

Harwood Short Line Railroad Papers

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Custodial History:

This set of papers was donated to Strong National Museum of Play by Elizabeth Drake and Charles Harwood Shook on April 23, 2007, as part of 53 boxes of model railroad materials. The entire collection was accessioned as Object ID 107.1069.

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Size: 7½ linear inches

Dates: 1998–2007

Collection Scope and Content Note:

This small set of papers supports the donation of an O-gauge electric train collection by Charles and Elizabeth Shook. The train collection, which they named the Harwood Short Line Railroad, consisted of a 20-foot-by-20-foot toy train layout of towns, industrial areas, mountains, and flat lands built around Lionel and related products.

The papers consist of the following materials:

- a subject file of clippings and articles related to model trains and building train layouts
- three “scrapbooks” (actually binder notebooks) containing clippings, articles, product information sheets and manuals, etc., on the subjects of railroads, product information, and a power plan that details an electrical system the Shooks built to power their layout
- a track template
- a DVD depicting the history and components of the Harwood Short Line Railroad

Arrangement of the papers is as received from the donors. Materials were removed from acidic notebooks, envelopes, and sleeves and were placed in archival folders.

Associated objects accepted by the museum at the same time as the papers and currently housed with the museum’s object collections comprise the Harwood Short Line Railroad: 5 operating trains, 400-plus sections of 3-rail track, 52 switches, transformers, controllers, and 90-plus buildings. Associated items accepted by the museum’s library include books, magazines, DVDs, videos, and catalogs about model trains and building train layouts.

Subject Headings:

- Lionel Corporation
- Railroads--Models
- Railroads--Buildings and structures--Models

Container/Folder List:

- **Clippings/articles:**
 - Accessories
 - Bridges
 - Buildings
 - Circus
 - City
 - Cleaning
 - Dock
 - Electrical (wiring, soldering)
 - Engine terminal
 - Farms and fences
 - Grades
 - Industrial
 - Kids (games)
 - Layout
 - Lighting buildings
 - Lumber
 - Mine
 - Mountains
 - Operations
 - Parts/repair
 - People
 - Photo
 - Quarry
 - Refinery
 - Right of way
 - Roads
 - Rooftops
 - Scenery (adhesives)
 - Siding
 - Signs
 - Snow/winter
 - Sounds
 - Stations
 - Trees
 - Trestles
 - Tunnel
 - Vehicles
 - Village
 - Visitors (show time)
 - Water
 - X-mas

- Yard
- **Scrapbooks:**
 - **Power plan scrapbook:**
 - Index
 - Transformers
 - Barrier strips
 - Circuits
 - Track power circuits
 - Switch power circuits
 - Track and switch ground circuits
 - Circuits for accessories
 - Circuits for buildings
 - Electrical equipment
 - Other electrical
 - **Product information scrapbook:**
 - Index
 - Standards
 - Accessories
 - Cars
 - Engines
 - TrainMaster
 - Track
 - **Railroad scrapbook:**
 - Index
 - Railroad history
 - Model and toy trains
 - Railroad stamps
 - Railroad trivia
- **Tinplate track template, 1:12**
- **DVD: The Harwood Short Line Railroad, 1998–2007**
 - Part A: History
 - Part B: The Engines
 - Part C: Elizabethtown
 - Part D: The Santa Fe Railroad
 - Part E: Chattanooga Choo Choo
 - Part F: Hobo Lullaby
 - Part G: Bridges, Grades, Trestles and Tunnels
 - Part H: White Christmas
 - Part I: America the Beautiful
 - Part J: Complete DVD, Parts A through J, sequentially