

GUIDE TO PRIMARY & SECONDARY SOURCES ON THE SUBURBANIZATION OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

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National Capital Trolley Museum

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Name of archives/collections/records: Mills Dean III Library

Date Range of archive/collection/records: 1890-1960

Language of archive/collection/records: English

Background Information: The National Capital Trolley Museum was founded in 1959 after the abandonment of streetcar service in the District of Columbia had become a certainty. Volunteers constructed and maintained a visitor center, car barns, and a demonstration railway. The Museum opened to the public in 1969 at its present location in Northwest Branch Park in Montgomery County, Maryland. Their continuing efforts provide maintenance and on-going development of the Museum's facilities. The Museum receives no government support for its day-to-day operations, which are funded solely by fares sold, gift shop sales and donations.

The National Capital Trolley Museum preserves and interprets the heritage of electric street and interurban railways of Washington, D.C. and environs for the benefit of present and future generations while supplementing its collections with significant national and international objects to enhance its interpretative programs. To fulfill this mission the Museum shall:

- Acquire and manage collections related to the history of electric street railways;
- Administer real and personal property;
- Operate an electric railway for interpretive purposes; and,
- Publish histories of electric street railways.

Summary and scope of archive/collection/records: The collection consists of photographs, maps, miscellaneous papers related to electric street and interurban railways.

Special Collections: Lt. Col. John E. Merriken Collection, Edward C. Frazier Collection, Lee H. Rogers Collection, and the Edmond Henderer Collection.

Format of materials in archive/collection/records: Paper, Maps, Photographs, Artifacts

Suburbanization Subject Terms within archive/collection/records: Maps/Atlas/Street, Newspapers/Newsletters, Transportation: Streetcar

Access and Use: By appointment only

Admission: \$7

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