Guide to the Eau Claire Soo Line Locomotive Collection, Circa 1958-1960

Overview of the collection

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Creators: Eau Claire (Wis.)

Title: Eau Claire Soo Line Locomotive Collection

Dates: 1958-1960

Quantity: 0.2 linear feet (1 archives box)

Location of Collection: A10/2f

Languages: Collection materials are in English.

Summary: Photocopies of correspondence, newspaper clippings and blueprints concerning the City of Eau Claire’s acquisition of a Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie steam locomotive.

Historical Note

Throughout the 1950s North American railroad companies began converting their rolling stock from steam to diesel powered locomotives. Concurrently, many railroad companies were also eliminating their passenger service operations. As an effort to preserve their historic railroading heritage, cities all across North America began requesting that railroad companies donate retired train engines for the cities to display. In the late 1950s the City of Eau Claire requested and
received a 4-6-2 Pacific type steam locomotive from the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company to be placed on permanent display in the city.

Content Description

The collection consists primarily of correspondence between the City of Eau Claire, the Water Street Businessmen’s Association and the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company. There are also newspaper clippings covering the acquisition and display of the locomotive, blueprints of the locomotive and a photocopied article from Soo Liner Magazine.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information:

Donated to the Special Collections & Archives, University of Wisconsin--Eau Claire prior to March 2006.

Access Restrictions:

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Use Restrictions:

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Subjects

Corporate Names:

Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company
Water Street Businessmen’s Association (Eau Claire, Wis.)
**Subject Terms:**
Railroads – United States – History – 20th century
Steam locomotives – Wisconsin – Eau Claire

**Geographical Terms:**
Eau Claire (Wis.) -- History

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