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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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Ross, Harold Sonny

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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.

Series # [MG 216] . **Series Title** [NY Central Railroad – Harold Ross Collection]

Box #	Folder #	Item #. Title / Description
1		New York Central System: Rules For the Government of the Operating Department (September, 26, 1937)
1		Department of Taxation & Finance (Bureau of Motor Vehicles) New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law with Appendix (July 1, 1953)

1 Constitution: Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen Brotherhood of
Railroad Trainmen Insurance Department (May 1, 1960)
1 The New York Central System: Safety Rules (March 1, 1943)
1 Agreement Between the New York Central Railroad Company
(December, 1, 1955)
1 Photograph: 8x10 B&W photograph of American Locomotive
Co. (Harold Ross circled on photocopy)
1 2 official Due cards of International Brotherhood of Teamsters,
Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers (May 31, 1946) (One
hard booklet, and one soft booklet)
1 NYCS-Six Fundamentals Requisite to Safety Success
1 Catechism for Signal Rules (January 1, 1951)
1 Postcard re: Election for Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen
(Horseshoe Lodge No. 250)
1 One pass for New York Central System (1951-1952)
1 Honorable Withdrawal Card for International Brotherhood of
Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers (January 13,
1950)
1 Lay Off Notice, American Locomotive Company (August 22,
1945)
1 2 New York Central System Certificate of Vision, Color
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1 By-Laws of Horseshoe Lodge No. 250
1 Rate Chart Indicating Rates of Pay for Conductors (effective
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1 Directions For Operating Justrite "Twin-Bulb" Electric Lanterns