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Archival Collection Finding Aid

Name/Title:	Grand Rapids, Grand Haven and Muskegon Railway Company Collection
Subject(s)	streetcar photographs
Archival Collection #:	48
Accession #:	1991.55.1
Source:	Mike Moore
Date Acquired:	10/26/1991
Span Dates:	1900 - 1930
Processor(s):	Veronica Kandl

Abstract:

This collection consists of photographs related to the Grand Rapids, Grand Haven and Muskegon Railway Company.

History:

The collection was gathered by Jurden Moore, the father of the donor. Mr. Moore had a personal interest in railroads and collected photographs. The Grand Rapids, Grand Haven and Muskegon Railway Company started service in 1902. It served those three cities with 44 miles of electric railway tracks. The main line ran from Grand Rapids to Muskegon via Berlin and Fruitport. A branch ran from Fruitport through Spring Lake into Grand Haven. A power house and car barns were built in Fruitport. The company provided passenger and freight service and rail excursions in conjunction with Crosby and Goodrich steamship lines between Grand Rapids and Chicago. The company was abandoned in 1928.

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of 151 black and white photographic images ranging in size from 4" x 2.5" to 6.5" x 8.75". The majority relate to the Grand Rapids, Grand Haven and Muskegon inter-urban railway system. The collection includes interior and exterior images of stations, railway workers, rail and railway car repairs, individual railway cars, street and station scenes, adverse weather conditions, and train wrecks. Assorted miscellaneous photographs of stations and railway cars not related to the Grand Rapids, Grand Haven and Muskegon railway complete the collection.

Series Descriptions:

No.	Series Name	Description
I.	Photographs	Photos related to the Grand Rapids, Grand Haven, and Muskegon Railway Company

Container List:

Container	Folder	Series	Description of Contents	Dates	Count
Box 1	1	Photographs	Railroad workers	1900-1930	35
	2	Photographs	Train wrecks and high snow	1900-1930	17
	3	Photographs	Railroad cars	1900-1930	9
	4	Photographs	Workers, cars, picnic	1900-1930	21
	5	Photographs	Work crews	1900-1930	10
	6	Photographs	Stations	1900-1930	39
	7	Photographs	Non GRGH&M Cars	1900-1930	16
	8	Photographs	Miscellaneous	1900-1930	7

