

# NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM

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Finding Aid for  
**Metro-North Collection**  
**2000.41, 2001.31 & 2006.39**

## SUMMARY INFORMATION

**CREATORS:** New York Central System, Pennsylvania Railroad,  
Penn Central, Metropolitan Transportation  
Authority, and MTA Metro-North Railroad

**TITLE:** Metro-North Collection

**DEPOSITOR:** MTA Metro-North Railroad, Patricia Raley and  
Frank English

**INCLUSIVE DATES:** 1830 - 2002

**BULK DATES:** 1930 - 1970

**QUANTITY:** 18 cubic feet, including 5,428 photographic prints,  
negatives, slides, and related paper materials.

## COLLECTION PROVENANCE HISTORY

The Metro-North Collection was transferred to the New York Transit Museum in three separate installments by employees of MTA Metro-North Railroad, Patricia Raley, the former Assistant Director of Corporate Communications, and Frank English, Photographer, Corporate Communications. In 2000 (accession number 2000.41), Patricia Raley transferred 4 cubic feet of material (primarily historic photographs) pertaining to

the Pennsylvania Railroad and 3 cubic feet of photographs related to Pennsylvania Station in New York City. Several months later in 2000 (accession number 2001.31), Frank English transferred an additional 11 cubic feet from the Metro-North Historical Archives, documenting Grand Central Depot, Grand Central Station, Grand Central Terminal, New York Central, Pennsylvania Railroad, Penn Central, Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority (MABSTOA) and Conrail. In 2003 (accession number 2006.27), Patricia Raley also transferred 3 cubic feet of her administrative papers relating to museum, historic preservation, and exhibit projects. Projects represented in these materials include the restoration/revitalization of Grand Central Terminal (completed in 1998), the removal of an original ca. 1899 Grand Central Station eagle from Bronxville, NY, for reinstallation at Grand Central Terminal, Long Island Rail Road's East Side Access Project, Transit Museum exhibitions, and other activities.

## **SCOPE & CONTENT NOTE**

The Metro-North Collection contains photographic materials and related paper documentation of the railroads that preceded Metro-North Railroad. Railroads documented within these materials include: Boston & Albany Railroad; Cheshire Railroad; Fitchburg Railroad; Harlem Railroad; Lake Champlain Railroad; Lake Shore & Michigan Southern (L.S. & M.S.) Railroad; Lebanon Railroad; Lehigh & Hudson River Railroad; Mohawk & Hudson Railroad; New Haven Railroad; New York & Ontario Railroad; New York, Ontario & Western Railroad; New York, Westchester & Boston Railway; Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad; Rutland & Burlington Railroad; Vermont Central Railroad; Waynesburg Southern Railroad; Long Island Rail Road, Pennsylvania Railroad; New York Central Railroad; Penn Central; Conrail; and Metro-North Railroad.

This collection also includes materials documenting the construction and maintenance of Grand Central Depot (1871), Station (1899-1900) and Terminal (1913), and the construction, demolition and reconstruction of New York's Pennsylvania Station (1910). Important figures in railroad history, such as Cornelius "Commodore" Vanderbilt, Alfred E. Perlman and William J. Ronan, are represented in the collection (see Access Points for complete listing). Some of the railroads' signature trains, such as New York Central's *20<sup>th</sup> Century Limited* and Pennsylvania Railroad's *Broadway Limited*, are also documented.

The majority of the collection consists of photographic prints (approximately 5,428), many of which are accompanied by identifying captions and related paper materials. Correspondence and memoranda press releases, books, magazines, newspapers, pamphlets, booklets, technical and architectural drawings, scrapbooks, manuscripts, blueprints, records, and ephemera are also included in the collection. These materials were largely produced for promotional use by the individual railroads, as well as for documenting railroad construction, expansion, technological innovations, and general history.

## **ARRANGEMENT**

The collection is organized at the Series level by institutional entity, and arranged alphanumerically by classification at the Sub-Series level. Item level organization has been used in some cases to better serve the object type, with classification determined by institutional entity. Series arrangement with numerical differentiation was used for Patricia Raley's Corporate Communication Records found in the Metro-North Railroad Series (MNO).

## **LOCATION**

New York Transit Museum Archives, 130 Livingston Street Room C42, Brooklyn, NY 11201

### **Series**

--Sub-Series

\*Item and numerical arrangement

### **CR – Conrail**

--C – Cars

--E – Employees -- Equipment

--P – Police -- Portraits

--S – Special Events -- Stations

--SL – Slides

--T – Track -- Trains

--Y – Yards

### **GCD – Grand Central Depot**

--E – Exterior Views

--H – History

--I – Interior Views

--O – Oversized

--S – Street Scenes

--T – Track -- Tunnels

### **GCS – Grand Central Station**

--D – Demolition

--E – Exterior Views

--I – Interior Views

--O – Oversized

--S – Street Scenes

--T – Track

--Y – Yards

\* Item based arrangement for GCS-001 – 004 photographic albums numerically arranged.

### **GCT – Grand Central Terminal**

--A – Architectural Drawings

--B – Buildings

- BK – Book
- BKL -- Booklet
- C – Correspondence -- Construction
- E – Employees -- Exterior Views
- H – History -- Hotels
- I – Interior Views
- M – Maps
- MG – Monograph
- MSS – Manuscript
- NEWS – Newspaper
- O – Oversized
- P – Personalities -- Politicians -- Police
- PAM – Pamphlet
- S – Street Scenes -- Special Events -- Statistics -- Steel Work
- SL – Slide
- T – Tracks
- Y – Yards
- BLD – Building

**GCT/NYC – Grand Central Terminal / New York Central**

- ART – Article
- PAM – Pamphlet

**MABSTOA – Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority**

- E – Employees

**MNO – Metro-North (Commuter) Railroad**

- BKLT – Booklet
- C – Cars -- Correspondence
- E – Employees -- Equipment
- P – Policies
- PAM – Pamphlet
- S – Shops -- Special Events -- Stations
- T – Track -- Trains

\*Patricia Raley's Corporate Communication Records are arranged at the MNO Series Level with numerical differentiation.

**MNO/MTA – Metro-North (Commuter) Railroad / Metropolitan Transit Authority**

- PUB – Publication

**NYC – New York Central**

- A – Architectural Drawings
- ART – Article
- B – Barges -- Bridges -- Buildings
- BK – Book
- C – Cars -- Corporate

- CS – Communications Systems
- E – Employees -- Equipment
- F – Ferries -- Freight
- H – History
- L – Locomotives
- MAG – Maintenance -- Maps
- MSS – Manuscript
- O – Oversized
- P – Personalities -- Powerplants
- PAM – Pamphlet
- R – Railroad Research
- S – Stations -- Street Scenes
- SB – Scrapbook
- SL – Slide
- T – Track -- Trains
- Y – Yards

\* Item based arrangement for NYC-001 – 007 photographic albums and color slide albums are numerically arranged (including **NYC/PC-007**, a New York Central and Penn Central slide album).

**PC – Penn Central**

- CS – Track – Communication Services
- E – Employees -- Equipment
- L – Locomotives
- MAG – Magazine
- Y – Yards

**PC/MTA – Penn Central / Metropolitan Transit Authority**

- C – Cars -- Commuters -- Corporate
- M – Maintenance -- Maps
- P – Personalities
- S – Shops -- Stations -- Street Scenes
- SL – Slide
- T – Track -- Trains
- V – Viaduct

**PRR – Pennsylvania Railroad**

- B – Barges -- Boats -- Bridges -- Buildings
- BK – Book
- BKLT – Booklet
- C – Cars -- Correspondence
- E – Employees -- Equipment
- F – Facilities -- Freight -- Ferries
- H – History
- ID – Industrial Development
- IR – International Relations

--L – Locomotives  
--M – Maps -- Marine Towing  
--O – Oversized  
--S – Stations -- Services -- Shops -- Street Scenes  
--T – Terminals -- Timetables -- Towers -- Track -- Training -- Trains -- Tunnels  
--Y – Yards

**PS – Pennsylvania Station**

--A – Aerial Views  
--BKLT – Booklet  
--D – Demolition  
--E – Exteriors -- Employees  
--I – Interior Views  
-- P – Passengers -- Publicity  
--PUB – Publication  
--S – Street Scenes

**RRG – Railroad General**

--BK – Book  
--MAG – Magazine

**RRG/NYC – Railroad General / New York Central**

--MAG – Magazine

**Access Points**

**-- Personalities and Corporate Entities**

ACF Industries, Inc.  
Addams, Jane  
Beakes, C. J.  
Bechtold, Jake  
Belsky, Jack Davis  
Bethlehem Steel Company  
Bettencourt, Ron  
Beyer Blinder Belle, Architects & Planners  
Buford, Curtis D.  
Burroughs Corporation  
Calloway, S. R.  
Chanel, Coco  
Claxton, Van  
Cobb, Alphus  
Collins Radio Company  
Conway, E. Virgil  
Corry, M. M.  
Defendorf, Charles E.

DePalma, Edward  
Donavan, Gary  
Dougherty, Richard E.  
Dwyer, Bernard N.  
Evans Products Company  
Featherstonhaugh, George W.  
Farnham, Fay S.  
Ficociello, Harry  
Flynn, John E.  
Fogg, Howard  
Forgie, James  
GCT Venture, Inc  
General Electric Company  
General Motors Corp.  
General Motors -- Electro-Motive Division (La Grange, IL)  
Greenley, Eugenia Crawford  
Greto, Leo  
Gunn, Charles B.  
Harringer, Frank C.  
Harris, A.H.  
Hepburn, Mrs. A. Barton (Alonzo Barton)  
Hoffman, Wayne  
Hunter, Maurice  
Hustis, J. H., Jr.  
Hustis, Jim  
Jacobs, Charles M.  
Karvatt, Robert C.  
Kummerer, William  
Lane, William (Bill)  
LaSalle Partners Management Services Inc.  
Lee, Schuyler Garteret  
Le-Tourneau-Westinghouse Company  
Lindenthal, Gustav  
Malloy, King  
May, Tim (City Sewer Inspector)  
Meade, James A.  
Meskill, Thomas J.  
Morrison, David D.  
Morits, J. B.  
Noble, Alfred  
Pascale, Carmine  
Pease, F. Colin  
Perlman, Alfred E.  
Pierce, Russell  
Rail-Trailer Company  
Raytheon Manufacturing Company

Reed & Stem, Associates  
Reilly, Luke  
Rhodes, Farwell C., Jr.  
Rockefeller, Nelson A.  
Roeper, Mrs. Park M.  
Roman, Paul  
Ronan, William J.  
RTC Shipbuilding Corp.  
Sarcon Construction Corporation  
Sloan & Robertson Architects  
Smith, Alfred H.  
Smith, Fred  
Smith, Kenneth E.  
Sperry Gyroscope Company, Inc.  
Stangl, Peter E.  
Stewart-Warner Corp.  
Vanderbilt, Cornelius (Commodore)  
Vanderbilt, Cornelius II  
Vanderbilt, William H.  
Vanderbilt, William K., Jr.  
Vanderlip, Mrs. Frank A. (Frank Arthur)  
Vanderslice, Thomas  
Van Rensselaer, Stephen  
Volmer Associates  
Warren & Wetmore, Architects  
Warren, Whitney  
Wetzel, Don  
Whitehouse, Mrs. Norman de R.  
Williams Jackson Ewing  
Wyman, Bryce W.  
Yunich, David L.