



Waterbury Railroad and Transportation Collection

COLLECTION, M-4

DATE

1849 – 1920
1928 – 1997
2017

CONTRIBUTOR

Mattatuck Museum

SCOPE & CONTENT

This collection documents the development and implementation of public transit and other forms of transportation in Waterbury spanning 1845 through circa 1920. It is arranged into two series, Railroad; and Trolleys, Buses, and Other Transportation. The Railroad series contains records relating to the development, implementation, and ridership of the Naugatuck Rail Road. The Trolley, Bus and Other Series contains documents regarding local bus and trolley routes, as well as automobiles. Both series contain documents related to the employees of the transportation companies, as well as the riders.

The collection is largely paper based, but also includes physical tokens used for bus lines. Documents include: tickets, schedules, advertisements, magazines/journals, commemorative documents, histories of the railroad, a student thesis, broadsides, and administrative documents.

Of special interest are the 3 Connecticut Rail and Light employee ledgers. These oversized bound books contain an index of last names in the front, followed by a photograph from the front and in profile of new employees. Underneath the photograph is more information about the driver including name, conductor number, date appointed, date resigned. There is often an additional comment on why the person was let go or is no longer in employ.

ARRANGEMENT

Arranged into two series, each series is arranged chronologically.

RELATED PEOPLE/INSTITUTIONS

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