

MS 527 AMERICAN RAILWAY EXPRESS COMPANY PERSONNEL FILES AND RULE BOOKS

1918-1928. 1 half-box

Personnel files include: applications for employment, letters of reference, and sometimes a photograph of the applicant. There are also American Express Company rule books and ephemera.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION The American Railway Express Company was created during World War I when the federal government took over operation of the railroads. The railroad-owned companies Great Northern Express, the Northern Express and, the Western Express joined with the privately owned Adams Express Company, American Express Company, Wells Fargo Inc. and Southern Express Company to form (July 1, 1918) a single express company called American Railway Express Company. George Taylor, president of American Express Company, became president of the new company. After the war it proved difficult to return the companies to individual ownership. However, at the urging of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the railroads organized the Railway Express Agency which purchased the American Railway Express Company (March 1, 1929).

Bibliography: V.S. Roseman, RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY: AN OVERVIEW (1992).

BOX LIST

Box 1 Folder 1 Rules and Agreements, 1920; 1922; 1924; 1927
Box 1 Folder 2 Personnel: Irving L. Fisher, 1919
Box 1 Folder 3 Personnel: May Goslee, 1918-1919
Box 1 Folder 4 Personnel: Edward Peter Hall, 1919-1925
Box 1 Folder 5 Personnel: Halsey James Lovejoy, 1919
Box 1 Folder 6 Personnel: Melvin J. Moyer, 1916-1920
Box 1 Folder 7 Personnel: Hugh Abbott Mullins, 1919-1920
Box 1 Folder 8 Personnel: Virgil Floyd Myers, 1919-1920
Box 1 Folder 9 Personnel: Celso Trujillo, 1919-1920
Box 1 Folder 10 Personnel: James Hezekiah Williams, 1919-1928

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