

## Individual Railroads

### Ann Arbor Railroad

Employee Rosters - 1940s-1970s  
Ann Arbor Railroad Company Collection  
Central Michigan University  
Clarke Historical Library  
Mount Pleasant, Mich. 48859  
(989) 774-3352  
<https://www.cmich.edu/library/clarke/Pages/default.aspx>

### Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway (Santa Fe)

Employee Listings - California State Railroad Museum Foundation  
<https://www.californiarailroad.museum/visit/library>  
Listings from 1894 to 1950  
MFL also available from the Family History Library, Salt Lake City  
Kansas Historical Society  
<http://www.kshs.org/p/railroad-research/15983>  
Extensive holdings for the Santa Fe from 1859 to 1995  
Holdings include payroll, prior service records (compiled in the 1930s prior to the start of Railroad Retirement, index available on Ancestry.com), and issues of the Santa Fe employee magazine (some copies available online).

Employee Roster- 1946 Intermountain Time Book for Santa Fe Coast Lines, covering the Arizona Division, Albuquerque Division (4<sup>th</sup> District), and Needles, Seligman and Barstow yards. Includes Engineers, Firemen, Conductors, Brakemen, Yardmen, Yardmasters and Helpers, Telegraphers and Dispatchers. Also includes roster for the "Famous Santa Fe Indian Band." Webmaster's Collection.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/ATSF1946Intermountian-CoastRosters.pdf>

Employee Roster- 1956 Albuquerque Division Roster, published annually by Mrs. B.D. Clark, Winslow, AZ. Includes Engineers, Firemen, Conductors, Brakemen, Yardmen, Yardmasters and Helpers. Published by Walter Johnson, Phoenix, AZ. Webmaster's Collection.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/1956ATSFAlbuqDiv.pdf>

Employee Roster- Newton Railway Records (Newton, KS) with train and engine crew seniority, 1934-1970; Big Four Brotherhood Club (Emporia, KS), various rosters between 1923 and 1981. From the Santa Fe collection of Harvey County Historical Museum, Newton, KS:  
<http://hchm.org/research-library/>

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### **Santa Fe (Cont'd)**

Employee Rosters - "Railway Employee Records for Colorado, Vol. III" by Gerald E. Sherard. Index of Colorado Railway Employee records for the: Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, Colorado & Southern Railway in Denver, Leadville & Gunnison Railway, Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad and the Union Pacific Railway. Information includes: employee names, where and when born, for what company worked, and physical location of the files.

Actual records are housed at the Colorado Railroad Museum Library, Golden, CO (<http://coloradorailroadmuseum.org/library/>). Volumes I, II and III are available from the Denver Public Library:

<http://digital.denverlibrary.org/cdm/search/collection/>

### **Atlantic Coast Line Railroad**

Employee records- Employee records and correspondence, from the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company Records #4572, Southern Historical Collection, at The Wilson Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Digitized records available for ACL special agents (police), mostly in the 1920s.

More at:

[http://finding-aids.lib.unc.edu/04572/#folder\\_3380#1](http://finding-aids.lib.unc.edu/04572/#folder_3380#1)

### **Baltimore & Ohio Railroad**

Employee Listings - Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum  
Attn: Hays T. Watkins Research Library & Archives  
901 West Pratt Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21223  
Phone: 410-752-2490 ext. 224  
<http://www.borail.org/B-and-O-Employee-records.aspx>  
Email: [research@borail.org](mailto:research@borail.org)  
Partial employee listings 1905-1971

Employee Listings - Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Employees, 1842-1852 and 1855-1857, book by Edna A. Kanely. Data source is old payroll lists from the Baltimore area. Book has been reprinted by Heritage Books, Inc. and is generally available. I will do lookups. Contact me at [jsponholzrail@gmail.com](mailto:jsponholzrail@gmail.com).

Employee Rosters - Rosters for the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, B&O Railroad Division No. 33, Akron, OH, for 1927, 1930 and 1938. Includes notes penciled in by the original roster owner. Webmaster's collection.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/Bandoakronops1930s.pdf>

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### **Bangor and Aroostook Railroad**

Employee Rosters - Roster for the Northern Division, January 1, 1949, covering Trainmen, Firemen, Engineers, Clerks, Station Agents, Operators, Freight Handlers and crossing flagmen.

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/BARNoDiv01011949.pdf>

### **Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad**

Employee Rosters - Operating crews, yardmen and agents/operators, 1950s. Online at:

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/blerosters.html>

Employee Listings - Last Bessemer crews on steam-powered runs. Online at:

<http://www.rr-fallenflags.org/ble/ble-stm.html>

### **Boston & Maine Railroad**

Employee Listings - University of Massachusetts-Lowell, Center for Lowell History

Patrick J. Mogan Cultural Center

40 French Street

Lowell, Massachusetts 01852

Phone: 978-934-4997

<http://library.uml.edu/clh/BMlistA.htm>

Employee listings taken from collections of the B&M Railroad Historical Society. The names of about 6,000 employees mentioned in records generated between 1874 and 1939 are indexed, with the index available online at the above URL.

Employee Roster - Numerous Operating Department rosters, 1908 – 1944 from the webmaster's collection. Indexes at:

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/bandmrosters.html>

### **Burlington Northern Railroad**

Seniority Roster - BN Operating Department Seniority Roster, 1971 Old Montana Division, Livingston, MT (the old Northern Pacific shortly after the formation of the BN):

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/BN1971a.pdf>

Seniority Roster - BN Northern Seniority District 113 roster of Yardmasters, 1973

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/BNnodistyard1973.pdf>

Seniority Roster - Railroads of Montana website hosts a 1970 Pacific District roster for Engineers. Available at:

[http://www.railroads-of-montana.com/Employee\\_Search.htm](http://www.railroads-of-montana.com/Employee_Search.htm)

### **Canadian Pacific Railway**

Employee Roster - Roster of Telegraphers, Dispatchers, Assistant Agents and Leverman, Saskatchewan District, Jan. 1, 1954. Published by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers (ORT). Webmaster's collection.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/cpry1954saskort.pdf>

### **Chesapeake & Ohio Railway**

Archives - The C&O Historical Society has a partial collection of the corporate records, including meeting minutes books and annual reports. Archives at 312 E Ridgeway Street, Clifton Forge, VA 24422, phone 540-862-2210, email: [cohs@cohs.org](mailto:cohs@cohs.org)

Employee Magazine - Entire run of the C&O Employee Magazine beginning in 1913, in collection of the C&O Historical Society. Collection is at the Archives office in Clifton Forge, VA (see above). No index is available.  
<http://www.cohs.org/archives/>

Employee Roster - Operating Department Roster, scan of the actual document. This 1929 advertising roster covers Conductors and Brakemen in the Ashland, Ironton and Russell, KY areas who worked for the C&O in this coal-rich region of the Commonwealth. Branches covered include C&O subdivisions on the former Sandy Valley & Elkhorn Railway, Millers Creek Railroad, Ashland Coal and Iron Railway, and the Long Fork Railway, all of which were acquired by the C&O. The scanned copy was originally owned by brakeman Warden Auxier of Paintsville.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/cando1929sekentucky.pdf>

### **Chicago & Alton (Alton Railroad)**

Employee Roster - Operating crew roster from 1947, the last roster issued prior to the merger into the Gulf, Mobile & Ohio Railroad.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/altonrr1947.pdf>

### **Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad (Burlington Route, CB&Q)**

Employee Roster - Omaha Railroaders advertising roster, January, 1922. Union Pacific, Missouri Pacific and CB&Q. Includes Omaha Division Trainmen; Omaha, South Omaha, Havelock, and Plattsmouth Yardmen; Train Baggage-men; Omaha and Lincoln Division Road and Switch Engineers and Firemen. CB&Q rosters begin on Page 22 of the PDF.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/1922OmahaRoster.pdf>

Employee Roster - 1924 Creston, IA Division, including Trainmen, Creston Yardmasters, and Switchmen:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/1924CB&QCrestonDiv.pdf>

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**CB&Q (Cont'd)**

- Employee Roster - 1925 Creston, IA Division, including Firemen, Engineers, Trainmen, Yardmasters in Creston Yard, Switchmen and Switchtenders:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/1925CB&QCrestonDiv.pdf>
- Station List - Not a roster, but an interesting 1929 list of CB&Q stations and billing numbers from a booklet for car accountants.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/1929CB&QStationNbrs.pdf>
- Archives - Newberry Library  
60 W. Walton St.  
Chicago, IL 60610  
<http://www.newberry.org/railroad-archives>  
Includes personnel listings.
- Employee Roster - East Ottumwa Division conductors, brakemen, engineers, firemen and switchmen, Burlington, IA, 1962. Advertising roster published by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Lodge 26.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/cbqbrt1962.pdf>

**Chicago & North Western Railway**

- Employee Rosters - Ashland Division rosters, including: Engineers and firemen; road brakemen and conductors; yardmen at Kaukauna, Appleton, Wausau, Eland, Antigo, Rhinelander, Ironwood and Ashland yards; agents/telegraphers and locations; clerks, freight handlers and station employees and locations; bridge & building (B&B) foremen and mechanics; carmen and helpers; painters; blacksmiths, helpers and apprentices; boilermakers, helpers and apprentices; machinists, helpers and apprentices; electricians; sheet metal workers and helpers; section foremen and locations. Advertising rosters. Webmaster's collection.
- 1934-35 Roster:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/1934-35C&NWAshlandDivRoster.pdf>
- 1940-41 Roster:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/1940-41C&NWAshlandDivRoster.pdf>
- Employee Rosters - Iowa Division operating department rosters covering engineers, firemen, conductors, brakemen and switchmen operating east and west of Boone, IA. Also includes yardmen at Boone, Carroll, Missouri Valley, and Council Bluffs. Advertising roster as of 1939. Webmaster's collection.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/CNW1939IowaDiv.pdf>

### **C&NW Railway (Cont'd)**

- Employee Rosters - Dakota Division operating department rosters covering engineers, firemen, conductors, brakemen and switchmen operating out of Huron, S.D. Advertising roster corrected to Nov. 11, 1943 and published by Charles C. Moore of Huron. Also includes 1919 roster, the first published for trainmen by the Osborn Clothing Store, updated to 1943. Webmaster's collection.  
1919 Index:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/cnwdakota1919.pdf>  
1944 Index:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/cnwdakota1944.pdf>  
PDF of actual roster pages:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/cnw19191944dakotadiv.pdf>
- Employee Rosters - System roster for Agents, Assistant Agents, Telegraphers, Telephoners, Levermen and Towermen, as of June 1, 1930. Issued by Div. 76, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, Chicago. PDF of actual roster pages:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/cnwagentsoprs06011930.pdf>
- Employee Rosters- C&NW Dining car employees, 1969. Includes waiters, stewards, porters and kitchen staff. From the online Railroad Dining Car Archives.  
<http://railroaddiningcar.org/content/dining-car-employees-cnw-1969-roster>
- Employee Records - Altoona, WI depot records including employee records, 1887-1931 and employment histories for employees (mainly brakemen) of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railroad.  
<http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/wiarchives.uw-whs-ec00bi>
- Personnel Records – Extensive lists and records available through the C&NW Historical Society. [http://www.cnwhs.org/archives\\_genealogy.htm](http://www.cnwhs.org/archives_genealogy.htm)  
Contact: Craig Pfannkuche, 8612 Memory Trail, Wonder Lake, Illinois 60097, Email: [craig@pfannkuche.com](mailto:craig@pfannkuche.com)  
Note: many of the Society's records have been scanned by Ancestry.com and are available to their subscribers. Additional records (including employee/work records for Omaha Road workers, 1890-1920; payroll records for the Chicago, St. Paul & Fond du Lac from 1856 to 1886; 25 employment ledgers; and 15 large cabinets filled with employee record cards dating back to the 1840s) have been turned over to the Newberry Library (with financial help from the Chicago Genealogical Society) and will be available in their collection going forward.
- Veterans Assoc. - There is an active C&NW Vets group with a website:  
<http://www.cnwvets.org/>

### **Chicago Great Western Railway (See also Chicago & North Western)**

- Personnel Listings - Hub City Heritage Corporation Railway Museum, Box 300, Oelwein, Iowa 50662; 319-283-1939  
<http://www.cgwoelwein.org/>

**Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville Railway (See Monon Railroad)**

**Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad (Milwaukee Road)**

- Archives – Milwaukee Public Library, Central Branch. Extensive online listing of employees based on records indexed by the Milwaukee Road Historical Association. A major resource for researching Milwaukee Road employees. Browse at:  
<http://content.mpl.org/cdm4/browse.php?CISOROOT=/MilwRoad>
- Archives – University of Missouri, John W. Barriger III National Railroad Library  
<http://www.umsl.edu/barriger/bmore/hscollect/hscollect.htm>  
Corporate records, may be of limited genealogical use.
- Employee Listings - Railroad employees in the Aberdeen, SD area, 1911-1913, compiled by Theophil Schaffer. Available from:  
Allen County Public Library  
P.O.Box 2270  
200 East Berry Street  
Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2270  
<http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/>
- Employee Listings - Rosters of employees from the Coast Division, including engineers, firemen, operators, conductors and trainmen, dispatchers, yardmen and Marine Department employees, 1930s-70s. Available from the Cascade Rail Foundation at the Pacific Northwest Railroad Archive.  
[http://research.milwelectric.org/\\_layouts/15/start.aspx#/Seniority\\_Lists](http://research.milwelectric.org/_layouts/15/start.aspx#/Seniority_Lists)
- Employee Listings - Employees of the Rocky Mountain Division, 1907-1977  
Compiled by Lilly B. Zwolle, Lewistown, MT  
In “Central Montana Wagon Trails,” Lewistown Genealogical Society  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/MILWRDRMDIV.pdf>
- Employee Rosters - January, 1932 operating crew rosters, Rocky Mountain and Missoula Divisions, and Great Falls, Lewistown, Harlowton, Butte and Deer Lodge yard switchmen. Advertising roster of the “Big 5” brand, published by J.A. Cheatham. Milwaukee Road begins on page 42.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/MontanaBig51932.pdf>
- Employee Rosters- Pacific Northwest Railroads. Another “Big 5” Railroad Operating Employee Roster, published in 1934 by J.A. Cheatham. Typical advertising roster of the time listing employee names (with misspellings) and seniority dates (with numerous obvious errors). Useful to place an employee on a specific railroad at that time, but seniority dates should not be considered entirely accurate. From the Webmaster's collection.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/nwroster.html>
- Employee Magazine – Extensive scanned copies of the Milwaukee Road Magazine and other documents are available at the “unofficial” Milwaukee Road Archives:  
<http://milwaukeeoadarchives.com/IndexPage.htm>



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### **Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad**

Employee Biographies—“The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System and Representative Employees.” Biographical Publishing Co., Chicago, IL 1900. Typical submitted biographies of system employees, including engineers and conductors. Photos, too. Collection of University of Minnesota, excerpts available on Google Books:  
<https://books.google.com/books?id=P0Y7PQAACAAJ&printsec=frontcover#v=onepage&q&f=false>

### **Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railroad (Omaha Road)**

See Chicago & North Western Railway

### **Colorado & Southern Railway**

Employee Rosters - “Railway Employee Records for Colorado, Vol. III” by Gerald E. Sherard. Index of Colorado Railway Employee records for the: Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, Colorado & Southern Railway in Denver, Leadville & Gunnison Railway, Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad and the Union Pacific Railway. Information includes: employee names, where and when born, for what company worked, and physical location of the files.

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<http://digital.denverlibrary.org/cdm/search/collection/>

### **Delaware & Hudson Railroad**

Employee Rosters - Several Susquehanna Division rosters, from 1903 through the 1920s. Also 1969 system telephone directory. Webmaster's collection.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/dandhmrosters.html>

### **Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad**

Personnel Records – Steamtown National Historic Site (National Park Service)  
Records mainly cover MOW employees from the Scranton area  
Archivist – Patrick McKnight  
150 South Washington Avenue  
Scranton, PA 18503-2018  
Email: [Pat\\_McKnight@nps.gov](mailto:Pat_McKnight@nps.gov)

Employee Rosters - 1936 advertising roster from Binghamton, NY area, published by Lebert's. Also includes Erie and D&H employees. PDF images from webmaster's collection: <http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/Binghamton1936.pdf>

Employee Magazine - Many issues online in PDF format at: <http://elmags.railfan.net/>



### **Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad**

Employee Rosters - “Railway Employee Records for Colorado, Vol. III” by Gerald E. Sherard. Index of Colorado Railway Employee records for the: Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, Colorado & Southern Railway in Denver, Leadville & Gunnison Railway, Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad and the Union Pacific Railway. Information includes: employee names, where and when born, for what company worked, and physical location of the files.

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<http://digital.denverlibrary.org/cdm/search/collection/>

### **Duluth, Missabe & Iron Range Railroad**

Employee Roster - Roster of Engineers, Firemen, Conductors, Brakemen and Yardmen, 1957, published by Railroaders’ Publishing Service, Duluth, MN. Images of roster (large file) at:

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/DMIR1957ops.pdf>

Payroll Records - Records for the Duluth and Iron Range (1891-1937), the Duluth, Missabe and Northern (1891-1937), and the DM&IR (1937-1970). Available on microfilm through the Minnesota Historical Society.

[http://mnhs.mnpals.net/F/?func=find-c&ccl\\_term=palsn%3D900023156](http://mnhs.mnpals.net/F/?func=find-c&ccl_term=palsn%3D900023156)

Employee Listings - The DM&IR Historical Society notes: If you are certain the person worked for the Missabe or its predecessors, contact the DM&IR Veteran Employees Association. They will only have information about DM&IR (and predecessor) employees, not employees of any other railroad.

DM&IR Veteran Employees Association  
c/o Aine Merrill  
9147 East Moonshine Road  
South Range, WI 54874

### **Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic Railway**

Employee Listings - Upper Peninsula Digitization Center Collections  
Listing of operating employees, 1887 (search on “Seniority”)

<http://updigit.uproc.lib.mi.us/cdm/search>

### **East Tennessee and Western North Carolina Railroad (“Tweetsie”)**

Corporate Archives - East Tennessee State University, Archives of Appalachia

<http://archives.etsu.edu/repositories/2/resources/460>

Includes records related to operations as well as photos.

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## **Erie Lackawanna Railroad**

Employee Magazine - Published for two years - Issues online in PDF format at:

<http://elmags.railfan.net/>

Official Archives – University of Akron  
(330) 972-7670

<http://www3.uakron.edu/archival/ErieLack/erie1.htm>

Erie Lackawanna Historical Society Archives

<http://www.erielackhs.org/index.php/archives>

Personnel Records – Steamtown National Historic Site (National Park Service)  
Records mainly cover employees from the Scranton and Port Jervis areas

Archivist – Patrick McKnight

150 South Washington Avenue

Scranton, PA 18503-2018

Email: [Pat\\_McKnight@nps.gov](mailto:Pat_McKnight@nps.gov)

Directory - 1973 telephone directory, EL System:

Binghamton-Buffalo: <http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/EL1973bingbuff.pdf>

Chicago/Hammond/Huntington:

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/EL1973chihamhunt.pdf>

Cleveland: <http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/EL1973cleveland.pdf>

Elmira-Hoboken: <http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/EL1973elmirahobo.pdf>

Hornell-end: <http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/EL1973remains.pdf>

## **Erie Railroad**

Personnel Listings - Extensive listings, rosters and transcriptions, including 1898 engineers listing and partial index of Erie Magazine (employee magazine)

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/erie.html>

Contact: [eriearchives@gmail.com](mailto:eriearchives@gmail.com)

Personnel Records – Steamtown National Historic Site (National Park Service)  
Records mainly cover MOW employees from the Scranton area and from Port Jervis, NY.

Scranton Index at:

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/Steamtown.html>

Port Jervis Index at:

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/pjrecordindex.pdf>

Steamtown NHS

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- Employee Rosters - Rosters from several divisions online, from Jon Liles:  
<http://www.jon-n-bevliles.net/RAILROAD/rosters/rosters.html>
- Employee Rosters - 1936 advertising roster from Binghamton, NY area, published by Lebert's. Also includes DL&W and D&H operating employees. PDF images from webmaster's collection.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/Binghamton1936.pdf>
- Employee Rosters - Numerous rosters by division, both advertising and official.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/rosters.html>
- Employee Magazine - Many issues online in PDF format at:  
<http://elmags.railfan.net/>
- Partial last name index online at:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/erie.html>
- Oral Histories - Oral histories of 19 Youngstown-area Erie employees, taken by Youngstown State University students between 1975 and 1980.  
<http://jupiter.yasu.edu/search~S0>  
Search on "Erie Railroad Project"

### **Fort Worth & Denver City Railway**

- Employee Listings - 1935-36 Advertising Roster for the FW&DC, a CB&Q subsidiary, covering Conductors and Brakemen. FW&DC section is found on page 12 of combined roster.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/texas1936rosters.pdf>

### **Fort Worth & Rio Grande Railway**

- Employee Listings - 1935-36 Advertising Roster for the FW&RG, a subsidiary of the Frisco Railroad, covering the Sherman-Ft. Worth District, the Ft. Worth-Brownwood-Menard District, and Ft. Worth yards. Includes Engineers, Firemen and Hostlers. FW&RG section begins on page 10 of combined roster.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/texas1936rosters.pdf>

### **Grand Trunk Western Railway**

- Employee Rosters - Rosters, listings and obituaries, indexing in process.  
Michigan Railroad History Museum  
<https://www.facebook.com/durandstation/>

## Great Northern Railway

- Archives - Minnesota Historical Society  
<http://www.mnhs.org/genealogy/family/genieguide/railroad.htm>  
Includes Personnel Files Index  
MFL also available from the Family History Library, Salt Lake City
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<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/MontanaBig51932.pdf>
- Employee Rosters- Pacific Northwest Railroads. Another “Big 5” Railroad Operating Employee Roster, published in 1934 by J.A. Cheatham. Typical advertising roster of the time listing employee names (with misspellings) and seniority dates (with numerous obvious errors). Useful to place an employee on a specific railroad at that time, but seniority dates should not be considered entirely accurate. From the Webmaster's collection.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/nwroster.html>
- Employee Rosters - January 1, 1957, operating crew roster, Dakota and Northern Divisions (Grand Forks – Crookston). Advertising roster published by the Railroaders’ Publishing Service. Contributed to this site by Harold Gjermann.  
Transcription at:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/GN01011957.pdf>
- Employee Rosters - Railroads of Montana website hosts several rosters for GN Enginemen and Clerical/Station employees.  
Available at:  
[http://www.railroads-of-montana.com/Employee\\_Search.htm](http://www.railroads-of-montana.com/Employee_Search.htm)
- Seniority Rosters- The Great Northern-Northern Pacific Joint Archives hosted by the GN Railway Historical Society and the NP Railway Historical Association has some operating rosters online:  
<http://tinyurl.com/q2ptvaw>

## Green Bay & Western Railroad

- Rosters - From Mark Mathu’s GB&W Site  
1930 Engineer’s Listing  
1943 Operating Department Listing  
<http://www.greenbayroute.com/senioritylists.htm>

### **Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway**

Employee Listings - 1936 Advertising Roster for the GC&SF, a subsidiary of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway, covering both the Northern and Southern Divisions. Includes Conductors, Brakemen, Engineers, Firemen, Porters, Hostlers, and Switchmen at Temple, Brownwood, Sweetwater, Ft. Worth, Dallas, Cleburne and Gainsville. GC&SF section begins on page 14 of combined roster.

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/texas1936rosters.pdf>

### **Gulf, Mobile & Ohio Railroad**

Archive - GM&O Historical Society collection  
Includes personnel records, rosters and employee magazine  
University of Missouri, John W. Barriger III National Railroad Library

<http://www.umsl.edu/barriger/bmore/hscollect/hscollect.htm>

Rosters - Collection of system-wide rosters as of January 1, 1964. Webmaster's Collection.

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/GMORosters.html>

### **Houston & Texas Central Railway**

Employee Listings - 1935-36 Advertising Roster for the H&TC, around the time of its takeover by the T&NO. Includes Conductors, Brakemen, Engineers, Firemen, and Switchmen at Ennis and Sherman yards. H&TC section begins on page 43 of combined roster.

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/texas1936rosters.pdf>

### **Illinois Central Railroad**

Archives - Newberry Library  
60 W. Walton St.  
Chicago, IL 60610  
<http://www.newberry.org/railroad-archives>  
Includes personnel listings and payroll records

Employee Listings - Kheel Center for Labor-Management Documentation and Archives  
Cornell University Libraries  
Martin P. Catherwood Library  
227 Ives Hall, Cornell University  
Ithaca, NY 14853  
(607) 255-3183

<http://rmc.library.cornell.edu/EAD/htmldocs/KCL05295.html>

Includes miscellaneous employee lists

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### **Illinois Central (Cont'd)**

Rosters - Numerous rosters for Telegraph Operators as well as Clerks, mainly on the St. Louis Division. Rosters are from 1947 to 1980 on the Illinois Central and Illinois Central Gulf. From the collection of Agent/Operator L.E. Johnson, Carbondale, IL:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/icrrrosters.html>

### **Lake Shore and Michigan Southern (New York Central)**

Directory - *Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway System and Representative Employees*, published in 1900 by Ferdinand Ellsworth Cary of the Biographical Publishing Co., Chicago. History and employee biographies. Entire book available from the Cleveland Public Library Digital Gallery:  
<http://cplorg.cdmhost.com/cdm/compoundobject/collection/p128201coll0/id/3469/rec/7>

### **Lehigh Valley Railroad**

Roster - 1934 Advertising Roster covering Lehigh Valley operating crews on the Buffalo Division – Manchester East, The Wyoming Division – West End, and Sayre Yard. Seniority dates back to 1876. Also includes crews on the Susquehanna & New York at Towanda. Online at:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/LVRR01011934.pdf>

Employee Listing - 1938 Employee Rosters, primarily Maintenance of Way on the Hazleton (PA) Branch of the Lehigh Valley:  
<http://usgwarchives.net/pa/schuylkill/xmisc.htm>

Employee Listing- 1934 membership of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Veterans Association, online at:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/lvvets1934.html>

### **Long Island Railroad**

Employee Roster - Roster of engineers and firemen as of April 1, 1970.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/LIRR041970.pdf>

### **Louisville & Nashville Railroad**

Employee Roster - Some rosters reside in the John B. Fravert Railroad Collection at the University of Louisville. Search at:  
<http://library.louisville.edu/home>

## **L&N (Cont'd)**

Employee Magazine - The Kentucky Digital Library hosted by the University of Kentucky notes: L&N Collection holds no individual personnel files or employee service records; however, L & N Magazine (1925-1974, bound volumes) contain many general interest stories for and about employees. Magazines also carried employee promotions, retirements and deaths in regular columns, "Promotions, Honor Roll" and "In Memoriam," which could help researchers, if employees being investigated worked between 1925 and 1974. Some company officers, department heads, line officers and supervisors were also covered in short biographical sketches at the time of (or on the occasion) of their promotions, retirements or deaths. A biographical index is included with the L & N topical index (for major L&N magazine stories) (Box 216).

<http://kdl.kyvl.org/catalog/xt731z41rt2k/guide>

## **Middletown & New Jersey Railway**

Employee Listing - 1923 Listing of Employees in Service, Middletown & Unionville Railroad Company, Middletown, NY. Scan courtesy of Peter Brill of the Middletown & New Jersey Railway Historical Society, from their collection of the papers of longtime General Manager J.A. Smith.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/MandUrr1923.pdf>

## **Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company**

Archives - UW-Milwaukee Urban Archives  
Includes portraits and bios of the veterans' association  
<http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/wiarchives.uw-whs-mil00086>

## **Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad (See Chicago & North Western Railway)**

## **Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway (See Soo Line Railroad)**

## **Missouri-Kansas-Texas (MKT) Railroad (The Katy)**

Employee Listings - Several Advertising Rosters for the Katy, moved onto their own page:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/katy.html>



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### Missouri Pacific Railroad

- Employee Roster - Omaha Railroaders advertising roster, January, 1922. Union Pacific, Missouri Pacific and CB&Q. Includes MP Omaha Division Trainmen; Engineers and Firemen. MP rosters begin on Page 17 of the PDF.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/1922OmahaRoster.pdf>
- Employee Roster - System-wide Telegraphers' Roster, 1955. Published by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/MopacTelegraphers1955.pdf>
- Employee Roster - Roster of employees working in the Sedalia, MO shops, covering 1951, 1953, 1959 and 1960. Includes Machinists, Wheel Men, Boilermakers, Cranemen, Generator Attendants, Electricians, Blacksmiths, Sheetmetal Workers, Molders, Carmen, Patternmakers, Upholsterers, Painters, Laborers, Welders, Shop and Supply Clerks, including apprentices, helpers and recent retirees. Roster published by the Missouri Pacific Federated Shop Crafts.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/MOPSedaliaShop1951.pdf>  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/MOPSedaliaShop1953.pdf>  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/mopsedalia1959.pdf>  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/MOPSedaliaShop1960.pdf>

### Monon Railroad

- Employee Listings - Indiana Historical Society  
450 West Ohio St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46202  
317-232-1882, 800-447-1830  
Miscellaneous records including some rosters and retirement listings.  
[http://www.indianahistory.org/library/manuscripts/collection\\_guides/m0376.html](http://www.indianahistory.org/library/manuscripts/collection_guides/m0376.html)
- Employee Listings - The Monon Railroad Historical-Technical Society is in the process of developing a database of employees based on rosters, seniority lists, personal recollections, newspaper articles, obits, summary cards, etc. The current database is up to 4,000 records and includes full name, nickname, positions & locations on the railroad, specific years worked, birthdate, deathdate, comments/misc., all where available. Indexes are online. Ken Weller of the Dept. of Past Personnel will do look-ups – email:  
[WellerK@aol.com](mailto:WellerK@aol.com)  
Website: <http://www.monon.org>

### Nashville, Chattanooga & St Louis Railway

- Employee Listings - NC&St.L Preservation Society, Inc.  
Developing list of personnel based on submissions by relatives and descendants of employees.  
<http://www.ncps-576.org/people/index.htm>

## **New York Central Railroad**

- Employee Records - Employment cards for Cleveland-area yard employees, 1880-1957. Available from the Western Reserve Historical Society. 216-721-5722 or <http://tinyurl.com/nv8bbm4>
- Directory - *Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway System and Representative Employees*, published in 1900 by Ferdinand Ellsworth Cary of the Biographical Publishing Co., Chicago. History and employee biographies. Entire book available from the Cleveland Public Library Digital Gallery: <http://cplorg.cdmhost.com/cdm/compoundobject/collection/p128201coll0/id/3469/rec/7>
- Employee Roster - Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse Divisions Roster, published in December, 1924 by Harry S. Torrey, official Watch Inspector for the railroad in Rochester, NY. Covers engineers, firemen (both road and yard), brakemen, and conductors, with seniority dates on those divisions going back to 1863. <http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/nyc1924.pdf>
- Employee Roster - Roster covering Western Division, Toledo Division west of Toledo, Grand Rapids Branch and Kankakee Branch, published in 1938 by the Hoosier Printery, Elkhart, IN. Covers engineers, firemen, brakemen, and conductors, with seniority dates on those divisions going back to 1889. Actual roster images online at: <http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/nyc1938elkhart.pdf>
- Employee Roster - Numerous Operating Department Rosters from 1957 covering the Eastern and Western Divisions, and Bucyrus, Corning, West Columbus and Stanley yards. Also includes Drakes District and the Zanesville & Western. Also 1963 shops rosters for Columbus shops, including boilermakers, electricians, laborers, machinists, pipefitters, painters, carpenters and helpers. <http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/nycrosters.html>
- Employee Roster - Roster covering Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo divisions and Syracuse and Dewitt yards, printed in 1959 by the Factory Printing Co., Syracuse, NY. Covers engineers, firemen, brakemen, and conductors, as well as yardmen, switchtenders and retarder operators in the yards. Actual roster images online at: <http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/nyc1959buffalodiv.pdf>
- Membership Roster - Roster of Unit 52 of the National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees (NARVRE), a membership organization open to railroad employees. This unit was active in the Albany, NY area, and the roster below lists members reported to have worked for the NYC and Boston & Albany (B&A) railroads. From a handwritten member list with numerous illegible entries, so some spellings are best guesses. Dates from 1956 through 1970. 963 records. From the webmaster's collection: <http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/NarvreAlbanyNYC.pdf>

### **New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad (Nickel Plate Road)**

Employee Magazine - Nickel Plate Historical & Technical Society is posting selected articles from the magazine on their web site at:

<http://nkphnts.org/empmags/>

Officers/Agents - Listing from 1951, online at the NPH&TS site at:

<http://nkphnts.org/officersagents/>

Employee Roster - Operating Department roster published 01/01/1942 covering the Peoria Division, St. Louis Division (including Cloverleaf District and Charleston Yard); and Toledo Division (including Toledo, Frankfort and Delphos yards). Also includes Marion and Kokomo yards. From the webmaster's collection:

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/NickelPlate01011942.pdf>

### **New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad (The New Haven)**

Archives - University of Connecticut  
Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, Archives & Special Collections  
860-486-4500

<https://lib.uconn.edu/libraries/asc/#>

UCONN states there is little of use to genealogical researchers in the corporate collection of the New Haven

Employee Rosters - New York District, 1943, Trainmen and Yardmen, from the Edward F. Donegan Papers collection, UCONN

### **New York, Ontario & Western Railway**

Employee Listings- Ontario & Western Railway Historical Society

<http://www.nyow.org/>

Developing an employee database based on seniority lists and other records of the O&W. Also holds O&W corporate archives.

### **Nickel Plate Railroad (see New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad)**

### **Norfolk & Western Railway**

Employee Listings - Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

<http://ead.lib.virginia.edu/vivaead/published/vt/vivadoc.pl?file=viblvt00066.xml>

Accounting Dept. employees, 1874 - 1905

Relief & Pension Dept. records from 1930 - 1957, Lists compiled for the Railroad Retirement Board in the 1950s

Employee Listings - Pennsylvania State Archives

Harrisburg, PA

N&W Voluntary Relief Member Cards, October 16, 1964

Access is restricted.

Contact: [ra-statearchives@pa.gov](mailto:ra-statearchives@pa.gov)

## **N&W Railway (Cont'd)**

Corporate Records - Berea College Special Collections  
[https://libraryguides.berea.edu/archives?group\\_id=14073](https://libraryguides.berea.edu/archives?group_id=14073)  
Collection includes company leases, deeds, lawsuits and petitions. Unknown if any personnel information exists. Also includes deed information from the Ohio and Kentucky Railroad, 1899-1901.

## **Northern Pacific Railway**

- Employee Roster - Rosters and research suggestions available at:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/nprosters.html>
- Employee Roster- Numerous rosters available from the Northern Pacific Railway Historical Association for operators and train crews:  
<http://www.nprha.org/Pages/Employees.aspx>
- Employee List- Interesting list of thousands of 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> Century NP employees who had been admitted at some point to the railroad's hospital in Tacoma, WA. List includes employee names, positions and admission date. Records held by the Washington State Historical Society:  
<http://tinyurl.com/kat8eo5>
- Employee Files- Ancestry.com has digitized a collection of NP personnel files for Wisconsin employees, between 1890 and 1963. Search the files (membership required) at:  
<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2157>
- Employee Listing - Railroads of Montana website hosts a listing of Operating Department employees on the Old Montana Division. Available at:  
[http://www.railroads-of-montana.com/Employee\\_Search.htm](http://www.railroads-of-montana.com/Employee_Search.htm)
- Employee Listing - BN Operating Department Seniority Roster, 1971 Old Montana Division, Livingston, MT (the old Northern Pacific shortly after the formation of the BN):  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/BN1971a.pdf>
- Seniority Rosters- The Great Northern-Northern Pacific Joint Archives hosted by the GN Railway Historical Society and the NP Railway Historical Association has some operating rosters online:  
<http://research.nprha.org/Pages/Employees.aspx>

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### **Northern Pacific Terminal Co. of Oregon**

Employee Rosters - Conger Electric Lantern Co. roster published in 1959, covering NP Terminal employees in Portland. Roster courtesy of Harold Gjermann.  
Enginemen:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/NPTengineers1959.pdf>  
Switchmen:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/NPTswitchmen1959.pdf>

### **Penn Central Transportation Company**

Employee Roster - Roster of conductors and brakemen for the Eastern region, Chesapeake Division, Maryland District as of Jan. 1, 1972. Transcription available at:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/pcroster.pdf>

Seniority Rosters- University of Michigan, Bentley Historical Library  
Holds records for the PC and ancestor roads, including rosters from the 1930s-1960s.  
<http://quod.lib.umich.edu/b/bhlead/umich-bhl-87400?view=text>

### **Pennsylvania Railroad**

Employee Listings - Pennsylvania State Archives  
Harrisburg, PA  
Voluntary Relief Enrollment Cards, 1865-1937  
Deceased and Left Service Cards 1880-1960  
Contact: [ra-statearchives@pa.gov](mailto:ra-statearchives@pa.gov)  
([Click here](#) for an example contributed by Jeremy Kenney from his great grandfather William F. Kenney)

Employee Listings - Railroaders Memorial Museum  
Railroaders Callboard  
1300 Ninth Ave.  
Altoona, PA 16602  
<http://www.railroadcity.com/visit/call-board/>  
Some entries based on rosters

Employee Rosters - Rosters for the Western & Northwestern regions, Fort Wayne Division and the Grand Rapids Branch, compiled by John Perrey. Available from:  
Allen County Public Library  
P.O.Box 2270  
200 East Berry Street  
Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2270  
<http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/>

Employee Rosters - Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen members, Divisions 299, Crestline, OH; Div. 219, Pittsburgh, PA; Div. 630, Canton, OH; Div. 711, Conway, PA. Published in 1942 by the BLF&E, J.L. Jarman Printing Co., Alliance, OH.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/prblfe1942.pdf>

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## **Pennsylvania Railroad (Cont'd)**

Employee Rosters - Engineers and Firemen, Western Region, Southwestern Division (formerly St. Louis Division), January 1, 1951.

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/prr1951swdiv.pdf>

Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen,  
Eastern, Cleveland and Marietta Division lodges, January 1, 1954.  
Published by H.K. Saddler, Pittsburgh, PA.

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/prrblfe1954.pdf>

Employee Rosters - Philadelphia Division roster of Engineers, Firemen, Hostlers and Hostler's Helpers, published March 1, 1955 by the railroad, K.J. Silvey Div. Supt.

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/prrphiladelphiadiv1955.pdf>

Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers members, Divisions 306,  
Crestline, OH; Div. 590, Freedom, PA; Div. 735, Canton, OH. Published  
in 1956 by the BLE.

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/prrble1956.html>

Directory - Pittsburgh Division Veterans Organization 1902 Directory, showing railroaders and former railroaders who had at least 21 years of service on the Division and who belonged to the organization. Great photos!

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/prrvets.html>

Also available at:

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/prrrosters.html>

## **Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad**

Personnel Records - The University of Pittsburgh Library holds records that include Out of Service listings from 1880-1950; Military Leave records; Seniority rosters, Employee Record Cards, 1870-1950; Disciplinary records; and indexes of deceased employees. Good finding aid at:

<https://tinyurl.com/m4u6lbh>

## **Pullman Company**

Archives - Newberry Library  
60 W. Walton St.  
Chicago, IL 60610

<http://www.newberry.org/sites/default/files/researchguide-attachments/PullmanEmployees.pdf>

Holdings include personnel listings

Employee Listing - Internet Registry of African American employees of Pullman from 1800s through 1969 (not from company archives) published in "An Anthology of Respect: The Pullman Porter National Historic Registry," by Lyn Hughes, available from the A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum:

<https://aprpullmanportermuseum.org/national-registry/>

### **Pullman (Cont'd)**

Personnel Records - The South Suburban Genealogical and Historical Society has records on shops employees of the Pullman Car Works, Pullman (Chicago), IL. Copies of "The Car Builder" magazine from Pullman are also available. They do not hold records for company administration or for Pullman porters or conductors.

<https://ssghs.org/tools-resources/pullman-employee-records/>

Personnel Records - IUScholarWorks at Indiana University has indexes of records of shops workers at Hammond, IN and some records from the Michigan City shops. Records are in the collection of IU Northwest's Calumet Regional Archives. Searchable at:

<https://scholarworks.iu.edu/dspace/handle/2022/20515>

Employee Roster - Portland, OR District roster of Pullman Conductors, Jan. 1, 1959  
From the Conger Electric Lantern Co. roster published in 1959, covering railroad employees in the Pacific Northwest. Roster courtesy of Harold Gjermann

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/Pullman1959.pdf>

### **Reading Railroad**

Employee Research - The Reading Company Technical & Historical Society has some leads for researching Reading employees:

<http://www.readingrailroad.org/employees.shtml>

### **Rio Grande Southern Railroad**

Archives - Center of Southwest Studies  
Fort Lewis College  
1000 Rim Drive  
Durango, CO 81301  
970-247-7126

[https://www.fortlewis.edu/finding\\_aids/inventory/RGS.htm](https://www.fortlewis.edu/finding_aids/inventory/RGS.htm)

Includes personnel records and seniority lists from 1890 through 1963.

Employee Listing- Ridgway Railway Museum  
P.O. Box 588  
Ridgway, CO 81432

Online employee list gathered from a variety of personnel record sources:

<http://www.ridgwayrailroadmuseum.org/Employee.html>



### **Seaboard Air Line Railroad**

Employee Roster- Jacksonville Car and Locomotive Shops Roster as of January 1, 1948. Company employee roster listing Boilermakers, Machinists, Laborers, Carmen, Sheet Metal Workers, Electricians, Cranemen and Engine Maintainers, including Helpers and Apprentices. This is a Jim Crow roster with several employment categories segregated by race. 1,371 employees listed. Transcription at:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/SALShops1948.pdf>

### **Sierra Railroad**

Various Records - California Railroads: Various rosters and records, including scans of the source documents, for a number of railroads serving California. This appears to be the first fruit of an effort by Ancestry to acquire and post original documents from railroad companies. Note that the database is only accessible if you have an Ancestry United States subscription, or are able to access the site from a library that holds a subscription.  
<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2046>

### **Soo Line Railroad (Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railroad)**

Archives - Minnesota Historical Society  
<http://www.mnhs.org/genealogy/family/genieguide/railroad.htm>  
Corporate records primarily

Employee Listing- Veteran Employees Association of the Soo Line Railroad membership list, October 1, 1973. Transcription available online at:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/soovets.pdf>

Employee Roster - Company employee roster for the Bridge & Building division of the Engineering Department, systemwide. Includes Carpenters, Painters, Helpers, Foremen and Crane Operators, May 20, 1964. Transcription at:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/soo1964engrdept.pdf>

Employee Roster - Company employee roster for the Maintenance of Way Department, systemwide. Includes Section Foremen, Assistant and Relief Foremen, Track Inspectors, and Sectionmen, April 1, 1964. Actual roster images online at:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/soolineMOW1964.pdf>

### **Southern Railway**

Employee Listing- Ashville Division advertising rosters published in 1944 and 1945 under the auspices of B of RC Branch 313. Includes virtually all Ashville, NC-area Southern employees, including Road, Yard, Shop, Maintenance of Way, Depot, Police, Medical and Operator positions. Pensioners, too. 1944 and 1945 images online at:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/SRRAshville1944.pdf>  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/SRRAshville1945.pdf>

## **Southern Pacific Railroad**

- Archives - California State Railroad Museum Foundation  
Includes seniority lists and Sacramento Shops employee lists  
<https://www.californiarailroad.museum/visit/library>
- Employee Roster - Several rosters covering various California divisions and shops, records online at Ancestry.com (source is many of the California Railroad Museum records listed above that were microfilmed):  
<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2046>
- Employee Magazine - Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society  
Some issues available, collection housed at the Sherman Library and Gardens, Corona del Mar, CA.  
<https://sphts.org/archives/>
- Employee Roster - Conger Electric Lantern Co. roster published in 1959, covering SP operating department employees in the Pacific Northwest. Actual roster images online, courtesy of Harold Gjermann.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/SPRRRosterPacNW1959.pdf>
- Various Records - California Railroads: Various rosters and records, including scans of the source documents, for a number of railroads serving California. This appears to be the first fruit of an effort by Ancestry to acquire and post original documents from railroad companies. Note that the database is only accessible if you have an Ancestry United States subscription, or are able to access the site from a library that holds a subscription.  
<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2046>

## **Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad**

- Employee Rosters - 1934 Pacific Northwest Railroads Big 5 Railroad Operating Employee Roster, published by J.A. Cheatham. Typical advertising roster of the time listing employee names and seniority dates (with some obvious errors). Includes the SP&S and other northwest roads. Index at:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/nwroster.html>
- Employee Rosters - Conger Electric Lantern Co. roster published in 1959, covering SP&S Roster courtesy of Harold Gjermann.
- Engineers and Hostlers:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/SPSEngineers1959.pdf>
- Trainmen and Yardmen:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/SPSTrainmen1959.pdf>
- Vancouver Division Conductors and Brakemen. Undated but the latest hire date is in 1952. Collection of Harold Gjermann:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/SPSConductors1952.pdf>

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### **SP&S (Cont'd)**

- Employee Rosters - Vancouver Division Engineers and Hostlers from a 1961 roster. Collection of Harold Gjermann:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/SPSEngineers1961.pdf>
- Employee Rosters - Maintenance of Way department, issued by the railroad, June 1, 1969. Rosters courtesy of Harold Gjermann:
- Section and Gang Foremen, Asst. and Relief Foremen, Track Inspectors and MOW Cooks, systemwide:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/SPSSectionmen1969.pdf>
- Track Laborers:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/SPSTrackLaborers1969.pdf>
- Welders & Crossing Watchmen:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/spsWeldersWatchmen1969.pdf>
- Roadway Equipment Repair & Operation roster:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/SPSRdEquipRepair1969.pdf>

### **St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad (Frisco)**

- Employee Magazine - Many issues online in PDF format at:  
<http://thelibrary.springfield.missouri.org/lochist/frisco/frisco.cfm>
- Employee Records - Some post-1940 employee cards available online at:  
<http://thelibrary.springfield.missouri.org/lochist/frisco/frisco.cfm>
- Also at Fred Veregge's Web Site:  
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~veregge/frisco.htm>
- Employee Listings - 1935-36 Advertising Roster for the Frisco and subsidiary Fort Worth & Rio Grande, covering Sherman-Ft. Worth District and branches. Includes Conductors, Brakemen, Engineers, Firemen, and Switchmen. Frisco section begins on page 10 of combined roster.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/texas1936rosters.pdf>

### **St. Louis Southwestern Railroad (Cotton Belt)**

- Employee Rosters - Extensive company rosters of engineers and firemen from 1920 to 1959, both mainline and switching. Mostly Cotton Belt Texas Division employees. Webmaster's collection:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/cottonbelt.html>

## **Texas & Pacific Railway**

Employee Lists - Read postings about T&P employees at the “Route of the Eagles” Forum:  
<http://www.texaspacificrailway.org/eagles/forums.cfm>

Employee Listings - 1935-36 Advertising Roster for the T&P, Fort Worth Subdivision. Includes Conductors, Brakemen, and Switchmen at Dallas Yard and Fort Worth Terminal (including International-Great Northern men at Mara Yard). T&P section begins on page 48 of combined roster.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/texas1936rosters.pdf>

## **Texas Midland Railway**

Employee Listings - 1935-36 Advertising Roster for the TMR, around the time of its takeover by the T&NO. Includes Brakemen. TMR section begins on page 48 of combined roster.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/texas1936rosters.pdf>

## **Union Pacific Railroad**

Employee Roster - Omaha Railroaders advertising roster, January, 1922. Union Pacific, Missouri Pacific and CB&Q. Includes Nebraska Division Passenger and Freight Trainmen; Nebraska, Omaha & Republican Valley Engineers and Firemen; Omaha Yardmasters; Omaha Switchmen; Hostlers, and Motormen.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/1922OmahaRoster.pdf>

Employee Rosters - 1934 Pacific Northwest Railroads Big 5 Railroad Operating Employee Roster, published by J.A. Cheatham. Typical advertising roster of the time listing employee names and seniority dates (with some obvious errors). Includes the UP and other northwest roads. Index at:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/nwroster.html>

Employee Rosters - 1935 UP Seniority Roster, Nebraska Division, Maintenance of Way Employees, hosted by the Keith County, NEGenWeb project online:  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nekeith/uproster.html>

1944 UP Idaho Division Roster and Time Book, published by A.A. Bresee. Includes Conductors, Brakemen, Yardmen, Enginemen, Firemen, Agents/Operators and Hostlers, covering the 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Subdivisions and the Oregon & North Western Railway. Images at:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/UPIdahoDiv1944.pdf>

1945 UP Los Angeles Division Roster and Time Book, Las Vegas, NV, published by T.E. Kirby. Operating Department roster images at:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/UPRRLosAngeles09301945.pdf>

### **Union Pacific Railroad (Cont'd)**

- Employee Rosters - 1949 UP Seniority Roster and Time Book, Denver, CO, published by H.E. Weylan and Robert P. Weiss. Includes Switchmen, Switch Tenders, Engineers, Firemen, Hostlers, Brakemen and Conductors. Roster online at: <http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/uprr1949denver.pdf>
- Employee Rosters - 1951 Union Pacific Shop Employees Seniority List, Laramie, Wyoming, available online from the Laramie Railroad Depot and Museum. <https://www.laramiedepot.org/seniority-rosters>
- Employee Rosters - 1953 Union Pacific Railroad Seniority Roster - Engineers and Firemen, 2nd Sub-Division and 3rd Sub-Division East - Wyoming Division Territory - (Old 5th & 6th Sub-Divisions) (Cheyenne - Rawlins). Available online from the Laramie Railroad Depot and Museum. <https://www.laramiedepot.org/seniority-rosters>
- Employee Rosters - 1953 UP Seniority Roster, Cheyenne, WY. Includes Switchmen, Switch Tenders, Engineers, Firemen, Hostlers, Brakemen and Conductors. Covers Cheyenne to Green River, Cheyenne to North Platte, Cheyenne to Sidney, Cheyenne to Laramie, and Cheyenne Yard. Images of roster (no index) available online at: <http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/uprrcheyenne1953.pdf>
- Employee Rosters - 1956 UP Seniority Roster, Nebraska Division, Second and Third Districts, covering Engineers, Firemen, Hostlers, Conductors, Brakemen, and Switchmen, from North Platte-Sidney, North Platte-Grand Island, and North Platte Yard. Index contains 1,257 employees. Source: advertising roster published by E.D. Johnson and S.V. Berryman, North Platte, NE. Record images online: <http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/UP1956Nebraska.pdf>
- Employee Rosters - 1958 UP Idaho Division Roster and Time Book, published by A.B. Holferty and H.L. Osborne. Includes Yardmasters at Nampa, Glens Ferry, Pocatello and Idaho Falls; Yardmen on the Ogden Union Depot Railroad and the Idaho Division; Conductors; Brakemen from Salt Lake City to Butte and Huntington to Granger; Enginemen and Firemen on the Idaho Division. Images at: <http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/UPIdaho1958.pdf>
- Employee Rosters - 1959 UP Seniority Roster, Nebraska Division, Second and Third Districts, covering Engineers, Firemen, Hostlers, Conductors, Brakemen and Switchmen, from North Platte-Sidney, North Platte-Grand Island, and North Platte Yard. Index contains 1,073 employees. Source: advertising roster published by E.D. Johnson and S.V. Berryman, North Platte, NE. <http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/uproster1959.html>

### **Union Pacific Railroad (Cont'd)**

- Employee Rosters - 1959 UP Seniority Roster, Pacific Northwest lines, covering operating department employees, road and yard. Published by the Conger Electric Lantern Co., Portland. Roster courtesy of Harold Gjermann. Actual roster images available (caution: large file) online at:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/UPRRRosterPacNW1959.pdf>
- Employee Rosters - "Railway Employee Records for Colorado, Vol. III" by Gerald E. Sherard. Index of Colorado Railway Employee records for the: Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, Colorado & Southern Railway in Denver, Leadville & Gunnison Railway, Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad and the Union Pacific Railway. Information includes: employee names, where and when born, for what company worked, and physical location of the files.  
  
Actual records are housed at the Colorado Railroad Museum Library, Golden, CO (<http://coloradorailroadmuseum.org/library/>). Volumes I, II and III are available from the Denver Public Library:  
<http://digital.denverlibrary.org/cdm/search/collection/>
- Employee Rosters - The Union Pacific Historical Society has some rosters posted, and indicate they will add more if they receive them. Online at:  
<http://uphs.org/resources/genealogy/>
- Employee Listings - Lists of employee promotions, retirements and deaths, as published in the railroad's Info Magazine, 1985-1988.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/UPRRrosters.html>

### **Waynesburg & Washington Railroad (Waynesburg, PA – Pennsylvania Railroad)**

- Employee Listing - Cornerstone Genealogical Society has posted a list of employees from June, 1898, online at:  
[http://www.cornerstonegenealogy.com/waynesburg\\_washington\\_railroad.htm](http://www.cornerstonegenealogy.com/waynesburg_washington_railroad.htm)

### **Western Maryland Railway**

- Employee Listing - Numerous telegrapher rosters, published by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, System Division No. 82, online at:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/WMmrosters.html>

## **Government Agencies**

### **U.S. Department of Transportation ICC Historical Railroad Investigations Reports 1911-1994**

Reports of accidents investigated by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Reports contain employee last names through about 1946. Records in the custody of the National Archives: <https://www.archives.gov/research/transportation/railroad-accidents.html>

Records online at:

<http://dotlibrary.specialcollection.net/>

(Note that the above link has not been working throughout 2018 and may have been removed.)

Other accidents may have been investigated by state bodies such as public service or railroad commissions or departments, and records may be in custody of individual state historical societies.

### **U.S. Railroad Retirement Board**

From the RRB's website: "The U.S. Railroad Retirement Board administers a Federal retirement benefit program covering the nation's railroad workers. The records it maintains deal primarily with the administration and payment of these benefits. The Board will provide information from its records on deceased persons for the purpose of genealogical research. However, it will not release information on persons who are still living without the written consent of that person.

The Railroad Retirement Board, like the Social Security Administration, was not established until the mid-1930's, and it began maintaining its own records of all covered rail service in 1937. Therefore, the Board's service records are limited to individuals who worked in the rail industry after 1936. If a person was not actually working for a railroad after 1936, he or she would not be listed in these records. Nor would the Board generally have any pertinent records of persons whose rail service was performed on a casual basis and/or was of short duration. Also, the Board's records are only on persons whose employers were covered under the Railroad Retirement Act. Employers such as street, interurban, or suburban electric railways are not covered under this Act."

Some records are held by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), including work the RRB did early on to establish prior service records of employees. RRB will make the referral if NARA holds records that may be of help.

<http://www.rrb.gov/mep/genealogy.asp#Railroad>

NARA:

<http://www.archives.gov/research/guide-fed-records/groups/184.html>

An index of the NARA records is available from the Midwest Genealogical Center. Note that search results for some last names are truncated to the first 5 letters:

<http://quicklook.midwestgenealogycenter.org/index.php>



## Union Records/Publications

### Order of Railway Conductors and Brakemen

- Local 65 and 137, Osawatomie, KS, Missouri Pacific Railroad, 1890 –1969  
Attendance registers and minutes books, service records, payroll information, retirement lists, membership rosters, seniority lists  
Kansas State Historical Society  
Howard L. Brown Collection  
[http://www.kshs.org/research/collections/documents/personalpapers/findingaids/brown\\_howard.htm](http://www.kshs.org/research/collections/documents/personalpapers/findingaids/brown_howard.htm)
- Div. 115, El Capitan, San Francisco, CA, 1892-1969  
Membership rosters, Minutes  
  
Division 267, Pacific Division, Vancouver BC, 1891-1911  
Membership rosters  
  
Division 575, Paris, TN, 1965-1968  
Membership rosters  
  
Miscellaneous records from several hundred locals  
  
Kheel Center for Labor-Management Documentation and Archives  
Cornell University Libraries  
Martin P. Catherwood Library  
227 Ives Hall  
Cornell University  
Ithaca, NY 14853  
(607) 255-3183  
<http://rmc.library.cornell.edu/EAD/htmldocs/KCL05148.html>

### Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen (BRT)

- Lodge 191, Fort Howard, WI, Fond du Lac, WI and Milwaukee, 1886 –  
Attendance registers and minutes books.  
University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee  
UWM Libraries, Archives  
P.O. Box 604  
Milwaukee, WI 53201-0604  
<http://uwm.edu/libraries/archives/>
- Lodge 105, Oil Creek Lodge (Oil City, PA) 1885-1959  
Record books and insurance registers  
  
Lodge 187, Buffalo, NY, 1898-1927  
Record books and insurance registers  
  
Lodge 96, Perseverance Lodge, Oneonta, NY, Ladies Auxiliary  
Lodge 595, Sunshine Lodge, Albuquerque, NM, Ladies Auxiliary, 1917-1945  
Minutes and roll books

Locations of Railroad Genealogical Materials, December 12, 2019

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Updates at: <http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/railroad.html>

Lodge 927, Cleveland, OH, 1941-1945

Miscellaneous correspondence

Lodge 143, Syracuse, NY, 1925-1968

Membership applications, grievance files

Lodge 1, Oneanta, NY 1893-1894

Request for beneficiary claims, all lodges

Lodge 122, Ladies Auxiliary, 1946-1953

Minutes books

Local 311, Mechanicsville, NY

Claims correspondence

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(607) 255-3183

<http://rmc.library.cornell.edu/EAD/htmldocs/KCL05149.html>

- Lodge 42, Keystone Lodge, Harrisburg, PA  
Record books

Pennsylvania State Archives

Special Microfilm Collections

<http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Research-Online/Pages/Railroad-Employees.aspx>

- Chicago Great Western Lodges in Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri  
Employee rosters and seniority lists, along with other artifacts from 13 BRT locals.

Minnesota Historical Society

Manuscript Collections

345 W. Kellogg Blvd.

St. Paul, MN 55102-1906

<http://www.mnhs.org/collections/manuscripts/labor.php>

- Lodge 671, Cherry Blossom Lodge, Dallas, TX  
Texas and Pacific Railway  
Membership ledgers and other records from 1908.

The University of Texas at Arlington

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/utarl/00095/arl-00095.html>

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Updates at: <http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/railroad.html>

- Lodge 888, Altoona, WI  
Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha (CStPM&O)  
Membership applications, 1917-1929, Meeting Attendance Records, 1917-1935  
<http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/wiarchives.uw-whs-ec00af>

### **Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen**

Grievance files and publications

Kheel Center for Labor-Management Documentation and Archives

Cornell University Libraries

Martin P. Catherwood Library

227 Ives Hall

Cornell University

Ithaca, NY 14853

(607) 255-3183

<http://rmc.library.cornell.edu/EAD/htmldocs/KCL05141.html>

BLE Eureka Lodge #14, Indianapolis, IN, including bound minutes and rosters

Manuscript and Visual Collections Department

William Henry Smith Memorial Library

Indiana Historical Society

450 West Ohio Street

Indianapolis, IN 46202-3269

[http://www.indianahistory.org/library/manuscripts/collection\\_guides/BV3429.html](http://www.indianahistory.org/library/manuscripts/collection_guides/BV3429.html)

Listing of BLE Divisions, 1888:

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/BLERivs1888.html>

Locomotive Engineers Journal, monthly magazine. Several years of issues have been digitized and are available from Google Books:

<http://books.google.com/books?lr=&q=locomotive+engineers+journal&btnG=Search+Books>

### **Brotherhood of Railway Signalmen, New York Central Railroad, General Committee**

Signal Dept. Seniority Rosters

Kheel Center for Labor-Management Documentation and Archives

Cornell University Libraries

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<http://rmc.library.cornell.edu/EAD/htmldocs/KCL05182.html>

## Other Resources

### Passenger Traffic Agents' Associations

In many cities, the passenger agents for various transportation companies banded together and formed professional groups for the purposes of business development, education and entertainment. These groups included agents for the railroads, as well as airlines, steamships and local tour operators.

- Chicago                      The Chicago Passenger Club. 1945 Victory Edition Roster.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/chicagopc1945.pdf>
- Kansas City                The Kansas City Passenger Agents' Association. 1938 Directory.  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/1938kcpaa.pdf>
- Minneapolis                The Minneapolis Passenger Traffic Club. Dues \$1.25 per year.  
1940 Directory:  
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/1940minneapolisptcroster.pdf>

### National Veteran Employees Associations

The National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees ([NARVRE](#)) is a membership organization open to railroad employees which primarily follows issues surrounding Railroad Retirement. Organization has been by local chapters in the past.

Unit 52 was active in the Albany, NY area, and the roster below lists members reported to have worked for the following railroads: the NYC, Boston & Albany, Boston & Maine, Delaware & Hudson, Rutland, Troy Union, New Haven and Erie railroads, as well as the Railway Express Agency and Pullman Standard. All members were at one point operating in the Albany area. From a handwritten member list with numerous illegible entries, so some spellings are best guesses. Dates from 1956 through 1970. 1,374 records. From the webmaster's collection:

- Albany:                      <http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/NarvreAlbany.pdf>