



The Russell Tedder Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad Company Collection

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Historical/Biographical Sketch

Chartered on September 28, 1905, the officers of the Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad Company envisioned a railroad to connect Nacogdoches and the Attoyac River. Its location in the heart of the Pineywoods would allow it to connect various parts of the local lumber industry with the larger rail networks. The Hayward Lumber Company officers who chartered the new railroad company started the line at Hayward and its mill and extended it 11 miles to Woden in 1905. In the following years, they extended it 2 miles to Nacogdoches, where it connected to the Houston, East and West Texas Line. Eventually the line extended for 14 miles between Nacogdoches and Milepost 14 (between Woden and Oil Springs). After the Frost Lumber Company expanded their holdings to include the Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad Company, the line extended from Nacogdoches to Calgary, reaching its fullest extent at 42 miles on June 10, 1926. Records indicate that the company carried passengers on its line until 1935, when its importance began to decline. In 1949 the company ended service to Calgary, gradually closing off portions of the line until it was fully abandoned, with the permission of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in 1954.

Source: *Handbook of Texas Online*, s.v. "NACOGDOCHES AND SOUTHEASTERN RAILROAD," <http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/view/NN/eqn1.html> (accessed February 17, 2005).

Scope and Content Note

Containing 22 folders, this small collection covers the Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad Company from 1919 to 1956. Composed of three accessions donated by Russell Tedder over a 3 year period, it is mainly reports and correspondence, encompassing a brief and incomplete snapshot of the company's dealings with the Interstate Commerce Commission and the volume of forest products shipped along its rails in its cars during these years. Several photocopied secondary sources are also included.

Provenance Note

Before its acquisition by Russell Tedder of Sherwood, Arkansas, this collection of Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad Company records is of unknown provenance. The donor transferred the materials to The History Center in three parts, starting in November 2002, continuing in July 2003, and concluding in December 2004.

Arrangement Note:

For the most part, the materials in this collection remain in the order received from the donor. Correspondence and other dated documents are filed by topic. Within each topic, individual documents are filed in date order, with most recent date first.

Brief Inventory

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| Folder 1 | Roadway Completion Reports filed with Interstate Commerce Commission, 1919-1952 Description: Oversized reports filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission by the Nacogdoches and Southeastern Rail Road Company describing roadway completion. 78 pages. |
| Folder 2 | Report of Interstate Commerce Commission, 1922 Description: Report pertaining to Docket 14489 of the Interstate Commerce Commission in which rail companies detailed the number of cars, shipments, and amount of revenue for the year 1922. Includes report, correspondence, and information forms. 27 pages in folio for |
| Folder 3 | Defense of Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad to the Interstate Commerce Commission – Valuation Docket No. 615, 1926 Description: One small booklet entitled “Interstate Commerce Commission Valuation Docket No. 615 Brief and Argument in |

Behalf of Texas Southeastern Railroad Company” dated March 22, 1926. 46 pages.

- Folder 4** **Interstate Commerce Commission Report, 1952**
Description: Photocopy with green highlighting, which marks the information regarding the abandonment of the Nacogdoches and Southeastern rail line. 1 photocopied page.
- Folder 5** **Interstate Commerce Commission Report, 1954**
Description: Photocopy with green highlighting, which marks the information regarding the abandonment of the Nacogdoches and Southeastern rail line. 1 photocopied page.
- Folder 6** **Correspondence: Interstate Commerce Commission – B.V. Form 589, 1929-1949**
Description: Correspondence and forms regarding land purchases between various company officers and the Interstate Commerce Commission’s Bureau of Valuation. 20 pages.
- Folder 7** **Correspondence: Interstate Commerce Commission, 1949.**
Description: Correspondence with the Interstate Commerce Commission regarding the N&SE’s desire to abandon 28 miles of track on July 28, 1949. 2 pages.
- Folder 8** **Correspondence, 1922-1956**
Description: Correspondence on various topics, arranged by date. 5 pages.
- Folder 9** **Correspondence: Oil Springs to Calgary, 1929**
Description: Correspondence concerning purchases of rail to use between Oil Springs and Calgary as well as lists of the rail purchased and who rail was purchased from. 6 pages.
- Folder 10** **Correspondence: Pulpwood Traffic, 1950**
Description: Correspondence regarding pulpwood traffic between points along the Nacogdoches and Southeastern line and International Paper Company in Springhill, LA. 4 pages.
- Folder 11** **Correspondence Forms, N.D.**
Description: Blank correspondence forms, with some notations in pencil. 2 pages.
- Folder 12** **Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad and Hayward Lumber Company Log Car Rental Agreement, 1909**
Description: Photocopy of legal document wherein the Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad and the Hayward Lumber

Company agreed on terms for log car rental and the operation of log trains. 2 pages.

- Folder 13** **Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad and Frost-Johnson Lumber Company Log Car Rental Agreement, 1921**
Description: Photocopy of legal document wherein the Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad and the Frost-Johnson Lumber Company agreed on terms for log car rental and the operation of log trains. 2 pages.
- Folder 14** **Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad Register of Expenditures, 1919-1949**
Description: Pages from a ledger detailing the Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad Company's capital expenditures during 40 years. 4 pages.
- Folder 15** **AFE File, 1928-1942 (1 of 2)**
Description: Correspondence, signed agreements, and completed forms authorizing various expenditures throughout a 14-year period. Arranged by date, most recent first, February 9, 1942-August 8, 1929. 50 pages.
- Folder 16** **AFE File, 1928-1942 (2 of 2)**
Description: Correspondence, signed agreements, and completed forms authorizing various expenditures throughout a 14-year period. Arranged by date, most recent first, August 7, 1929-October 1, 1928. 33 pages.
- Folder 17** **Frost Lumber Map, 1925**
Description: Original 8.5 x 11 inch color map (blue) of Frost Lumber Industries, Inc., of Shelby County rail extension from Oil Springs to Calgary. 1 page.
- Folder 18** **Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad Station Numbers, 1949**
Description: 5 copies of Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad's accounting department lists of rail station numbers. 5 pages.
- Folder 19** ***American Lumberman's Sawmill Equipment Register, 1907***
Description: Photocopy of *American Lumberman's* 1907 Sawmill Equipment register showing Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad equipment owned by the Hayward Lumber Company of Nacogdoches. 1 photocopied page.
- Folder 20** **Short Line Railroader No. 1, April 1954**

Description: Photocopied article on the abandonment of the Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad. 1 photocopied page.

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Short Line Railroader No.7, December 1954

Description: Photocopied article on the abandonment of the Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad. 1 photocopied page.

Folder 22

Photos from *Chasing Trains*, n.d.

Description: Photocopied pages from Robert Richardson's book *Chasing Trains*, which show photographs of the Nacogdoches and Southeastern Railroad. Photograph originals can be found at the Denver Public Library. 2 photocopied pages.