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**Edward J. Ozog Collection**  
Undated, 1874-1984

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Number: VM 021

Title: Edward J. Ozog Collection

Creator: Ozog, Edward J.

Dates: undated, 1874-1984

Quantity: 2 boxes (.8 linear feet)

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition: Gift of Edward J. Ozog, 2015 & 2016.

Accruals: No accruals are expected.

Custodial history: Material was acquired from collector.

Processed by: The collection was processed by Crystal Johnson & Kate Wells in 2017.

Conservation: Not applicable.

Language: Materials are in English.

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**INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS**

Separated material None.

Published description	Not applicable.
Location of originals	Several images are reproductions from images in collections of various libraries. Those are noted in the itemized inventory. The bulk of the collection is made up of original images.
Location of copies	<a href="http://www.provlibdigital.org">www.provlibdigital.org</a>
Publication note	Many images were used by Edward Ozog on his personal website <a href="https://sites.google.com/site/rhodeislandrailroads/">https://sites.google.com/site/rhodeislandrailroads/</a> .
Subject headings	Railroads – Rhode Island Railroads – Buildings and structures Railroad stations. Railroad trains. Street railroads – Rhode Island. Moshassuck Valley Rail Road. Narragansett Pier Railroad Company. New York and New Haven Railroad Company. United Electric Railways. Photographic prints. aat. Postcards. aat.

**SEE ALSO**

Edward J. Ozog Railroad Collection at University of Connecticut, Thomas J. Dodd Research Center.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Edward J. Ozog (1939- ) was raised in Rhode Island and lived in New York, New Jersey and North Carolina. He received a BA degree from the University of Rhode Island and a MBA degree from New York University. His professional career focused on monetary policy implementation and securities market trading at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. His interest in railroad history began at an early age and he spent a few months working for the Rock Island railroad in Chicago. He began collection railroad photographs and memorabilia in the 1950s. He has published several web sites documenting the history of railroads, especially those in Rhode Island.

**SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION**

The collection includes photographs and postcards of street railroads, railroads and railroad stations in Rhode Island.

**ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION**

The collection is organized into three series corresponding to the collector's original order: Street railroads, Railroads, Railroad stations. Items within each series are organized according to the collector's original order.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

### Series 1: Street Railroads

Includes 221 photographs of street railroads and facilities around Rhode Island. Images often include views of streets and neighborhoods, passengers and railroad employees. The majority of the images show streetcars in Cranston, East Providence, Providence, and Warwick although there are images of other various towns in Rhode Island. The bulk of the photographs are from the 1930s-40s.

Title	Date	Box	Folder
Streetcars, images #001-020	Undated, 1935-1938	1	1
Streetcars, images #021-040	Undated, 1930-1947	1	2
Streetcars, images #041-060	Undated, 1929-1941	1	3
Streetcars, images #061-080	Undated, 1904-1949	1	4
Streetcars, images #081-100	Undated, 1911-1938	1	5
Streetcars, images #101-120	Undated, 1880-1938	1	6
Streetcars, images #121-140	Undated, 1935-1947	1	7
Streetcars, images #141-160	Undated, 1937-1941	1	8
Streetcars, images #161-180	Undated, 1935-1945	1	9
Streetcars, images #181-200	Undated, 1937-1948	1	10
Streetcars, images #201-221	Undated, 1935-1939	1	11

### Series 2: Railroads

Includes 187 photographs of railroad engines and cars, facilities and tracks in Rhode Island. Images often include views of bridges, landscapes, building and railroad employees. Images represent the main railroad lines in Rhode Island including Narragansett Pier Railroad, New York and New Haven Railroad, Providence and Worcester Railroad and Moshassuck Valley Railroad and have wide geographic coverage across the state.

Title	Date	Box	Folder
Railroads, images #222-241	Undated, 1876-1984	1	12

Railroads, images #242-261	Undated, 1900-1950	1	13
Railroads, images #262-281	Undated, 1915-1954	1	14
Railroads, images #282-301	Undated, 1895-1961	1	15
Railroads, images #302-327	Undated, 1934-1972	1	16
Railroads, images #328-347	Undated, 1874-1958	1	17
Railroads, images #348-370	Undated, 1876-1961	1	18
Railroads, images #371-390	Undated, 1894-1958	1	19
Railroads, images #391-409	Undated, 1895-1949	2	20

### Series 3: Railroad stations

Includes 86 photographs and 228 postcards of railroad stations across Rhode Island. Images are undated, but are predominantly of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Images often include buildings, street views, railroad employees and passengers. Photographs include both original and reproduction prints. Postcards include printed cards as well as photo cards. Postcards are foldered according to the collector's original organization.

Title	Date	Box	Folder
Railroad stations, images #410-429	Undated	2	21
Railroad stations, images #430-449	Undated	2	22
Railroad stations, images #450-469	Undated	2	23
Railroad stations, images #470-495	Undated	2	24
Buttonwoods Line – old R.I. Central, 21 postcards	Undated, 1908-1930	2	25
East Providence, India Point, Seekonk & bridges, 14 postcards	Undated, 1906-1913	2	26
Hope-Auburn line, Pawtuxet Valley, 7 postcards	Undated, 1910	2	27
Main line, 11 postcards	Undated, 1909-1928	2	28
Moshassuck Valley Railroad, 3 postcards	Undated, 1907, 1910	2	29

Narragansett Pier Railroad, Wickford branch, 8 postcards	Undated, 1906-1915	2	30
New Haven Railroad tunnel, 9 postcards	Undated, 1909-1914	2	31
Newport line, 10 postcards	Undated, 1908-1927	2	32
Pawtucket-Central Falls, 21 postcards	Undated, 1907-1962	2	33
Providence & Springfield Railroad, Woonsocket & Pascoag, 16 postcards	Undated, 1909-1930	2	34
Providence, Warren & Bristol Railroad, 17 postcards	Undated, 1907-1930	2	35
Providence & Worcester Railroad, 13 postcards	Undated, 1908-1929	2	36
Trolley lines, 17 postcards	Undated, 1906-1922	2	37
Union Station, 24 postcards	Undated, 1906-1920	2	38
Union Station – freight yards, 17 postcards	Undated, 1911-1918	2	39
Westerly, 8 postcards	Undated, 1908-1914	2	40
Willimantic Line, 12 postcards	Undated, 1908-1913	2	41