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Illinois Central Railroad
Scrapbook, 1921-1925

Collection 386

Champaign County Historical Archives

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Creator/Corporate Name:

Inclusive Dates: 1921-1925

Physical Description: 1 box, (1.03 linear ft.)

Language: English

Provenance:

The Illinois Central Railroad Scrapbook collection was donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives in 2005 by Mr. & Mrs. Roger McArdle.

Access:

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Historical Note:

The Federal Highway Act of 1921 allowed for the highway system in America to be built by granting Federal aid to states to build widened roads throughout their land, connecting farmers better to markets. In 1922, there were 10,247 miles built at a cost of \$189 million.

In Champaign, the railroads were being updated to accommodate the growing population. One major project was the building of the new grand central station in downtown Champaign and Memorial Stadium.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains photographs of highway and railroad projects in Iowa and Central Illinois. There are a few named individuals, mostly by last name: ArtDann, Blakely, Bright, Hochberger, Hostetler, Lear, Ludlow, Pat(zer), and Proton. Blakely worked on both Iowa and Illinois projects. The Federal Aid Projects (primarily located in Iowa) highlighted are numbers 17, 88, 191, and primary road numbers 10 and 93. The Iowa projects focused on creating the highway system and a river change. The Champaign railroad project focused on elevating platforms, separating track, creating underpasses, and adding subway stations.

Arrangement: The collection is arranged by material type.

Related Material:

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Subject Terms:

Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
Federal aid to transportation—Iowa
Federal Highway Program (U.S.)
Railways – Illinois – Champaign
Railroad stations – Illinois - Champaign – 1920-1930
Railroad tracks – Illinois – Champaign-- 1920-1930
Rivers – Iowa – 1920-1930
Roads--Iowa--Design and construction.
Photographs
Scrapbooks
Underpasses – Illinois – Champaign

Name Terms:

Blakely, W.R
Bright, Walter
Illinois Central Railroad Company
Iowa State Highway Commission
Lear, Milton
Ludlow, Bob
Patzner, Frank

Container List

Box 1

Folder 1: Loose Scrapbook photographs, 1921-1923
Folder 2: Loose Scrapbook Clippings, undated
Folder 3: Scrapbook, 1921-1923