



Summary Information

Title: Russell Tedder Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad Company Collection

Collection Number: 2002:088

Creator: Russell Tedder as compiler

Collection Dates: 1907-1954

Extent: .46 cubic feet (1 box)

Language: English

Collection Abstract:

Russell Tedder, the first full time general manager of the Sabine River and Northern Railroad from 1969-1976, collected various records of southern short-line railroads for personal research and interest. The Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad Company was chartered in 1905 to serve logging operations of the Hayward Lumber Company, and later the Frost-Johnson Lumber Company after 1910. This collection consists of reports and correspondence encompassing a brief and incomplete snapshot of the company's dealings with the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the volume of forest products shipped along its rails in its cars during these years. Several photocopied secondary sources are also included.

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Biographical/Historical Note:

Russell Tedder of Sherwood, Arkansas, was the first full time general manager of the Sabine River and Northern Railroad from 1969-1976. The railroad is located in Orange County, Texas and connects Bessmay to Echo, Texas, and an 8-mile branch line from Buna to Evadale. Tedder had a long interest in the history of southern short-line railroads, collecting records from various railroad companies for personal research and as a hobby.

Chartered on September 28, 1905, the officers of the Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad Company envisioned a railroad connecting Nacogdoches, Texas and the Attoyac River, thirty miles to the southeast. It's location in the heart of the Pineywoods would allow it to connect various parts of the local lumber industry with the larger rail networks. The Hayward Lumber Company officers who chartered the railroad began construction at the company sawmill in Hayward, extending the line 11 miles to Woden in 1905. In the following years, they extended it 2 miles to Nacogdoches, where it connected to the Houston, East and West Texas Railway. Eventually the line extended for 14 miles between Nacogdoches and Milepost 14 (between Woden and Oil Springs). The Frost-Johnson Lumber Company purchased the railroad in 1910, and extended the line from Nacogdoches to Calgary, reaching its fullest extent at 42 miles on June 10, 1926. Records indicate that the company carried passengers on its line until 1935, when its importance began to decline. In 1949 the company ended service to Calgary, gradually closing off portions of the line until it was fully abandoned, with the permission of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in 1954.

Collection Scope and Content:

Containing 22 folders, this small collection covers the Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad Company from 1907 to 1956. The collection consists of reports and correspondence encompassing a brief and incomplete snapshot of the company's dealings with the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the volume of forest products shipped along its rails in its cars during these years. Several photocopied secondary sources are also included.

Arrangement: For the most part, the materials in this collection remain in the order received from the donor. Correspondence and other dated documents are filed by topic. Within each topic, individual documents are filed in date order, with most recent date first.

Subject Terms:

Topics

- Logging railroads -- Texas, East
- Railroads -- Texas, East -- History
- Railroads -- Texas, East -- Statistics
- Railroads -- Valuation -- Texas, East
- Railroads -- Abandonment -- Texas, East
- Railroads -- Capital investments -- Texas, East
- Railroad stations -- Texas, East
- Railroad tracks -- Texas, East

Corporate Names

- Arkansas and Louisiana Missouri Railway Company
- Frost-Johnson Lumber Company
- Hayward Lumber Company
- International Paper Company
- Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad Company
- United States. Interstate Commerce Commission
- United States. Interstate Commerce Commission. Bureau of Valuation

Genres

- Business records

- Maps

Locations

- Calgary (Tex.)
- Nacogdoches (Tex.)
- Nacogdoches County (Tex.)
- Oil Springs (Tex.)
- Shelby County (Tex.)
- Texas, East

Access and Use

Access Restrictions: There are no access restrictions on this collection.

Acquisition Information: This collection consists of three donations from Russell Tedder. Accession 2002:088 was donated on November 5, 2002; accession 2003:041 was donated on July 31, 2003; and accession 2004:085 was donated on December 20, 2004.

Custodial History: Prior to Russell Tedder acquiring these materials, this collection is of unknown provenance. The donor transferred the materials to The History Center in three parts, starting in November 2002, continuing in July 2003, and concluding in December 2004.

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Bibliography:

- Nancy Beck Young, "NACOGDOCHES AND SOUTHEASTERN RAILROAD," *Handbook of Texas Online* (<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/eqn01>), accessed February 09, 2011.

Collection Inventory

Box 1

Folder 1 Roadway Completion Reports filed with Interstate Commerce Commission, 1919-1952

Scope and Content: Oversized reports filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission by the Nacogdoches and Southeastern Rail Road Company describing roadway completion. 78 pages.

Folder 2

Report of Interstate Commerce Commission, 1922

Scope and Content: Report pertaining to Docket 14489 of the Interstate Commerce Commission in which rail companies detailed the number of cars, shipments, and amount of revenue for the year 1922. Includes report, correspondence, and information forms. 27 pages in folio.

- Folder 3 Defense of Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad to the Interstate Commerce Commission – Valuation Docket No. 615, 1926
Scope and Content: One small booklet entitled “Interstate Commerce Commission Valuation Docket No. 615 Brief and Argument in Behalf of Texas Southeastern Railroad Company” dated March 22, 1926. 46 pages.
- Folder 4 Interstate Commerce Commission Report, 1952
Scope and Content: Photocopy with green highlighting, which marks the information regarding the abandonment of the Nacogdoches and Southeastern rail line. 1 photocopied page.
- Folder 5 Interstate Commerce Commission Report, 1954
Scope and Content: Photocopy with green highlighting, which marks the information regarding the abandonment of the Nacogdoches and Southeastern rail line. 1 photocopied page.
- Folder 6 Correspondence: Interstate Commerce Commission – B.V. Form 589, 1929-1949
Scope and Content: Correspondence and forms regarding land purchases between various company officers and the Interstate Commerce Commission’s Bureau of Valuation. 20 pages.
- Folder 7 Correspondence: Interstate Commerce Commission, 1949.
Scope and Content: Correspondence with the Interstate Commerce Commission regarding the N&SE’s desire to abandon 28 miles of track on July 28, 1949. 2 pages.
- Folder 8 Correspondence, 1922-1956
Scope and Content: Correspondence on various topics, arranged by date. 5 pages.
- Folder 9 Correspondence: Oil Springs to Calgary, 1929
Scope and Content: Correspondence concerning purchases of rail to use between Oil Springs and Calgary as well as lists of the rail purchased and who rail was purchased from. 6 pages.
- Folder 10 Correspondence: Pulpwood Traffic, 1950
Scope and Content: Correspondence regarding pulpwood traffic between points along the Nacogdoches and Southeastern line and International Paper Company in Springhill, LA. 4 pages.
- Folder 11 Correspondence Forms, N.D.
Scope and Content: Blank correspondence forms, with some notations in pencil. 2 pages.
- Folder 12 Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad and Hayward Lumber Company Log Car Rental Agreement, 1909

Scope and Content: Photocopy of legal document wherein the Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad and the Hayward Lumber Company agreed on terms for log car rental and the operation of log trains. 2 pages.

- Folder 13 Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad and Frost-Johnson Lumber Company Log Car Rental Agreement, 1921
Scope and Content: Photocopy of legal document wherein the Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad and the Frost-Johnson Lumber Company agreed on terms for log car rental and the operation of log trains. 2 pages.
- Folder 14 Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad Register of Expenditures, 1919-1949
Scope and Content: Pages from a ledger detailing the Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad Company's capital expenditures during 40 years. 4 pages.
- Folder 15 AFE File, 1928-1942 (1 of 2)
Scope and Content: Correspondence, signed agreements, and completed forms authorizing various expenditures throughout a 14-year period. Arranged by date, most recent first, February 9, 1942- August 8, 1929. 50 pages.
- Folder 16 AFE File, 1928-1942 (2 of 2)
Scope and Content: Correspondence, signed agreements, and completed forms authorizing various expenditures throughout a 14-year period. Arranged by date, most recent first, August 7, 1929-October 1, 1928. 33 pages.
- Folder 17 Frost Lumber Map, 1925
Scope and Content: Original 8.5 x 11 inch color map (blue) of Frost Lumber Industries, Inc., of Shelby County rail extension from Oil Springs to Calgary. 1 page.
- Folder 18 Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad Station Numbers, 1949
Scope and Content: 5 copies of Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad's accounting department lists of rail station numbers. 5 pages.
- Folder 19 *American Lumberman's* Sawmill Equipment Register, 1907
Scope and Content: Photocopy of *American Lumberman's* 1907 Sawmill Equipment register showing Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad equipment owned by the Hayward Lumber Company of Nacogdoches. 1 photocopied page.
- Folder 20 Short Line Railroader No. 1, April 1954
Scope and Content: Photocopied article on the abandonment of the Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad. 1 photocopied page.
- Folder 21 Short Line Railroader No.7, December 1954
Scope and Content: Photocopied article on the abandonment of the Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad. 1 photocopied page.

Folder 22

Photos from *Chasing Trains*, n.d.

Scope and Content: Photocopied pages from Robert Richardson's book *Chasing Trains*, which show photographs of the Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad. Photograph originals can be found at the Denver Public Library. 2 photocopied pages.