

DeKalb History Center

J.E. Saucier Railroad Collection

Scope and Content: The J.E. Saucier Railroad Collection was put together by removing items from the old transportation files system for the DHC. There are business cards and stationery examples, programs, photographs, a freight tariff book, railroad time tables and a belt buckle with the old General steam engine. There is a waybill from 1888 and materials dated in the 1960s.

Provenance: Gift of J.E. Saucier, ACC # 1984.285.

Access: Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Permission to publish materials from this collection must be requested from the archivist, DeKalb History Center. Citation should be as follows:

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Size: 1 document box, oversized photographs and ephemera

Organizational History of the Georgia Railroad: *The Story of Decatur* by Caroline McKinney Clarke states that the impetus for the railroad was a particularly heavy and rainy winter, which made getting supplies very difficult. More efficiency was called for, the Georgia Railway was incorporated in 1833 and seven engines were ordered from Philadelphia. During the Civil War, Georgia had one of the more extensive rail networks in the south, and W.T. Sherman used it to take supplies to Atlanta as he headed there and onwards to the coast, and he also tore it up behind him. After the war, approximately 100,000 soldiers were taken home via that railroad and expansion was helped by aid bills passed by the Georgia legislature. The Georgia Railroad & Banking Company had made early investments in the Atlanta & West Point Railroad and the Western Railway of Alabama which together connected Atlanta and Montgomery. After many changes and leases of half companies, the Georgia Railroad was a small part of Atlantic Coast Line.

In 1967, ACL merged with Seaboard Air Line Railroad to form the Seaboard Coast Line. The Georgia Railroad continued to maintain its separate identity, at least for a while. From 1972 until the early 1980s it was marketed as part of the "Family Lines System", a name used jointly by SCL and L&N and their subsidiaries, the Georgia, the Clinchfield, the Atlanta & West Point, and the Western Railway of Alabama (the last two previously operating under the nickname West Point Route).

In 1982-83, SCL and L&N merged to form the Seaboard System Railroad which quickly absorbed the Georgia. In 1986 the Seaboard System became CSX Transportation.

Additional information from the Railroad History site:

<http://www.railga.com/georgia.html> and from the Mixon paper included in the collection.

Description: The Saucier Railroad Collection includes ephemera such as tie clips and belt buckles, printer's blocks with logos of the West Point Line, railroad schedules, photographs and business cards. There is also a collection of rail passes used by J.E. Saucier in his capacity as Manager of Industrial Development for Atlanta and West Point Railroad Company.

Subject Headings: Where possible, Library of Congress Subject Headings have been used.

Main Entry: Saucier, J.E.

Subject/Added Entries: DeKalb County (Ga.)
 Decatur (Ga.)
 Georgia Railroad
 Georgia Railroad & Banking Company

Folder List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date(s)
1	1	Joint Annual Meeting Proceedings	1953, 1956
		American Railway Development Assn. and Railway Development Assn. of the Southeast	
	2	<i>Along the Route</i> with station by station descriptions of routes	
	3	Business and membership cards, J.E. Saucier	1958-1975
	4	Freight tariff book, Baltimore Steam Packet Company	1962
	5	History of the Georgia Railroad	1963
	6	Magazines	1961-1975
	7	Miscellaneous Items Map of Atlanta West Point route <i>Clear Board</i> monthly newsletter to employees of the Atlanta and West Point Railroad, the Western Railway of Alabama, and the Georgia Railroad	1945
		Georgia Railroad 100th anniversary envelope with train Stamp	Dec 27, 1947
		Miscellaneous papers from DHC exhibit	
	8	The Official Guide of the Railways	1963
	9	The Old Depot, C.D. Poage	1930
	10	Programs	1931-1956
	11	Railroad passes, copy of previously framed items	
	12	Removed to museum, photocopy of ephemera	
	13	Schedules, time tables	

14	Stationery examples	
15	Stone Mountain stamp, etching and program	1970
16	Strike resolution memo to employees	
17	The West Point Route	1954
18	Waybill, Louisville, New Albany & Chicago Railway Co., flour, seed and beer	1888

In oversized cabinet, drawer 2

16 1/8 x 8 black and white photograph of a Chattahoochee Valley Railway Company engine No. 21

20 x 8.5 black and white photograph of Georgia Railroad Engine 302

20 x 8.5 black and white photograph of the Old 290 steam engine.

Description says: To the glory of steam railroading. "Old 290: now enshrined at Lakewood Park. A gift to the city of Atlanta from the A. & W.P. Railroad, 1958. Trimmed in leaf of Native Georgia Gold. Inscribed to Joe E. Saucier

24 Railway passes mounted on board issued to J.E. Saucier, Travelling Freight Agent for Merchants and Miners Transportation Company, copy can be found in folder 11

In Photograph Subject Files, Transportation, Decatur Depot

Black and white 8x10 photograph of the last steam locomotive to stop at Decatur Station from the Georgia Railroad. The Clinchfield No. 1.

In Photograph Subject Files, Transportation, Trains, locomotives

Black and white 8x10 photograph of steam engine No. 11. Glued to cardboard backing.