A Guide to the
New York Central Railroad – Harold Ross Collection

Collection Summary

Collection Title: New York Central Railroad – Harold Ross Collection

Call Number: MG 216

Creator: Harold Ross

Inclusive Dates:

Bulk Dates: 1937-1960

Abstract: This collection contains booklets, a photograph, a postcard, notices, and directions pertaining to Mr. Harold Ross’ time working for the New York Central Railroad.

Quantity: 1 manuscript box

Administrative Information

Custodial History: Linda Ross

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Persons
Ross, Harold Sonny

Organizations
Railroads – New York Central Railroad – New York State

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Places

Document Types
Photographs
Postcards
By-Laws
Certificates

Titles

Biography/History of
Harold Ross was born August 15th, 1915 and died June 24th, 2003.

Residences:
Prior to 1943 – Born and raised in Harlem, NYC.
1943-1944  State Street, Albany, NY
1944-1945  Clermont Street, Albany, NY
1945-1957  202 South Allen Street, Albany, NY
1957-2003  13 Maxwell Street, Albany, NY

Married Jean Gordon on December 26th, 1943 in Albany, NY.
Had issue one daughter, Linda A. Ross.

Work History:
● Pre 1942: Chauffeur for The Bedfords (VP of Standard Oil Co.), Manhattan, NY.
● Pre 1942: Car Dealership (taught new owners how to drive) NYC.
● Approx. 1942-1943: Dinty’s Terrace Garden, bartender
● Approx. 1943-1952: New York Central Railroad (brakeman)
Approx. 1950-1955: Manager of food concession at Mohawk Drive-In.
Approx. 1955-1969: Proprietor of Treat Shop (luncheonette/newsroom)
1969-1980: New York State Department of Mental Hygiene (Valatie Developmental Center, counselor)

Scope and Contents of the Collection

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Organization of the Collection

Related Material

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New York Central Railroad Papers, by Frank George Chesebro

Separated Materials
None

Other Finding Aids
None

Detailed Description of the Records/Papers/Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

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Constitution: Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen Insurance Department (May 1, 1960)
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2 official Due cards of International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers (May 31, 1946) (One hard booklet, and one soft booklet)
NYCS-Six Fundamentals Requisite to Safety Success
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Postcard re: Election for Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen (Horseshoe Lodge No. 250)
One pass for New York Central System (1951-1952)
Honorable Withdrawal Card for International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers (January 13, 1950)
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