McLean County Museum of History

Railroad Time Books Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1918-19, 1936-46; 1964-65.
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	

Brief History

Railroad foremen used time books to record workers' names, hours, wages and specifics of projects undertaken.

Train engineers and firemen used time books to log their time, also indicating the engine they were driving/serving; origin and destination; and other particulars.

Books were often preprinted by insurance companies or unions.

Scope

The collection includes time books with notations made by local foremen as well as enginemen, mostly from the 1930s-40s. Unused 1964-65 books from a local union round out the collection.

Box and Folder Inventory

Foremen's Time Books

Folder 1: H.D. McMillan

Two monthly time books for April and May 1946. Alton Railroad.

Folder 2: E. Thornley

Ten monthly time books, including:

January 1942

March, April, May and December 1943

April, June, July/August, September and October 1944

Folder 3: Unidentified Foremen

Eight monthly time books, 1946-69.

Other Railroad Employees' (Enginemen?) Time Books

Folder 4: George W. Striegel

Three "Railroad Employees Timebook and C&A Rosters," 1942-44. Each includes roster, lodge meeting dates, and many local advertisements. Some of Striegel's paystubs are included.

Folder 5: Blank Enginemen's Time Books

Three Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (BLF&E) Enginemen's Time Books, 1964-65. Includes published insurance info. Unused.

Folder 6: Misc. Time Books from Unidentified Employees

- 6.1 From Standard Accidental Insurance Co., used 1918-19.
- 6.2 From Benefit Association of Railway Employees (Chgo), used 1934. Includes wage scales.
- 6.3 From Red Diamond Union Made Overalls, used 1936-38.
- 6.4 From Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, used 1938-39.
- 6.5 From various Marshall, MO, businesses used 1927.
- 6.6 From various local businesses, unused 1932.