

# I've Been Working on the Railroad...Records

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## Resources

### Online

- **Ancestry** (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/catalog/?keyword=railroad>): Various railroad collections
- **Cyndi's List** ([www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com)): Various railroad resources
- **JSTOR** (<http://www.jstor.org>): Historic publications
- **National Railway Historical Society** (<http://nrhs.com/>)
- **Kansas Department of Transportation: History of Kansas Railroads** (<https://www.ksdot.org/bureaus/burRail/rail/railroads/history.asp>)
- **David Rumsey Map Collection** ([www.davidrumsey.com](http://www.davidrumsey.com)): Railroad maps
- **National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections** (<http://beta.worldcat.org/archivegrid/>)
- **Locations of Railroad Genealogical Materials by Jim Sponholz** (<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/railroad.html>)
- **The Railway Surgery Historical Center** (<http://railwaysurgery.org/>)
- **Railroads in Kansas - Kansapedia - Kansas Historical Society** (<https://www.ksks.org/kansapedia/railroads-in-kansas/15120>)

### Repositories (libraries, museums, archives, etc.)

- **California State Railroad Museum Foundation** (<https://www.californiarailroad.museum/>): Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway; Southern Pacific Railroad
- **Hub City Heritage Corporation Railway Museum** (<http://www.cgwoelwein.org/>): Chicago Great Western Railway
- **A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum** (<https://aprpullmanportermuseum.org/national-registry/>): Pullman Company
- **Railroaders Memorial Museum** (<http://www.railroadcity.com/visit/call-board/>): Pennsylvania Railroad
- **Library of Congress** (<https://www.loc.gov/collections/railroad-maps-1828-to-1900/?c=150&st=list>): Railroad maps from 1828-1900
- **Newberry Library** (<http://www.newberry.org/railroad-archives>): Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad; Illinois Central Railroad; Pullman Company

- **Virginia Tech** (<http://spec.lib.vt.edu/railroad/rrintro.htm>): Norfolk Southern Railroad
- **Milwaukee Public Library, Central Branch** (<http://content.mpl.org/cdm4/browse.php?CISOROOT=/MilwRoad>): Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and Pacific Railroad
- **The University of Missouri, John W. Barriger III National Railroad Library** (<http://www.umsl.edu/barriger/bmore/hscollect/hscollect.htm>): Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and Pacific Railroad
- **Allen County Public Library** (<http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/>): Pennsylvania Railroad
- **Denver Public Library** (<http://digital.denverlibrary.org/cdm/search/collection/>): Colorado and Southern Railway
- **Colorado Railroad Museum Library** (<http://coloradorailroadmuseum.org/library/>): Colorado and Southern Railway; Union Pacific Railroad
- **Upper Peninsula Digitization Center Collections** (<http://updigit.uproc.lib.mi.us/cdm/search>): Duluth, South Shore, and Atlantic Railway
- **Kheel Center for Labor-Management Documentation and Archives, Cornell University Libraries Martin P. Catherwood Library** (<http://rmc.library.cornell.edu/EAD/htmldocs/KCLO5295.html>): Illinois Central Railroad; Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen; Brotherhood of Railway Signalmen Union
- **Department of Transportation Library** (<https://dotlibrary.specialcollection.net/Home>): Railroad accident reports
- **National Archives and Records Administration** (<http://www.archives.gov/research/guide-fed-records/groups/184.html>): Records of the Railroad Retirement Board
- **Kansas Historical Society** (<http://www.kshs.org/p/railroad-research/15983>): Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway
- **C&NW Historical Society** ([http://www.cnwhs.org/archives\\_genealogy.htm](http://www.cnwhs.org/archives_genealogy.htm)): Chicago and North Western Railway
- **Minnesota Historical Society** ([http://mnhs.mnpals.net/F/?func=find-c&ccl\\_term=palsn%3D900023156](http://mnhs.mnpals.net/F/?func=find-c&ccl_term=palsn%3D900023156)): Great Northern Railway
- **University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Urban Archives** (<http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/wiarchives.uw-whs-mil00086>): Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company
- **Western Reserve Historical Society** (<http://tinyurl.com/nv8bbm4>): New York Central Railroad
- **South Suburban Genealogical and Historical Society** (<https://ssghs.org/tools-resources/pullman-employee-records/>): Pullman Company
- **Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society** (<https://sphts.org/archives/>): Southern Pacific Railroad

- **Springfield-Greene County Library** (<http://thelibrary.springfield.missouri.org/lochist/frisco/frisco.cfm>): St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad; Frisco Employee Magazine issues (PDF format) and All Aboard Magazine issues (PDF format)
- **Union Pacific Historical Society** (<http://uphs.org/resources/geneology/>): Union Pacific Railroad
- **Pennsylvania State Archives** (<http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Research-Online/Pages/Railroad-Employees.aspx>): Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen Union, Pennsylvania State Railroad
- **State Historical Society of Missouri** (<https://shsmo.org/research/guides/rail>): Railroads And Railways Research Guide

### Select Bibliography

- Railroad Names and Directory of Common Carrier Railroads Operating in the United States Between 1826-1997 (William D. Edson)
- Moody's Analysis of Investments in Steam Railroads (John Moody)
- Steel Rails Across American: The Short Line and Regional Railroads, Past and Present, of the U.S. and Canada (Robert A. Juran)
- Railroad Maps of North America: The First Hundred Years (Andrew M. Modelski)
- Guide to the Burlington Archives in the Newberry Library 1851-1901 (Elisabeth Jackson and Carolyn Curtis)
- Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Employees (Edna A. Kanely)
- An Anthology Of Respect: The Pullman Porters National Historic Registry of African American Railroad Employees (Lyn Hughes)
- The Harvey Girls: Women Who Opened the West (Lesley Poling-Kempes)
- The Directory of North American Railroads, Associations, Societies, Archives, Museums, and Their Collections (Holly T. Hansen)
- Guide to Railroad Historical Resources, United States and Canada, Vols. 1-4 (<https://tinyurl.com/y55x5pys>) on Google Books

**Additional railroad resources can be found on my website at**  
<https://talkingboxgenealogy.com/resources-and-reading/>