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## **Abstract**

Collection consists of a variety of transportation-related documents, maps, and images. The most numerous group in the collection is approximately 150 postcards of Washington, D.C. from the early to mid-20th century, many of which include streetcars as well as famous streets and buildings.

## **Creator**

Truax, Robert A.

## **Extent**

6 Linear Feet 4 boxes, 1 oversize folder

## **Physical Location**

Map Case 17.1

## **Repository**

George Mason University. Libraries. Special Collections Research Center

# **Administrative Information**

## **Access Restrictions**

There are no access restrictions.

## **Use Restrictions**

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## **Acquisition Information**

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# **Historical Information**

Streetcars, also known as trolleys and trams, were a popular mode of transportation in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Often, streetcars were powered by electricity and moved along a track laid in streets. Streetcars were popular in metropolitan cities, including Washington, D.C., which boasted more than 200 miles of track for its streetcars. The last day of streetcar service in Washington, D.C. was on January 28, 1962.

# **Scope and Content**

Collection consists of a variety of transportation-related documents, maps, and images. There are 150 postcards of Washington, D.C. many of which include streetcars as well as famous streets and buildings. The collection also includes approximately 12 maps of Washington, D.C. street railway and bus routes from 1880 and the 1940s. There are rolling stock inventories from the 1930s and conductor leave of absence reports from the 1920s. There are also a small number of World War II letters unrelated to the rest of the collection. There are also two glass plate negatives approximately 6.5 x 8.5" that contain images of Luna Park in Arlington, Virginia, and a railroad track and train in Harper's Ferry Virginia. Both images date from around 1900 to 1915. There are also a small number of materials related the postal service and stamps. Finally, there are two oversize volumes: one volume of passenger receipts from 1909. and one volume of conductor receipts from 1898.

# **Related Material**

Special Collections Research Center holds many other transportation-related collections.

# **Keywords**

Maps  
Postcards  
Urban transportation  
Washington (D.C.)

## Bibliography

Britannica, T. Editors of Encyclopaedia. "streetcar." Encyclopedia Britannica, October 29, 2018.  
<https://www.britannica.com/technology/streetcar>.

## Arrangement

Arranged by subject and date.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Robert Truax Washington, D.C., transportation collection**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/99720

**Unit Date** 1880-1985

#### **Conductor receipts**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/99721

**Unit Date** 1898

**Text** 3 (box)

#### **Glass plate negatives**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/99722

**Unit Date** circa 1905-1915

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### **Maps and pamphlets**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/99723

**Unit Date** 1986-1985

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

#### **Motorman and conductor leave of absence logbook**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/99724

**Unit Date** 1921-1929

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

#### **Passenger receipts**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/99725

**Unit Date** 1909

**Text** 4 (box)

**Rolling stock and cars inventory**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/99726

**Unit Date** 1930s

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Rolling stock and cars inventory**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/99727

**Unit Date** 1930s

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Washington, D.C., postcards**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/99728

**Unit Date** circa 1900-1950

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Washington, D.C., postcards**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/99729

**Unit Date** circa 1900-1950

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Washington, D.C., postcards**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/99730

**Unit Date** circa 1900-1950

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Washington, D.C., street railway and bus route maps**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/99731

**Unit Date** 1880-1940s

**Maps** 1 (oversize)

**World War II letters**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/99732

**Unit Date** 1940s

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Maps and plans of Washington, D.C., streetcar system and signs with route information**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/99733

**Unit Date** 1900-1940

**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)

**Maps and plans of Washington, D.C., streetcar system and signs with route information**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/99734

**Unit Date** 1900-1940

**Mixed Materials** 6 (box)