MS-6: Cincinnati, Hamilton, and Dayton Railroad Records

Collection Number: MS-6

Title: Cincinnati, Hamilton, and Dayton Railroad Records

Dates: 1840-1909 (bulk 1849-1877)

Creator: Cincinnati, Hamilton, and Dayton Railroad Company

Summary/Abstract:

Contains newspaper clippings, circulars, documents, and business correspondence from the scrapbook of Stephen Satterly L'Hommedieu (1806-1875), an early president of the C.H. and D. Railroad. Another group of materials consists of copies of articles from the American Railroad Journal (1847-1855) pertaining to railroads in the Miami Valley area.

Quantity/Physical Description: 1 linear foot

Language(s): English

Repository:

Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-0001, (937) 775-2092, library-archives@wright.edu

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Acquisition:

The collection was purchased by Special Collections and Archives, Wright State University Libraries, in 1974 from Renee (L'Hommedieu) Latty, great-granddaughter of Stephen Satterly L'Hommedieu, the second President of the railroad.

Existence and Location of Copies:

The collection is available on microfilm in the reading room as MFM-28.

The scrapbook in Series II (box 1, files 6-10) is digitized to preserve content and reduce handling of the original. Printed copies are in box 1, files 11-12.

Other Finding Aid:

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at https://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/ms6.pdf. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at https://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/.

Revisions:

Finding aid reformatted, February 2014. Finding aid revised by Lisa Rickey, April 2020 and July 2021.

Processed by: Staff Archivist

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged into 3 series:

Series I: Documents, 1849-1862, 1909 Series II: Scrapbook, circa 1840-1877

Series III: American Railroad Journal Clippings, undated

Biographical/Historical Note:

The Cincinnati, Hamilton, and Dayton Railroad began construction in the Miami Valley in 1846. The railroad was originally constructed to connect Cincinnati and Hamilton, Ohio but was soon stretched onward to Dayton. By the end of the nineteenth-century the company controlled over 640 miles of track. In 1917 the railroad was acquired by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

The compiler of the collection, Stephen Satterly L'Hommedieu (1806-1875) was a proprietor of the Cincinnati Gazette newspaper, and after retiring from that industry was elected the second president of the Cincinnati, Hamilton, and Dayton Railroad in 1848. L'Hommedieu also was a delegate from the First District of Ohio to the first Whig party convention in 1848.

Scope and Content Note:

Series I, Documents, consists of original printed and handwritten items that were previously tucked inside the scrapbook. Materials include business letters, circulars, stockholder notices, and pamphlets, dating from 1849 to 1862, and one report from 1909. The circulars range from the very first information concerning the breaking of ground for the railroad to other stockholder news. Also contained in this series is an original first passage ticket for the railroad dating to 1851.

Series II, Scrapbook, consists of a scrapbook containing mainly newspaper clippings, dating from 1840 to 1877. Most, but not all, of the clippings concern the Cincinnati, Hamilton, and Dayton Railroad. Many articles concern special events and excitement in the Cincinnati area during the time period.

Series III, American Railroad Journal Clippings, contains photocopies of articles published in the American Railroad Journal, between 1847 and 1855, dealing with other railroads, including the Bellefontaine and Indiana, Columbus, Piqua, Indiana, Cincinnati Dayton, Columbus Xenia,

Dayton Michigan, Dayton Western, Greenville, and Springfield Rail companies in the Miami Valley area. This material is to supplement the original source documents of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad Records.

Subject Terms

Persons/Families

L'Hommedieu, Stephen Satterly, 1806-1875

Organizations/Corporate Names

Cincinnati, Hamilton, and Dayton Railroad Company

Subjects (General)

Railroads -- History -- Ohio Miami River Valley

Material Types

Correspondence Clippings (information artifacts) Scrapbooks

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Item	Description	Date
			Series I: Documents	1849-1862, 1909
1	1		Broadsides and Stock Certificate	undated
1	1	1	W.T. Norman Print: Depot	undated
1	1	2	W.T. Norman Print: Great Eastern Route	undated
1	1	3	Stock certificate	undated
1	2		Business Letters	1855-1862
1	2	1	S. S. L'Hommedieu to Memphis Editors of The Daily Commercial	1855
1	2	2	E. F. Satterthwaite to S. S. L'Hommedieu	1855 Sept 7
1	2	3	Office of C.H.&D. R.R. to E. F. Satterthwaite, Esq.	1855 Sept 25
1	2	4	T. L'Hommedieu to S.S. L'Hommedieu	1856 May 19
1	2	5	T. L'Hommedieu to S.S. L'Hommedieu	1857 Apr 23
1	2	6	A.J.(?) Gardiner to "Dear Cousin"	1862 Apr. 9
1	2	7	History of the C.H.&D. R.R. by S.S. L'Hommedieu	1862 Sept 29
1	2	8	S.S. L'Hommedieu to Roswell Marsh	1862 Nov 21
1	2	9	I. N. Ellis ("A Stockholder") to Editors of Cincinnati Enquirer	undated
1	3		Notices and Circulars	1849-1860, undated
1	3	1	Minutes from Meeting of the Board of Directors	1849 Jan. 3
1	3	2	Miamisburg right of way resolution	1850 July 1
1	3	3	C.H.&D. R.R. to Stockholders	1850 Dec. 18
1	3	4	Opening Excursion Trip Time Table	1851 Sept 18
1	3	5	Opening Excursion Ticket	1851 Sept 18
1	3	6	C.H.&D. R.R. to Stockholders	1852 Feb. 19
1	3	7	C.H.&D. R.R. to Stockholders	1855 June 4
1	3	8	C.H.&D. R.R. Financial Report by E. F. Satterthwaite	1855 Aug. 6
1	3	9	C.H.&D. R.R. to Stockholders	1856 June 1
1	3	10	C.H.&D. R.R. to Stockholders	1857 Apr. 14
1	3	11	C.H.&D. R.R. Annual Meeting Announcement	1858 Apr. 1
1	3	12	Semi-Annual Report by the Committee	1858 Oct. 18
1	3	13	Proposed contract with Dayton and Michigan R.R. Co.	1859 Feb. 10
1	3	14	C.H.&D. R.R. to stockholders re: contract	1860 Feb. 27

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2	9		Greenville and Miami Railroad	undated
			(photocopies of articles dated 1851-1853)	
2	10		Hamilton and Eaton Railroad	undated
			(photocopies of articles dated 1850-1855)	
2	11		Indianapolis and Bellefontaine Railroad	undated
			(photocopies of articles dated 1851-1855)	
2	12		Little Miami Railroad	undated
			(photocopies of articles dated 1847-1855)	
2	13		Mad River and Lake Erie Railroad	undated
			(photocopies of articles dated 1850-1855)	
2	14		Ohio Public Works-Canals	undated
			(photocopies of articles dated 1847-1852)	
2	15		Ohio Railroads and Miscellaneous Information	undated
			(photocopies of articles dated 1852-1855)	
2	16		Springfield and Mansfield Railroad	undated
			(photocopies of articles dated 1852)	
2	17		Springfield, Mt. Vernon and Pittsburg Railroad	undated
			(photocopies of articles dated 1852-1855)	