Co.: 8x10 sheets with printed views of various cars, exterior and interior. No credit line.

United Traction Co.: Car 7 formerly Troy & New England Car 7; passengers waiting at car stop and toll gate on Albany-Bethlehem Turnpike (2 photos); Arbor Hill trolley with William Hartigan (1918)

United Traction Co., at Quail Street barn: two cars passing near switches into barn; car 674 towed into barn; group of riders at entrance to barn; wide view of barn

United Traction Co. Various: Tracks being installed at Plaza; derailment of car 834 stops six others on North Pearl Street (1946); CBA cadets boarding cars on State Street (1945); employees with silver bar, North Albany (1928); men head for work at North Albany barn (1922)
Series VI. Photographs and Negatives, con’t.

Trolleys, con’t.

[2] 35 United Traction Co. North Troy division: early car on Waterford line; car 17 at foot of Campbell’s Highway (1916); car 323 leaving old Waterford bridge (c. 1905); car on "new" Waterford bridge; car 919 of Line 12 at Lansingburgh barn; cars entering Lansingburgh barn; car of Troy-Cohoes line on Remsen St., Cohoes (copy from postcard).

36 United Traction Co. 1921 strike: 4 photos of jitney drivers arrested

37 Troy trolley scenes: Troy City Railway car on River Street, north from Fulton Street; car heads south on River Street from Fulton; trolleys and newsboys at Franklin Square, looking south; cars from three lines converge on Franklin Square, view to north

38 United Traction Co.: Trolley moves snow; North Pearl Street scene; electric express on State St.; trolley at State and Pearl (color); young women by auto as Delaware Ave. trolley passes; open car on Country Club line

39 Schenectady Railway in Albany: first car to Albany (1901); car 610 on State Street; car 608 of Saratoga line, at the Plaza; car 564 at State and Broadway; car 361 as Albany local; car 609 at the Plaza; car 656 on Central Avenue

40 Schenectady Railway: Car 560 at Stop 31, Central Ave.; fan trip (3 photos, 1941); car waits at signal

41 Schenectady Railway, Troy division: Car on private right-of-way entering Watervliet (9/13/1921); early car on Troy run; car 66 on Troy run; car 553 outside Troy Union Station; car 654 starting run from Schenectady Plaza
Series VI. Photographs and Negatives, con't.

Trolleys, con't.

[2] 42  Schenectady Railway, Saratoga division: Saratoga cars on right, local on left; car 541 picks up passengers; at Boston & Maine overpass near Alplaus; car 562 for Ballston Spa; car's crew takes photo break; car 561 (color); car 655 approaches Saratoga terminal; car 610 and crew; car 608 (builder's photo)

43  Schenectady Railway -- local: Car 3 of Schenectady St. Railway Co.; looking down State Street (copy); open car 313; car on State Street line; car on Crane Street line; car on State St.-GE works line; car 608 at early traffic light on State St. car 561 "Special"; car derailed on State St.; car 608 outside McClellan St. barn; McClellan Street barn

44  Hudson Valley Railway, Saratoga division: Opening of Saratoga Springs terminal; southbound car nears Saratoga Springs terminal; cars lined up at Saratoga Springs terminal (1921); snowplow hauling 5 open trailers on Saratoga Lake line (1901); open car 161 (1925)

45  Hudson Valley Railway, Glens Falls: heavy traffic on single track in midtown; car delayed by parade; car changing direction at City Hall; car in Monument Square; car 500 on South Street line; car 60 running as extra (white flag)

46  Schenectady Railway, Ballston Spa: chartered car at Old Iron Spring; cars at Lincoln Square; car 101 Accommodation; car in 600 series outside Lincoln House; car 610 at Forest Park

47  Schenectady Railway: Work car 46M in scrap track; car 95-O running extra; car 95-O in line work; car 95-O at Van Vranken Ave for scrapping (1942)
Series VI. Photographs and Negatives, con’t.

Trolleys, con’t.

[2] 48 Hudson Valley Railway, Ballston Spa: car 135 on Front St. (1901); car passes a centennial banner (1901); snowplow stuck in drift (2/15/1914); passengers board car at Lincoln Square; an open car near Eagle Hotel; car 34; single truck car nears Schenectady Railway track; Mechanicville Car 64 crashed into church after brakes failed on Park Ave. hill (3 photos, 1924); open car on Park Avenue; car 41 on Main Street, car 43 on Park Ave.

49 Hudson Valley Railway: open car south of Warrensburg; car 60 at end of line Warrensburg (1911); car loading freight and passengers at Middle Grove; car at Thomson; crewman fixes a trolley pole on car 21 at Greenwich; car passes over Kaydeross Creek at Rock City Falls; car passing Stillwater post office; locomotive 2 in construction work near Warrensburg (2 photos); work car hauls dirt near Warrensburg; rotary snowplow; car in downtown Glens Falls; other cars in country, Ballston Spa

50 Hudson Valley Railway, Car 36 at Queensbury barn; car 37 (builders photo); car 37 on Saratoga-Warrensburg run; car 43 (builder's photo); car 52 (builder's photo); car 65 (builder's photo); car 68 on Saratoga-Warrensburg run; car 69 at Queensbury barn; car 24; car 51 (from broken glass negative); car 33 on Glens Falls-Fort Edward run; yard and Queensbury barn (1928)

51 Hudson Valley Railway: Passengers enter car 34; open car 128 at end of line; car 32 at Hudson Falls (1941); last car over canal bridge Fort Edward (5/5/1901); car 64 on Glens Falls-Troy run; 4 passengers stand by car 11
Series VI. Photographs and Negatives, con’t.

Trolleys, con’t.

[2] 52  Albany & Hudson (and successors): A&H car 8 with crew and officials; A&H car 9 at Electric Park, Kinderhook Lake; A&H open car 27; A&H car 38 at Rensselaer; A&H 38 stopping at station; A&H car 28 using third rail at bridge; Albany Southern car heads south on Broadway, Albany; AS car 20 on Broadway, Albany; AS car 24 southbound at dispatcher’s office, Rensselaer; AS car crossing Route 9 at Hampton Manor

53  Albany & Hudson et al: A&H car at entrance to Electric Park; A&H car outside Rensselaer barn; A&H car at Valatie station; A&H car 20 at Rossmans; A&H mixed train at freight depot; AS car in line at Albany Plaza; AS freight terminal at 140 Broadway, Albany; Eastern NY Utilities car 60 at Albany Plaza; ENYU car 60 (builder’s photo, 1927); ENYU car 60 in service with pantograph and trolley pole (c. 1927)

3 54  Albany Southern: Locomotive No. 2; cars at Rensselaer barn; two snowplows; two views of right-of-way; abandoned car

55  Troy & New England: Albia terminal (c.1900, 1902); Car 11 at Brookside; 5-car train at Albia; 3-car train; UTC Car 24 on picnic run; work train at Albia (c. 1905); Albia pond; Car 1; Car 6 on first run (1895); trestle over Wynantskill; car passing West Sand Lake station (abandoned horse car body); West Sand Lake station; Car 7 near West Sand Lake; knitting mills at West Sand Lake; Car 5 at Cedarhurst (West Sand Lake)

56  Troy & New England: Car 6, with UTC Albia sign, on final day (3/31/1925); Car 6 at Brookside & closeup of motorman: open car 1 (1925); UTC car 385 at Brookside; car 11 (c.1905); freight cars (3); snow scenes (2); Brookside Park trestle (2)

57  Troy & New England, at Averill Park: crossing at Arlington Hotel; car leaves station; car at Sunset Terrace; car at station (1925); station at various years (4)
Series VI. Photographs and Negatives, con’t.

Trolleys, con’t.

[3] 58 Fonda, Johnstown & Gloversville: Car 10 at Gloversville shop; car 52 leaving Jones factory, Watervliet: car 52 (1942); car 62 (builder’s photo); right-of-way near Hagaman (1907); 5 cars snowbound; Johnstown station (postcard)

59 Ballston Terminal Railway: car at Rock City Falls; views of various industrial sidings served; wreck on Mountain Lake line, a subsidiary

60 Various lines: Catskill Traction (2); Glens Falls, Sandy Hill & Fort Edward (2); Hudson Street Railway; Amsterdam (builder’s drawing); Kingston line; Stillwater & Mechanicville (freight car); Saratoga Traction Co. (double-decker); Plattsburgh Street Railway; Oneonta, Cooperstown & Richfield Springs; Kaydeross R.R.; Berkshire Street Railway (2)

61 New York City (trolley and subway); Buffalo (trolley, 1940); Utica trolley (1940); Rochester (postcard)

62 Niagara Falls Great Gorge Route

63 Wilkes-Barre, PA; Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.; Saco & Biddeford ME; North Jersey Rapid Transit (1912); Boston Elevated Railway; Toronto, ON; Fairmount Park Traction Co, San Francisco; Montreal; Shelburne Falls, MA

64 Connecticut Company, including Branford museum

65 Seashore Museum, Kennebunkport ME

66 Troy City Railway: Car 6 at Lansingburgh barn; Car 297, U S Mail; open car 300; horse car 146

67 Kingston Construction R.R. abandoned car; view from Lake Harrows, Amsterdam; possibly FJ&G; Kaydeross R.R. terminal (1929); Ballston Terminal R.R.; unidentified car and terminal
Series VI. Photographs and Negatives, con’t.

Trolleys, con’t.

[3] 68   Trolley Cars in Albany: two cars on Broadway near State (1905); North Pearl (c. 1908); State Street west from Pearl; on State Street, with John G. Myers delivery wagon; snowy scene on Pearl north from State; spring scene on Pearl north from State; trolleys on new tracks around The Plaza

69   Connecticut Co. car on "track" in Lark Street, for movie "Ironweed" (1987); scenes of demolition in Broadway, Albany (1964)

70   Street scenes in downtown Albany: Elm Tree corner at North Pearl and State (2); Stadt Huys at State and South Pearl (2); State and Broadway (2); Knights Templar parade on Broadway (All are copies of older photos dated 1861-1874.)

71   Riverfront scenes: Hudson River Day liners Alexander Hamilton & Hendrick Hudson; panorama plus three large details (1869 copy); construction on lower State Street (c. 1909 copy); basin below State Street (c. 1909 copy).

72   Steam railroad photos: Boston & Albany 458 on turntable (c. 1887) Delaware & Hudson engines 183, 93, and 300 series; N.Y. Central local freight in Chatham; Hoosac Tunnel & Wilmington No. 6; Canadian National 4-6-4T, as museum piece; N.Y. Central engines 2630 5411, 1257, and freight train passing Tower 8 near Schenectady; replica Union Pacific locomotive used in movies (1939)

Albany Fire Department 1890-1963, n.d.

73   Capitol Fire of 1911: Several images from original negatives

74   Other fires: Hygienic Ice Co. (1940), Cox Brass foundry (1944); Creamery Package Co. (1914), Medwin Building (1914)

Series VI. Photographs and Negatives, con't.

Albany Fire Department, con't.


77 Last roundup 1920, last horse-drawn apparatus; parade day 1911 (4 images); 2 unidentified steamers; Fire Protective (6 photos, n.d.)

78 Firefighters: Fire chief Bridgeford in parade (1912); Chief Geel in parade (1916); Chief Warren Abriel (c. 1967), Capt. Philip M. Reilly (n.d.); Engine 3 crew (1932), unidentified crew (n.d.); two men outside Engine 8 (1940); 3 men outside Ladder 2 (n.d.); unidentified fire officer and son (n.d.)

79 Scenics: Delaware Water Gap (2, n.d.); Lackawaxen (PA.) aqueduct on Delaware & Hudson Canal (copy, n.d.)

80 Miscellany: Unidentified, undated, and probably unidentifiable images

81 Negatives, including Albany Southern (2 envelopes); Fonda, Johnstown & Gloversville (2 envelopes; United Traction; Hudson Valley; Schenectady Railway (3 envelopes); Boston Elevated; Kingston NY; Cincinnati; New York Central Railroad (8 envelopes); Boston & Albany Railroad; Kingston NY; Delaware & Hudson wreck at Schenectady GE works (1934); other railroad wrecks; U.S. Railway Administration engine; miscellaneous electric car lines; miscellaneous railroad scenes; Hudson River Day Line ship Alexander Hamilton.
Series VII. Photograph Albums

4 Notebook album A
1889-1941, n.d.
With dedication by Byron F. Velie.
Contains photos of New York City subway and elevated lines by George E. Votava; of the Fonda, Johnstown & Gloversville Railway, Schenectady Railway, United Traction Co. and small railroads, by Byron Velie; Hudson Valley Railway, by George Walrath; Albany & Hudson, by John Dunn Murphy; various lines by unidentified photographers.

Notebook album B
1926-1943, n.d.
Steam locomotives of New York Central R.R., Delaware & Hudson R.R., Fonda, Johnstown & Gloversville, and miscellaneous engines shown at 1939 World's Fair in New York City; all from collection of Byron F. Velie.

Notebook album C
1914-1942, n.d.
84 trolley line photos, including United Traction Co., Hudson Valley Railway, Schenectady Railway, and various lines; also 3 from 1939 World's Fair; all from Byron F. Velie.

5 Large album D
n.d.
96 trolley photos, all United Traction Co., except one page of Fonda, Johnstown & Gloversville.

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n.d.
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Large album G
1910-1941, n.d.
Principally Schenectady Railway, with selections from several other lines, some are dated, some identified, some both.
Car signs of Schenectady Railway re: Change in operation of trolleys (1942) and substitution of buses for trolleys (1941); United Traction Co, poster promoting gas conservation (n.d.), and car signs noting change from trolleys to buses (1946); timetable of Albany & Hudson R.R. (1908); map of Troy & New England (six-fold) (drawn 1947); map of Hudson Valley Railway (c. 1915, drawn 1963); photo of Chemical 9 rig outside Steamer 9 quarters (c. 1900)