

Individual Railroads

Amtrak (National Railroad Passenger Corporation)

Employee Listings- Collection of listings and rosters taken from the company employee newsletter and union sources.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/amtrakrosters.pdf>

Amador Central Railroad.

Employee Listings - From a 1953 San Jose advertising roster. Includes employees at Martell, CA.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/04/1953sanjosemisc.pdf>

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/research/clarke-historical-library>

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1985aa968.jpg>

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway (Santa Fe)

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/atsf1900.jpg>

Employee Rosters - All Santa Fe materials have been moved onto their own page:
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/atsfrosters.pdf>

Atlantic Coast Line Railroad (see also Seaboard System 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

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/acl031900.jpg>

ACL (Cont'd)

Employee Listing - Sept., 1910 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091910acl.pdf>

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
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.

Employee Listing - 1889 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091889bo.pdf>

Employee Rosters - PennState Library holds a collection of operating department rosters from 1900 – 1957, mostly on the Pittsburgh Division.
<https://aspace.libraries.psu.edu/repositories/3/resources/8129>

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/bo031900.pdf>

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.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/bandoakronops1930s.pdf>

Employee Rosters - Roster of employees working in the Lima, OH area. Includes Brakemen and Conductors (1st, 2nd and 3rd Districts), Engineers and Yard Trainmen.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/lima1939bando.pdf>

Employee Rosters - 1941 Illinois Division roster, covering Engineers (including Willard, South Chicago and East Chicago yards); Firemen; Hostlers, Passenger and Freight Trainmen; Train Baggage Masters; Yardmen at Defiance, Fostoria, Deshler, Garrett and Willard yards; Willard Switch Tenders; and Combination Brakemen. Advertising roster.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/03/1941bandoind.pdf>

Employee Roster - Akron Division Telegraphers' Roster, July 1, 1947.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/akronbando07011947.pdf>

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.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/barnodiv01011949.pdf>

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1984bar973.jpg>

Belt Railway of Chicago

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/051984brc.pdf>

Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad

Employee Rosters - Operating crews, yardmen and agents/operators, 1920s - 1950s. Online at:

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/blerosters-1.pdf>

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

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

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1984ble975.jpg>

Boston & Maine Railroad

Employee Magazine - B&M published an employee magazine between 1924 and 1960. The B&M Historical Society has a two-part online index of employees who were mentioned in the magazines:

<https://www.bmrrhs.org/on-line-archives>

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

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/bmrrrosters.pdf>

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):

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/bn1971a.pdf>

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

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/bnnodistyard1973.pdf>

BN (Cont'd)

Seniority Roster - Railroads of Montana website hosts a 1970 Pacific District roster for Engineers. Available at:
http://railroads-of-montana.com/Employee_%20Rosters.htm

Seniority Roster- 1976 Montana Division: Engineers and Firemen; Former NP Conductors with rights between Billings, Butte and Helena; Interchangeable seniority lists for train and yardmen; Yardmasters and prior rights Yardmen at Billings, Laurel, Livingston East Helena and Butte. Source is "The Old Montana Division" advertising roster published by M.H. Siebler. Webmaster's collection.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/bnmont1976.pdf>

Directory Listing - Jan., 1980 listing of employees in the Director of Engineering Office in the Seattle area. Shows employee name, position and office location. Home address and phone numbers have been redacted.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/1980bnengrseattle.pdf>

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/051984bnorg.pdf>

Employee Rosters - Rosters for employees in Missouri, 1956-1988 (includes Frisco Railroad pre-1970). Records held by the State Historical Society of Missouri. For more information, see:
<https://collections.shsmo.org/manuscripts/rolla/r1368>

Butte, Anaconda & Pacific

Employee Roster- 1923 Roster of Conductors, Brakemen, Baggagelemen, Switchmen (Anaconda and Butte Hill), Engineers and Firemen. From E.J. Elbury's Big 4 Railroad Record. Webmaster's collection.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/bapmontana1923.pdf>

Canadian National Railway

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/051984cn.pdf>

Employee Listing - Archives Canada holds some records for Canadian National employees. They state there are very few personnel files, but other records document the service of officers and employees. This includes a wide range of occupations (brakemen, porters, locomotive engineers, car repairers, cleaners and more).
<https://library-archives.canada.ca/eng/collection/research-help/genealogy-family-history/employment/Pages/railway-employees.aspx>

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Canadian National (Cont'd)

Employee Roster - Roster of Telegraphers, Agents and Assistant Agents, and Dispatchers as well as Plant Inspectors, Linemen, Operators, Train Directors and Levermen. Some rosters have more detail. Published by ORT System Division No. 1.

<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/cn1929.pdf>
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/cnops1930.pdf>
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/cnops1935.pdf>
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/cnops1941.pdf>
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/cn1944telegraphers.pdf>

Canadian Pacific Railway

Employee Roster - Roster of Telegraphers, Assistant Agents and Lineman, Alberta District, March 26, 1923. Published by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers (ORT), System Division No. 7.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/ort1923alta.pdf>

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.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/cqry1954saskort.pdf>

Employee Roster - Roster of Telegraphers, Dispatchers, Traffic Supervisors, Train Directors, Assistant Agents and Leverman, Quebec District, Jan. 6, 1956. Published by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers (ORT). Webmaster's collection.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/cprort1956.pdf>

Employee Roster - Roster of Agents and Operators, Dispatchers, Traffic Supervisors, Train Directors, Assistant Agents and Leverman, Laurentian, Montreal Terminals, Farnham and Smith Falls Districts, Jan. 1, 1960. Published by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers (ORT). Webmaster's collection.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/cprort1960.pdf>

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/081984cpr.pdf>

Carolina & North Western (See also Southern Railway)

Employee Roster - 1953 and 1961 Rosters of Officials, Clerks, Operators, Brakemen, Conductors, Firemen, Engineers, Section Foremen, Machinery Operators and other Lenoir Division employees. 1961 Roster begins on p. 73.

<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/cnwsrrroster1953.pdf>
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/01/1961srrashvillediv.pdf>

Central of Georgia Railway

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/cg031900.jpg>

Central Railroad of New Jersey (Jersey Central)

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/jerseycent1900.jpg>

Central Vermont Railway

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/051984cv.pdf>

Chesapeake & Ohio Railway

Employee Listing - 1889 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091889cando.pdf>

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/co1900.jpg>

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: cohss@cohss.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.cohss.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.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/cando1929sekentucky.pdf>

Employee Listing - 1943 Roster of C&O employees in the Peru, IN area. Advertising roster, published locally.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/co1943.pdf>

Chessie System (CSX)

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/051984csx.pdf>

Chicago & Alton (Alton Railroad)

Employee Listing - 1889 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091889canda.pdf>

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/ca1900.jpg>

Employee Roster - Operating crew roster from 1947, the last roster issued prior to the merger into the Gulf, Mobile & Ohio Railroad.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/altonrr1947.pdf>

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

Employee Rosters - Numerous rosters from the webmaster's collection.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/cbqrosters.pdf>

Archives - Newberry Library
60 W. Walton St.
Chicago, IL 60610
<https://www.newberry.org/collection/research-guide/railroad-archives>
Includes personnel listings.

Chicago & Illinois Midland

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/051984cim.pdf>

Chicago & North Western Railway

Employee Rosters - Numerous rosters from the webmaster's collection.

<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/cnwrosters.pdf>

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic officers.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/cnw1900.jpg>

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>

Veterans Assoc. - There is an active C&NW Vets group with a website:
<http://www.cnvwets.org/>

C&NW (Cont'd)

Personnel Records – Extensive lists and records available through the C&NW Historical Society. http://www.cnwhs.org/archives_genealogy.htm
Contact: Craig Pfannkuche, 8612 Memory Trail, Wonder Lake, Illinois 60097, Email genealogy@cnwhs.org

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.

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

Employee Listing - April, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic officers.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/cgw041900.jpg>

Personnel Listings - Hub City Heritage Corporation Railway Museum, Box 300, Oelwein, Iowa 50662; 319-283-1939
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/417095938437/>

Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville Railway (See Monon Railroad)

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

Employee Rosters - Several Rosters available from the webmaster's collection.
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/milwaukeerosters.pdf>

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:
<https://content.mpl.org/digital/collection/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 Listing - 1889 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091889milw.pdf>

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/milw1900.jpg>

Employee Listing - 1907 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1907milw.pdf>

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Milwaukee Road (Cont'd)

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
<https://www.acpl.lib.in.us/>

Employee Magazine – Extensive scanned copies of the Milwaukee Road Magazine and other documents are available at the “unofficial” Milwaukee Road Archives:
<https://www.milwaukeeroadarchives.com/IndexPage.htm>

Also, an index to the magazine is available from the Milwaukee Public Library:

<https://content.mpl.org/digital/collection/MilwRoad/id/5631>

Employee Rosters - Railroads of Montana website hosts several rosters for Milwaukee Road Brakemen and Conductors on the Idaho and Coast Divisions.
Available at:
<https://www.dalejonesphotography.com/research>

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad

Employee Bios - “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>

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/crip1900.jpg>

Employee Listing - 1907 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1907crip.pdf>

Employee Rosters- 1953-1954 Kansas Roster of Engineers, Firemen, Switch Firemen, Hostlers (Armourdale, and Herington, KS), Switchmen (Herington, McFarland, and Topeka), Conductors and Brakemen. Published by C.G. Sams. Webmaster’s collection.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/cripkansas1953.pdf>

Employee Listing - 1964 Traffic Department representatives, from the Oct. 25, 1964 public passenger timetable.
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/crip1964traffic079.pdf>

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

See Chicago & North Western Railway

Chicago Transit Authority

Employee Magazine - Chicago Surface Lines and Chicago Transit Authority employee magazines available online through the Illinois Railway Museum.
<http://irm-cta.org/EEMagazines.html>

Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/chd1900.jpg>

Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific (Queen & Crescent Route)

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/cnotp.jpg>

Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway (Big 4)

Employee Listing - 1889 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091889big4.pdf>

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/big41900.jpg>

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.

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

<https://digital.denverlibrary.org/>

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<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/richardson-library.pdf>

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/cs1900.jpg>

Employee Listing - Sept., 1910 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091910cs.pdf>

Employee Roster- 1940 Advertising Roster, Trinidad, CO, covering: Colorado & Southern Railroad Officials, Clerks, Brakemen, Conductors, Switchmen, Switch Engineers and Firemen, Hostlers, Section Foremen, Trinidad Shops employees, and Road Engineers and Firemen.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/trinadad1940.pdf>

Employee Roster - 1951 & 1952 Pueblo, CO advertising rosters with operating department employees of the Santa Fe, Missouri Pacific, Denver & Rio Grande Western, Colorado Southern and Colorado & Wyoming railroads. Published by the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1951pueblo.pdf>
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1952pueblo.pdf>

Colorado & Wyoming Railroad

Employee Roster- 1940 Advertising Roster, Trinidad, CO, covering: Colorado & Wyoming Railway, Trinidad and Segundo yards Conductors, Brakemen, Superintendent, Road Foreman, Shop Helpers, Machinist, Car Inspector, Station Agent and Hostlers.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/trinadad1940.pdf>

Employee Roster - 1951 & 1952 Pueblo, CO advertising roster with operating department employees of the Santa Fe, Missouri Pacific, Denver & Rio Grande Western, Colorado Southern and Colorado & Wyoming railroads. Published by the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1951pueblo.pdf>
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1952pueblo.pdf>

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/051984cw.pdf>

Conrail (Consolidated Rail Corporation)

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/051984conrail.pdf>

Copper Range Railroad

Rosters - Lake States Railroad Historical Society holds a collection of operating department seniority rosters from 1920 -1960, and mechanical department rosters from 1964-1968.

<http://archives.lsrha.org/index.php?page=coll&itm=45297>

Delaware & Hudson Railroad

Employee Rosters - Several Susquehanna Division rosters, from 1903 through the 1920s. Also 1969 system telephone directory. Webmaster's collection.

<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/dhrosters.pdf>

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/051984dandh.pdf>

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

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/lackawanna1900.jpg>

Employee Listing - 1907 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1907dlw.pdf>

Employee Listing - Sept., 1910 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091910dlw.pdf>

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: <https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/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 including: Colorado & Southern Railway in Denver, Leadville & Gunnison Railway, and the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad. Information includes: employee names, where and when born, for what company worked, and physical location of the files.

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Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives, Rio Grande Western
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/rgw1900.jpg>

Employee Listing - Sept., 1910 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091910drgw.pdf>

Employee Roster- 1940 Advertising Roster, Trinidad, CO, covering: Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad, Subdivisions 2, 8 and 9, Engineers and Firemen.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/trinidad1940.pdf>

Employee Roster - 1952 Pueblo, CO advertising roster with operating department employees of the Santa Fe, Missouri Pacific, Denver & Rio Grande Western, Colorado Southern and Colorado & Wyoming railroads. Published by the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1952pueblooco.pdf>

Employee Rosters - 1954 DRG&W Seniority Roster, Ogden, UT Switchmen. From a combined brotherhood advertising roster.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/drgw1954ogden.pdf>

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/051984drgw.pdf>

Detroit, Toledo & Ironton Railroad

Employee Roster - Roster for Yardmen in the Lima, OH yard.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/lima1939eriedti.pdf>

Duluth, Missabe & Iron Range Railroad

Employee Roster - Roster of Engineers, Firemen, Conductors, Brakemen, and Proctor Roundhouse Shop Motor Car Operators, all for the Missabe Division, 1953.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/dmir1953.pdf>

Employee Roster - Roster of Engineers, Firemen, Conductors, Brakemen and Yardmen, 1957, published by Railroaders' Publishing Service, Duluth, MN. Images of roster (large file) at:
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/dmir1957ops.pdf>

Employee Roster - Roster of Engineers, Firemen, Conductors, Brakemen and Yardmen, 1959, published by Fuhr Printing Co., Duluth, MN. Online at:
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/dmirjan1959.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.
<https://www.mnhs.org/>

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/051984dmir.pdf>

Employee Listings - The DM&IR Historical Society notes: If you are certain the person you are researching 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>

DSS&A (Cont'd)

Rosters - Lake States Railroad Historical Society holds a collection of seniority rosters from 1910 -1985, with some gaps. Also records from several DSS&A employees, and Marquette Ore Dock workers from 1974-1978.
<http://archives.lsrha.org/index.php?page=coll&itm=45356>

Duluth, Winnipeg & Pacific

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/051984dwp.pdf>

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.

Employee Listing - 1889 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091889tweet.pdf>

Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway

Employee Listing - 1889 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091889eje.pdf>

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/eje1900.jpg>

Employee Listing - 1942 Joliet Advertising Roster, covering Engineers and Firemen.
Webmaster’s collection.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/eje1942joliet.pdf>

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/051984eje.pdf>

Erie Lackawanna Railroad

Employee Magazine - Published for two years - Issues online in PDF format at:
<http://elmags.railfan.net/>

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Official Archives – University of Akron
(330) 972-7670
<http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/view?docId=ead/OhAkUAS0009.xml;query=;brand=default>

Erie Lackawanna Historical Society Archives
<http://www.erialackhs.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

Directory - 1973 telephone directory, EL System:
Binghamton-Buffalo: <https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/el1973bingbuff.pdf>
Chicago/Hammond/Huntington:
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/el1973chihamhunt.pdf>
Cleveland: <https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/el1973cleveland.pdf>
Elmira-Hoboken: <https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/el1973elmirahobo.pdf>
Hornell-end: <https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/el1973remains.pdf>

Erie Railroad

Personnel Listings - Extensive listings, rosters and transcriptions, including 1898 engineers listing and employee index from the Erie Magazine (employee magazine)
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/erie.html>
Please note that, due to Ancestry.com policy, beginning in 2024 this site will be static, with no more information added. For info on updated files, contact: eriearchives@gmail.com

Employee Rosters - Numerous rosters by division, both advertising and official.
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~sponholz/genealogy/rosters.html>

Employee Rosters - Rosters and other documents, moved on to their own page:
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/03/erierosters.pdf>

Florida East Coast Railway

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/041984fec.pdf>

Ft. Dodge, Des Moines & Southern Railway

Employee Rosters - Lists from a Boone, IA advertising roster covering the C&NW and FDD&S. Includes Motormen, Conductors, Brakemen and Clerks.

1948: <https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/fdds1948iowa.pdf>

1954: <https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/fdds1954iowa.pdf>

1956: <https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/fdds1956iowa.pdf>

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.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/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.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/texas1936rosters.pdf>

Grand Trunk Western Railway

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

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/051984gtw.pdf>

Great Northern Railway

Archives - Minnesota Historical Society
Includes Personnel Files Index. MFL also available from the Family History Library, Salt Lake City.
MHS staff can do lookups for \$5 for GN employees circa 1890s based on employment cards in their holdings.
<https://shop.mnhs.org/collections/research-services/products/railroad-employee-index-search>

Employee Rosters - Several rosters available from Webmaster's collection.
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/gnrosters.pdf>

GN (Cont'd)

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>

Employee Rosters - Railroads of Montana website hosts several rosters for GN Enginemen and Clerical/Station employees.
Available at:
<https://www.dalejonesphotography.com/research>

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>

Employee Roster - 1923 roster, including Green Bay Mechanical & Stores Dept. Employees; Conductors, Brakemen and Yardmen, for GB&W and Kewaunee, Green Bay & Western; Clerks, Freight Handlers and Maintenance of Way Employees; Boilermakers, Helpers and Apprentices.
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/gbw1923roster.pdf>

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/051984gbw.pdf>

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.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/texas1936rosters.pdf>

Employee Listing - Sept., 1889 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091889gcsf.pdf>

Employee Roster - 1950 Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Enginemen's Roster, published annually by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. Includes Engineers, Firemen, Hostlers and Switch Engineers. Webmaster's Collection.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1950gcsfroster.pdf>

Gulf, Mobile & Ohio Railroad

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Mobile & Ohio Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/mo1900.jpg>

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.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/gmorosters.pdf>

Hocking Valley Railroad

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Mobile & Ohio Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/hockingvalley1900.jpg>

Houston & Texas Central Railway

Employee Listing - Sept., 1889 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091889htc.pdf>

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.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/texas1936rosters.pdf>

Illinois Central Railroad

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

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

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Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/ic1900.jpg>

Rosters - Various Operating Department rosters from 1943 – 1992 are available from the Lake States Railroad Historical Society.
<http://archives.lsrha.org/index.php?page=coll&itm=49855>

Rosters - Numerous rosters for (mostly) Telegraph Operators as well as Clerks, mainly on the St. Louis Division. Rosters are from 1945 to 1980 on the Illinois Central and Illinois Central Gulf. Most from the collection of Agent/Operator L.E. Johnson, Carbondale, IL (updated Feb. 8, 2025):
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/iccrosters.pdf>

Employee Listing - 1945 Paducah, KY employee listing covering the Kentucky Division (Paducah, Louisville, Madisonville Districts) for Engineers and Firemen, Conductors and Brakemen, and Switchmen in Paducah Yard.
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/ickydiv1945.pdf>

Employee Listing - 1946 Paducah, KY employee listing covering the Kentucky Division (Paducah, Louisville, Madisonville Districts) for Engineers and Firemen, Conductors and Brakemen, and Switchmen in Paducah Yard.
Webmaster's collection.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/icpaducah1946.pdf>

Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad

Employee Listing - Sept., 1910 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091910ihb.pdf>

International & Great Northern Railway

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/ign1900.jpg>

Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf Railroad (Port Arthur Route)

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/pa1900.jpg>

Kansas City Southern Railroad

Employee Listing - 1907 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1907kcs.pdf>

Employee Rosters - Fort Smith & Van Buren Railway (subsidiary road). 1949, 1956-61
rosters cover train operating and yard crews (Conductors, Brakemen, Engineers, Firemen, Train Porters, and Yardmen at Van Buren and Fort Smith yards). 1949 Roster available at:

<https://condrenrails.com/FSVB/FSVB-Railroad-Pages.htm>

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1949fsandvbrseniority.pdf>
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1956fsvbroster.pdf>
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1957fsvbroster.pdf>
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1958fsvbroster.pdf>
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1959fsvbroster.pdf>
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1960fsvbroster.pdf>
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1961fsvbroster.pdf>

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/051984kcs.pdf>

Lake Erie & Western Railway

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/lew1900.jpg>

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:
<https://cplorg.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p128201coll0/id/3469/>

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/lSMS1900.jpg>

Lehigh Valley Railroad

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/lv1900.jpg>

Employee Listing - 1907 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1907lv.pdf>

LV (Cont'd)

Employee Listing - Sept., 1910 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091910lv.pdf>

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 Tonawanda. Online at:
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/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: <https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/lvrrvetemployees1934.pdf>

Long Island Railroad

Employee Roster - Roster of engineers and firemen as of April 1, 1970.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/lIRR041970.pdf>

Louisville & Nashville Railroad

Employee Listing - Sept., 1889 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091889landn.pdf>

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/ln1900.jpg>

Employee Listing - Sept., 1910 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091910ln.pdf>

Employee Roster - Some rosters reside in the John B. Fravert Railroad Collection at the University of Louisville. Search at:
<https://archivescatalog.library.louisville.edu/repositories/2/resources/253>

Payroll Records - The University of Tennessee-Knoxville holds payroll records documenting the employees of the L&N station in Knoxville, TN from 1909 to 1954.
<https://scout.lib.utk.edu/repositories/2/resources/487>

Maine Central Railroad

Employee Magazine- The Boston & Maine Historical Society has a partial index of the MC's employee magazine online. Selected employee events (retirements, promotions, obituaries) are noted:
<https://www.bmrrhs.org/onlinearchives>

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/051984mc.pdf>

Employee Roster - 1978 Telegraphers' Roster, Portland Terminal
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/mcpttelegraphers1978.pdf>

Employee Listing – June 26, 1979 shift listing for Rigby Yard operators, Portland Terminal.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/mcptrigby1979.pdf>

Employee Roster - 1982 Telegraphers' Roster, Portland Terminal
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/mcpttelegraphers1982.pdf>

Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad (“Ma and Pa”)

Employee Roster - Trainmens' Rosters, 1947-1954, issued by the Office of the VP and General Manager, Baltimore, MD
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/mapa07011947.pdf>
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/mapa07011950.pdf>
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/mapa01011951.pdf>
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/mapa07011954.pdf>

Michigan Central (NYC)

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/michcentral1900.jpg>

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.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/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:
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/mktrosters.pdf>

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/katy1900.jpg>

Employee Roster - Several Rosters for the 7th Division (Smithville District), from The Portal to Texas History:
<https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/partners/SVHS/>

Missouri Pacific Railroad

Employee Roster - Several rosters moved onto their own page.
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/mopacrosters.pdf>

Modesto-Empire Traction Co.

Employee Listings - From a 1953 San Jose advertising roster. Includes Engineers, Firemen, Switchmen and Yardmasters.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/04/1953sanjosemisc.pdf>

Monon Railroad (CI&L)

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
Website: <http://www.monon.org>

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/monon1900.jpg>

Employee Listing - 1907 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1907monon.pdf>

Monon (Cont'd)

Employee Rosters - 1942 Agents, Operators and Levermen Seniority Roster, published by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers Div. No. 9, for the C&IL system. Includes locations where employees were assigned at. Also includes dispatchers.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/cil1942oprs.pdf>

Employee Rosters - Bloomington, IN advertising roster. Includes Southern Division Enginemen, Switchmen, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Districts Conductors and Brakemen, and Midland Yardmen. Also B and B branch Enginemen and Conductors (Eighth District), and McDoel Yard Switch Enginemen.
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/1949mononbloomington.pdf>
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/1950mononbloomington.pdf>
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/04/1956mononbloomington.pdf>
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/1957mononbloomington.pdf>

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

Mount Washington Cog Railway

Since 1869, the Mt. Washington Cog Railway has been hauling passengers up the 37% grade to the summit of the scenic New Hampshire mountain. Tim Lewis has been documenting the people who built and worked the line and provided hospitality to the passengers. These include some Boston & Maine Railroad employees who would be granted summer leaves to work the cog trains. His searchable employee database can be found at:

<https://mtwashingtoncogroster.pointinspace.com/>

Nashville, Chattanooga & St Louis Railway

Employee Listing - 1889 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091889ncsl.pdf>

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/ncsl1900.jpg>

Employee Listing - 1907 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1907ncsl.pdf>

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Updates at: <https://railgenealogy.org/>

NC&StL (Cont'd)

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

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: <https://cplorg.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p128201coll0/id/3469/rec/3>

Employee Roster - Numerous Rosters moved onto their own page.
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/nycrosters-1.pdf>

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>

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: <https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/narvrealbanyorc.pdf>

Employee Listings - Western New York Railway Historical Society has posted an index of NYC Employee cards:
<http://www.trainweb.org/wnyhd/nycrecords.htm>

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

Employee Roster - 1939 roster of Engineers, Firemen, Conductors, Brakemen and Yardmen working in the Lima, OH area.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/lima1939nickelplate.pdf>

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:
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/nickelplate01011942.pdf>

Nickel Plate (Cont'd)

Employee Roster - 1943 Roster of Nickel Plate operating department employees in the Peru, IN area. Advertising roster, published locally.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/nickleplate1943.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/location/asc/>
UCONN states there is little of use to genealogical researchers in the corporate collection of the New Haven

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/newhaven1900.jpg>

Employee Listing - Sept., 1910 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091910nyhh.pdf>

Employee Rosters - Providence Division Telegraphers, 1921. Includes Agents and Clerks or Assistant Operators.
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/newhaven1921.pdf>

Employee Rosters - New York District, 1943, Trainmen and Yardmen, from the Edward F. Donegan Papers collection, UCONN
<https://lib.uconn.edu/location/asc/>

New York, Ontario & Western Railway

Employee Listing - 1889 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091889nyow.pdf>

Employee Listing - 1907 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1907nyow.pdf>

Employee Listing - Sept., 1910 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091910nyow.pdf>

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 - Archival Resources of the Virginias
<https://arvasarchive.org/>
Accounting Dept. employees, 1874 - 1905
Relief & Pension Dept. records from 1930 – 1957, Lists compiled for the Railroad Retirement Board in the 1950s

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/nw1900.jpg>

Employee Listing - Sept., 1910 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091910nw.pdf>

Employee Listings - Pennsylvania State Archives
Harrisburg, PA
N&W Voluntary Relief Member Cards, October 16, 1964
Access is restricted.
Contact: ra-statearchives@pa.gov

Corporate Records - Berea College Special Collections
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.

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/051984nw.pdf>

Norfolk Southern

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/051984ns.pdf>

Northern Pacific Railway

Employee Roster - Rosters and research suggestions available at:
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/nprosterpage.pdf>

Employee Roster - Numerous rosters available from the Northern Pacific Railway Historical Association for operators and train crews:
<http://www.nprha.org/Pages/Employees.aspx>

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:
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/nptengineers1959.pdf>

Switchmen:
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/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:
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/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
([Click here](#) for an example contributed by Jeremy Kenney from his great grandfather William F. Kenney)

Employee Listings - Railroaders Memorial Museum
Altoona Works Employee Records, 1890-1980.
1300 Ninth Ave.
Altoona, PA 16602
<https://www.railroadcity.org/about>

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 - Numerous rosters online and available at:
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/prrrosters.pdf>

Pere Marquette Railway (C&O)

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/pm1900.jpg>

Philadelphia & Reading Railroad (The Reading)

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/reading1900.jpg>

Reading (Cont'd)

Employee Listing - 1907 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1907reading.pdf>

Employee Listing - Sept., 1910 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091910reading.pdf>

Employee Research - The Reading Company Technical & Historical Society has some leads for researching Reading employees:
<http://www.readingrailroad.org/employees.shtml>

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>

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/051984ple.pdf>

Pullman Company

Archives - Newberry Library
60 W. Walton St.
Chicago, IL 60610
<https://www.newberry.org/collection/research-guide/pullman-employee-records>
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/>

Employee Listing - Sept., 1889 Official Railway Guide listing of officers.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091889pullman.pdf>

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/pullman1900.jpg>

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.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/pullman1959.pdf>

Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/051984rfp.pdf>

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
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 Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/sal031900.jpg>

Employee Listing - Sept., 1910 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091910sal.pdf>

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:

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/salshops1948.pdf>

Employee Roster- Agents Roster, July 1, 1953, North Florida Division

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/salagents07011953.pdf>

Seaboard Coast Line Railroad

Employee Listing - Traffic Department representatives list, from the Dec. 11, 1970 timetable.

<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/scl121970.pdf>

Employee Roster - Agents/Operators Roster, 1971, Rocky Mount Division

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/1971sclagtsopsp.pdf>

Seaboard System Railroad

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives for the Seaboard System.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/051984seaboard.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://www2.mnhs.org/library/findaids/00343.xml>
Corporate records primarily

Employee Listing - 1889 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091889soo.pdf>

Employee Listing - 1907 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1907soo.pdf>

Employee Roster - 1952 Roster published by Stanley's Big 7 for the Minnesota Division.
Several pages of this roster are missing, survivors include lists for
Conductors and Switchmen.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/soo1952minndiv.pdf>

Employee Listing - 1960 Traffic Department officials, from the public timetable issued on
March 6, 1960.
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/soo031960076.jpg>

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:
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/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:
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/soolinemow1964.pdf>

Employee Listing - Veteran Employees Association of the Soo Line Railroad membership list,
October 1, 1973. Transcription available online at:
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/soovets.pdf>

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic
representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/051984soo.pdf>

Southern Railway

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic
representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/srr031900.pdf>

Employee Listing - 1907 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1907southern.pdf>

Southern (Cont'd)

Employee Roster - 1926 Directory of Knoxville employees of the Southern, Knoxville & Augusta, Knoxville & Bristol and Tennessee & Carolina Southern railroads. Includes Dispatchers, Agents, Operators, Mechanical Foremen, Clerks, Engineers, Firemen, Brakemen, Conductors, Switchmen, Machinists, Boilermakers, Blacksmiths, Tinners, Pipefitters, Electricians, Car Repairers, Hostlers, Porters and Laborers (including Helpers and Apprentices). Published by W.T. Palmer.
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/srrknoxville1926.pdf>

Employee Roster - 1943 Birmingham Division Enginemens' Roster. Published by the company.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1943southernrybirmingham.pdf>

Employee Listing- Ashville Division advertising rosters, 1944, 1945, 1952, 1959 and 1961 editions, published 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. Online at:
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/srrashville1944.pdf>
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/srrashville1945.pdf>
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/04/srashville1952.pdf>
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/srashville1953.pdf>
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/04/srashville1959.pdf>
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/01/1961srrashvillediv.pdf>

Employee Roster - 1947 Coster Car Shop Roster (Knoxville, TN). Includes Car Repairers, Helpers and Apprentices; Painters and Helpers; Upholsterers; Knoxville Division Carmen and Helpers; Coach Cleaners; Bulls Gap, TN Car Repairers and Helpers; Published by the company.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1947srrcarshop.pdf>

Employee Listing - May-June, 1984 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/051984sr.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 Rosters - Several rosters from the webmaster's collection.
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/sprosters-1.pdf>

ESPEE (Cont'd)

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 Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/espee1900.jpg>

Employee Roster - 1925 San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad, rosters of Train Crews as well as Agents and Telegraph Operators. Rosters online through the Texas Transportation Archive.
https://ttarchive.com/Library/Index_Employees.html

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:
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/big4roster1934.pdf>

Employee Listing - 1959 Eastern Washington Rosters (Pasco area). Advertising roster including Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad Engineers, Firemen, Conductors, Brakemen (Vancouver Division).
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/ewash1959.pdf>

Employee Rosters - Conger Electric Lantern Co. roster published in 1959, covering SP&S Roster courtesy of Harold Gjermann.
Engineers and Hostlers:
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/spsengineers1959.pdf>

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SP&S (Cont'd)

Trainmen and Yardmen:

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/spstrainmen1959.pdf>

Vancouver Division Conductors and Brakemen. Undated but the latest hire date is in 1952. Collection of Harold Gjermann:

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/spsconductors1952.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:

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/spssectionmen1969.pdf>

Track Laborers:

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/spstracklaborers1969.pdf>

Welders & Crossing Watchmen:

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/spswelderswatchmen1969.pdf>

Roadway Equipment Repair & Operation roster:

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/spsrequiprepair1969.pdf>

Employee Rosters - Vancouver Division Engineers and Hostlers from a 1961 roster. Collection of Harold Gjermann:

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/spsengineers1961.pdf>

St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad (Frisco)

Employee Magazine - Many issues online in PDF format at:

<https://thelibrary.org/lochist/Frisco/>

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/frisco1900.jpg>

Employee Listing - 1907 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1907frisco.pdf>

Employee Records - Some post-1940 employee cards available online at:

<https://thelibrary.org/lochist/Frisco/>

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.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/texas1936rosters.pdf>

Frisco (Cont'd)

Employee Rosters - Rosters for employees in Missouri, 1956-1988 (includes Burlington Northern). Records held by the State Historical Society of Missouri. For more information, see:

<https://collections.shsmo.org/manuscripts/rolla/r1368>

Also rosters from 1930s – 1970s:

<https://collections.shsmo.org/manuscripts/springfield/sp0057>

St. Louis Southwestern Railroad (Cotton Belt)

Employee Listing - Sept., 1910 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091910cotton.pdf>

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:

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/cottontbetrosters.pdf>

San Jose Street Railway

Employee Listing - 1934 listing of motormen and conductors found in a larger advertising roster.

<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/sanjosestry1934.pdf>

Terre Haute & Indianapolis Railroad

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/vandalia1900.jpg>

Texas & Pacific Railway

Employee Listing - 1889 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091889tandp.pdf>

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/tp1900.jpg>

Employee Lists - Read postings about T&P employees at the "Route of the Eagles" Forum:

<https://www.texaspacificrailway.org/people>

T&P (Cont'd)

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.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/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.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/texas1936rosters.pdf>

Tidewater Southern Railway Company

Employee Listings - From a 1953 San Jose advertising roster. Includes Engineers, Firemen, Conductors and Brakemen.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/04/1953sanjosemisc.pdf>

Union Pacific Railroad

Employee Rosters - All Union Pacific materials have been moved onto their own page:
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/uprosterpage.pdf>

Wabash Railroad

Employee Listing - 1889 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091889wabash.pdf>

Employee Listing - March, 1900 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/wabash1900.jpg>

Employee Listing - 1907 Official Railway Guide listing of officers and traffic representatives
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1907wabash.pdf>

Wabash (Cont'd)

Employee Roster - 1943 Roster of Wabash operating department employees in the Peru, IN area. Advertising roster, published locally.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/wabash1943.pdf>

Wagner Palace Car Co.

Employee Listing - Sept., 1889 Official Railway Guide listing of officers.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/091889wagner.pdf>

Western Maryland Railway

Employee Listing - 1910 Membership Roster, Western Maryland Railroad Employee Benefit Association. Mutual benefit groups like this were common at a time before Railroad Retirement and accident insurance.
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/wmrrbenassoc.pdf>

Employee Listing - Numerous telegrapher rosters, published by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, System Division No. 82, online at:
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/wmrosters.pdf>

Western Pacific Railroad

Employee Roster - 1934 Western Division operating department roster, including Engineers, Firemen; Conductors, Brakemen; Switchmen, Yardmen and Yardmasters (Oakland, Stockton, Sacramento, Oroville and Portola); Timekeepers; Clerks (Oakland, Fruitvale, Hayward, San Jose, Stockton, Sacramento, Oroville and Reno); Telegraphers, Towermen and Dispatchers.
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/wp1934.pdf>

Employee Roster - 1948 advertising roster of the Western Division Operating Department, including Engineers, Firemen, Conductors, Brakemen, Switchmen and Yardmasters (Stockton, Sacramento, Oroville and Keddie), and Nevada-California-Oregon Railway Brakemen, Conductors, Firemen and Engineers.
<https://railgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/wp1948.pdf>

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/>

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 in 2010: "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."

Note that the RRB's current website makes no mention of genealogical research.

Early RRB 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.

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>
- 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

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Lodge 927, Cleveland, OH, 1941-1945

Miscellaneous correspondence

Lodge 143, Syracuse, NY, 1925-1968

Membership applications, grievance files

Lodge 1, Oneonta, NY 1893-1894

Request for beneficiary claims, all lodges

Lodge 122, Ladies Auxiliary, 1946-1953

Minutes books

Local 311, Mechanicsville, NY

Claims correspondence

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/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>

- 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>
- 1923 Directory of all Lodges, US and Canada, and officers
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/03/brt1923directory.pdf>
- National Convention Roster, 1954, Miami Beach, FL
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/03/brt1954convention.pdf>
- National Convention Roster, 1968, Hollywood, FL
<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2024/03/brt1968roster.pdf>

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

Listing of BLE Divisions, 1888:

<https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/ble1888.pdf>

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>

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Updates at: <https://railgenealogy.org/>

Brotherhood of Railway Signalmen, New York Central Railroad, General Committee
Signal Dept. Seniority Rosters

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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. https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/chicagopc1945.pdf
Kansas City	The Kansas City Passenger Agents' Association. 1938 Directory. https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1938kcpaa.pdf
Minneapolis	The Minneapolis Passenger Traffic Club. Dues \$1.25 per year. 1940 Directory: https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/1940minneapolisptcroster.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: <https://railgenealogy.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/narvrealbany.pdf>