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Abstract

"Pennsylvania Railroad Tours to Washington" map showing railroad route through Washington, D.C. and proximity to hotels.

Creator

Allen, Lane & Scott

Extent

.01 Linear Feet 1 folder

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Historical Information

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company was the largest of the trunkline railroads in the United States that connected states on the East Coast with those in the interior portion of the country. It was first chartered in 1846 by the Pennsylvania legislature to establish a direct rail line between Harrisburg and Pittsburgh and its first passenger train began running in 1848 between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. In 1856, following purchases of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne, and Chicago Railways, the railroad expanded its reach into Chicago, Illinois. Following the Civil War it continued its expansion, creating lines that reached other major cities on the east coast and beyond including New York City, St. Louis, Missouri, Cincinnati, Ohio, Norfolk, Virginia, and Washington, D.C., ultimately expanding to a 10,000 mile rail system by the early 1900s.

In February 1968, the Pennsylvania Railroad merged with its main competitor, the New York Central Railroad, to form the Penn Central Transportation Company. However, following financial difficulties, the company filed for bankruptcy in June 1970 and its passenger services were taken over by the National Railway Passenger Corporation (also known as Amtrak) in 1971. In April 1976 the assets of the Penn Central Transportation Company were acquired by the Consolidated Rail Corporation (also known as Conrail) and operation of the New York to Washington, D.C. route was later transferred to Amtrak, with the company soon after diversifying its business and leaving the railroad industry entirely.

Scope and Content

A single-sided map titled "Pennsylvania Railroad Tours to Washington" engraved by Allen, Lane & Scott showing railroad routes through Washington, D.C. and their proximity to hotels. The railroad lines are represented in red, with the rest of the map consisting of a black outline of Washington, D.C. streets, with an

insert in the upper right corner providing a closer look at the area immediately around Capitol Hill. A Legend in the bottom left corner lists the names of the hotels indicated on the map by numbers.

Latest approximate date for the map's creation is based on the inclusion of the Arlington Hotel, which was demolished in 1912.

Related Materials

The Special Collections Research center holds other rail transportation collections including the William L. Mertz transportation collection, the Charles Lietwiler transportation collection, and the Jamestown, Westfield, and Northwestern Railroad scrapbook.

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Arrangement

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