

**Southern Museum of Civil War  
and  
Locomotive History Archives & Library**

**Southern Railway Historical Association  
Southern Railway Photographs: Events**

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**Provenance:** The Southern Railway Historical Association loaned these records in 2003.

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C. Pat Cates, Dick Hillman, and Daniel Pete processed these papers in 2005-2008.

**Size:** 2 cubic feet

**Description:**

On August 15, 2003, representatives from the Southern Railway Historical Association and the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History signed an agreement to place the association's archives in the museum. Part of the massive collection of materials was photographs that had been taken from the 1930s to the 1990s. Many of the photographs were official pictures taken by the Southern Railway for publicity and for the company magazine, *Ties*. These photographs were stored in a variety of containers and had been roughly organized into the various states that were served by the Southern Railway. There was also a collection of negatives although many had been separated from the original photographs. There is also evidence of a number of filing systems that had been used by the railroad to identify the photographs. No information has been found relative to this filing system. In addition to the photographs of the Southern Railway there were a number of photographs from individuals that had been organized into binders with headings, such as "Steam Locomotives", "Diesel Locomotives", and "Depots" as well as under individual cities and states. All the photographs of this collection have been removed from their original storage containers and placed in acid free envelopes. The original documentation has been retained with the photographs as well as additional information when it has been found. Every effort has been made to place the negative with the corresponding photograph. Researchers should be aware that

the negatives are larger than the traditional 35mm format. A number of museum volunteers and staff have worked in the organization of this collection.

Cabinet Drawer#	Folder	Contents –
29	1	<p><b>Best Friend of Charleston (1 of 3)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kentucky and Indiana Terminal Bridge (1014) September 1947 <i>Ties</i></li> <li>• Monon Railroad Centennial, Louisville, KY August 1947 (1013)</li> <li>• Monon Railroad Centennial, Louisville, KY August 1947 (1009)</li> <li>• Monon Railroad Centennial, Louisville, KY August 1947 (1008)</li> <li>• En-route to Monon Railroad Centennial, Louisville, KY August 1947 (16-18, former 1010)</li> <li>• Monon Railroad Centennial, Louisville, KY August 1947 (991) * Note: Next to Diesel Locomotive No. 4124</li> <li>• Monon Railroad Centennial, Louisville, KY August 1947 (988) * Note: Harry DeButts at the throttle</li> <li>• Monon Railroad Centennial, Louisville, KY August 1947 (989) * Note: Harry DeButts at the throttle</li> <li>• Monon Railroad Centennial, Louisville, KY August 1947 (992) * Note: Next to Diesel Locomotive No. 4124</li> <li>• Monon Railroad Centennial, Louisville, KY August 1947 (990)</li> <li>• Monon Railroad Centennial, Louisville, KY August 1947 (996)</li> <li>• Monon Railroad Centennial, Louisville, KY August 1947 (994)</li> <li>• Monon Railroad Centennial, Louisville, KY August 1947 (1012)</li> <li>• Monon Railroad Centennial, Louisville, KY August 1947 (1019) * Note: M.D. Stewart at throttle</li> <li>• Monon Railroad Centennial, Louisville, KY August 1947 (987) * Note: On turntable</li> </ul>
	2	<p><b>Best Friend of Charleston (2 of 3)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ten ladies in overalls and railroad hats with unidentified man in front of the “Best Friend” (color photograph)</li> <li>• Unknown location with two steam engines August 1973---two color photographs</li> <li>• Unknown location being unloaded from train September 1980</li> <li>• Unknown location</li> <li>• Unknown location with historic homes (49)</li> <li>• Unknown location with historic homes (50)</li> <li>• Santa Claus train with children (probably Charleston) * Two different photographs</li> <li>• Unidentified events-two different photographs (5045, No. ID)</li> <li>• Emerging from tunnel, no location given</li> <li>• Unknown location –color photograph with b/w copies * Note: Reenactment of Christmas 1830 in Charleston by drama students of the University of Chattanooga. December 1948 <i>Ties</i>.</li> </ul>

3		<p><b>Best Friend of Charleston (3 of 3)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lynchburg, VA September 1984---three different photographs</li> <li>• Photograph of the painting of the “Best Friend” (16-7)</li> <li>• Artist illustrations</li> <li>• Model (545)</li> <li>• Unknown location</li> <li>• Unknown location with Diesel Locomotive No.4166</li> <li>• “Best Friend” with “Tom Thumb”</li> <li>• Coach with costumed riders (125)</li> <li>• Unidentified event (680)</li> <li>• Unidentified event (97)</li> <li>• Spencer, NC with Diesel Locomotive No. 4161—two different photographs (16-13, former 1557 and 16-15, former 1560)</li> </ul>
4		<p><b>Foreign Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donated locomotive bell to the village of Mengale, French Cameroun, West Africa—six different photographs (25-8, former 2051; 25-10, former 2053; 25-11; 25-12; 25-13, former 2056; 25-14, former 2057) April 1950 <i>Ties</i></li> </ul>
5		<p><b>Wrecks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Miscellaneous small format photographs of wrecks—some have identification and year</li> <li>• Wreckage of South Carolina Railway steam locomotive – two different photographs</li> <li>• Wreckage of Steam Locomotive No. 4593—six different photographs</li> <li>• Wreckage of Steam Locomotive No. 6297—three different photographs</li> <li>• Wreckage of Steam Locomotive No. 6250—“Bromside Wreck”</li> <li>• Wreckage of Steam Locomotive No. 6325—two different photographs</li> <li>• Wreckage of Steam Locomotive No. 6323—two different photographs</li> <li>• Wreckage of Steam Locomotive No. 4540</li> <li>• C N O &amp; TP Steam Locomotive wreckage, c.1903</li> <li>• Wreck of the C N O &amp; TP at Tunnel No. 24, c.1927—two different photographs</li> <li>• Grade crossing collision with car (color photograph) no location specified</li> <li>• Wreck of Mr. Norris’ private car—seven different photographs</li> </ul>
6		<p><b>The Forest 1961</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C.R Wiggins, Jr. and H.C. Manley and unidentified group</li> <li>• H.C. Manley and unidentified group</li> <li>• D.W. Brosnan with some identified members of a group</li> <li>• F.B. Birthright and unidentified group</li> <li>• D.W. Brosnan and unidentified</li> </ul>

7	<p><b>Official Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unidentified business meeting—six different photographs</li> <li>• Dance for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and G.I.A—five different photographs</li> <li>• Harry A. DeButts watches a check for \$31m to the Guaranty Trust Company of New York March 30, 1956 (19-73, former 2488) May 1956 <i>Ties</i></li> <li>• Bill Brosnan being presented “Railroad Man of the Year 1963” award</li> <li>• D.W. Brosnan and J.F. Beavers “Breaking through the tunnel barrier on the C N O &amp; TP autographed photograph; December 1961 <i>Ties</i></li> <li>• Filming of “Thundering Rails” –multiple photographs; July 1949 and November 1949 <i>Ties</i></li> <li>• Meeting of the American Association of Railroad Advertising Agents January 17-18, 1947</li> <li>• Ernest Norris and unidentified man with the President’s Trophy for Safety Competition “Lines East vs. Lines West”</li> <li>• Orin O. Kell presents Southern Hospitality Award to three Southern Crescent personnel</li> <li>• Graham Claytor and Diesel Locomotive No. 6915 in Bicentennial decoration at Alexandria, VA</li> <li>• Meeting at the Patten Hotel, Chattanooga May 3-4, 1948—two different photographs</li> <li>• National Safety Council Award with Earnest Norris and Harry DeButts, Washington, D.C July 23, 1948</li> <li>• Unidentified banquet with many identified individuals—five different photographs</li> <li>• Group of Interstate Railroad and Southern Railway Officials at dinner meeting—three different photographs</li> <li>• L. Stanley Crane and unidentified man with Dow Chemical Award 1970s</li> <li>• Officials with “Green Light” sales trophy</li> </ul>
8	<p><b>Miscellaneous Special Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burlington Northern Diesel Special Passenger Train near Douglasville, GA January 31, 1994—four different color photographs</li> <li>• Dedication of Amtrak Superliner named “W.Graham Claytor” May 31, 1995—three different color photographs</li> <li>• Steam whistle being presented to Ralston Purina Company, St. Louis, MO (negative only)</li> <li>• Nine executives paying railroad property tax to New Jersey</li> <li>• Three Pullman cars being presented to the Atlanta Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society with John O. Gerson, manager of Hayne facility—two different photographs</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group of young students at front of an unidentified depot</li> <li>• Graham Claytor at a ribbon cutting for a display caboose. *Note: no date or location given</li> <li>• Filming Diesel Locomotive No. 4233—three different photographs</li> <li>• Two women with the United Givers Fund and crewmen of Diesel Locomotive No. 2568</li> <li>• Unidentified boy and guests at party—eight different photographs</li> <li>• Children with steam locomotive parade float July 4, 1969</li> <li>• Santa Claus and a little girl</li> <li>• [Trevor has this photograph]</li> <li>• Unidentified special needs boy—six different photographs</li> </ul>
	9	<b>Southern Railway Historical Association Meetings and Workshops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter Workshop 1992; PAD retirement 1992; negatives only</li> <li>• Winter Workshop 1992—color photographs</li> <li>• Meeting in Birmingham—color photographs (1 of 2)</li> <li>• Board Meeting at High Point, NC 1993—color photographs</li> <li>• Group portrait Chattanooga, TN 1988</li> <li>• Annual Meeting Alexandria, VA 1991</li> <li>• Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA 1994</li> </ul>
	10	<b>Southern Railway Historical Association Meeting in Atlanta, GA 1994</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atlanta 1994 (1 of 2)</li> <li>• Atlanta 1994 (2 of 2)</li> </ul>
	11	<b>Southern Railway Historical Association Meeting in Cincinnati, OH 1993</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cincinnati (1 of 3)</li> <li>• Cincinnati (2 of 3)</li> <li>• Cincinnati (3 of 3)</li> <li>• Cincinnati (miscellaneous b/w photographs)</li> </ul>
	12	<b>Southern Railway Historical Association Meeting in Asheville, NC 1992</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Color photographs by Bob May</li> <li>• Color photographs by Bill and Anne Schafer</li> <li>• Miscellaneous color photographs</li> <li>• Color photographs by Jim King</li> </ul>