



Allen H. Tweddle collection of railroadiana 2015.304

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Summary Information

Repository:	Audiovisual Collections
Creator - col:	Tweddle, Allen H. (Allen Harrison)
Title:	Allen H. Tweddle collection of railroadiana
ID:	2015.304
Date [inclusive]:	1940s-1950s, 1994, 2009
Physical Description:	0.5 Linear Foot
General Physical Description:	100 collecting cards : color ; 2.5 x 3.75 in. 78 photomechanical prints : b&w ; 8 x 10 in. 8 photographic prints : b&w ; 8 x 10 in. 10 photographic prints : color ; 8 x 10 in. 1 bulletin. 1 photographic print : b&w ; 3.5 x 7 in. mounted on board. 1 photographic print : b&w ; 4 x 6 in. 35 photographic prints : color ; 3.5 x 5 in. 4 prints : color ; 12 x 16 in. 1 portfolio. 1 stereoview. 6 souvenir cards. 12 blotters. 8 note cards : color. 8 note cards : b&w. 1 calendar. 1 phonographic record ; 12 in. 1 print (poster) : color ; 12.5 x 17 in. (2 copies). 1 map ; 11.5 x 16.5 in. 3 magazine clippings. 1 certificate. 1 sign. 3 prints : color ; 10 x 12 in. 1 print : color ; 11 x 14 in. 1 photographic print (polaroid) : b&w ; 2 x 3 in.
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	Allen H. Tweddle (1949-) is a retired railroad conductor and avid collector of railroadiana. Railroadiana are artifacts related to current or former railways. This small collection consists of photographs, prints, and note cards related to railroad locomotives. There are photographs of train stations, train cars and engines and one stereoview showing an elevated railway street scene of New York City. There is an album containing many different Amtrak trains, several blotters from the Association of American Railroads, and a few series of note cards. Notably there is a large collection of railroad locomotive trading cards from the Topps Chewing Gum Company series called "Rails and Sails" published in 1954.

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Biographical Note

Allen H. Tweddle (1949-) is a retired railroad conductor and avid collector of railroad memorabilia. During his forty-one years as a conductor he worked for Penn Central, SEPTA and AMTAK.

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Historical Note

Railroadiana are artifacts related to current or former railways. Railroad companies are large operations which produce vast amounts of marketing material. These materials include advertisements, signs, photographs, cards, calendars, and posters. Many collectors focus on a specific region or railroad. Collectors look to preserve items which represent and document the history and legacy of railroading.

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Scope and Content

This small collection consists of photographs, prints, and note cards related to railroad locomotives. There are photographs of train stations, train cars and engines and one stereoview showing an elevated railway street scene of New York City. There is an album containing photographs of many different Amtrak trains each alongside a card with the following information: equipment type, series, number of units, year built, builder, horsepower, weight, and primary service.

There are several blotters from the Association of American Railroads most of which are World War II propaganda about the railroads contribution to the Nations defense. The Association of American Railroads also put out a set of images showing various railway operations. The images are numbered and captioned. There appears to be two sets of the images, as there are duplicate numbers and captions with different pictures above. Neither is a complete set. The photomechanical prints have been arranged in numerical order all together since it is unknown which images go together as a set.

There are a few series of note cards. Three note cards featuring photographs of Tom Kane of Pennsylvania Railroad electric locomotives. A set of note cards with drawings by Jane Curtis of Pennsylvania Railroad stations in Pennsylvania: Westtown, Lansdowne, Wallingford, Moylan Rose Valley, Media, Cheyney, Glen Mills, and West Chester. There is a series of holiday cards by various student artists at the Archmere Academy, created for the American Institute of Architects Delaware Chapter & Friends of the Furness Railroad District Children's Art Contest. The artwork on the front of

the cards features railroad stations or platforms. There is also a Friends of the Furness Railroad District postcard and bulletin.

There is a small set of souvenir cards from the Norfolk & Western Railway featuring different locomotives. On the front a locomotive is pictured and the back contains information about the train.

Notably there is a large collection of railroad locomotive trading cards from the Topps Chewing Gum Company series called "Rails and Sails" published in 1954. Each card features an image of a train car or engine on the front and a description on the back.

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Access Restrictions

This collection is open for research.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Railroads in art.
- Railroads -- Rolling stock
- Advertisements
- Railroads.

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
"\$59,092 Once bought an Entire Train ... Now a Single Coach costs \$90,000!" article	box DF 18	
"A 78-Year-Old Locomotive Meets a Young Giant at the World's Fair" article	box DF 18	
Acela: Boston, New York, Washington D.C. poster	box DF 18	
Amtrak, Northeast Corridor, 1976undated	box 1	folder 1
Amtrak Rolling Stock album, circa 1994	box 1	folder 2
Association of American Railroads blotters, circa 1940s	box 1	folder 3
Association of American Railroads photographs, circa 1940s	box 1	folder 4
Certificate of Retirement for Anthony Raymond Hodges, 1962 June 26	box DF 18	
Clark Autotram	box 1	folder 5
Conrail trains, 1978undated	box 1	folder 6
Scope and Content		
Includes GP38-2, SD40-2, GP40, SD40, GP40-2, Conrail Business Car Train, aerial view of DeWitt Yard, and a Conrail Caboose.		
"Freedom Train," 1947	box 1	folder 7
Scope and Contents		
Photograph by Jim Undy.		
Friends of the Furness Railroad District, 2008undated	box 1	folder 8
"Keeping Appointments with Convoys," article, 1943	box DF 18	
New York Central Railroad, undated	box 1	folder 9
Scope and Contents		
Photograph caption: "Excursion Train fro Albany to Schenectady, 1831. The first steam train in America."		
New York City, Elevated Railroads street scene, circa 1890	box 1	folder 10
Norfolk & Western Railway	box 1	folder 1
"Pennsylvania Railroad: an Audio Documentary to Steam" record, circa 1954	box LP 1	

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Introduction by Alan J. Greenough. Recordings of various steam engines sounds.

"Pennsylvania Railroad and the Territories it Services" map	box DF 18	
Pennsylvania Railroad electric locomotives	box 1	folder 12

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Photographs by Tom Kane.

Pennsylvania Railroad locomotive 9504	box DF 18	
Pennsylvania Railroad locomotives	box DF 18	

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GE U25Bs lead by number 2657; F3a number 9522 leading a local freight through North Philadelphia Station; and a matched set of sharks led by 2013.

Pennsylvania Railroad, Newark, Delaware station	box 1	folder 13
Pennsylvania Railroad, Penn Station, New York City, 1951	box 1	folder 14
Pennsylvania Railroad portfolio	box DF 18	

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Includes "On Time," "The Horseshoe Curve," "Crossroads of Commerce," and "Partners in Progress."

Pennsylvania Railroad stations note cards, 1974-1981	box 1	folder 15
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Drawings by Jane Curtis.

Pennsylvania Railroad, "Smoking Permitted" sign	box DF 18	
Pennsylvania Railroads steam locomotives, 1952undated	box 1	folder 16
"Rails and Sails" trading cards, 1954	box 1	folder 17-19
Southern Jersey Railroad, 1939	box 1	folder 20
Wabtec Passenger Transit calendar, 2009	box 1	folder 21