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Guide to the Railroads, Manuscripts and Autograph Letters circa 1880s



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Descriptive Summary

Identifier	ICU.SPCL.CRMS270
Title	Railroads, Manuscripts and Autograph Letters
Date	circa 1880s
Size	1 volume
Repository	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.
Abstract	A bound volume containing letters, legal documents regarding rail commerce from 1810 to 1924. The volume was assembled in the 1880s. The items come from United States, England and France.

Information on Use

Access

The collection is open for research.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Railroads, Manuscripts and Autograph Letters, Crerar Ms 270, Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Scope Note

A bound volume containing letters, legal documents regarding rail commerce from as early as 1810 and as recently as 1924. The volume was assembled in the 1880s. Several of the documents are scale drawings of railroad and railcar components. The materials concern London, France and U.S. and are in French and English. Some letters are typed onto company letterhead, but most are handwritten on blank sheets or personal stationery. One letter implores the Duke of Cambridge to consider financing a railway. There are also several Certificates of Invention detailing railroad innovations. One document is a pact among railway financiers, including their names and the amount they have pledged toward the construction of a railroad connecting Berwick and Kelso.

Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

Subject Headings

- Railroads -- History -- 19th century

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