

## **RAILROADS COLLECTION, 1886-1995**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The Railroads Collection includes general information related to railroads in North Carolina, along with more specific files on the Norfolk & Southern, North Carolina Railroad Company, Piedmont Railroad, Seaboard Air Line Railway, and Southern Railway.

The Norfolk & Southern Railway began running in 1881, from Berkeley, Virginia, to Elizabeth City, and Edenton, North Carolina. It merged into the Southern Railway system in 1974. The North Carolina Railroad Company (NCRR) was chartered as a 223-mile long corridor between Charlotte and Goldsboro, North Carolina, in 1849. In 1989, NCRR merged with the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad. The Piedmont Railroad was chartered in 1862, and originally started in Danville, Virginia, and ended at Greensboro, North Carolina. It eventually merged into the Southern Railway in 1894. The Seaboard Air Line Railway was formed in 1875, and established freight and passenger service between Charlotte and Portsmouth, Virginia. It and several other companies reorganized into the Seaboard Air Line Association (SAL) in 1879, and the SAL Railway System in 1893. SAL later became part of the CSX Transportation Corporation in 1987. The Southern Railway was chartered in Virginia in 1894, and was formed from nearly 150 other lines that had combined over the preceding years. The company merged with N&W to form Norfolk Southern Corporation in 1982.

This collection includes documents, printed materials, publications, and rosters.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Railroads Collection is a small collection formerly from the Ephemera Collection. It consists of documents, printed materials, publications, and rosters. The bulk of the collection is from 1900-1949.

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